



# Culpeper Quarterly

Check inside for the many activities coming up!

Summer 2023

The logo for Culpeperfest, featuring a stylized map of Culpeper County with a rainbow arching over it.

## CULPEPERFEST

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CULPEPER, VIRGINIA 22701

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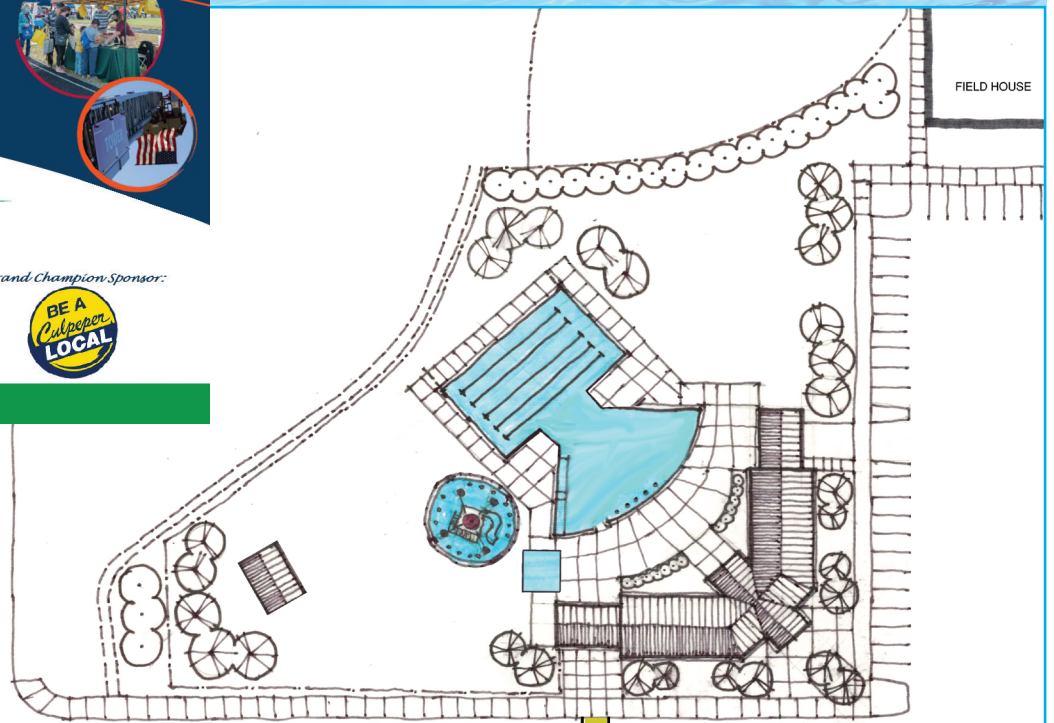
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## Culpeper County Community Pool

Conceptual Design (Draft Design)



10' 40'  
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Culpeper County Community Pool - Culpeper Sports Complex

Competition Drive Culpeper, VA 22701

## A Message from the Board of Supervisors



Tom S. Underwood, Susan L. Gugino, Shelia Jane Weimer, Paul W. Bates, Kimberly Ellis, Gary M. Deal, John C. Egertson, Kathy Campbell, David E. Durr, Brad C. Rosenberger *Photo by Danielle Fincham*

Dear Citizens:

As summer has arrived, we wish everyone well and hope that you enjoy the season. We hope that everyone is happy and healthy. I will get right to County business and let you know that the fiscal year 2024 Budget was adopted on May 2nd. The budget commences July 1, 2023 and runs through June 30, 2023. The budget increased this year, to \$231,233,943. The budget includes some important capital improvement projects and fully funds the Culpeper County Public Schools' request. This was a reassessment year, and with property values increasing substantially, the Board lowered the real estate tax rate of 0.55 to 0.46. Full equalization would have been 0.44. This is the lowest tax rate in the region by far. We lowered the personal property tax rate for personal vehicles last year to \$3.00, and this will remain in effect this year. Personal property tax rates are all remaining flat. The projected fund balance will be approximately 14.4% of the total operational budget, which is well within County financial policy. I am happy to say that the County is very fiscally healthy.

In addition to the good news on budget and tax rates, the Board is proud of a number of projects which are coming to fruition. The public swimming pool project being funded by the Town of Culpeper is in the design phase and construction is expected to begin early next year. Improvements to The Carver Center are also continuing. The Culpeper Cooperative Extension offices are now located in their newly renovated space and a new roof for the main building is now funded. The County has been able to complete many significant initiatives over the last couple of years, which we are proud of and hope that you are too. The Public Works Committee of the Board is working diligently on plans for future road improvements, and it appears that VDOT will fund two Smart Scale projects in this year's round of applications. One will be a traffic circle at Routes 229 and 621, and the other is a partial R-cut improvement at the intersection of Routes 3 and 669. Keep in mind that these projects will not occur for several years, but the funding source appears to be coming, although not finalized.

There will be many community events this summer, and there have been many already during the spring. Keep an eye out for the activities and events that are going on and enjoy some recreational opportunities—our community is thriving! School is out, so drive carefully and watch for children. We hope that everyone has an excellent summer. On behalf of the Board, I invite you to let us know anytime that you have concerns, comments or suggestions. The Board and the County staff are here to assist you.

For the Board,

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Cedar Mountain

Tom S. Underwood  
Salem

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Culpeper County Board of Supervisors  
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**The Board meets  
the first Tuesday of each month  
10 a.m. General County Business  
7 p.m. Public Forum  
Planning Business  
Public Hearings**

**Agendas and Minutes  
are Available at:  
web.culpepercounty.gov**

**Video coverage on Channel 10**

## Salem Volunteer Fire Department



For 44 years, the Salem Volunteer Fire Department has proudly served Culpeper County by answering calls for assistance with fire and emergency medical service needs of all types.

With the new gaming opportunities in Virginia, and the onset of COVID, it became apparent that bingo as a fundraiser was no longer viable. Therefore, we had to develop new fundraising ideas for 2022 and beyond. The department held (8) eight dances, a car show, a golf tournament, a drag show, both a residential and corporate mailout campaign and our annual Santa Breakfast.

We want to have even more different fundraising and community events for 2023. The department relies on fundraising events, donations from the community and grants to be able to purchase lifesaving equipment to put back into our community. In 2022, the Salem Volunteer Fire Department was awarded two (2) grants. A grant was received from REC which was used to purchase four (4) thermal imaging cameras and from the LOEB Foundation to replace our outdated Canteen Unit.

In May 2022, we purchased a 2004 E-One Rescue Engine from the Marshall Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. Rescue Engine 8 officially went into the service in early December. It is utilized for fire suppression and carries extrication equipment. The Rescue Engine is a great addition to our emergency services fleet.

We take pride in being a part of the Culpeper landscape and contributing to our community.



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This newspaper is a quarterly publication for the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about Culpeper events, issues and services. Over 22,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newspaper is also available online at [web.culpepercounty.gov](http://web.culpepercounty.gov). Email [dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov) with comments and suggestions or to unsubscribe.



## Museum of Culpeper History

113 S. Commerce Street  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
(540)-829-1749



From the dinosaurs who walked the earth, to Culpeper's role in our country's founding and the ongoing struggle for equal rights, to the challenges of an ever-changing modern world, Culpeper has a story to tell. Find your story at the Museum of Culpeper History!

The Museum of Culpeper History is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of Culpeper by engaging and educating diverse audiences with our collections to create an increased understanding of the significant

historical events that formed the community we know today. The museum's goal is to tell the stories of all Culpeper residents by highlighting our community's shared past through our exhibits and programs. Our core values of education, stewardship, community, integrity, and preservation guide our efforts.

Located in downtown Culpeper's historic train depot adjacent to the Culpeper Visitor Center, the museum is open seven days a week from 10AM-4PM. Admission is free for all County residents and all children under the age of 18.

### TOURS & PROGRAMS

#### Guided Tours

Guided tours for adult or school groups may be scheduled by calling the Museum's Education Coordinator at (540) 829-1749. Tours can be customized to suit your group's interests and time constraints. Home school groups, after-school groups, scout groups and clubs are all invited to experience the Museum through a specialized tour. A minimum of two weeks advance notice is required. A program fee is charged for guided tours.

#### Walking Tours

The museum leads a number of tours of historic areas in the town and county of Culpeper. Group walking tours are available on request subject to the museum's schedule and the availability of its staff and volunteers. Minimum group size is 7 people; maximum group size is 14. Two weeks advance notice is required and a program fee is charged.

#### Little Learners

Little Learners is the museum's interactive series of children's programming that brings fun facts, objects, and activities out of the past to your family today! The series, targeted at ages 2-5, will be held monthly. Each month will feature a different craft inspired by local history. Past programs have included flying kites, drawing maps, and making your own dinosaur tracks! Programs are offered the third Thursday of the month. Admission to this program is FREE thanks to funding from the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative through a Power of Change grant.

**June 15** – *All About Flags* – In honor of Flag Day, learn about flags past and present, from the local to national level. Then make one of your own to take home

**July 20** – *Space, The Final Frontier* – This month we will learn all about the sun, moon, and stars as we explore space. Participants will get to paint their own celestial object.

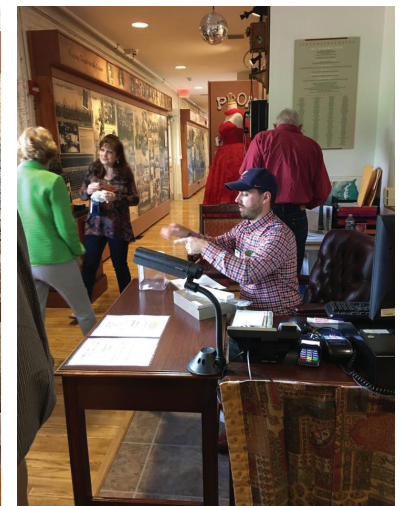
#### Hands on History

Hands on History is the museum's new monthly series of weekend programs for family members of all ages. Each month will feature a different activity that puts you in touch with Culpeper's past! Programs will be offered mornings of the second Saturday of the month.

**June 10** – *Exhibit Design, The Making of a Museum* – The museum is getting ready to create a new exhibit. Come see how it is done and get a chance to try designing your own.

**July 8** – *Show me the Money!* – Money didn't always look the way it does today and was not the first way people paid for things. Learn about the evolution of money and try your hand at bartering for goods.

For more information on the museum's current and upcoming programs, hours of operation, and admissions, and to learn more about supporting our efforts by becoming a member, visit our website at [culpepermuseum.com](http://culpepermuseum.com) or follow us on Facebook!



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Museum of Culpeper History is seeking volunteers to help with its daily operations and ongoing programs. Are you interested in local, state, or national history? Do you like teaching and sharing information? Do you enjoy meeting new people every day? Our volunteers allow us to put visitors in touch with the story of Culpeper's past every day, seven days a week. Without their hard work and support, we would not be able to do the work we do!

The museum is continually seeking docents for our admissions desk to welcome visitors, process admissions, convey information, and make gift shop sales. Docents provide a brief orientation to visitors upon request, and may be asked to assist with museum programs taking place during the day. Volunteer docents must make a minimum monthly commitment of six hours of volunteer work (two 3-hour shifts).

As we expand our programming, the museum is looking for experienced creators of educational content to expand and improve our available school, children's, and family programs. Program assistants are sought who can help develop new activities and aid in their delivery to audiences. Volunteers in this position must undergo a background check.

## Brandy Station Foundation *by Peggy Misch*



The Brandy Station Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) all-volunteer community organization dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County. The BSF relies on tax-deductible donations and volunteers to meet its goals. While our focus is toward the Civil War history of the Brandy Station vicinity,

our efforts are not limited to that time period. The Foundation website is [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com).

### GRAFFITI HOUSE TOURS

The Brandy Station Foundation operates the Graffiti House at 19484 Brandy Road in Brandy Station which contains Civil War graffiti and a museum. The Graffiti House is a two-story frame structure built in 1858. We like to say that the walls of the house “talk”; they contain inscriptions, drawings, messages, and signatures of both Union and Confederate soldiers, hence the name “Graffiti House.” Graffiti House hours and information about tours by appointment are posted on our website, [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com). Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The Graffiti House hours are posted on the website.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

On June 9-11, 2023, the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station will be remembered by the Brandy Station Foundation and other organizations.

June 10, 2023: Dr. Gary Gallagher, the John L. Nau III Professor of History

Emeritus, University of Virginia, will speak on “The Coming of the Civil War” at the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 19601 Church Road, Brandy Station. Time to be announced on website.

Our BSF Sunday lecture series resumes this year.

With the exception of Dr. Gallagher, the series is held at the Graffiti House beginning at 2 PM. Light refreshments are provided. Free, but donations are welcome.

July 16, 2023: Anita L. Henderson: A mounted cavalry bugler currently riding with the 13th VA Cavalry, Co. H., Light Sussex Dragoons, Ms. Henderson has been working on a 20+ year long research project on Maria Lewis, Black Female Trooper of the 8th NY Cavalry.

August 20, 2023: Eugene Schmiel: “Women of the Civil War”

### BRANDY STATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Tours of the Brandy Station Battlefield are available year-round with advance notice. Sections of the Battlefield to be toured will be based on visitor requests. Tour duration is two to four hours. The cost of these tours is \$30 per hour per group. To schedule a tour, please contact the Foundation at 540-317-5581 or email [bsfgh1863@gmail.com](mailto:bsfgh1863@gmail.com) with an advanced reservation time of five days. All proceeds go to the work of the Brandy Station Foundation.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Brandy Station Foundation is looking for volunteers to be friendly greeters and tour guides at the Graffiti House with its rooms of Civil War graffiti. Please call the Foundation at 540-317-5581 to leave a message or mail [bsfgh1863@gmail.com](mailto:bsfgh1863@gmail.com).



*Dr. G. Gallagher*

## Be A Culpeper Local Week Is Back!

*by Winona Pritts*

*Economic Development Business Development Coordinator*



Be A Culpeper Local Week is back! Celebrate Culpeper businesses with a week of fun Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> with promotions and specials from some of your favorite businesses. Throughout the week, Culpeper County's Department of Economic Development will highlight the importance of the #ChooseCulpeper and #BeACulpeperLocal campaigns and the impacts shopping locally has on our economy.

Be A Culpeper Local swag will be available at participating stores to thank customers and bring attention to the importance of shopping locally. Limited time shop-local punch cards will be back for this year's event. Pick up your punch card at any participating business and earn stamps when you make purchases, obtain services, or take in an event. Collect five stamps throughout the week to receive a unique Choose Culpeper t-shirt. Follow the Be A Culpeper Local Facebook page for business spotlights, promotion announcements, and more.



Are you a Culpeper business interested in participating in the annual event? Contact the Department of Economic Development at [wpritts@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:wpritts@culpepercounty.gov).



### TOWN OF CULPEPER

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Email: [ClerksOffice@culpeperva.gov](mailto:ClerksOffice@culpeperva.gov)

[www.culpeperva.gov](http://www.culpeperva.gov)

**Town Council is seeking applicants to serve on its Authorities, Boards and Commissions.**

**The following vacancies have an appointed term:**

**Industrial Development Authority  
Joint Board of Building Code Appeals  
Joint Board of Zoning Code Appeals  
Joint Planning Advisory Committee**

**If you are a resident of the Town of Culpeper and would like to be considered for an appointment to any of these vacancies, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (540) 829-8240 to request an application or visit the Clerk's Page on the Town website, [www.culpeperva.gov](http://www.culpeperva.gov), and complete an application.**

**Applications for current vacancies can either be emailed to:**

**[ClerksOffice@culpeperva.gov](mailto:ClerksOffice@culpeperva.gov) or mailed to:**

**Town Clerk, Town of Culpeper, 400 S. Main Street, Suite 105, Culpeper, Virginia 22701.**



## Culpeper County Library

271 Southgate Shopping Center  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
540.825.8691 | [www.cclva.org](http://www.cclva.org)



For more information on current hours or library programs & events, visit our website or find us on social media.

### Summer Reading Program - All Ages



Our voices have power. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world.

Stop by all summer long to the Culpeper County Library and visit our FaceBook page for programs encouraging you to “Find your Voice.”

#### “Find Your Voice” Activities will include

- Movies
- Board & Card games
- Improv
- Talent Show
- Karaoke



- Pajama Storytime (kids)
- Music
- STEM/STEAM
- & More!



Who are our heroes, **Captains of Culpeper**? What is their backstory? Can you give them a voice?

Our villain, **Cen-Sor**, does Cen-Sor look like? Tell us more about his grey and unscrupulous nature! Does Cen-Sor have a catch-phrase? Is Cen-Sor just misguided from his origin as Caesar with his Mighty Red Pen? It is your job to decide!

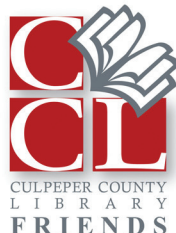
Join local artists and writers to create Culpeper based characters and keep the CulpeperCon alive!



This summer's theme and artwork are provided by:

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### Friends of the Library



Do you enjoy The Friends of the Library's sponsored events shown here in the Quarterly? Consider becoming a member to help keep programs like these alive.

Memberships are only \$10 for an individual or \$15 per family.

Visit [www.cclva.org](http://www.cclva.org) and click Friends of the Library for more details.

## CulpeperCon: 1<sup>st</sup> Edition - sponsored by the Friends of the Library



A great many thanks to all those that came out for the inaugural **CulpeperCon: 1<sup>st</sup> Edition!** We are so thrilled at all of the positivity and outpouring of appreciation from all the attendees. It has been an amazing journey and hope that it encourages you to see Culpeper County Library as an entertainment and life-long learning destination using graphic novels and comic books.

We want to also thank our incredible staff, wonderful volunteers, and generous partners with their time, energy, and dedication ensuring this was the resounding success that it was. Just look at some of the statistics to prove how awesome!

- 155 Cosplay Contest attendees (Friday Night)
- 38 Watched *Galaxy Quest* (Friday)
- 551 People visited on Saturday
- 18 new Library Card signups
- & 56 came to the Library of Congress Packard Campus for *Superman (1978)* from CulpeperCon!

Visit [www.youtube.com/c/CulpeperCountyLibrary](http://www.youtube.com/c/CulpeperCountyLibrary) to some of the many sessions you may have missed.



### INTRODUCING: THE EQUITIZER!

We welcomed the **EQUITIZER**, the vision of the NAACP of Culpeper, at CulpeperCon, created by Malik Perry and Michael Omonkhomon. The **EQUITIZER** represents a superhero character who champions educational equity and racial justice for Culpeper County. Check out the video on our YouTube channel where you can hear more about him.

Over the next year, we will introduce new characters and their backstories to represent non-profit organizations in the area. Stay tuned to our FaceBook page for events for you to have a voice in the characters by giving input on these characters and creating your own super hero.

Did you wish to give us feedback for CulpeperCon? Visit <https://forms.gle/BmujjpmjRazUpuCNA> to take our short survey.

## Children, Tween, and Teen Services



Join our **FREE** reading program designed for newborns, infants and toddlers. By reading just 1 book each night, you will have read 365 books in a year, 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years! Read a book (any book) with your child (you **can** repeat books) and mark it on your paper log. For every 100 books read, your child will receive a **FREE** book to encourage their love of reading. Learn more at the Youth Services' desk and pick up your free starter pack. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Culpeper County Library*.



Give the gift of reading all year long! Culpeper County is registered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Get free books delivered to your door each month by visiting [www.imaginationLibrary.com](http://www.imaginationLibrary.com) or scan the QR code to sign up your child. Anyone age birth to five is welcome to participate.



Books are provided by Penguin Random House.





## Schedule of Events - Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Events subject to change

For more information, go to:

- [www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th of july celebration](http://www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th%20of%20july%20celebration)
- [www.culpeperva.gov](http://www.culpeperva.gov), click on "Community", then click on "4th of July Celebration"
- Click on "Contact Us" to email and/or call 540-829-8225 or 540-272-8708 (FREEDOM Car & Bike Show)

8:30 – 9:45am	<b>Culpeper Freedom 5K Run and Walk</b> Register early to secure your Freedom 5K race shirt! <i>Culpeper Baptist Church 318 S. West Street</i>
10am – 3pm	<b>Children's Kayaking</b> <i>Yowell Meadow Park</i>
10am – 3pm	<b>FREEDOM Car &amp; Bike Show</b> <i>Downtown East Davis Street</i>
10am – 4pm	<b>Museum of Culpeper History</b> <i>113 S. Commerce Street</i>
11am – 6pm	<b>Moonbounces, Rock Wall, and Fellows Hayrides</b> <i>Yowell Meadow Park</i>
11am – 8pm	<b>Food and Craft Vendors</b> <i>Yowell Meadow Park</i>
1 – 2pm	<b>Patriotic Presentation</b> <i>Yowell Meadow Park – Charters of Freedom Monument</i>
2:30 – 6:30pm	<b>Steel Peach Band</b> <i>Yowell Meadow Park</i>
9:15pm	<b>FIREWORKS!</b> <i>Rockwater Park – Closed to public for safety reasons and fireworks cannot be viewed from Yowell Meadow Park</i>

Scan QR code with mobile phone camera for link to event map details



Escanea con la cámara de tu celular para obtener un enlace a los detalles del mapa del evento







# 2023 SPONSORSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to help make this year's July 4th festivities great!  
Please accept my tax-deductible gift in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I'm excited to help! Please sign me up for a Sponsorship Package:*

- Minuteman (\$1000 and up)**
- Inclusion in the multi-media promotional campaign for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.
  - Individual banner with sponsor's name prominently displayed in Yowell Meadow Park. (*Donations must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup> to meet printing deadlines.*)
  - Sponsor's name on the official July 4th t-shirt and the 5K race t-shirt. (*Donations must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup> to meet printing deadlines.*)
  - Up to ten complimentary official July 4th t-shirts.
  - Recognition plaque
  - Link to the sponsor's website on the 4th of July web site, [www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th\\_of\\_july\\_celebration](http://www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th_of_july_celebration)
- Patriot (\$500 to \$999)**
- Inclusion in the multi-media promotional campaign for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.
  - Individual banner with sponsor's name prominently displayed in Yowell Meadow Park. (*Donations must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup> to meet printing deadlines.*)
  - Sponsor's name on the official July 4th t-shirt and the 5K race t-shirt. (*Donations must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup> to meet printing deadlines.*)
  - Up to five complimentary official July 4th t-shirts.
  - Link to the sponsor's website on the 4th of July web site, [www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th\\_of\\_july\\_celebration](http://www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th_of_july_celebration)
- Militia Man (\$250 to \$499)**
- Up to two complimentary official July 4th t-shirts.
  - Link to the sponsor's website on the 4th of July web site, [www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th\\_of\\_july\\_celebration](http://www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th_of_july_celebration)
- Colonial (\$100 to \$249)**
- One complimentary official July 4th t-shirt.
  - Link to the sponsor's website on the 4th of July web site, [www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th\\_of\\_july\\_celebration](http://www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th_of_july_celebration)
- Friend of Culpeper (Up to \$99)**
- Sponsor's name will be listed on the 4th of July web site, [www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th\\_of\\_july\\_celebration](http://www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th_of_july_celebration)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name as you would like for it appear in 4th of July publicity (advertisements, website, etc.):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the web address to be linked to the 4th of July website Sponsor page:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**You will receive complimentary 4th of July t-shirts based on your level of sponsorship.**

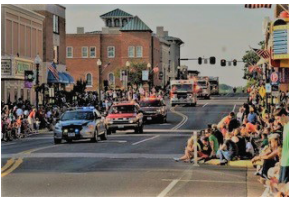
(Minuteman - 10; Patriot - 5; Militia Man - 2; Colonial - 1) Please indicate sizes and quantities requested below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large

Thank you for supporting our community's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration! Please return form and payment to:  
Culpeper 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Committee \* P.O. Box 1235 \* Culpeper VA 22701 \* 540-829-8225 \*  
[july4thinfo@culpeperva.gov](mailto:july4thinfo@culpeperva.gov)



Co. 1 Ferris Wheel



Co. 1 Car Parade

**Culpeper Co. 1 Volunteer Fire Department  
Proudly Serving the Town and County of Culpeper  
for nearly a Century**

**Our 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnival & Parade  
~ May 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 27<sup>th</sup> ~**

Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnival will be held Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises. Our parade will roll down Main Street on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to participate should contact us at [culpeperfire.com](http://culpeperfire.com) for entry information. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$1 each (individually or in books of 25). They can be purchased from any department member, at the fairgrounds and/or selected retailers. The Grand Prize is \$2500 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1000 cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$500 cash, and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> prizes are each \$100 cash. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Please come out, support your volunteers and have some family fun!



Co. 1 Fire Truck Parade



**CulpeperFest returns to Eastern View High School's Cyclone Stadium for its 43rd year.**

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce has announced the 43rd Annual CulpeperFest event will return to Eastern View High School on **Friday June 9, 2023 from 4-8pm**. Join us for a celebration of all things Culpeper!

The area's largest business to community event, CulpeperFest will feature over 120+ local vendors, live music, food trucks, large vehicle displays, giveaways, raffles, live entertainment, children's activities, health screenings and so much more! Attendee favorites that will be returning to this year's event include: PHI Air Care's Helicopter on site, Earthquest's Birds of Prey demonstrations, Culpeper County Public School Mascot race, Career Partner's Mini Maker Faire, Culpeper Sheriff's Department's Kid IDs, relaxation/sensory deprivation tent and dance performances by multiple local studios.

"CulpeperFest is an event that is eagerly anticipated by the entire community!" Says Chamber President/CEO Amy Frazier, "With a full slate of fun filled activities, there is truly something for everyone. We encourage you to bring the whole family out and join us."

Attendees have the opportunity to connect with and learn about area non-profit organizations, and businesses of all sizes. This is a fun and fast paced opportunity to experience the variety of resources available here in Culpeper as well as the people behind them. The Chamber would like to thank the key Partners assisting and supporting this community festival. The Signature Sponsor for this year's event is UVA Culpeper Medical Center, and the Grand Champion Sponsor is Be a Culpeper Local. Champion Sponsors include Able Heating & Air, Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Culpeper County Parks & Recreation, Culpeper Star Exponent, Fauquier Health, KidCentral, Virginia Regional Transit, The Town of Culpeper and Windstar Technologies.

A full listing of sponsors, vendors and a schedule of events is available on [CulpeperFest.com](http://CulpeperFest.com) as well as on the Chamber Facebook Page. Tickets for CulpeperFest are free of charge and can be claimed through [CulpeperFest.com](http://CulpeperFest.com) or picked up at the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce office - 629 Sperryville Pike.

Interested in participating by being a vendor or volunteer? Please contact Amy at [amy@culpeperchamber.com](mailto:amy@culpeperchamber.com).

**Culpeper Fiesta  
set for Friday, September 22nd!**

Bring the family and enjoy the 17th Annual Culpeper Fiesta, **Friday, September 22nd from 6:00 – 10:00 pm** at the Culpeper Depot, kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month!

Celebrate Latin American culture with tacos, pupusas, frozen treats, fresh-baked pastries, and more. Bring the family and enjoy music from Veneno MX and DJ Rosales. Free to enter. Information: [vadunphy@gmail.com](mailto:vadunphy@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/culpeperfiesta](http://www.facebook.com/culpeperfiesta) [www.culpeperfiesta.org](http://www.culpeperfiesta.org)





**Spring into Summer in Culpeper Downtown** by Candice Hayes, CRI Special Events Coordinator

Spring has sprung and I don't know about you, but I cannot wait for a warm summer breeze to make me feel fine, and no better place than in Culpeper Downtown! With specialty gift shops for any interest, restaurants for all cravings, spas, boutique hotels, breweries and even a museum, there is truly something for everyone, residents and visitors alike. Be sure to mark your calendar and enjoy some of the best events and programs happening in your very own backyard.

Every Saturday, May through October, find the Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market at the Culpeper Baptist Church parking lot (318 S. West Street), from 7:30am to 12:00pm, rain or shine! While shopping you'll discover the freshest and most locally grown fruits and vegetables, along with meats, eggs, prepared meals and jams, hard cider, breads and pastries, candles, bath bombs and so much more. Come find out for yourself and while there stop by the big green Market Information tent to say hi or learn about Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. (CRI) and what we do. Bring the kids out to enjoy fun and educational events throughout the season! Get to know your local growers and farmers and make the Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market a part of your weekend routine!

A tried-and-true tradition celebrating its 20th anniversary this year is the 3rd Thursday Summer Concert Series! This family friendly and community engaging event provides some of the best live music and cold beer around! Find CRI and friends at the Depot (111 Commerce Steet), 5pm to 9pm, every 3rd Thursday of the month, May through August, with September serving as a rain date (May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, \*September 21). Tickets are \$10 a concert or get a season pass for only \$20! Pick up tickets at Oakview National Bank-Culpeper, Poppy +

Chalk, the Museum of Culpeper History or at the gates. Under 21, get in FREE! Interested in spending your free time helping out a local non-profit, or maybe want to make some new friends? Come volunteer with CRI and dance the night away under the stars, in the streets of Culpeper Downtown at the next 3rd Thursday Summer Concert!

Cap off your summer calendar with more family friendly fun the first Friday of June, July and August (June 2, July 7, August 4). Culpeper Renaissance and the Town of Culpeper Tourism and Economic Development partner to bring you First Fridays – Merchants Open Late! Enjoy FREE activities at the Depot, including live music, face painting, art demos, petting zoo and more, courtesy of Tourism! Explore Culpeper Downtown to shop, dine, and play the evening away, while discovering new favorites and supporting local, small businesses.

Summertime is right around the corner, let's make this one breezy, easy and fun. Relax, enjoy your favorite things with your favorite people, and celebrate your little bit of summer breeze in Culpeper Downtown. To learn more about Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. visit [www.culpeperdowntown.com](http://www.culpeperdowntown.com), email [crievents@culpeperdowntown.com](mailto:crievents@culpeperdowntown.com), call 540-825-4416, or find us on Facebook or Instagram!



**BRANDY STATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**ANNUAL FIREMEN'S FAIR**  
**WED. - SUN. AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**  
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**MATINEE - SAT. 1 - 5 PM**      **SATURDAY**  
**PARADE - THURS. 6:30 PM**      **TRACTOR PULL**

The Brandy Station Vol. Fire Dept. Fair will be held August 2nd – 6th this year; Wednesday – Sunday. This will be the first year of having our fair on a Sunday. The drawings for the cash prizes and all the donated prizes will still be on Saturday night. \$5,000 in cash will be drawn on Saturday night at midnight. Tickets can be purchased on-line or from a department member. A raffle ticket example is included here.

The firemen's parade will be held on Thursday evening; August 3rd beginning at 6:30 p.m. The lawn & garden tractor pull will be on Saturday; August 5th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There will be live music on the midway; Wednesday; the Dark Hollow Bluegrass Band will be performing, Thursday; CJ the DJ, Friday will be Reborn with members from the WORX, Silver Creek and Cash Unchained and on Saturday it will be the Lonesome Ryder Band.

**Brandy Station Fair Food**

- Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Bar-b-que
- Corn Dogs/Dipsy Dogs
- French Fries
- Pizza
- Cotton Candy, Candy/Caramel Apples
- Pop Corn, Kettle Corn
- Ice Cream – Sno Cones
- Funnel Cakes, Fried Oreos/Twinkies

The fair will include all kinds of fun games, including the fire department dunking booth and pan game. Sandy's Face Painting will be at this year's fair again too.

Times for the fair: Wednesday & Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00 p.m. – midnight and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be arm bands for each day of the fair for unlimited rides. Arm bands can be purchased on-line for a discounted price beginning in June.

The Brandy Station fairgrounds are located at 20057 Fleetwood Heights Road in Brandy Station. There is no admittance fee to enter the fairgrounds and there is no fee for parking.

The Brandy Station Vol. Fire Dept. is an all-volunteer fire department providing fire and EMS first responder service to the community. The fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please follow our website and Facebook page for additional information.

Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department

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**AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

<p><b>LAWN &amp; GARDEN TRACTOR PULL</b>                  August 5, 2023</p> <p><b>DRAWING</b>                  August 5, 2023 at Midnight                  Brandy Station Fair Grounds, Rt. 685                  20057 Fleetwood Hts. Rd.                  Brandy Station, Virginia</p>	<p><b>FIREMEN'S PARADE</b>                  August 3, 2023                  6:30 p.m.</p> <p>\$1.00 per ticket                  \$25.00 per book                  Need Not Be Present To Win</p>	<p><b>GRAND PRIZES</b></p> <p><u>1st Prize</u>  <b>\$3,000.00</b></p> <p><u>2nd Prize</u>  <b>\$1,000.00</b></p> <p><u>3rd Prize</u>  <b>\$500.00</b></p> <p><u>4th Prize</u>  <b>\$500.00</b></p>
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## FREE Summer Activities and Events in Culpeper, by Nicole Warner, Town of Culpeper

- **Splash pad, Ninja Course & Playground at Rock Water Park** – Spend the day soaking up the sunshine at the splash pad at Rock Water Park. Don't forget to pack a picnic lunch, snacks and drinks so the kids can stay and play on the ninja course and playground too. The splash pad is typically open in early June through early October weather permitting.
- **More Playgrounds to check out** – These local parks offer a great variety of free playground options for everyone. Lenn Park, The Bright Spot Inclusive Playground, Mountain Run Lake Park & Yowell Meadow Park.
- **Culpeper 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays at the Depot** – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> & August 4<sup>th</sup> – Enjoy free live music, art demonstrations, kid's activities, shopping and dining specials and more!
- **Movies at The Packard Campus Theater** – Catch a movie at the Packard Campus Theater which offers weekly free movie features throughout the year. A perfect way to spend a hot summer day or rainy afternoon.
- **Check out books, video games and movies at the Culpeper County Library** – Stop in to check out a new book, movie or video game and check their Facebook page to find out more about their FREE special events too.
- **Window shopping & photos downtown** – Stroll down Davis St. and window shop at the charming boutiques and unique eateries. Stop by the train station for information on more fun things to do in the area and be sure to take some photos at the LOVE sign and caboose before heading onto your next adventure.
- **CulpeperFest 2023** – June 9, 2023 - Fun for the entire family! Large vehicle displays, helicopter, AMAZING vendors, prizes, giveaways, live music, children's activities, mascot race, entertainment, food trucks and so much more! The area's largest business-to-community event.
- **Self-Guided Nature Hike at the Future State Park at Culpeper Battlefields** – Cedar Mountain Battlefield and Brandy Station Battlefield offer several trail options that are great for birding, hiking and walking. Interpretive signs can be found along the way too!
- **Enjoy live music at a local farm brewery or winery** – Stop into one of the local farm breweries to enjoy live music throughout the summer months. Old Trade Brewery, Mountain Run Winery and Death Ridge Brewery are just a few of the family friendly local farms that offer outdoor playgrounds for the kids and great local live music regularly throughout the season. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

## Culpeper Wellness Foundation by Karen Boushie, Communications and Social Media Specialist

### Dive into swim lessons and aquatic events at Powell Wellness Center



Kids of all ages took part in the 2022 World's Largest Swim Lesson Event at Powell Wellness Center

The indoor aquatic arena at Powell Wellness Center (PWC) is available to the public for swim lessons and a variety of special events for all ages.

Swim lessons: PWC offers group swim lessons year-round in its indoor aquatic arena. Red Cross-certified water safety instructors teach group, private and semi-private lessons for children and private lessons for adults. For children,

group lessons include Parent & Child, Preschool level (ages 3-5) and Learn to Swim level (ages 6-13). Lesson sessions are typically offered quarterly; the next session begins in June.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends swim lessons for children as a "layer of protection" to prevent drowning. Drowning is the leading cause of injury death in US children 1 to 4 years of age and the third leading cause of unintentional injury death among US children and adolescents 5 to 19 years of age. In addition to supporting water safety, swim lessons introduce children to a physical activity that they may enjoy for years to come, points out PWC aquatics manager Stacey Aucoin.

Aquatic events: As with swim lessons, PWC's aquatic events are offered

year-round. These events are open to the public at no charge or for a small fee. Winter/spring events have included a Mardi Gras river parade and an Easter Egg float. "Kids absolutely love floating on tubes or noodles around our river oval, and catching Mardi Gras beads or plucking Easter eggs out of the water definitely adds to the excitement," says Aucoin. The aquatics staff will be in costume for a Halloween event where kids and their accompanying adults enjoy a swim or float through a floating pumpkin patch.

In May, PWC's aquatics staff recognizes Water Safety Month by sharing tips and holding a coloring contest that encourages kids to submit an illustration of their favorite water safety tip. On June 22, PWC will be part of the worldwide World's Largest Swim Lesson and will host a free introductory lesson for children. In November, PWC opens its aquatic fitness classes to the public as part of the worldwide Aquathon event highlighting the benefits, variety and fun of exercising in the water.

Aucoin emphasizes that aquatic exercise is low impact and accessible to all levels of fitness. PWC currently offers a dozen aquatic classes, as well as family swim sessions and aqua volleyball for center members and their guests. Multi-week aquatic programs addressing specific needs such as back support or knee health are open to the public. "Anyone interested in learning more about our aquatic fitness offerings is welcome to stop by for a tour and sample a class," invites Aucoin. Please visit [powellwellnesscenter.org](http://powellwellnesscenter.org) for calendar and program information.

**Kids in the News**



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Call 540-829-2124 for the most up-to-date information  
 Plus Check out Kid Central on Facebook for Important Updates

**Why Kid Central?**

- All Day Summer Camp
- Flexible
- Affordable
- Tuition Assistance
- Quality Childcare Since 1990
- State Licensed
- Located at Culpeper Elementary Schools
- Award Winning
- Middle School
- Culpeper Sport and Fitness Partnership
- New Bus and Van
- Fun Staff
- Community Focused



**Summertime Smiles**

Summer fun is underway at Kid Central. We are making friends, learning, and growing.

This summer Kid Central is excited about all the new local opportunities available for us to enjoy— a new fieldhouse, gyms, a fitness center, programs, parks and of course field trips await.

This summer has been packed with fun, new learning opportunities, friendships and outdoor exploration. We are thankful along with our community partners to offer the best, yet affordable summer camp in the area.

Our summer camp includes our longtime partnership with the USDA's Summer Food Program. This program provides free breakfast and lunch for our camp children and staff under 18-years.

Kid Central is also partnering with Culpeper Sport and Fitness, Culpeper Parks and Recreation, Boom Fitness, Culpeper 4H Extension Office, and other local businesses this summer.

The best way to keep up with our trips and activities is to follow Kid Central on Facebook. If your child needs flexible and affordable care give us a try.

Kid Central has been the choice of Culpeper children for over three decades.

Our staff are well-known in the community, our program is award-winning, we are state licensed and we are always dedicated to having fun.

Kid Central was designed and created to serve working parents and to offer high quality care at an affordable cost.

In recent years, Kid Central has weathered the storm of a global pandemic, celebrated over three decades of service to our community, earned a Best Large Business of the Year Award, Best Childcare Program in the Culpeper-Star Exponent Best of Awards, Best Summer Camp, all while creating fun and smiles for our children and families. Kid Central is having the best summer ever and we have expanded transportation capabilities with new and comfortable transportation options.

Kid Central is thankful for the opportunity to serve the childcare needs of working families in Culpeper. Smiles are our favorite currency.

**Kid Facts**

This summer Kid Central will have a new small and large bus available to meet our local transportation needs with comfort and safety.



Throughout the school year and summer Kid Central is thankful for our partnership with Culpeper County Schools —together we can meet any goal.



This summer our middle school girls learned about hair styling at the Culpeper Cosmetology Training Center in Downtown Culpeper



### StageWorks Program

Do you have experience teaching theater on staff or as a freelance instructor? Do you have professional experience on the stage as an actor or solo performer, and would you like to share what you have learned to students?

If so...we have an opportunity for you! StageWorks, a program of Windmore Foundation for the Arts, is currently looking for instructors to teach classes to students of all ages. If you have an idea for a class you would like to teach, or have contact information for someone who might be interested in teaching a class, please contact Jessy Mahr at [stageworks@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:stageworks@windmorefoundation.org)



### Piedmont Community Band

The Piedmont Community Band, a program of Windmore Foundation for the Arts, is always glad to welcome new musicians! If you play a band instrument and are in middle school or older, please join us! We have musicians of all levels, from beginners who are still learning about their instruments to adults who have extensive training and knowledge. We offer a supportive environment that provides opportunities for growth for people of all ages!

Our rehearsals are on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30 in the sanctuary at Culpeper Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Tammy Buckalew at [pcb@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:pcb@windmorefoundation.org).



### Windmore Pen-to-Paper

Windmore's Pen-to-Paper Writers' group has published a new Anthology, *Some Other Words*. This 270-page book is full of stories, poems, and illustrations from twenty-two Windmore members. They have also included eight stories in Memoriam to honor writers from the past. The Anthology Committee worked with Les Walters to design the cover. Fran Cecere edited the book with a team of beta readers and Caryn Moya Block formatted the book.

#### SOME OTHER WORDS



AN ILLUSTRATED ANTHOLOGY

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For The Arts

The book includes stories and poems for all ages. Included are stories about Celebrations, Animals, Family, Love, and just plain Fun. The illustrations add life and special appeal to the selections.

The anthology is available on Amazon for \$11.99 plus shipping and handling. eBooks are available for \$3.99 from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Smashwords.

The Pen-to-Paper meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings start at 10:15 AM and 5:00 PM in the conference room of the Culpeper Library. For more information email: [pen-to-paper@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:pen-to-paper@windmorefoundation.org).

### Windmore Publishing Discussion Group

The Publishing Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:15AM to noon in the conference room of the Culpeper County Library. The group is led by John Espley. A different publishing subject is discussed each month. If you are planning to publish, have already published, or just want to learn more about the process, you are welcome to attend. We share successful publishing stories and also share information about areas of concern so that others can avoid the loss of time or money. For more information contact: [info@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:info@windmorefoundation.org).

### Youth Fine Arts Summer Camps

**Unleash your Imagination!**

**Make Friends!**

**Create ART!**

Each 5-day fun and educational camp will give your budding artist the chance to be immersed in all of the Fine Arts by participating in daily workshops encompassing Music, Art, Crafts, Writing, Storytelling, Theater, and Acting. Healthy Snack(s) provided each day.

Monday, June 12th thru Friday, June 16th

AM Session: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

PM Session: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Ages: 5-12

Location:

303 South Main Street, Culpeper, VA

For more information, go to <https://windmorefoundation.org/youth-fine-arts-summer-camp/>