



# Culpeper Quarterly

What is going on in Culpeper Virginia?

Winter 2024



## *Features of the* CULPEPER COMMUNITY POOL

- YOUTH & TOT SPLASH PADS
- SIX 25-METER LAP LANES
- TWO 20'X 20' SHELTERS
- CONCESSION STAND
- MEETING SPACES
- LOCKER ROOMS
- AND MORE!!!

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CULPEPER IS MAKING A *Splash!!!*

## 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. Egerton, Kathy Campbell, David E. Durr, Brad C. Rosenberger  
*Photo by Danielle Fincham*

Dear Citizens,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone has enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. As we look back over the past year, there were a number of notable successes that we are proud of. We approved our current operational budget at one of the lowest tax rates in the Commonwealth while continuing to offer our residents a high level of civic investment. This was made possible with some strategic economic gains such as the AWS data center currently under construction along Route 3. Maintaining the balance between growth and development and our rural way of life is something we take very seriously. Supporting our agricultural industries and celebrating their success was at the heart of our decision to expand the annual Culpeper Farm Tour and increase awareness through the Culpeper County Economic Development Initiative "Choose Culpeper Farms." The long-anticipated Community Kitchen opened at the Carver Center in late September. Local businesses and food producers are benefitting greatly from this amenity. A number of educational offerings have already been hosted at The Carver Center and will continue to be offered to those interested in starting or expanding a food-based business. In November, Culpeper County received a KABOOM! grant which built a brand-new playground at Spilman Park. The local community and a number of businesses volunteered to help construct the playground over the course of three days and the result is a new, vibrant play space we hope you will visit and enjoy. The Culpeper Fieldhouse celebrated one year in operation in early December. Tens of thousands of residents have made use of this facility. We know the addition of a public pool will add even more appeal communitywide. We hope you would agree that Culpeper County has much to be proud of.

November of 2023 brought with it a number of local elections. We wish to give a warm welcome and congratulations to our newest Board member, David Lee, who will be representing the East Fairfax District. Congratulations also go to Supervisor Deal, Supervisor Bates and Supervisor Underwood who all successfully ran unopposed for another term. We also wish to welcome two new constitutional officers, Sheriff Tim Chilton and Commonwealth's Attorney Russ Rabb.

The upcoming year promises to continue to be a busy one, as Culpeper County seeks to address a wide array of issues, beginning with the development of the fiscal year 2025 Budget. We are always happy to hear from you on any subject. Please feel free to contact any Board member or member of the staff regarding concerns or ideas you may have. A great way to stay in tune with what is going on is to visit [web.culpepercounty.gov](http://web.culpepercounty.gov), which underwent a redesign in 2023 that greatly enhances the site. We hope you will take a look.

Again, we hope that you have enjoyed the holiday season and that the New Year is off to a great start.

For the Board,

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Cedar Mountain

Tom S. Underwood  
Salem

Gary M Deal, Chairman  
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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](http://web.culpepercounty.gov)**

**Video coverage on Channel 10**



**The Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department  
“Celebrating 100 years of Volunteer Service”**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating our Centennial Anniversary, proudly serving the citizens of the Town and County of Culpeper with 100% VOLUNTEER fire protection for 100 years. We were chartered and reorganized in 1924.

The first meeting was held on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, the officers were appointed, and a roster was drawn up. On that night the roster contained the names of 19 men. Our first Chief was J. William Swan who served 22 years. We were incorporated on April 25, 1929. Our first truck was a 1923 American LaFrance Brockway “Torpedo”. In 1924, our firehouse was on the first floor of the Municipal building located on West Davis St. In 1960, the old Methodist Church sanctuary on West Davis St. was razed, and our current firehouse was built and still stands today as our firehouse.

The CCVFD provides fire protection to over 21,184 residents in the town and 33,126 residents in the county, covering 383 square miles. We provide trained VOLUNTEERS to staff two engines, a ladder/tower, a rescue engine, and a brush truck, and we answer over 900 fire related calls for service annually. Our members are ordinary citizens from all walks of life, careers, financial and religious backgrounds, each with jobs and family responsibilities, who respond to community emergencies.

The Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department mission is to provide the highest quality emergency services to citizens of our entire community. This is achieved through our principles of commitment, education, recognized standards, and professionalism. Our priority will always be the preservation of life and property.



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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.



## Culpeper County Library

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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.



### Library News - From the new Library Director, Bryan McCormick



#### Come on by and 'check us out'

The staff and I want to extend an open invitation to come on by and visit with us at the Library! If you've been in lately, we thank you for visiting. If you haven't been in, check us out, chances are there is a service or resource we have that may help you. My family and I like to make different types of cookies during the holiday. Cookbooks are a handy way for each of us to look through and find something that we would each like to try and bake. Maybe you have a small group of people that need a place to meet, or you just want a quiet place to study. The library has several rooms available that would likely meet your needs. Perhaps you just need a break during the day, the Library is a perfect place to walk on in to, pick up a newspaper, read through the headlines, and rest your feet for a while. You may be interested in one of our programs of interest, such as a children's story hour, or one of the special interest topics that are often offered. If you don't currently have a library card, no worries, it takes about 2 minutes to get one. I would know, I just got one myself having recently moved to the area.

Whatever your interests or needs, stop on by. You are always welcome to pay us a visit and we hope to see you soon!

### CulpeperCon 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition: Days of Future Culpeper - March 2024

The days of Culpeper-past crumbled under the hands of time. Now, the **CAPTAINS OF CULPEPER** are assembling and call on you to join them on their quest for Culpeper's greatness ahead. **CULPEPERCON 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION** returns with games, cosplay contest, guest speakers, panels, prizes, awards, a graphic novel showcase created by students from Culpeper County Public Schools, and so much more!



The **DAYS OF FUTURE CULPEPER** are coming. Will you be there?  
Visit us on Facebook & Instagram @ CulpeperCon or [www.culpepercon.org](http://www.culpepercon.org)



### Introducing **THE SUPREME SAGE**

Tenacious. Perceptive. Wise. Knowledgeable. Adventurous - Coming to us from **The Aging Together** Culpeper's newest superhero, the **SUPREME SAGE**! She joins our **CAPTAINS OF CULPEPER**, **EQUITIZER**, and **EMPATIA THE ADVOCATE** to fight **CEN-SOR**! This super hero of 8 decades continues her life's mission to help those of all ages. Parachuting in to the rescue from around the world, the **SUPREME SAGE** fights the villains of our future using her time-traveling power crystals to recognize that history always repeats itself and fights to help us make better decisions in the present. **CEN-SOR** and minions will rue the day they engaged with the **SUPREME SAGE**.



### 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.

Youth Services

**Music and Movement**

One Friday a month  
10:30 a.m.

All ages!

Enjoy a high-energy storytime designed to get kids up and moving. Music, dancing, instruments, and interactive books and activities may be featured.

To register, call 540-825-8691.

**Preschool Storytime**  
For 3-5 year olds

Thursdays

Enjoy stories, songs and activities specifically for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Registration opens two weeks before each storytime.  
To register, call 540-825-8691.

**Tiny Tots**  
For infants - 2 years old

Tuesdays

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes specifically for babies, toddlers, and their caregiver.

Registration opens two weeks before each storytime.  
To register, call 540-825-8691.

**3rd-5th grade**

**STEAM SQUAD**

Science, technology, engineering, art, & math  
Hands on activities!

One Tuesday a month  
4pm-5pm

To register, call 540-825-8691.

**Storytime STEAM Squad**

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math

Join us as a librarian reads a story and then complete hands-on STEAM activities related to the story!

Kindergarten-2nd grade

One Wednesday a month  
4:00pm - 4:45pm

Please call 540-825-8691 to register.

**READ TO A THERAPY DOG**  
K-5TH GRADE  
First Saturday of the month  
2-3 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR A 15 MINUTE TIME SLOT TO READ TO A CERTIFIED THERAPY DOG.

TO REGISTER, CALL 540-825-8691.

Culpeper County Library

**Arts & Crafts**

Open to K - 5th grade  
COMING SOON

**1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten**  
Read it and Reap!

Who can participate? Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten.

How does it work? Read a book, any book with your child and mark it on your log.

Turn in your log after every 100 books read and receive a free book!

Visit the Culpeper County Library to pick up your reading log today!

Inspire a **Love** of Reading

**Dolly Parton IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

Enroll today at [ImaginationLibrary.com](http://ImaginationLibrary.com)



## The 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

### *Hands on History*

This monthly Saturday program provides hands on opportunities for adults and children alike to take a closer look at different topics in history. Programs may be held at the Museum, or at an off-site location as we explore Culpeper County.

### *Lecture Series*

The Museum is excited to continue its monthly lecture series in 2024. Lectures are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Past topics have included historic cemeteries, the impact of Civil War medicine, and the history of brewing in Virginia. Admission is \$5; FREE for members.



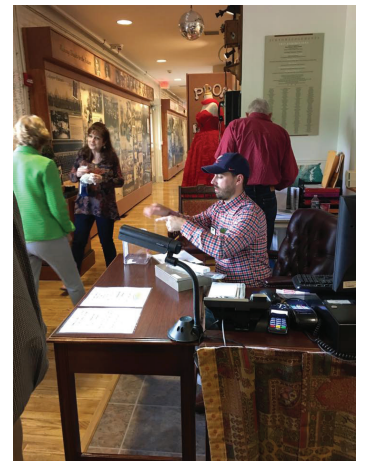
For more information on the Museum's current and upcoming programs, hours of operation, and admissions, and to learn more about supporting our efforts by becoming a member, visit our website at [culpepermuseum.com](http://culpepermuseum.com) or follow us on Facebook!

### **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.



*John Christiansen, Executive Director*

## Culpeper Chamber of Commerce Announces Exciting Lineup of Events for 2024 *by Sarah Langland*

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to unveil its calendar of events for the upcoming year. These events are designed to foster community engagement, promote local businesses, and provide networking opportunities for professionals in the Culpeper area.

The Chamber's annual **State of the Community** event will take place on **Wednesday, March 20** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**. This informative session will shed light on key topics affecting the community and provide attendees with a better understanding of how these issues directly impact local businesses and residents.

In April, the Chamber will host the highly anticipated **Women's LIFT Event**. This retreat-style gathering aims to promote, build, and inspire women in our community. Attendees can look forward to engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and valuable networking opportunities.

Mark your calendars for **CulpeperFest**, the biggest event of the year! Taking place on **Friday, June 14** from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**, this one-of-a-kind business expo offers an exceptional opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products and services. With entertainment, food, and beverages, CulpeperFest promises to be an unforgettable experience for attendees.

On **Thursday, July 11** from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**, the Chamber will host the **Appreciation & Valor Awards** ceremony. This special evening is dedicated to showing support and gratitude to our local firefighters, EMTs, and law enforcement agencies. Join us in honoring these brave individuals and organizations who go above and beyond to keep our community safe.

Celebrate **Business, Industry, and Education (BIE) Day** on **Friday, August 2**, from **8:00 am to 11:00 am**. This is an exclusive opportunity to promote to the largest employer in Culpeper County! Culpeper Chamber members are invited to participate in an expo attended by nearly 1,500 Culpeper County Public Schools employees. Members will showcase their organization and make valuable connections at this highly anticipated event.

Save the date for the **110th Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet** on **Thursday November 7** from **5:30 pm to 9:00 pm**. This prestigious event is a highlight of the Chamber's calendar, recognizing outstanding individuals and businesses in the Culpeper community. Join us as we celebrate their achievements and contributions.

The Chamber's **Legislative Conference** will be held on **Wednesday, December 4** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**. This informative session provides an opportunity to connect with elected officials and discuss key legislative issues affecting the Culpeper area. Stay informed and make your voice heard at this important event.

The Chamber's Young Professionals Group hosts a variety of events throughout the year, offering networking and professional development opportunities for emerging leaders in the Culpeper community. Additionally, mark your calendars for the annual **Charity Crab Feast** on **Saturday, September 7** from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. This highly anticipated event combines delicious food, fun activities, and charitable giving to support a local nonprofit.

For more information about these events and other initiatives by the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce, please visit [culpeperchamber.com/events](http://culpeperchamber.com/events).

**About Culpeper Chamber of Commerce** - The Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit, membership-driven organization dedicated to promoting economic development and supporting the local business community. With over 570 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions, and individuals, the Chamber serves as the voice of the business community in Culpeper.

## Family Friendly Activities to Enjoy in Culpeper, VA *by Nicole Warner, Town of Culpeper*

- 1. Visit a local farm store** – Many of our local farm stores are open for the winter season too! Virginia Bison Company, Bees & Trees, and Seek Lavender Farm are just a few. Be sure to call in advance to confirm seasonal hours of operation.
- 2. Rock Climbing or Aerial Silks at State Climb** – Open year round, State Climb offers a variety of classes and walk in activities for kids and adults for all ages
- 3. Line Dancing with BOOM Fitness** – Sign up for one of the in studio classes or find out where their team will be out in the community offering FREE line dance lessons at local restaurants, breweries and venues. No experience required and all ages welcome!
- 4. See and shop local art** – Stop into Jewell Tone Music, Wild Lines Studios or Village Frameworks to see and shop variety of different local artists. You can also find a wide variety of locally made art and gifts inside Poppy + Chalk, JIMNI, and Lily Rose + Company too.
- 5. Enjoy a hands on workshop** – Check out local shops and farms for hands on arts & crafts, gardening and foodie themed workshops for all ages.
- 6. Hike at Cedar Mountain Battlefield** – Spend an hour kicking off the new year enjoying the fresh air hiking at Cedar Mountain Battlefield (the soon to be Culpeper State Park). Stop along the way to take in some local history at the interpretive signs along the way.
- 7. Free movies at the Library of Congress Packard Campus** – Be sure to check out their website to see the full listings of FREE movies showing each month.

**For more information - visit [www.culpeperva.com](http://www.culpeperva.com)**

## Shop, Dine & Experience Culpeper Downtown in 2024

by Candice Hayes, Special Events Coordinator with CRI



We here at Culpeper Renaissance, Inc., your local non-profit Main Street program, hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. We thank you for your support of Culpeper Downtown and its many wonderful shops and restaurants throughout the holiday season. We now find ourselves a couple of weeks into winter, a time of the year when we can slow down a bit, cozy up a lot and reflect on the year past, as well as plan for the new year ahead!

When planning, there are several events in Culpeper Downtown that you will want to be sure to join. First up, Saturday, February 24th, will mark the return of everyone's favorite, Culpeper Downtown Carnival! A Mardi Gras themed celebration, embraced by both downtown shops and restaurants, this family friendly event is free to attend, and full of entertainment, activities and of course masks and beads for all; so let the good times roll!

Next up, the always popular Culpeper Downtown Restaurant Week! Scheduled March 18th through March 24th, Restaurant Week is a fun way to experience the best in Culpeper Downtown dining! With prix-fixe menus, you can enjoy multiple courses at a set price. Prices range from \$15 and \$25 for lunch and brunch options, and \$35 or \$50 for dinner menus; your hardest choice will be deciding which restaurant(s) to visit.

With Culpeper Downtown Restaurant Week ushering us into spring, there is so much to be on the lookout for in Culpeper Downtown this year! Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. (CRI) has been working hard to create a more enjoyable and user-friendly outdoor living space in the E.B. Wood Community Park, located next to Bailey's Cookie Bar on Main Street. Schedule your next lunch date at the park, bring a book to read, or take a respite from all that walking and shopping in Culpeper Downtown. While there, be sure to check out the latest mural celebrating the beautiful state of Virginia, designed and produced by local artist Layton Scarbrough.

Finally, be sure to follow Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. on Facebook and Instagram. You can also visit [www.culpeperdowntown.com](http://www.culpeperdowntown.com) to get information on Culpeper Downtown shopping, restaurants, parking, job opportunities, upcoming events and more. While there, make sure to sign up for the monthly newsletter! We look forward to seeing you soon in charming, historic and ever-growing Culpeper Downtown; where you can always shop small and discover big!



Welcome Home Baby | Healthy Steps | Parent Education

We are a non-profit program with three **FREE** and **PRIVATE** services to families of Culpeper.

### Parenting Education Program

A parenting class offered to support parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 12.

Come and join for an interactive and educational look at active parenting. The classes are held in person 5:30-7:30 pm on three evenings of each month. Contact us to get signed up!

#### Upcoming Schedule:

**January 4, 11, 18 (virtual)**

**March 7, 14, 21 (virtual)**

**May 2, 9, 16 (in person)**

### Programa de Educación Parental

Para padres de niños de 5 a 12 años.

Una vez que esté registrado, se proporcionará información sobre cómo asistir a la clase, y los materiales GRATUITOS para la clase estarán disponibles para que los recoja.

#### Fechas de Clase:

**Febrero 8, 15, 22**

**Abril 4, 11, 18**

**Junio 6, 13, 20**

INSCRIPCIÓN: [healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com](mailto:healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com)

Are you or someone you know expecting a baby, or have a newborn?  
Then Families First - Healthy Families Culpeper is perfect!

Welcome Home Baby - community resource connections & gift bag!  
Healthy Steps - ongoing parenting & child development support.

**Nuestros servicios también se ofrecen en Español.**

**Call or text us: 540-222-6320**


**Look for us on Facebook: Families First - Healthy Families Culpeper**

**Visit our website: [healthyfamiliesculpeper.org](http://healthyfamiliesculpeper.org)**

**Email us: [healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com](mailto:healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com)**

**We are always accepting donations of any kind, including new or slightly used donations to share with families.**







## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CULPEPER


**An initiative of AGING TOGETHER  
in partnership with the CULPEPER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**More than 5000 people are currently living with dementia or cognitive impairment in our region. This number is expected to rise 30% by 2025.**

**Businesses in Culpeper are joining the Dementia Friendly movement! This means you can feel more comfortable going to their organization and be accepted and welcome either as someone living with dementia, or as a caregiver. Please visit these places below who are Dementia Friendly! (This list is current as of submission, but it keeps growing! Check Aging Together's website for most current list of Dementia Friendly businesses.)**


4 C'S RESTAURANT, INC.	LILY ROSE & COMPANY
ALL SMILES DENTAL CARE	MISS MINERVA'S TEAROOM
BRICK CITY GRILLE	MYEYEDR. CULPEPER
CHICK-FIL-A	N STYLE FASHION GALLERY
COUNTRY CLUB OF CULPEPER	NATRAJ INDIAN CUISINE
COUNTRY COOKIN	NEIBAUER DENTAL CARE
CULPEPER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Sponsor)	PEPPERBERRIES
CULPEPER COUNTY	POPPY AND CHALK
CULPEPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	QUAIL-AT-THE-WOODS ANTIQUES
CULPEPER COUNTY LIBRARY	RAVENS NEST
CULPEPER HOME MEDICAL	REIGNING CATS & DOGS
CULPEPER RENAISSANCE, INC.	RUSTY WILLOW BOUTIQUE
CULPEPER TIMES	SOUTHSIDE COFFEE & GIFTS
DR. SHANNON BUTLER, M DDS	SWEET ROUX
EDWARD JONES (TYLER HERRING)	TOWN OF CULPEPER, MAYOR REAVES
ENDLESS CREATIONS FLOWERS & GIFTS	TOWN OF CULPEPER, TOURISM OFFICE
FAMILY DENTAL CARE	TOWN OF CULPEPER, TREASURER'S OFFICE
THE FRENCHMAN'S CORNER	UVA COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
INES ON DAVIS	UVA OUTPATIENT IMAGING CULPEPER
IT'S ABOUT THYME	WAGNER HEARING AID OF CULPEPER
JIMNI FINE FURNITURE	WEAR IT AGAIN, KID!
LE MONKEY HOUSE	WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED OF CULPEPER



**Contact us today to learn more about participating in the Dementia Friendly initiative. Be a part of serving those living with dementia!**

[www.agingtogether.org](http://www.agingtogether.org) / [info@agingtogether.org](mailto:info@agingtogether.org)  
540-829-6405



# Grief & Loss Support



A program to help find hope and comfort on their journey

There are many kinds of loss: losing a person recently or in the past, a caregiver losing the one they cared for, anticipating a loss when a person is dying, or one of many other types of loss. Our group is a place to belong, find comfort and start to heal.

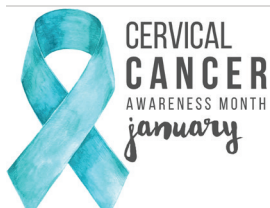
Everything is confidential. There is no commitment. Anyone can come to one meeting and decide what they need from there.



*If there ever comes a day we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever.*  
*Winnie the Pooh*

Groups are held at: Culpeper Baptist Church  
318 S. West Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

Contact us:  
540-825-8192  
[grief@culpeperbaptist.org](mailto:grief@culpeperbaptist.org)



## Rappahannock Rapidan Health District by Mary E. Chamberlin, Community Engagement Specialist

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month and it's a good time for us to share information about how women can protect themselves from HPV (human papillomavirus) and cervical cancer. HPV is a very common virus that spreads through

intimate skin to skin contact and sexual contact. It is a major cause of cervical cancer and can also lead to cancers of other body parts, as well as genital warts. Fortunately, there is a safe and effective vaccine that can prevent 90% of these cancers. Learn more from CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dpcp/resources/features/cervicalcancer/index.htm>

HPV vaccine is recommended for both males and females aged 9-27 years. If you are 27-45, talk to your doctor to see if this shot is right for you. The vaccine protects against cancer best when it's given before a person is exposed to the virus, but it can still help prevent cancer after intimate contact or sexual activity.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District offers the HPV vaccine at our local health department clinics by appointment. For clinic schedules, visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/rappahannock-rapidan/immunizations>.

The HPV test and the Pap test are screening tests that can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early. Pap tests should begin at age 21. There are also testing options for those age 30 to 65 years old. Talk to your doctor about which testing option is right for you.

Every Woman's Life (EWL) is a public health program that helps uninsured, low-income women gain access to free breast and cervical cancer screening services. Screening and early detection reduces death rates, improves treatment options, and greatly increases survival. For more information and eligibility guidelines, visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/every-womans-life>.



## 2024 Culpeper SWCD Tree Sale

Five of one species for \$5 (except American chestnut)

PICK UP FOR ALL PLANTS IS 3/22/2024 and 3/23/2024

See article on page 5: [culp-swcd-nletter-09.21.pdf](http://culp-swcd-nletter-09.21.pdf) ([culpeperswcd.org](http://culpeperswcd.org))



### American chestnut hybrid (*Castanea dentata x mollissima x crenata*)

Full Sun to Partial Sun; seedlings from open-pollinated nuts collected from select (blight tolerant with American chestnut form and appearance) trees in the Lesesne State Forest chestnut breeding area. Exact pedigree cannot be guaranteed because they are open-pollinated (male parent unknown), but these likely contain more than 50% American chestnut DNA with the remainder a mix of Chinese and/or Japanese chestnut origin. Should have improved blight resistance and are more likely to survive than wild-type American chestnut, but still are likely to become infected and may not survive to maturity.



### Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

Full sun to shade tolerant; Eastern redbud reaches a mature size of 15 to 30 feet in height and 6 to 10 inches in diameter. It grows on moist, well-drained woodlands. The wood is heavy, hard, not strong and rich, dark brown in color. Some birds and mammals eat the seeds. Redbud is planted as an ornamental tree suitable for small landscapes.



### American elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)

Full sun to shade tolerant; this is a small understory species that grows well in riparian woodlands, but can also grow as individuals in a woodland setting. They grow well on moist, well-drained sites. Elderberry can grow to be 6-14 feet tall and wide. Pollination occurs in the early summer by bees and native pollinators. Flowers will be big, beautiful white clusters in the early summer. In late summer to early fall, the plant will be covered with clusters of black berries that are 4 to 6 mm wide. The fruit is eaten by bear, game birds, small mammals and song birds. The stems and foliage are desired by deer.



### Red-osier Dogwood (*Comus sericea*)

Full sun to shade tolerant; Red-osier dogwood is a large, 7- to 9-foot erect shrub best suited where the background, such as evergreens, will show off the dark red winter stems. Besides attractive, red stems in the winter, red-osier dogwood has yellowish-white flowers that appear in late May to early June, and bluish-white fruit borne in late summer. Fall color is reddish-purple.



### Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

Full sun to shade tolerant; Silver Maple is a tall, fast-growing multibranched tree that can reach heights of 50 to 80 feet. It is often planted in hedge rows, wetlands and riparian areas. It flowers in the spring in small, dense reddish clusters. The seed are samaras (winged) and mature in the early summer. The samaras are the biggest of any native maple in Virginia. Wildlife use varies from squirrels eating buds in the early spring; deer eating the bark in the winter, and the trunk tends to make cavities that provide shelter for tree-dwelling mammals, owls and woodpeckers.



### Shortleaf pine (*Pinus echinata*)

Full sun; Shortleaf pine reaches a mature size of 80 to 100 feet in height and 2 to 3 feet in diameter. It is used largely for interior and exterior finishing, flooring, general construction, veneers, paper pulp and poles. Shortleaf pine produces high-quality lumber. It grows best on deep, well-drained soils, but tolerates nutrient-deficient sites.



### Chestnut oak (*Quercus prinus*)

Full sun; Chestnut oak reaches a mature size of 50 to 70 feet in height and 2 to 3 feet in diameter. The chestnut oak attains best growth in well-drained coves and stream sides, but is commonly found on dry, rocky slopes and ridges. The wood is similar to, and often marketed as, white oak, and is used for lumber, beams, railroad ties, flooring, furniture and planking. The large acorns are sweet and are eaten by a variety of wildlife.





# PICK UP FOR ALL PLANTS IS MARCH 22 & 23, 2024

### RETURNING: POLLINATOR MEADOW SEED MIX FOR SMALL AREAS OF YOUR YARD!

This meadow seed mix includes an already pre-mixed cover crop and will cover a 1,000 square foot area. The meadow mix does best in sunny areas that receive 6 hours or more of sunlight. The mix is designed for both riparian and upland sites. Detailed instructions will accompany the seed mix at pick up.

### RETURNING THIS YEAR: Live stakes to address streambank erosion and other uses

Silky dogwood (*Cornaceae cornus amomum*) and Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*). These shrub cuttings come in bundles and root readily when planted in moist soils.



Whether you have an eroding stream bank or want to restore a riparian area, consider planting with live stakes. Live staking is the practice of using unrooted cuttings to propagate shrubs and some trees for establishing vegetation in difficult riparian areas such as stream banks and floodplains. Using cuttings from dormant multi-stem shrubs and trees which have the capacity to grow roots once they are tapped or hammered into the ground.

<https://extension.psu.edu/live-staking-for-stream-restoration>  
Silky picture from North Carolina Extension Gardener Toolkit  
Buttonbush picture from [Penn State Extension](https://extension.psu.edu/live-staking-for-stream-restoration)



Species	Price	Quantity	Species	Price	Quantity
Eastern redbud (5 seedlings)	\$5		Silver maple (5 seedlings)	\$5	
American elderberry (5 seedlings)	\$5		Shortleaf pine (5 seedlings)	\$5	
Red osier dogwood (5 seedlings)	\$5		Chestnut oak (5 seedlings)	\$5	
American Chestnut (5 seedlings)	\$30		Meadow mix	\$30	
Silky dogwood (25 live stakes)	\$25		Buttonbush (25 live stakes)	\$25	
<b>TOTAL COST: (check or cash only)</b>					

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone number</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>	

**Checks payable to CSWCD. Pick up dates are Friday March 22 and Saturday March 23, 2024 at 351 Lakeside Drive in Culpeper. Plants not picked up by 12pm on Saturday March 23, 2024 may be forfeited without a refund. We do our best to insure quality control. However, no refunds on trees that do not grow. Questions? Contact Stephanie DeNicola at [stephanied@culpeperswcd.org](mailto:stephanied@culpeperswcd.org) or 540-825-8591 Mail order form & payment to ATTN Tree Sale, CSWCD, 351 Lakeside Drive, Culpeper, VA 22701 Species descriptions & pictures from Virginia Tech Dendrology <https://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/factsheets.cfm> & VDOF**

## Culpeper County Schools *by Laura M. Hoover, Director Communication and Grants*

### The Impact of Winter Weather in CCPS

Culpeper County Public Schools is always prepared for the possibility of inclement weather. The winter season is typically when weather closings are most common, although we have had to close in other seasons as well. In the 2022-2023 school year, we did not have any full day closures compared to missing an entire week the year before. Last year, we were able to get through the winter with two-hour delays.

We are often asked how the school division makes weather closing decisions. The answer is that the decision-making process with regards to closing schools for inclement weather is complex. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about weather closings and delays in CCPS:

#### How does CCPS make weather closing decisions?

- Monitor weather conditions and forecasts
- Review road condition information from the local 911 dispatch and on-the-road Sheriff's Deputies
- Check certain areas of the county known to be more prone to icing or slow melting
- Senior Staff and Division Superintendent review the information gathered and make a delay/closing decision

#### How does CCPS notify families and the community when school is closed or delayed?

- CCPS announces closing/delay decisions in a variety of ways:
- Phone call, email, and text message to all families in English and Spanish
- CCPS Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- CCPS Website - [www.culpeperschools.org](http://www.culpeperschools.org)
- Push notification to the CCPS Mobile App
- Local media outlets
  - o TV channels 4,5,7,9 & 29
  - o Radio - WJMA 103.1

#### What are the possible closing/delay options?

- School Closure
  - o Calls/Emails will be made to families and staff and will include reporting time for 12-month employees and essential personnel
- 2-hour Delay
  - o Allows time for staff to clear snow or ice at the schools, and gives bus drivers the advantage of daylight to see hazardous conditions
- Early Dismissal
  - o Unexpected closing can leave hundreds of students

home alone when parents are at work. Therefore, we seek to make decisions on any mid-morning or afternoon arriving weather systems based on the best available forecasts at the last possible time frame.

- Evening Activities Canceled/Weekend Activities Canceled
  - o A storm **watch** does NOT cause a cancellation after-school, evening, or weekend activities. A storm **warning** will cause such a cancellation.

#### When are decisions made?

- When possible, decisions are made the night before.
- When conditions require a delay in the decision, our goal is to notify you by 5:30am.

#### What is the best way for members of the community to receive alerts about CCPS weather closings and delays?

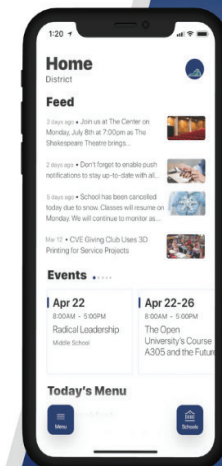
- Download the CCPS Mobile App
  - o The Culpeper Schools app is available to download free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store. Search @culpeperschools



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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 Partnerships
- New Bus and Van
- Fun Staff
- Community Focused



# A Time for Reflection

As an event packed fall merged into the winter holidays, Kid Central reflected on a busy year—and pondered a long list of events, day-to-day challenges, and constant planning.

This fall we heralded the return of roller-skating in Culpeper, celebrated after school programs, new programs and a greater variety of opportunities for our children to experience locally. A new fieldhouse, recreation center, programs, parks, and of course field trips truly highlighted our community partnerships. This winter Kid Central continued its tradition of 12 Days of Giving—ringing bells, helping senior citizens, helping local charities, and celebrating the simple joys of the winter season.

In the new year you can still keep up with Kid Central on Facebook and parents will benefit from our new messaging system for timely news on school delays, weather and safety information.

If your child needs flexible and affordable care give us a try—and even better, we are located at your child’s school.

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

Our staff are well-known in the community, our program remains award-winning, we are state licensed and we are always dedicated to serving our community’s childcare needs.

Kid Central was designed and created to serve working parents and to offer, safe, high quality care at an affordable cost—this will always be our primary mission.

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

We wish our children, staff, community partners, and community a Happy New Year.

## Kid Facts

Kid Central has 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.



Roller-skating is back for Culpeper children and families. Last October Kid Central returned to Dominion Skating Center with free night of skating and an epic glow party.



### 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 Celebrates 40 Years!

Windmore is celebrating its 40th Anniversary of bringing Arts to the Culpeper community. We welcome everyone to join us in celebrating and helping us continue for another 40 years.

During the year we will be looking back on the last 40 years and all that we have done and we will be looking forward to how we can grow and offer new opportunities to expand the art community in Culpeper. We will be offering new workshops, classes and events throughout the year!

Visit the website at: [www.windmorefoundation.org](http://www.windmorefoundation.org) to become a member of Windmore and see our calendar of events and sign up for workshops, classes and buy tickets to events!

### Become a Member of Windmore!

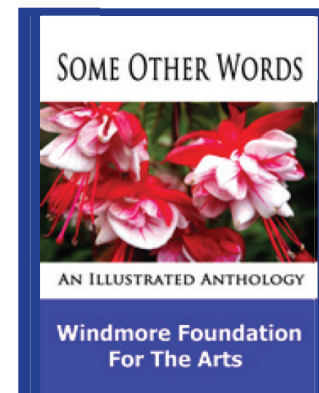
Windmore is inclusive, diverse and welcomes new members to work together to promote and spread the Arts in our community. Enjoy events, classes, workshops and more with Windmore!



Visit [www.WindmoreFoundation.org](http://www.WindmoreFoundation.org) Today to become a Member!

### 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 is available on Amazon in hardcover or eBook format and available in eBook format from Barnes and Noble and Smashwords.

The Pen-to-Paper meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month. The morning meeting starts at 10:15 AM and the afternoon meeting at 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 10:15 AM to noon in the conference room of the Culpeper County Library. A different publishing subject is discussed each month. 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).