

Community Works June 2024

May Event Updates:

Volunteer support at PCDC Roadside Clean Up- Volunteers helped remove 10+ bags of trash along rt 340! We had tons of fun with Lori, Skip, Sandy S, Jim S, and their helper Winnie!

Supply Drive benefiting the Rec partnering with Bethel Baptist Church- We were reminded of the power of community and compassion in action. Thank you to everyone who helped on this project to support the youth of the REC. We donated tons of supply items- Check out the photos of Barbara and Del on Facebook.

Poem Contest- Community Works is sponsoring a tree on the Hawksbill Greenway. We will hold a gathering by our sponsored tree once our plaque is put in place. Keep an eye out for email updates and join us along the Greenway. Many thanks to all that submitted a poem!

Community Partnership for Good Deeds Day- We supported our infirm neighbors that need a helping hand in May. We were connected with the client through Page One. Volunteers helped to build a ramp, replace weatherstripping, complete yard work, and power washed and stained their deck. The home owners were very grateful we were able to lend a few helping hands. ***I can't thank our volunteers enough for all the outpouring of support for Good Deeds Day(s). Some volunteered for more than 10 hours throughout the 4 day project!*** Many thanks to: P&W Lawn Care for volunteering their services, Page CoOp for donating supplies, Patrick with Daughter of the Stars Theater for providing his expertise, tools, and always finding ways to support our efforts, and a special thanks to Derek, Ken, Bette, Chip, Abby, and Skip!

Volunteer Support at Free Market Friday's with the Community Gardens-

On May 31st we helped pass out free produce to community members and participated in the Free Plant swap! Lucia and Ken brought tons of plant offerings that were given away during the event and brought joy to many residents. Join us next month at the Shenandoah Garden!

Upcoming and Ongoing Projects:

Volunteering with Choices on June 8th during their Safe Church event at the PAL.
Volunteer training June 7th at 5pm. Reach out for details.

Partnership with Daughter of the Stars Farmer's Market- "Have a healthy snack, Plant a healthy snack" We are teaming up with DOTS Farmers Market and PACA Community Gardens in July. On July 6th and 13th- Youth will be able to get a healthy snack while visiting the Farmers Market and will get to plant a snack to take home and watch grow throughout the summer. *Stay tuned for more details and reach out to volunteer.*

Letters to the Editor Campaign- We have already had several letters published in Page Valley News and the News and Courier- We are working to broadcast our efforts in the local news.

This helps us recruit new volunteers, potential partners, and connect with the broader community. We can provide you a general outline for the letter and you can personalize it- or you can write your own. Just reach out to the team for guidance. **Action item: If you see one of our letters published, save a hard copy for us.**

Volunteer Support at Free Market Friday's with the Community Gardens-

We would like to have 2-4 volunteers to support this ongoing effort through the growing season.
May 31st 10-1 Luray Garden- Plant swap, Free Market Friday

Action item: June 28th 9-12 Shenandoah Garden

July 26th 9-12 Stanley Garden

August 30th 9-12 Luray Garden

Volunteering with Remote Area Medical- providing free, quality healthcare to those in need.
September 28-29, 2024 at Luray High School. **Volunteers NEEDED to serve our community.**

Still going strong: Community Works and Friends of the Shenandoah River (FOSR)-

Friends of the Shenandoah River is the non-profit that helps us all by testing and publishing E. coli levels in the river. During the summer, the Friends test 2 sites in Page County along with 13 other sites downstream. We have spoken with the Luray Town Council and the Board of Supervisors seeking funding to expand the number of testing sites in Page. Community Works and the Friends of the Shenandoah River have developed a "Friends' Raiser" to raise awareness, volunteer support, and funds.

- **Check out their E. Coli test results from May 21, 2024**
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/vtWvTCxDYtGu7qy3/?mibextid=WC7FNe>
- See our discussion with the Luray Town Council: (Skip ahead to minute 40 of the video)
https://www.youtube.com/live/_pYaBDIm3TE?feature=shared
- Luray Town Council approved \$2,500 in funding support to FOSR.
- Response from the Page County Board of Supervisors-coming soon.
- NEW: Interview with Page Valley News on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/JuhX-CmdRTI?si=RrocYSvRTp-Rj7EQ>

Facebook Action Item: Like, Follow, and Share: Community Works 4Page and the National Community Works FB: Community Works
See all of our event photos on Facebook!

Have an idea that might fit in with Community Works? Let's chat!

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June Bulletin:

- Open the email from Friends of the Shenandoah River with the subject line: *The River's Health and Yours; Support the work of Friends of the Shenandoah River*
- Help us submit letters to the local editors- ongoing monthly project
- Volunteering with Choices at their "Safe Church" event June 8th at the PAL.
- Volunteering with Community Gardens in Shenandoah June 28th @9am
- Want more info? Email: PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com



Photos from Good Deeds Day(s)



Supply Drive Supporting the Rec at the Bethel Baptist Church Katie Frye Memorial Women's Day Fish Fry

