January Updates:

Attended the Community Action Team Meeting- ("CAT", formally the Nonprofit council) on January 29th, 9AM, Page County Technical Center. We learned more about the potential for a collective food initiative in 2025 and many other opportunities to support our county.

Letters to the Editor- Did you see our letter to the editor in the Page Valley News or Page News and Courier? In case you missed it:

https://pagevalleynews.com/update-on-community-works-4page/

Page County Jail (MAT) Enhancement- Life Skills Classes- We are working to help bring in topics around finances and budgeting, nutrition, self care, stress management, job application or resume building, or any other life skills that may be relevant to those incarcerated to build basic life skills, self sufficiency, and confidence for release. Reach out to learn more.

Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects: February

Community Gardens- Gearing up for the 2025 growing season- We are looking for a group of 3-6 volunteers who want to help in the gardens during the growing season. Bring a friend, learn something new, and help provide fresh produce to the community.

Making A Difference Backpack Ministry- We are volunteering on **Thursday March 13 from 3-5 pm** in Shenandoah. We are looking for 3-4 volunteers to help us pack 70 bags of food items for kids at Shenandoah Elementary to take home on the weekend.

Letters to the Editor- Can you submit a letter? Help us recruit new volunteers, potential partners, and connect with the community. We can provide you with a letter outline and you can personalize it- or you can write your own. Just reach out to the team. Action item: See one of our letters published? Take a clear photo and send it to us or save us a copy! January LTE: https://pagevalleynews.com/update-on-community-works-4page/

Friends of the Shenandoah River (FOSR)- We developed a "Friends' Raiser" to raise awareness, volunteer support, and funds to increase water quality testing in Page County.

- Complete summer E. Coli testing results:
 https://fosr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FOSRs-2024-Summer-E.-coli-Testing-Program-Quantitative-E.-coli-Concentration-Results-09.09.2024.pdf
- Donate to the Page County Initiative: https://fosr.org/support-the-page-county-initiative/
- Many thanks to the Luray Town Council for providing support for the 2024 Summer Testing Program and testing the Hawksbill Creek

Facebook Action Item: Like, Follow, Share: Community Works 4 Page and the National Community Works FB: Community Works

Have an idea/project that might fit in with Community Works? Tell us about it!! PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

February Quick Read Bulletin:

- **JMAT ReEntry Life Skills Classes-** Reach out to Sara if you are willing to share or teach one of your skills. (Resume building, life skills, budgeting, self care, etc.)
- **Send your friends a postcard** and ask them to volunteer with us! Contact Sara for CWorks postcards and details.
- Connect with the Community Action Team, formerly the Nonprofit Council. Learn more about a collective food initiative planned for 2025. Everyone is welcome to join.
- Read our January letter to the editor: https://pagevalleynews.com/update-on-community-works-4page/
- Want more info? Email: PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

Share and invite a friend or family member to join our team of volunteers!

Events from our friends and happenings in our community!

PACA's 2025 Polar Bear Plunge:



https://pacapolarbearplunge.com/

Town of Shenandoah Museum:



February is Black History Month

LOCAL BLACK HISTORY **PROGRAM**

ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE TOWN OF SHENANDOAH MUSEUM KARL RAND WITH SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK WILL SPEAK ABOUT LEWIS MOUNTAIN.

LEWIS MOUNTAIN OFFERED SEGREGATED **FACILITIES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS AND WAS** FEATURED IN THE GREEN BOOK.

THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM.

TOWN OF SHENANDOAH MUSEUM IS LOCATED AT 507 FIRST STREET, SHENANDOAH, VA 22849

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