

Community Works March 2025

Upcoming Events and Ongoing Projects: March 🍀

Page County Jail (MAT) Enhancement- Life Skills Classes with PCSO Re-entry program- Helping to bring in topics around finances and budgeting, nutrition, self care, time and stress management, job application or resume building, or other life skills that are relevant to those incarcerated to build basic life skills, self sufficiency, and confidence for release.

- Reach out if you have a skill you can share.
- Instructor Orientation March 5th with classes starting late March and rotating throughout the year. We are looking to add more instructors and relevant classes.

Soup for Seniors- We are launching a Soup for Seniors program to prepare and distribute 24 quarts of homemade soup to seniors facing food insecurity. Currently we are working with local groups already assisting seniors for distribution. **The long term goal** is to build a list of 24 homebound seniors and continue to find volunteers willing to deliver to two seniors monthly and check in on them in the process. 2 volunteers confirmed for deliveries already!

- **We are looking for:** Volunteers to assist with check ins and delivery. Fresh locally grown produce donations from local businesses and backyard gardeners with excess during the growing season.
- Thank YOU! Lori Painter and Family for donating fresh baked rolls for our March effort.
- Receiving grant funding from Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC)
- **Photo Op with SVEC Date: Friday March 7, 2025 Arrive at 1:45. Location: Mechanics Street Parking Lot by the Greenway in Luray**

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

PACA Community Gardens- Gearing up for the 2025 growing season- We are looking for a small group of volunteers who can help with garden efforts during the growing season. Bring a friend, learn something new, and help pass out fresh produce to the community.

- Join volunteers at the **Luray Community Garden on 3/7/25 at 10:30am** for a couple hours of fun in the garden!

Friends of the Shenandoah River (FOSR)-

🌟 **NEW: Alma Boat Landing Cleanup + Shenandoah Landing and River Park Cleanup**
Join us on April 5th from 9-11:30am at the Alma Boat Landing in Stanley.

Join us on April 8th from 2-4pm at the Shenandoah Landing and River Park in the Town of Shenandoah. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Participation appreciation raffles!

- Support the Page County Water Quality Testing 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.

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- **Complete 2024 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>

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. January LTE:
<https://pagevalleynews.com/update-on-community-works-4page/>

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

March Quick Read Bulletin:

- **Soup for Seniors-** preparing homemade soup for seniors experiencing food uncertainties. We are looking for volunteers and project partners. Awarded SVEC grant funding. Thank you, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative!
- **JMAT ReEntry Life Skills Classes-** Reach out if you are willing to share or teach one of your skills. (Resume building, life skills, budgeting, self care, etc.)
- **Connect with the Community Action Team**, formerly the Nonprofit Council, on 3/12 at 9am at the Tech Center. Learn more about a collective food initiative planned for 2025. Everyone is welcome to join.
- **River Clean Ups in April-** Alma Boat Landing 4/5 at 9AM and Shenandoah Landing and River Park on 4/8 at 2PM
- **Want more info?** Email: PageCommunityWorks@gmail.com

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

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2/25/25 Stanley Community Garden Work Day

Join volunteers at PACA's Community Garden in Luray at Page Memorial Hospital on 3/7/25 at 10:30am for a couple hours of fun in the garden! Bring a friend and meet some new friends!



Soup for Seniors

Can you guess what soup we are making first for our Soup for Seniors program? (Hint: C N S)
Thank you to Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative for supporting this new initiative! 😊

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Events from our friends and happenings in our community!

CHOICES
Council on Domestic Violence
For Page County

JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL MASQUERADE GALA
THIS YEARS THEME IS:

\$50/ person

Mardi gras

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2025 5PM-6PM
COCKTAIL HOUR 6PM-10PM MEAL AND GALA
STOVER HALL 1381 US HWY 340 BSN LURAY,
VA 22835

TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION AND MEAL.
ALCOHOL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
ADDITIONAL PRICE

NEW ORLEANS INSPIRED FOOD PROVIDED BY
HUMMINGBIRD BISTRO LIVE MUSIC LIVE AND
SILENT AUCTION - DOOR PRIZES -
THIS IS A FORMAL ATTIRE EVENT*

For more information or to make a donation for the
silent or live auction or purchase tickets by cash or
check contact us at: 540-743-4414

Purchase tickets at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/choices-2nd-annual-gala-tickets-1058760163149> or scan QR code below

Choices of Page County is looking for volunteers to help with check ins and dinner during their event. If you can help for a few hours let us know. You are guaranteed to have a good night volunteering with Choices!



**VOLUNTEER
DRIVERS NEEDED!**

**Helping the community
reach critical needs!**

Volunteer drivers are need for our new Transport Pilot Program! Transport services will be available for clients to reach critical needs such as doctor appointments, social service programs, prescription pick up, post office, and other CRITICAL needs. Availability is subject to driver/van schedule as we develop the program. **To volunteer, or for more information contact director@vpageone.org**

Page One is looking for drivers to help with their new transport program. If you're interested in helping reach out and let them know we sent you!