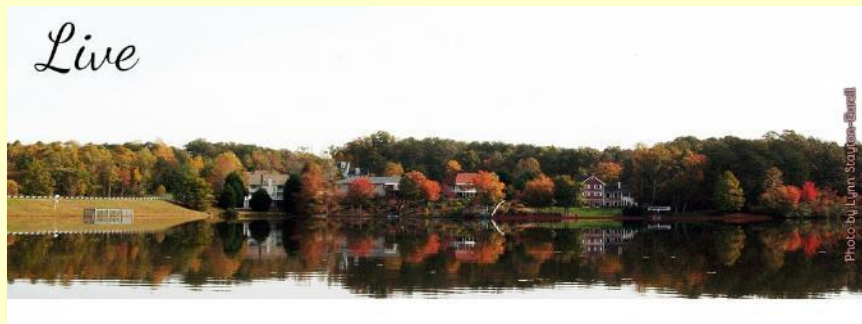




# COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



February 21, 2024

# Announcements and Updates - New Employees

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**Nancy Wilk**

- Public Works Department
- Administrative Program Specialist
- Started February 12th



**Paula Franklin**

- DSS
- Human Services Assistant III
- Started February 20th

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## **Becky Wiseman**

- Clerk of the Circuit Court Office
- Deputy Clerk II
- Started February 20th



# Announcements and Updates

## Small Business Administration Grant update:

- **Dan Fellows, Business Advisor will be available to Fork Union Businesses for one on one confidential assistance and expert advising free of charge.**

## Fork Union Village!

*Your partner in business is here!*



### Meet Dan Fellows, Business Advisor

- Expert advising free of charge
- 1:1 confidential assistance
- Access to relevant resources

**SUPPORTING BUSINESS FROM STARTUPS  
TO INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION**

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This project is available thanks to the  
U.S. Small Business Administration and Fluvanna County Office of Economic Development





# VIRGINIA MASTER NATURALIST AWARD RECOGNITION

- **The 2023 Virginia Master Naturalist volunteer of the year is Walter Hussey.**

Walter Hussey knew his volunteer plan when he signed up for the 2014 Rivanna Master Naturalist class. He was determined to turn Pleasant Grove, a 900-acre park, into a vibrant natural area with multiple opportunities for experiencing and learning about native flora and fauna. It is through his vision that 70 acres of hayfields were transformed into native meadows. Many other projects included developing 23 miles of trails including self-guided trails for learning tree identification and Natural History, a nature room, butterfly garden, and a chestnut grove. He also developed activities to attract and educate children (and therefore their parents) at the Fluvanna County Fair and the public library.



He didn't do this alone, but was instrumental in establishing partnerships with many county, private and nonprofit groups, who supplied help with permits, grants, manpower and coordinated many of the educational activities that followed the establishment of Pleasant Grove.

Walter's projects this year included activities at the county fair that engaged more than 750 children who learned about the natural environment while having fun. He orchestrated an educational program for every Fluvanna County student in grades 1, 2, and 4 during the school year, and summer library reading and nature programs including hikes, stewardship, and survival skills. This year, he also coordinated trail maintenance, sapling removal and a controlled burn of a portion of the meadow, tree planting and native seed dispersal. His efforts have truly turned Pleasant Grove into a precious place for wildlife and people.

There is a video that can be viewed here, Mr. Hussey's recognition is from 9:07-10:59

[https://video.vt.edu/media/Virginia+Master+Naturalist+2023+Program+Awards+Presentation/1\\_ct4lia67](https://video.vt.edu/media/Virginia+Master+Naturalist+2023+Program+Awards+Presentation/1_ct4lia67)

# Next BOS Meetings

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Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Thu	Feb 29	5:30 PM	BOS Budget Work Session - County Agency Briefs and Constitutional Officer Briefs	Morris Room
Wed	Mar 6	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Performing Arts Center
Wed	Mar 6	7:00 PM	Budget Work Session – FCPS FY25 Adopted Budget Presentation	Performing Arts Center
Wed	Mar 13	5:30 PM	BOS Budget Work Session	Morris Room

**Questions?**