



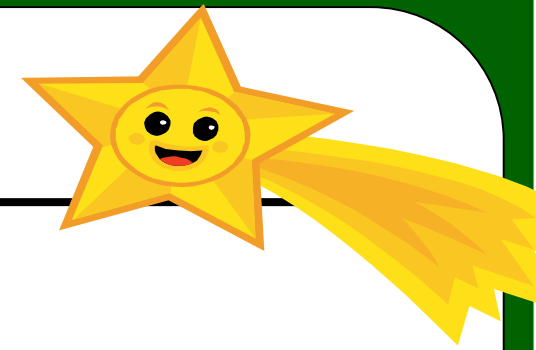
# COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



July 2, 2025

# Staff and Community Recognitions

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**Happy Early Birthday Mr. Goad!!!**

- July 17th



# Announcements and Updates

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## Virginia Tourism Corporation awards Fluvanna County with a \$20,000 Marketing Leverage Grant

- “Find Pleasant Grove: By Land and Water,” will spotlight Pleasant Grove Park, home to more than 20 miles of multi-use trails and scenic frontage along the Rivanna River.
- This campaign aims to elevate Fluvanna as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts, with a focus on mountain biking, kayaking, and rural recreation.
- The marketing plan will include social media outreach, digital advertising, and regional promotions, with strong support from local partners including Fluvanna County Parks & Recreation, RVA Racing, Chevy Chase Farm, Cunningham Creek Winery & Brewery, Local Eats and Fruit Hill Orchard.



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## **Governor Youngkin Awards AFID Grant to Upgrade Commercial Kitchen**

- Fluvanna County received a \$7,374 Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development (AFID) Infrastructure Grant to enhance its shared-use Commercial Kitchen at the Fluvanna Community Center.
- Funds will be used to purchase essential commercial equipment, such as a 20-quart mixer, convection oven, and worktables. These upgrades will expand the kitchen's capacity, improve safety and efficiency, and help local food entrepreneurs scale their businesses.
- The project aligns with Fluvanna's Economic Development Strategic Plan and is supported by Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center.
- Special thank you to Malinda Payne, Theresa McAllister and Rachel Brewster for their assistance in the grant writing process.



# FLUVANNA MASTER GARDENERS RECEIVE SIERRA CLUB EARTH FLAG

- The Fluvanna Master Gardeners received an Earth Flag from the Piedmont Sierra Club on June 26, 2025, at the Pleasant Grove Master Gardener Native Plant Butterfly Garden in recognition of their efforts as unsung environmental heroes who make a difference in protecting the natural environment in our area.
- The award of the Earth Flag honors the numerous projects undertaken by Master Gardeners that promote and encourage environmentally sound horticultural practices through sustainable landscape management, education, and training within their local communities



Figure 1: Left to Right: Donna Shaunesey (Sierra Club), Walter Hussey, Vicki Buffmire, Nancy Rossnagel, Claire Waters, Gigi Hansen, Kathleen Brunke (Master Gardener President), Aaron Spitzer (Park & Recreation Director), Mary Wyatt Bowers, Scott Ziemer (Sierra Club). (Picture taker: Master Gardener Bob Eckman)

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- Master Gardener projects include the Butterfly Garden, Earth and Ag Days with local schools, the summer library program, the horticulture help desk, the community garden, and many others.
- The newest project is a summer-time Discovery Center that follows the lifecycle of the butterfly through all phases within our butterfly house, along with growing hydroponic plants and maintaining other plants to support the various stages of butterfly development.



Figure 2: Nancy Rossnagel shows Scott Ziemer and Donna Shaunesey from the Sierra Club the Butterfly nursery in the Master Gardener Discovery Center.



Figure 3: Two butterflies on a plant in the Fluvanna Master Gardener Discovery Center



# Groovin' at the Grove

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- Please join us on July 12, 2025 at Pleasant Grove Park for Groovin' at the Grove.
- Food and beer garden open at 4:00pm
- Free live music runs from 5-7pm

# Next BOS Meetings

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Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Aug 6	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Aug 20	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Sept 3	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court

**Questions?**