



Sussex County Community News

Good Things are Happening in Sussex County!

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COUNTY'S GENERAL REASSESSMENT



The County of Sussex will be having the next general reassessment beginning of August 2016. A private firm will be hired by County to reassess all properties in Sussex County, which is in accordance with the requirements of VA Code Section 58.1-3250. The new reassessed values will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

The Sussex County Board of Supervisors has voted and passed that the next general reassessment process will be done on a four-year cycle vs. six-year cycle. On a four-year cycle, the Commissioner of the Revenue feels that this will benefit the citizens of Sussex County with more efficiency in properties being assessed at the fair market value.

By the latter part of 2017, the citizens of Sussex County and outside agencies will have access to GIS (Geographic Information System). Tax information for real estate will be available online.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Chairman Blowe, along with other elected leaders, met on July 29th in Fluvanna County to complete the VA Certified County Supervisors' Program class, Part 2 of "Inventing Your County's Future: The Role of



Community Planning". Chairman Blowe has completed another step to being a certified supervisor!

From left to right - Powhatan County Supervisor **Larry Nordvig**, Mecklenburg County Supervisor **Claudia Lundy**, Greene County Supervisor **Bill Martin**, Bedford County Supervisor **Steve Wilkerson**, Isle of Wight County Supervisor **William McCarty**, Sussex County Supervisor **Keith Blowe**, Bland County Supervisor **Adam Kidd**, Prince Edward County Supervisor **Odessa Pride**, Albemarle County Supervisor **Rick Randolph** and Alleghany County Supervisor **James Griffith**.

Environmental Inspections



Atlantic Waste and the Environmental Inspections Department have been working diligently to improve the cleanliness and overflow issues that we have had in the past at the 9 Convenience Sites located within the County. Currently Atlantic Waste has contracted with a Division of Chesapeake Waste Management to help aid in achieving these goals. They have been

on board for a few weeks now and I hope that you can see a noticeable difference in appearance at each of the Convenience Sites. We will continue to improve these sites moving forward.

**Save the Date:
Amnesty Days for
Waste Disposal
September 14th-
17th. Please bring
all white goods,
tires, furniture
etc.. to the Land-
fill located on Rt.
602.**

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SUSSEX AND SURRY COUNTIES



We are excited to have our New 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, Mr. James Mason on board with Virginia Cooperative Extension. Mr. Mason started on June 25, 2016 and is excited about making the best better here in Sussex County, VA. Please feel free to stop by the VCE office and meet Mr. Mason or he can be reached at (804) 834-1309, ext. 21, jmason24@vt.edu

Housing News...

The County of receiving applications
Sussex has been a leader in this region in administering programs to address the housing needs of its most vulnerable citizens. To date, this leadership continues to provide the County of Sussex an opportunity to invest in housing solutions that promotes safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing, impacting the community, improving the quality of life by assisting "one family at a time" to become productive citizens.

List your Housing for



free on VirginiaHousingSearch.com

For additional information on these and other resources, contact the Sussex County Housing Office at (804) 834-1302 ext. 28.

We are currently re



ABOUT THE TOWN

THE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



On August 3, 2016, the Improvement Association held its **Groundbreaking Ceremony** for The Improvement Association Education Center located on Coppahaunk Avenue, Waverly, VA 23890.

The Improvement Association's Board of Directors, Staff, Community Partners, Town of Waverly Mayor and members of the community were present to commemorate the special occasion.



FOSTER CARE~REUNIFICATION



In June, VDSS celebrated the accomplishments of the many parents who work tremendously hard to overcome challenges and barriers in order to have their children's custody returned to them. We also celebrate the many foster parents, child welfare professionals, attorneys, judges, treatment providers, and family members who support them in this work.

Family reunification is the process of returning a child to his or her family of origin following a placement in foster care. In Virginia, not only is reunification the primary goal for children in foster care, it is also the most common outcome.

Research finds that children do best when raised in their own families, whenever possible. In

order to successfully achieve reunification, challenges associated with the birth parents must be thoroughly addressed as the child's safety and well-being are paramount. This requires the support of the child welfare professionals and the child's foster parents.

To learn more about reunification, visit fosterva.com.



When It Comes To Your Health, Knowledge Is Power

Knowing more about your health gives you power.

The power to make lifestyle changes and reduce your risk for disease. The power to improve your health and change the way you feel. In fact, one of the most important things you can do is to know your risks and what you can do to improve them.

That's why your employer is offering free and confidential onsite health screenings. It's an easy way to learn more about several common conditions which can affect your well-being now and in the future.

At the screening, you'll learn more about your:

- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol
- Diabetes risk
- Body mass index (BMI)
- Glucose

Find out how your results affect your risk levels for other conditions such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, kidney disease and more. Learn how lifestyle changes can improve your numbers.

The more you know, the healthier you can be.

Learn More About Your Health At A Free And Confidential Wellness Screening!

Date: September 15, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Social Services Conference Room
Newsome Human Services Building
20103 Princeton Road
Stony Creek, VA 23882

To sign up, please contact Louise Brucato at 434.246.1004,



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Virginia Association of REALTORS®

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



****REALTORS® ANNOUNCE FUNDS TO SUPPORT TORNADO VICTIMS**

\$50,000 available to aid Virginia residents displaced by February storms

Richmond, VA (June 13, 2016) – The Southside Virginia Association of REALTORS® (SVAR), in conjunction with the Virginia Association of REALTORS® (VAR), has been awarded funds by the national REALTOR® Relief Foundation to support Virginia residents affected by the destructive tornadic storms in late February of this year. Responding to the ongoing need of rehousing those who were displaced by damage and loss, the Southside Virginia Association, along with VAR, will administer the funds through an online application process, open now to residents in the affected communities through www.varealtor.com/relief.

“Parts of Sussex County were decimated by storms in late February,” according to 2016 SVAR President Ron Hardy. “We hope these REALTOR® funds will to ease the ongoing challenge for neighbors who lost homes or whose homes have been too damaged to live in since the tornadoes.”

The REALTOR® Relief Foundation (RRF) is a charitable foundation governed by the National Association of REALTORS® and dedicated to providing housing-

related assistance to victims of disasters. Funds are generated by individual member gifts and contributions from state and local associations across the country.

The REALTOR® association will review applications and issue funds directly to eligible residents until the money is fully expended. RRF guidelines specify the qualifications for receiving support. Direct financial assistance through this fund is exclusively for housing relief in the areas severely affected and for victims who lost or sustained significant damage to a primary residence. Each applicant is eligible for up to \$1,200 in support for either mortgage expense or the cost of temporary shelter due to displacement from a damaged or lost home.

Citing the housing challenge that remains even months after the crisis, 2016 VAR President Bill White says, “As ambassadors of our communities, REALTORS® are on the frontlines of restoring what is fundamental to the comfort of each and every one of us – a home. With these funds we can now supplement the generosity and assistance that the Virginians have offered since the first hours of the storm.”

For more information on these funds,

visit www.varealtor.com/relief.

About the Virginia Association of REALTORS®

The Virginia Association of REALTORS® is the largest professional trade association in the state, representing approximately 31,000 REALTORS® engaged in the residential and commercial real estate business. VAR serves as an advocate for homeownership and homeowners, and represents the interests of property owners in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information, visit www.varealtor.com or follow VAR on Facebook and Twitter.

NOTE: The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® and subscribes to its strict Code of Ethics.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AMNESTY DAYS SCHEDULE

ATLANTIC WASTE



September 14th—17th

If you have any questions or concerns, please call
804.834.8300.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Stony Creek Town Hall Meeting

Fort Grove Methodist Church
12471 Church Street
Stony Creek, VA 23882

October 8, 2016
10 a.m.—12:00 noon

Chairman Keith C. Blowe, Facilitator

Airfield Conference Center's 1st Annual

**Friday,
October
28, 2016**

TICKET PRICES:
Friday, \$25.00
Saturday, \$30.00
All Weekend, \$50.00
Weekend tickets purchased
by September 1, 2016.



15189 Airfield Road
Wakefield, VA 23888

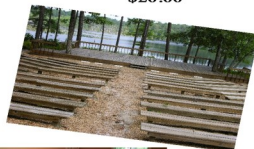
(757) 899-4901

www.airfieldconference.com



**Saturday,
October
29, 2016**

RV Camping Available
10 sites w/ limited
electricity **SOLD OUT** \$30.00
20 sites w/ limited (20 amp)
hookup - \$25.00
47 sites w/o electricity -
\$20.00



Lodging Rooms Available

Executive Rooms:
King or 2 Double Beds
\$78.00 per night

Family Style Rooms:
(up to 4 people, double & bunk set)
\$90.00 per night

Dorm Style Rooms:
(up to 8 people, bunks)
\$100.00 per night



Sponsors:



Larry Stephenson



Fri., Oct. 28th Schedule:

Commonwealth Bluegrass
12:00-12:45 & 6:00-6:45
Code Blue - 1:00-1:45 & 7:00-7:45
Mill Run - 2:00-2:45 & 8:00-8:45
Larry Stephenson - 3:00-3:45
& 9:00-9:45
Lonesome River - 4:00-4:45
& 10:00-10:45

Commonwealth Bluegrass



The Boxcars



Lonesome River



Mill Run



Code Blue



Deer Creek Boys

Sat., Oct. 29th Schedule:

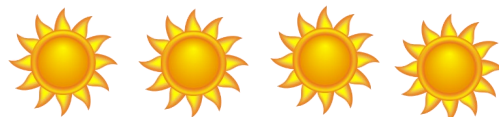
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Deer Creek Boys - 1:00-1:45 & 7:00-7:45
Mill Run - 2:00-2:45 & 8:00-8:45
Jr. Sisk & Rambler's Choice - 3:00-3:45 & 9:00-9:45
The Boxcars - 4:00-4:45 & 10:00-10:45



Flatland



Jr. Sisk
and Rambler's Choice



A Note of Inspiration

Alone we can do

So little;

Together we can do

So much.

—Helen Keller



Sussex County
Department of Housing Programs
Cordially invites you to our 2016

MORTGAGE BURNING

Celebration

DAY OF GREAT CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING!

Thursday

October 20th @ 6 p.m.

At the Sussex County Courthouse

**15098 Courthouse Road
Sussex, VA**

This event provides an opportunity to meet and congratulate the families completing their obligations as participants in the County's Housing Rehabilitation Programs. **Please RSVP by October 31st.**

Contact: Brenda H. Drew (804)834-1302 Ext 28
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Community Newsletter

Submissions

If you wish to submit any events, news, corrections and/or suggestions, please send information via regular mail (see address on front page), fax to 434.246.6013 or e-mail to sricks@sussexcountyva.gov or call Sussex County Administration Office at 434.246.1000.

Submissions are due by January 6, 2017 and should be sent in Word format. The next edition of the Sussex County Newsletter is scheduled for January 2017.

Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule

September 15, 2016

November 17, 2016

October 20, 2016

December 15, 2016

***All Regular Board of Supervisors Meetings are scheduled for 7 :00 p.m. and are held at the Sussex Judicial Center, General District Court Room, 15098 Courthouse Road, Sussex, Virginia 23884,**

****Additional meetings may be added as needed.**

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

***September 5-Labor Day**

***October 10—Columbus Day**

***November 11-Veteran's Day**

****November 23—12 Noon Thanksgiving**

***November 24-25 Thanksgiving**

***December 23—Christmas Observed**

***December 26—Christmas Observed**

***County Offices Closed**

****Close at 12 Noon**

