

Volunteer River Counties celebrates official launch

WHITE STONE—A coalition of 44 organizations across the River Counties region, Volunteer River Counties will officially launch September 1 as the first-ever volunteer hub in the region, connecting people in Lancaster, Middlesex and Northumberland counties with volunteer opportunities.

The online hub will improve the accessibility of volunteer opportunities and enhance regional organizations' ability to recruit volunteers of all ages.

Throughout September, Volunteer River Counties anchor partners will celebrate the hub's launch with special events, volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved and give back.

To explore the full calendar of events, sign up for a free Volunteer River Counties account, and begin volunteering, visit www.VolunteerRiverCounties.org.

Everyone who registers for a free Volunteer River Counties account will be entered in raffles to win prizes, including:

- A pair of tickets to the Irvington Crab Festival.
- A behind-the-scenes Curator's Tour of Historic Christ Church & Museum.
- A pair of tickets to the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Neck's Reach for the Stars Gala.
- A pair of memberships to the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.
- A Bingo Night ticket from

The Haven.

• Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association (TOGA) memberships.

• Gift baskets and other offerings from the Deltaville Maritime Museum, Northumberland County Historical Society, Northumberland County Lions Club, Northumberland Public Library and Three Rivers Health District.

Volunteer River Counties was initiated through planning efforts led by Serve Virginia, the Virginia Service Foundation, and the River Counties Community Foundation, with funding from the Robert B. Lantz Foundation.

"As a community member, I am thrilled to join with Volunteer River Counties anchor partners in launching Volunteer River Counties this month. This hub has the potential to change the way we volunteer in the River Counties, for the better, and we welcome all our neighbors aboard as we undertake this exciting new journey," said Serve Virginia director Kathy J. Spangler of Kilmarnock.

Current Volunteer River Counties coalition partners include:

- American Red Cross-Rappahannock.
- Bay Aging.
- Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital.
- Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck.
- Deltaville Maritime Museum & Holly Point Nature Park.
- Dream Fields - Lancaster County Little League.
- Eastern Virginia Community Emergency Response Team.
- Friends of Belle Isle State Park.
- Friends of the Rappahannock.
- **Garfield's Rescue Inc.**
- Grace Church Yard Sale.
- Greater Reedville Association/Reedville Fishermen's Museum.
- Historic Christ Church & Museum.
- Lancaster Community Library.
- Lancaster County.
- Lancaster County Lions Club.
- Lancaster County Public Schools.
- Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation.
- Lancaster Virginia Historical Society.
- Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity.
- Mathews Family YMCA.
- Middlesex County Museum & Historical Society.
- Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad.
- Middlesex Family YMCA.
- Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship.
- Northern Neck CASA

- Northern Neck Family YMCA.
- Northern Neck Heritage Arts Center.
- Northern Neck Orchestra.
- Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron.
- Northumberland County Historical Society.
- Northumberland County Lions Club.
- Northumberland Public Library.
- Rappahannock Community College.
- Smith Point Sea Rescue.
- Steamboat Era Museum.
- The Bay Center.
- The Haven Shelter & Services Inc.
- The Link • The Mother's Heart.
- Three Rivers Medical Reserve Corps.
- Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association.
- Tri-Way Trail.
- Wetlands Watch.

September volunteer events:

- September food drive: help fight hunger in our community, September 2-30, 10 a.m.-2p.m. weekdays, Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity.
- Volunteer River Counties Pop-Up, Irvington Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. September 6.
- Tech for Troops Electronics Recycling event, White Stone Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., September 6
- Chamber concert in honor of volunteers, Northern Neck Orchestra, Good Luck Cellars, 2 p.m. September 7.
- Help enhance museum exhibits, Middlesex County Museum & Historical Society, 1-5 p.m., September 12.
- Readers fun fair, Northumberland Public Library, 4-8 p.m. September 12.
- Annual creek cleanup, Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship, noon, September 14.
- Reach for the Stars, Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck, 5:30 p.m. September 18.
- Holly Point Market, volunteer launch lounge, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. September 20.
- Oyster gardening, Tidewater oysters Growers Organization, Lancaster Community Library, 10-11:30 September 20.
- Volunteer River Counties Pop-Up, Heathsville Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1p.m. September 20.
- The Old Jail, Heathsville Farmers market, 9 a.m.-noon, September 20.
- Irvington Crab Feast, Steamboat Era Museum, 4:30-8 p.m. September 20.
- Foster kitten visit, **Garfield's Rescue Inc.**, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, 1 p.m. September 24.
- Every choice matters:

donation drive & immersive experience, The Haven Shelter & Services Inc., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., September 25.

• Connect on the Creek, Reedville Fishermen's

Museum, 5:30 p.m., September 26.

• National Public Lands Day trail cleanup, Belle Isle State Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. September 27.

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NOTICE ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Orion Hull ID CTYN0702M77J Registration # VA5646BJ

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than 60 DAYS on the property at 176 Waterman's Way, Reedville, VA, 22539.

Application for watercraft disposal will be made in accordance with section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if the watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Irvington Planning Commission and Irvington Town Council will have a joint public hearing on Thursday, **Sept 11th at 6:30 pm** at the Irvington Baptist Church, 53 King Carter Dr., Irvington, VA, for a first reading of Conditional Use Permit application # 2025.Bruse to operate a Short Term Rental at 122 Edgewood Lane (tax map #33B 2 4).

Copies of the applications are available in the Town Office. Individuals requiring additional information or clarification may contact Justin Nelson, Town Administrator at 804-438-6230.

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