

# Things to Do & Places to See

IN AND AROUND

# Amherst County



Amherst County's Visitor Center (more info on page 3)



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## RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

### 2017 Spring/Summer Schedule

[www.countyofamherst.com](http://www.countyofamherst.com)

E-mail us at [recreationdept@countyofamherst.com](mailto:recreationdept@countyofamherst.com) with your particular interest (sports, arts & crafts, health & fitness, trips, special events, programs for senior adults, etc.) and we will send you information as it becomes available.

If you have an event, program or activity open to the public that you would like to get posted on the county website, send it to [schristian@countyofamherst.com](mailto:schristian@countyofamherst.com).

## Health & Fitness

### AEROBICS/AMHERST (6 week sessions)

(Low Impact)

Supplies needed: Mat or Towel  
 Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays  
 Sessions Begin: February 28<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 6 – 7:15PM  
 Location: Amherst Elementary School  
 Fee: \$25/person/session  
 Instructor: Darlene Terry  
 Register: On Site or call 434-946-9371



### YOGA-HATHA 1 (6 week sessions)

Learn to relax the body and calm the mind while stretching, toning and learning correct breathing. Experience the peace and health that yoga brings. Bring to class a mat or towel and a small pillow. [Limited registration!]

Day: Mondays  
 Sessions Begin: March 13<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Time: 6 – 7:15PM  
 Location: Central Elementary School  
 Fee: \$45/student, \$40/senior (65 years+)  
 Instructor: Devi Peterson  
 Register: Call Recreation Dept at 434-946-9371

### 2017 AMHERST COMMUNITY LAP SWIMMING AND INDOOR TRACK PROGRAM

The Sweet Briar College athletics department will be opening the Fitness and Athletics Center pool and track to Amherst County residents 16 years of age and older to enjoy the benefits of lap swimming and indoor walking/running.

Dates: February 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Indoor Track Hours: Mon-Thurs: 7am - 9pm  
 Friday: 7am - 8pm  
 Saturday: 10AM - 6PM  
 Sunday: 1PM - 8PM  
 Swimming Hours: Mon-Thurs: 12PM – 1PM & 7PM - 8:30PM  
 Friday: 12PM - 1PM & 2:30PM - 3:30PM  
 Weekend: 1PM - 3PM

Hours can also be found at [vixenathletics.com/facilities/Building\\_Hours](http://vixenathletics.com/facilities/Building_Hours)

Please note that if there is inclement weather the track will be closed from 4-7PM Mon-Thurs and 2-6PM on Fridays. Hours are subject to change during exam and holiday periods. Please check website for updates.

Rates: \$150 per person  
 \$225 per couple or family of four

Payment is due when application is submitted. Contact Blaise Whittle, Sweet Briar Director of Athletics Facilities, with any questions: [bwhittle@sbcc.edu](mailto:bwhittle@sbcc.edu) or 381-6305.



### LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Sweet Briar College "Learn to Swim" will be offering group and/or private lessons for swimmers ages 5- Adult. Lessons will take place in late March - DATES and TIMES TBA. Information will also be available soon on the Athletics website: [vixenathletics.com](http://vixenathletics.com)

Please contact Donna Hodgert at 434-942-4400 or [dhodgert@sbcc.edu](mailto:dhodgert@sbcc.edu) if you have questions.

**Front page:** The Train Depot, Amherst County's first-ever Visitors Center, will soon open its doors to travelers passing through, visitors, and local residents!

This year, the Amherst County Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") will take up residence in the Train Depot located off Route 60 in Amherst. Recognizing the Chamber's recent efforts promoting tourism and the business community, the Board of Supervisors tasked the Chamber with handling tourism on behalf of Amherst County.

## Dancing

### LINE DANCING (6 week sessions)

Day: Mondays  
 Sessions Begin: March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 7-9pm  
 Location: Coolwell Community Center  
 Fee: \$35/person  
 Instructor: Tracia Deluca  
 For more information or to register call Traci at 434-258-3241 or email [todeluca@hotmail.com](mailto:todeluca@hotmail.com)

### ROUND DANCING (BALLROOM) (8 weeks)

Day: Tuesdays  
 Session Begins: February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: Beginners: 6:15 – 7:15PM  
 Phase II - III: 7:30 – 8:30PM  
 Phase IV - V: 8:30 – 9:30PM  
 Location: Coolwell Community Center  
 Fee: \$144/couple, \$72/person, \$40 per youth ages 10-16 when accompanied by adult  
 Instructor: Eileen Rudert  
 For more information, call Liz Alcock at 434-665-4025



### SQUARE DANCING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Blue Ridge Square Dance Club  
 Day: Thursdays (ongoing)  
 Time: 7 – 9PM  
 Location: Coolwell Community Center  
 For information and to register call Traci at 434-258-3241 or email [todeluca@hotmail.com](mailto:todeluca@hotmail.com)

## Arts & Crafts

### OIL PAINTING

These classes are taught in the Bob Ross technique of oil painting. All supplies are included in the fee. The painting for each class will be on display for viewing at the Recreation Department office for the month before its scheduled session and on the Recreation Departments web site.

Day: Tuesdays  
 Dates: February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 11AM – 4PM

OR  
 Day: Sundays  
 Dates: February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 1:30 – 6:30PM  
 Fee: \$50/person/session (all supplies included)  
 Location: The Monroe Community Center  
 Instructor: Judy Moore-Gist  
 Bring: Light snacks and drink.

Registration is required prior to the Wednesday before the class.



### KNIT, STITCH & SEW CLUB (ongoing)

Bring your sewing, knitting, crochet and needle work. Make friends and share ideas. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Dates: Tuesdays  
 Location: Monroe Community Center  
 Time: 10AM – Noon  
 Fee: Free

### BASKET WEAVING (ongoing - monthly)

Dates: 1st Thursday of each month  
 Time: 10AM – 2PM  
 Location: Monroe Community Center  
 Fee: \$35-45/person depending on project (all supplies included)

Instructor: Linda Bryant  
 Pre-registration is necessary. For additional information and to register, call 434-946-9371.



## INTRO TO ACRYLIC COLOR AND MEDIUM

Kickstart a creative spring season with a back-to-basics acrylic workshop! Participants will learn all about color mixing and pigment properties, then discover how to alter color with mediums, gels, and pastes! Great for beginners and those looking for a refresher course on acrylic painting!

Date: Saturday, March 18th  
 Location: Monroe Community Center  
 Time: Noon - 4PM  
 Fee: \$35/AAS member, \$55/non-member  
 Instructor: Amy Shawley  
 Supplies: Provided for workshop-use only  
 Bring: Reference images, paint clothes/apron, a large box or trash bag to lay in your car/ carry your projects, & supplies to take notes.

Space is limited - Pre-registration necessary by March 3rd. Make check payable to Amherst Art Society. For further information e-mail amyshawley@gmail.com

## ART TUESDAYS AT MONROE (ongoing)

The Amherst Art Society is now located in the Monroe Community Center and is offering art classes there weekly.

Day: Tuesdays  
 Time: 10AM - Noon  
 Fee: First class is free, with option to join the Amherst Art Society for \$20/year

For further information, call Patti Highley at 434-806-9116 or e-mail amherstartsociety@gmail.com

## Youth Sports

### 2017 SPRING SOCCER FOR YOUTH

Ages: Children born 2002 - 2012  
 Fee: February: \$50  
 March: \$60 (pending team availability)  
 Register: Recreation Office Mon - Fri, 9AM - 4:30PM or online at www.countyofamherst.com

Season Begins: March 18th

### 2017 AMHERST DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Opening Day is scheduled for April 15th. To find out more about this league go to www.amherstdixieyouthbaseball.org

### 2017 AMHERST COUNTY DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL

Ages: 4-18 years old  
 Register: Wednesday, February 22nd 6-8PM  
 Saturday, February 25th 10AM-2PM  
 Monday, February 27th 6-8PM  
 Wednesday, March 1st 6-8PM  
 in the Board Room at 343 Lakeview Dr.

To find out more about this league go to www.amherstdixiesoftball.com

## SEWING SISTERS OF GRACE (ongoing - monthly)

[ages 13 and over]  
 Dates: 1st Saturday of each month  
 Time: 10AM-1PM  
 Location: Monroe Community Center  
 Fee: Free

For additional information contact Susan Clark at 434-384-1988  
 Facebook: www.FaceBook.com/SewingSistersOfGrace

## CHASING THE WOLF: PURSUIT OF THE INNER ARTIST

An afternoon committed to the discussion of art making and why we do it. Participants are encouraged to bring along previously rendered artwork. There is no off limits regarding medium or genre. Work will be critiqued with emphasis on improving technique - composition, tonal values, color will all be covered. This is a workshop encouraging the artist within at whatever level to feel confident in their pursuit of their creative self.

Date: Saturday, February 25th  
 Location: Monroe Community Center  
 Time: Noon-3PM  
 Fee: \$25/Amherst Art Society member  
 \$30/non-member

Instructor: Inez Berinson-Blanks  
 Space is limited- Pre-registration necessary by February 18th. Make check payable to Amherst Art Society. For further information call instructor at 202-415-9496 or e-mail zentra405@hotmail.com



## 2017 MADISON HEIGHTS YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Opening Day is Saturday, April 22nd. For more information about this league call the complex at 434-845-5367 or visit www.MHYBA.com.

## 2017 FALL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages: 4 1/2 - 14 year olds  
 Fee: TBA  
 Register: Beginning May 1st at Recreation Office  
 Mon - Fri, 9AM - 4:30PM  
 or online at www.countyofamherst.com

Season Dates: August - October

Proof of age required for new players.

## Senior Adult Programming

From senior centers, wellness activities, and special programs, there is sure to be something of interest for the seasoned citizens of our community!

## SEASONED CITIZEN'S CENTERS

Currently, there are two center sites in Amherst County. The schedule of activities varies greatly, including table and card games, covered dish lunches, arts and crafts, local shopping and sight-seeing trips, nutrition specialists, health screenings, and an assortment of other special events. Call the Recreation Department for a monthly calendar. Get involved! Bring your friends and make new ones!

### NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: US 29, Madison Heights  
 Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays  
 Time: 10AM - 2PM

### SECOND STAGE

Location: Second St, Amherst  
 Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 Time: 10AM - 2PM

## AEROBICS FOR SENIORS (6 week sessions)

This class is designed for senior adults who want to improve their muscle tone, flexibility and improve blood circulation. Light aerobics and stretching.

Supplies needed: Mat or Towel  
 Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays  
 Sessions Begin: February 13th, March 27th, May 1st, July 24th  
 Time: 9:30 - 10:30AM  
 Location: Coolwell Community Center  
 Fee: \$30/person/session  
 Instructor: Doris Lloyd  
 Register: On Site or call 434-946-9371

## PICKLEBALL

The Amherst County Recreation & Parks Department is in the process of organizing Pickleball in Amherst County. What is "Pickelball"? Pickleball is a fun, easy-to-learn racket sport. It's less running and less risk of injury for the players. It's easier on the joints, so pickleball attracts many ex-tennis or racquetball players that used to play tennis or badminton as a kid.

Location: Sweet Briar College  
 Other details are being worked out. If you are interested in this game, call the Recreation & Parks Department at 434-946-9371

## BINGO BINGE

Come join the fun and get caught up in the exhilaration of waiting to be the first to call that little 5 letter word.... BINGO! Participants should bring a bag lunch.

Dates: Thursdays  
 Time: 11:30AM - 1:30PM  
 Location: Monroe Community Center  
 Fee: FREE

For additional information call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371

## BLAZIN' BINGO

Sponsored in part by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church - Refreshments for everyone and prizes for the winners!

Date: Wednesdays (ongoing)  
 Time: 9:30-11AM  
 Location: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
 322 South Main Street; Amherst, VA

Fee: FREE  
 For additional information call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371

## Wanted

Do you garden, carve, build or construct, paint, sculpt, play music, collect, travel, or have a special interest or talent? If you would be willing to share these talents with senior adults at the county's senior centers, please call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371.

## SOCIALS FOR SENIORS!

An extraordinarily popular event is back again this year! Senior citizens are invited to attend these FREE monthly socials where socializing, food and entertainment are in store!

Dates: Mondays, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>,  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Location: Madison Heights Community Center

Time: 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Fee: FREE

Registration is required; deadline is 1 week in advance.  
Call 434-946-9371.

## AARP SMART DRIVERS COURSE (2 days)

This program is designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. It is an eight hour refresher course to help aging drivers understand normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time, and it provides practical techniques to compensate for these changes. The course includes the problems of aggressive driving, car crime, driving distractions, a video and much more. Successful completion of course qualifies students for a discount on car insurance.

Date: Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> &  
Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (both days)

Time: 9AM- 1PM

Location: Monroe Community Center

Fee: \$15/person/member

\$20/person/non-member

Registration: 434-946-9371

## Special Events

### PHOTO CONTEST!

The County is seeking photos of scenic spots in the county for tourism marketing purposes. Grab your camera and go explore our beautiful county while taking some pictures that may appear in future magazines, tabloids, and brochures, county web site, etc! Photographers submitting a photo used for marketing purposes will receive a county ornament. Call the Recreation & Parks Department for further details.

### FRANK PADGETT: A JAMES RIVER HERO

Hear about the tragedy of 21 January 1854 from an eyewitness and learn about those involved, both passengers and rescuers. It's a story which could be a great play. How has the story evolved from another perspective? Join researcher and architectural historian Sandi Esposito as she tells the story of Frank Padgett and the community of people working together to save those who were the victims and honor the bravery of all. Light refreshments will be served. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:30PM

Location: Amherst Historical Museum

For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## THE SPIRIT OF SWEET BRIAR

Join Amherst County Attorney Ellen Bowyer and photographer Becky Johnson Lambert to hear the story of saving Sweet Briar College when to everyone's mortification and heartbreak the announcement was made on March 3rd two years ago that the Board of Directors had voted to close the College. Light refreshments will be served. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Sunday, March 5th

Time: 2:30PM

Location: Amherst Historical Museum

For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## PATRIOT PINN'S PEARL

Dr. Horace Rice will talk on his book, a historical fiction account that chronicles the lives of the Cherokee and Wiccocomico Native Americans, focusing in on the Revolutionary War era. He will provide information about the UCITOV -- The United Cherokee IndianTribe of Virginia. Pearl is a "symbol of suffering. Just as an oyster suffers and forms a pearl, the UCITOV people have suffered (invasion, dispersion, forced indentured servitude, Indian slavery, and paper genocide." The program will be held at Second Street with light refreshments to follow the program. Dr. Rice will be available to sign his book. Program is in partnership with Second Street and is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:30PM

Location: Amherst Historical Museum

For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)



## ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Bring the family and come join in this traditional fun-filled event. This year's hunt will begin promptly at 1PM. Weather permitting, this is also a good chance for a family picnic or to do a little fishing... Don't forget to bring a bag or basket for collecting the eggs! This event is free! Candy Hunt is limited to youth in 5th grade and under.

Date: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:45-1:45PM

Location: Thrasher's Lake Park

For further information, call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371

## AMHERST HONEY BEE FESTIVAL, 2017

Featuring pancake breakfast, kid zone, Mr. & Miss Honey Bee Pageant, Honey Bee parade, touch-a-truck; live entertainment young entrepreneur showcase, beekeeping information, craft fair, gardening tips and classes; live bee hive, great festival food, farmer's market, car bash and more!

Date: TBD

Location: Amherst County High School

For more information, visit [www.amhersthoneybeefestival.org](http://www.amhersthoneybeefestival.org)



## ANNUAL PINEY RIVER MINI-TRIATHLON

On the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail - ALL AGES!

Date: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: Check in 9-10:30AM

Race Start 11:30AM

Fee: \$20/participant, \$35/team of 2,

\$45/team of 3-4, \$45/family

Start- Roses Mill Trailhead

Finish- Piney River Trailhead

Solo- Youth, Male, & Female

Team- All Male, All Female, Coed

Short Race... Long on Fun. Race solo or as a team of 2-4 people. Run 1.5m, paddle .75m & bike 2.5m. Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each class. For information call the Nelson County Parks & Rec Department at 434-263-7130 or visit [www.NelsonCountyVA.org](http://www.NelsonCountyVA.org). Pre-registration is recommended but not required.

## 7TH ANNUAL IRON 5K RUN/WALK

Join us for the 7th annual IRON 5K run/walk from Amherst County High School through the scenic small town of Amherst, Virginia. This event will benefit students in Central Virginia Public Schools by providing funds for our program's student focused activities. Even if you are not participating in the event, come celebrate with the community in Lancer stadium at Amherst County High School. Donations are welcome and spectators can purchase an IRON T-shirt \$15.

Date: Sunday, April 9th

Time: Feet start moving at 3PM

Location: Amherst County High School track;

139 Lancer Lane, Amherst, VA

Fee: \$20 by 3/12, \$25 after 3/12,

\$30 on race day

For additional information and to register go to [www.ironlives.com](http://www.ironlives.com)

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD April 24-28

Join the Recreation & Parks Department in celebrating the Week of the Young Child for Preschools and Child Care Providers. Celebrate Week of the Young Child at your program or at home!

**Suggested Themes (from NAEYC):**

- Music Monday! Sing, dance, celebrate and learn.
- Tasty Tuesday – a food-themed day. Healthy eating and fitness and home and school
- Work Together Wednesday – work together, build together, learn together
- Artsy Thursday - think, problem solve, create
- Family Friday - sharing family stories

For more information: [www.naeyc.org/woyc](http://www.naeyc.org/woyc)

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 9-15

Theme: "Libraries Transform"

Watch for special activities at the two Amherst County Public Library Locations.

**Virginia Shakespeare Initiative**

Libraries, museums, universities, and cultural organizations commemorate the 400th anniversaries of the death of William Shakespeare (April 23) with special activities. The Amherst County Public Library and AGAR (Amherst Glebe Arts Response) will be teaming up for a special event. Watch for details.

### June 12-August 4

Summer Reading Programs for all ages, birth through adult. More details to follow.

For further details and information, call the Amherst Public Library at 434-946-9389 or visit [www.acpl.us](http://www.acpl.us)

## AMHERST CRUISE-IN

Take a walk down scenic historic streets, browse local businesses, view classic cars and trucks and enjoy live music!

Date: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 5- 8PM

Where: Court Street in historic downtown Amherst

Fees: Free

For more information, call the Amherst Co Chamber of Commerce at 434-946-0990 or visit [www.amherstvachamber.com](http://www.amherstvachamber.com)



## JAMES RIVER STATE PARK EVENTS

2017 Adventures on the James - Adventure Triathlon  
Date: April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Register: [www.VirginiaOffRoadSeries.com](http://www.VirginiaOffRoadSeries.com)  
Come to JRSP for the day, a few days or a week!  
Camping, boating, trails & fun programs for you & your family  
434-933-8527 or [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/james-river](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/james-river)

## 10TH ANNUAL GARDEN FEST

sponsored by **The Village Garden Club of Amherst**

Plants, Bake Sale, Garden Boutique, Raffle  
Date: Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 8AM - 1PM  
Location: Amherst County Historical Museum;  
Hamble Center, 154 South Main Street

For additional information,  
call Joyce Hoffmann at 434-258-3239



## RABIES SHOT CLINIC

The Humane Society of Amherst County holds a shot clinic twice a year on the first Saturday of May and November. Rabies and distemper shots for cats and dogs are provided.

Dates: May 6<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$7 each  
Where: 318 Shelter Lane, Amherst

For more information, call 434-946-2340  
or visit [www.amherstanimalshelter.org](http://www.amherstanimalshelter.org)

## Amherst Co Chamber of Commerce's 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS APPRECIATION AWARDS DINNER

Date: Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30PM - Social Hour  
6:30PM - Dinner & Program  
Where: Sweet Briar College, Prothro Dining Hall  
Fees: \$40/ person  
Contact Amherst Co Chamber of Commerce at 434-946-0990



## MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC

Pack a picnic and take your mother out to enjoy a picnic at one of the county parks! DON'T FORGET THE CAMERA!  
Date: Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Time: Anytime during park hours  
Location: Coolwell Park, Riveredge Park, Monacan Park, Thrashers Lake Park, Stonehouse Lake Park, or Mill Creek Lake Park

## BARBEQUE AND BINGO

Date: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30PM  
Fee: TBA  
Location: Amherst Historical Museum  
For more info, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## THE DEPOTS OF AMHERST COUNTY

Using the Frank Cash glass negatives of 1895-1915, will give a look at the depots in the County. We all know the fate of the Amherst Depot as it becomes the County's Visitor Center and office space this year, but what has become of the other depots? Light refreshments. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 2:30PM  
Location: Amherst Historical Museum  
For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## 24TH ANNUAL MONACAN POWWOW

Spend the weekend visiting with some of the finest Native American crafts people and artists from the United States and Canada. All art and crafts are for sale. A time filled with native drums and dancers in full regalia. Share a spirit of community not often found. Treat yourself and your family to a unique opportunity. Route 130, 6 miles west of State Highway 29 in Elon, Virginia. Come rain or shine, and bring your lawn chairs. This is a family event; no drugs, alcohol or pets permitted.

The Monacan Indian Nation is recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
Dates: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Time: Grounds open daily @ 10AM,  
Saturday grounds close at 9PM  
following dancing around the bonfire,  
Sunday grounds close at 6PM  
Fee: Adults: \$8, Seniors and Children 6-12: \$6,  
Children 5 & under: free  
For more information visit [www.monacannation.org](http://www.monacannation.org)

## 21ST NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Bring your entire family out to enjoy any one of Amherst County's popular hiking/biking trails!  
Date: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

## SECOND STAGE FARMERS' MARKET, 2017

Summer Farmers' Market, sponsored by Second Stage, will be back again this summer. Located at 194 Second Street, at the corner of 2nd and Washington Streets in downtown Amherst. For details and calendar, visit [www.secondstageamherst.org](http://www.secondstageamherst.org)



## AMHERST COUNTY BATTEAU DAY

Honoring Benjamin and Anthony Rucker, inventors of the James River Batteau. Join the celebration which includes the unveiling of historic markers pertaining to the Rucker brothers and the batteau, living history interpreters including the Rucker brothers, a blacksmith, period musicians, activities for families, and food vendors.

Location: Riveredge Park  
Date: Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10AM - 4PM

For more information contact the Amherst County Museum and Historical Society at 434-946-9068, or Amherst County Parks and Recreation at 434-946-9371. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

## "BRIDGE BURNER"

Author Michael Rucker will tell the story of his civil war ancestor Dr. William Parks Rucker, whom he heard his family refer to as the "black sheep" in the family when he was a child. Thus began an eight year search on Dr. Rucker resulting in the book *Bridge Burner: The Full and Factual Story of Dr. William Parks Rucker; Slave-owning Union Partisan*. Light refreshments. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 2:30PM  
Location: Amherst Historical Museum  
For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## JAMMIN' ON THE JAMES

Bring the family and friends to Riveredge Park on the third Saturdays of the summer months to enjoy some musical entertainment along the James River. Details will be forthcoming.

Dates: Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> & August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Riveredge Park; 140 Rocky Hill Road,  
Madison Heights  
Time: 5:30-8PM

Sponsored by Recreation & Parks Dept, Amherst County Habitat for Humanity, and My Guitar Shop. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371

## 32ND ANNUAL JAMES RIVER BATTEAU FESTIVAL

Dates: Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-festival events on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Bateau launch from Percival Island at 11am on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information and details visit [www.batteau.org](http://www.batteau.org)

## FATHER'S DAY PICNIC

Pack a picnic and take your father out to enjoy a picnic at one of the county parks! Do a little fishing along the river or at one of the lakes. DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!  
Date: Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: Anytime during park hours  
Location: Coolwell Park, Riveredge Park, Monacan Park, Thrashers Lake Park, Stonehouse Lake Park, or Mill Creek Lake Park

## 9TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA SUMMER SOLSTICE WINE FESTIVAL

Celebrate local wines, foods, and arts and crafts.  
Date: Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Lazy Days Winery  
1351 N. Amherst Highway, Amherst  
Times: Saturday - 11AM - 7PM  
Ticket prices: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate,  
children 12 & under free

For more information call 434- 381-6088  
or go to [www.lazydayswinery.com](http://www.lazydayswinery.com)



## 4-H CAMP

Ages: 9-13 years old  
Dates: July 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>  
For additional information, call 434-946-9365

## COLONIAL DAY

Step back in time to learn about colonial education, trades, entertainment and agricultural pursuits. Colonial games, music, Revolution War encampment, quill pen writing, flax breaking, spinning, and more. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10AM – 4PM

Location: Amherst Historical Museum

For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT 100 YEAR CELEBRATION & CRUISE-IN

The Amherst Fire Department turns 100 years in 2017! The community wants to recognize and celebrate this with a festival in the heart of the town which will include, along with a CRUISE-IN, bands and food and a variety of activities and other vendors! So mark your calendars:

Date: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Town of Amherst

Time: 3-9PM

For additional information, call the Amherst Town Hall at 434-946-7885

## AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT: The First One Hundred Years.

Fred Loving, Archivist for the Amherst Fire Department, tells the story of the first 100 years, starting with March 1917 as fire, driven by high winds, threatened the Town of Amherst. Light refreshments. Program is made possible by funding from The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust.

Date: Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 2:30PM

Location: Amherst Historical Museum

For additional information, call the Amherst County Historical Museum at 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

## 2017 THEME PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Amherst County Recreation and Parks Department will be offering discount tickets to Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens, Water Country, & Williamsburg for the 2017 season. These tickets will be available for individual and group sales.

Planning ahead for your theme park get-away enables you to take advantage of significant savings offered in special promotions. **For additional information, call the Recreation & Parks Department at 434-946-9371 or visit [www.countyofamherst.com](http://www.countyofamherst.com).**

# County Parks & Community Centers

Amherst County is known and popular for its scenic beauty and natural settings. There are a variety of parks within the county offering a tremendous amount of HELP to those who use them: **Health, Enjoyment, Leisure, and Pleasure** are the benefits for those seeking such and discovering and exploring the AMHERST OUTDOORS!

The county maintains several parks in very attractive settings throughout the county. Some are on the historic James River and some are at the foot of the fabulous Blue Ridge Mountains. Pack a picnic, round up the family, gather up the fishing gear, DON'T FORGET THE CAMERA and get out to visit each park and determine which park is the family favorite!

**County park hours are one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset. Please note that county code stipulates that consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on all county property.**

## MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER

**129 Francis Ave., Monroe, VA**

In July, 2015, the Amherst County Recreation & Parks Department found a new home in the former Monroe Alternative School, and built as an elementary school in 1935. There are lots of memories and stories associated with the building! Now there are an assortment of programs and activities scheduled at the center as listed in this tabloid. For additional information, visit [www.countyofamherst.com](http://www.countyofamherst.com).

## COOLWELL PARK, COMMUNITY CENTER & OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER

**646 N. Coolwell Road, Amherst, VA**

Located on Coolwell Road, south of the Town of Amherst, this recreational park has a picnic area with grills, a picnic shelter, a play area for children, restrooms, lighted all-purpose fields (soccer, football, and softball), outdoor basketball courts, a nature trail and an outdoor amphitheater. The community center located in the park is available to civic organizations and school groups on a reservation basis. It is also available for rent to private individuals on a reservation (rental fee) basis. For additional information call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371.

## MONACAN PARK

**159 Monacan Park Road, Madison Heights, VA**

This park is located on the scenic and historic James River. The park offers a boat ramp and boat dock for access to the river, fishing benches, a covered picnic pavilion and picnic area, a play area for children and restroom facilities. It is located in the Elon area of the county.

**Directions:** take Rt. 130 W. to Elon. Turn left on Monacan Park Rd. The park is located at the end of the Monacan Park Road.

## RIVEREDGE PARK & COMMUNITY CENTER

**150 Rocky Hill Road, Madison Heights, VA**

Located at the base of Rocky Hill Road, on the James River, directly across from Downtown Lynchburg, this park, which overlooks the James River Fountain, offers boat and fishing access to the James River, as well as a walking trail along the river edge. The community center located in the park is available to civic organizations and school groups on a reservation basis. It is also available for rent to private individuals on a reservation (rental fee) basis.

For additional information call the Recreation Department at 434-946-9371.

## MILL CREEK LAKE PARK

**238 Mill Creek Lake Road, Amherst, VA**

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park is considered by many residents to be the most scenic with a clear view of Mt. Pleasant and is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. (See more information about this at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov))

This park is also extremely popular with the fishermen! It rests on a 190 acre watershed lake that is open for fishing only (no swimming). No gasoline powered boats allowed. The park consists of a boat ramp, picnic tables and grills, play area for children and restroom facilities.

**Directions:** turn onto Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 west. Turn right on Rt. 610. Follow the signs.

## STONEHOUSE LAKE PARK

**294 Stonehouse Lake Road, Amherst, VA**

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park rests on a beautiful 41 acre watershed lake and is open for fishing only (no swimming). This park is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. (See more information about this at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov))

There is a boat ramp providing access into the lake (no gasoline powered boats allowed). A covered picnic pavilion, picnic tables and grills, a play area for children and restroom facilities makes this park an attractive setting for family/group picnics and activities.

**Directions:** turn on Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 W. Turn left onto Rt. 610. Follow the signs.

## THRASHERS LAKE PARK

**223 Thrashers Lake Road, Amherst, VA**

Located in the Temperance area of the county, this park rests on an attractive 36 acre watershed lake open for fishing only (no swimming). This park is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. (See more information about this at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov))

It consists of a boat ramp (no gasoline powered boats allowed), picnic tables and grills, a play area for children and restroom facilities.

**Directions:** turn onto Rt. 778 off of Rt. 60 W. Turn left on Rt 610. Follow the signs.

## NIGHT FISHING LICENSES

for night-time fishing at the county lakes are available for purchase at the Recreation Department: 214 Second Street, Amherst. Current VA fishing license is necessary.

Fee: \$10/county resident  
\$15/non-county resident

## Trails

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There are several trails throughout the county. Some are on the historic James River and some are at the foot of the fabulous Blue Ridge Mountains and some are IN the fabulous Blue Ridge Mountains! Gather up the family, load up the bikes or put on the hiking boots, DON'T FORGET THE CAMERA and get out on a trail. You don't have to travel very far to get to one!

## JAMES RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL

This blacktop hiking/biking trail is part of the Peaks of Otter Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail (see more information about this at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov)) and has two access points. One is from Percival Island Natural Area. The trail extends from Lynchburg's Blackwater Creek Trail, crossing the railroad trestle onto Percival Isle from Lynchburg. It traverses the island for about one mile along an old railroad bed. The trail continues across the James River on another trestle, and continues along the James River in Amherst County for another 1½ miles. This is a beautiful scenic walk or bike ride through an historical area. The trail is also accessible in Amherst County at the end of Fertilizer Road (enter via the Central Virginia Training School).

**Be sure to explore the exhibit VIRGINIA ROCKS at the JRHT trailhead at the base of Fertilizer Road. This was an Eagle Scout Project completed in March 2009 by Draper Lee of Troop 29 BSA.**



## RIVEREDGE PARK TRAIL

In keeping with the county vision to create a trail extending from Riveredge Park to the James River Heritage Trail, another portion of hiking/biking trail has been completed at Riveredge Park that now extends along the James River bank beyond the Carter Glass Bridge.

## VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY TRAIL

Recently declared a "Virginia Treasure" by Governor Terry McAuliffe, this trail is idyllically located in the rolling Virginia countryside and follows the banks of the Piney and Tye Rivers along the path of the longest running, commercially successful short-line railway in America. It is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. (See more information about this at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov))

This trail provides a perfect opportunity to relive the historically significant events that developed and changed Amherst and Nelson Counties. Recent additions to this trail are a covered bridge, a caboose (original to the VBRR and under refurbishment), and a restored weigh station. The two access points are located at Piney River and Roses Mill.



## BROTHER BASIL NATURE TRAIL

This ¼ mile trail is located behind the outdoor amphitheater at Coolwell Park. Go exploring and check it out!

## APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Approximately 25 miles of this trail passes through Amherst County from the Nelson County line to the James River, crossing over the James River Foot Bridge into Bedford County. There are many beautiful and scenic trails that run through the mountains of the county.

Enjoy the sights from Mt. Pleasant, Cole Mountain, Tar Jacket, and Rocky Row Run, just to name a few.



## HENRY LANUM MEMORIAL TRAIL

Located in the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area, this 4.8 mile loop leads to the 4,071 foot summit of Mount Pleasant with panoramic 360 degree views high atop Amherst County!

## OLD HOTEL TRAIL

A 5-mile loop, when combined with the Appalachian Trail, across the meadows on the summit of Cole Mountain with fantastic views of the Amherst foothills and the western valley.

## VIRGINIA BIRDING & WILDLIFE TRAIL

From the Atlantic Ocean of Virginia's eastern border, to the towering Mt. Rogers at its southwest corner, the Commonwealth includes every bird and animal habitat that occurs naturally between Maine and Florida. Virginia also offers a long history, rich culture, and tradition of warm hospitality to welcome visitors.

Within Virginia's 43,000 square miles of diverse natural habitat, you can find some 400 species of birds, 250 species of fish, 150 species of terrestrial and marine animals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, and a wide variety of aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates. The Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail celebrates this diversity. In fact, it is the first statewide program of its kind in the United States.

All three phases of the trail link wildlife viewing sites throughout the state have been completed: The Coastal, Piedmont, and Mountain Phases. Amherst County has several trail loops listed in the Mountain Phase trail system. The Peaks of Otter Loop includes the James River Heritage Trail along the southern border of the county. The Sleeping Giant Loop includes the Mt. Pleasant Scenic Area, Mill Creek Lake, Stonehouse Lake, Thrashers Lake, as well as the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail.

**For further information or for a map of one of the three phases, visit the Amherst County Recreation Dept or contact the Virginia Tourism Corporation at 1-800-VISITVA or visit [www.dgif.state.va.us](http://www.dgif.state.va.us).**

## SOUTH PEDLAR ATV TRAIL SYSTEM

The Terrapin and Rattlesnake trailhead parking lots are posted along Rt. 130.

For more information contact the Glenwood /Pedlar Ranger District of the National Forest Service @ 540-291-2188.

For an Amherst County Parks & Trails Guide, visit [www.countyofamherst.com](http://www.countyofamherst.com)

For a calendar of hikes sponsored by the Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club, visit [www.nbatc.org](http://www.nbatc.org)

## Scenic Areas

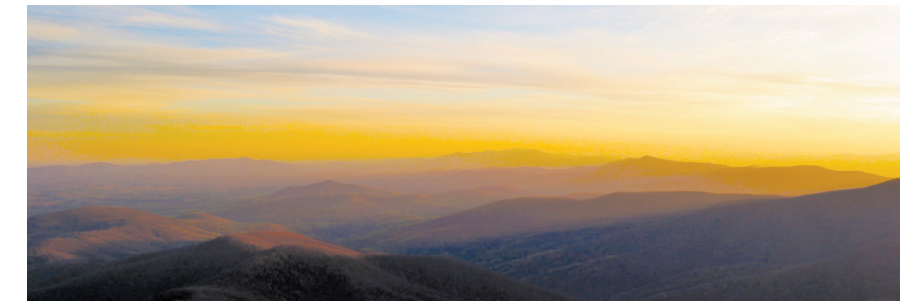
Amherst County has been promoted as "Virginia's Most Civilized Wilderness". Part of the rationale for this 'Claim to Fame' is that nearly 1/3 of Amherst County (NW) is located in the GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST. Hunting, camping, hiking, nature and wildlife watching enthusiasts enjoy the benefits of the GWNF in Amherst County. Scenic view sheds, overlooks, waterfalls, and more- it's all here!

For additional information, visit [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us).

## BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Outstanding scenery and recreational opportunities make the Blue Ridge Parkway one of the most popular units of the National Park System. "America's Favorite Drive" winds its way 469 miles through mountain meadows and past seemingly endless vistas. Split-rail fences, old farmsteads and historic structures complement spectacular views of distant mountains and neighboring valleys." Access to the Blue Ridge Parkway in Amherst County is on Rt. 60 and Rt. 130/501.

For more information, visit [www.blueridgeparkway.org](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org)



## MOUNT PLEASANT NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

Located in the Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts of Amherst County, this 7,580 acre area is part of the George Washington National Forest and is accessible by Route 60 West. It is part of the Sleeping Giant Loop on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. (See more information about this at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov))

Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area offers excellent opportunities for solitude and serenity and is very popular for various forms of recreation including hiking, hunting, and fishing. The core of the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area is remote in appearance. Motor vehicles are permitted only on open roads. For additional information, visit [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us).



## Camping

### LYNCHBURG NW / BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY KOA

A family campground in the Blue Ridge Mountains, full of fun and activities including swimming, ATV trail, special events; along with a camp store and gift shop and much more. 6252 Elon Road; Monroe, VA. (Rt. 130 west of Elon and a mile east of the Blue Ridge Parkway.)

For more information, call 434-299-5228 or visit [www.koa.com/campgrounds/lynchburg](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/lynchburg)

## Horse Back Riding

Amherst County is rich in outdoor beauty! From the mountain tops to the valleys, there are breathtaking views. What better way to experience those views than on horseback. There are several options in Amherst County for boarding horses and taking lessons.

### COUNTRY MEADOW FARMS

located at 162 Buffalo Ridge Rd; Amherst. visit [www.equestrianpassion.com](http://www.equestrianpassion.com) or call 540-817-5982

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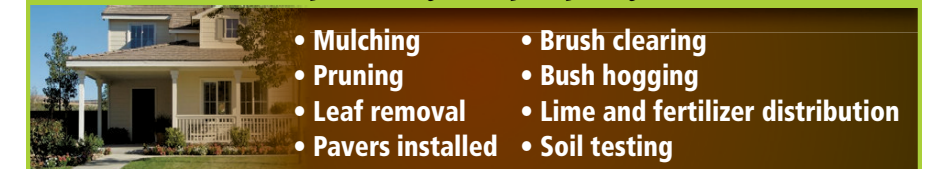
located at 378 Alcock Rd; Amherst. visit [www.royaldelightstables.com](http://www.royaldelightstables.com) or call 434-660-6979

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## Other Points of Interest in Amherst County

### AMHERST COUNTY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open Tuesdays through Saturdays and located at 154 South Main Street, Amherst, the mission of the ACMHS is to discover, collect and preserve objects related to the history and genealogy of Amherst County. For additional information call 434-946-9068 or visit [www.amherstcountymuseum.org](http://www.amherstcountymuseum.org)

### MONACAN INDIAN MUSEUM

Open Tuesdays through Saturdays and located at 2009 Kenmore Road, Amherst, the Monacan Ancestral Museum is staffed and operated by volunteers within the tribe, committed to preserving the rich legacy of the Monacan tribe's history and culture.

### SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE FINE ARTS GALLERY

See noteworthy traveling exhibitions, innovative student works, and pieces from the college's extensive collection. For more information, visit [www.sbc.edu](http://www.sbc.edu)

### REBEC VINEYARD

Rebec is a working vineyard with on-premises shop offering tastings, gifts, and a full selection of the vineyard's wines. It



commands an expansive view of the Blue Ridge Mountains and is located on Mountain View Farm- a historic farm listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as a Virginia landmark. 2229 N. Amherst Highway (5 miles north of Amherst). Call 434-946-5168 or visit [www.rebecwinery.com](http://www.rebecwinery.com)

### ANKIDA RIDGE VINERYARDS

Far away from the cities on a steep eastern slope of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, sets a little vineyard. The views are majestic and the mountain air is clean and fragrant with seasonal perfumes that are infused into the grapes themselves. Located at 1302 Franklin Creek Road, Amherst. Call 434-922-7678 or visit [www.ankidaridge.com](http://www.ankidaridge.com).

### LAZY DAYS VINEYARD

The Lazy Days Vineyard & Winery offers a broad spectacular view of the natural beauty of Virginia from its location at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Close to both Charlottesville and Lynchburg, it's easy to reach Lazy Days and enjoy their Virginia Wines. 1351 N. Amherst Hwy, Amherst, VA. Call 434- 381-6088 or visit [www.lazydayswinery.com](http://www.lazydayswinery.com)



### LOOSE SHOE BREWERY

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Mailing address: 1270 Thrashers Creek Rd.  
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### POPLAR GROVE GOLF COURSE

Poplar Grove Golf Club is the final design of golf legend Sam Snead. Teaming up with Ed Carton, formerly of the Tom Fazio design group, Sam Snead's final design effort reflects a culmination of a lifetime in championship golf. 129 Tavern Lane; Amherst, VA. Call 434-946-9933

### SHADOW RIDGE GOLF COURSE

The 9-hole "Shadow Ridge" course at the Shadow Ridge Golf Club facility in Amherst, Virginia features all the hallmarks of Virginia golf. Designed by Chuck Sales, the Shadow Ridge golf course opened in 1993. Located at 361 Pierces Mill Rd Amherst, VA 24521. 434-946-2008, [www.tinyurl.com/shadowridgegolf](http://www.tinyurl.com/shadowridgegolf)

### WINTON COUNTRY CLUB

Winton has been an important part of the rich history and the proud traditions of central Virginia for decades. Winton is located three miles north of the town of Amherst within the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. When you are there, you will feel worlds away from the hustle and bustle, but you are, in fact, only a short distance from Lynchburg and Charlottesville. Winton's 18-hole championship golf course is recognized as one of the finest courses in Virginia and it has the added bonus of having no surrounding residences, which is becoming more and more unique. Winton also boasts a junior Olympic swimming pool and on-site restaurant as well as a banquet facility and the historic Sarah Henry Manor, which predates the Revolutionary War.



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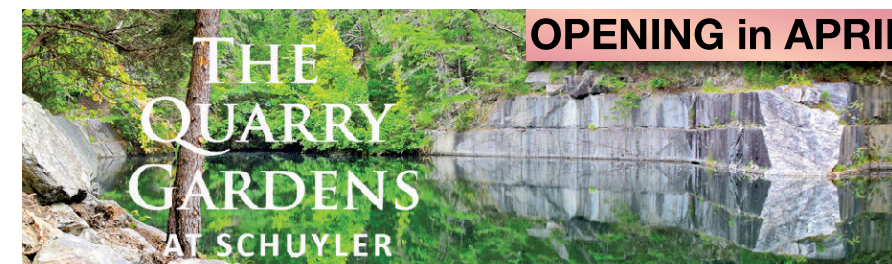
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To see what the gardens are all about, visit our web page at [QuarryGardensAtSchuyler.org](http://QuarryGardensAtSchuyler.org)

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## AMHERST COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

**Office Location:** Monroe Community Center  
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**Mailing Address:** 214 Second Street  
PO Box 556  
Amherst, VA 24521

**Office Hours:**  
Mondays – Fridays  
8:30AM – 5PM

**Office Number:** (434) 946-9371  
**FAX Number:** (434) 946-9370  
**E-Mail:** slchristian@countyofamherst.com  
**Web Site:** www.countyofamherst.com

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**District 1:** Stevie Angus (434)907-2348  
**District 2:** Roni Tuggle (434)946-2516  
**District 3:** Christy Kreuziger (434)942-7127  
**District 4:** JoJo Allcock (434)929-4029  
**District 5:** John Mann (434)929-1508

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board (ACPRCD Board) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:45pm in the Monroe Community Center to review budget, activities, and discuss the future of leisure services in Amherst County. These meetings are open to the public. Individuals and groups are welcome and encouraged to bring matters concerning recreation and parks in the county to these meetings. In order to get on the agenda, please call the Recreation Department at least three weeks prior to a scheduled meeting date.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION:** Unless otherwise noted, pre-registration is necessary and will be done on a first-come-first serve basis. Registration for classes may be done by telephone, e-mail, or coming by the Recreation office. Registration for sports leagues must be done in person.

**FEES:** Unless specified, all fees must be paid prior to the day of the activity. Make checks payable to the Amherst County Recreation Department. Your payment will confirm your registration.

**LATE CHARGE:** A late fee will be charged for registrations accepted after a specified registration deadline.

## AMHERST LAWN & GARDEN

**REFUNDS:** You may request a refund provided you give a 24 hour notice prior to the activity beginning. Refunds are also given when insufficient enrollment cancels the activity.

**CANCELLATIONS:** The Amherst County Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel a program due to insufficient registration or to make late changes. All registrants will be notified of these changes.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER & POSTPONEMENTS:** All class/activities are cancelled for the day when schools are closed due to inclement weather. In the event schools close early, the Recreation Department will make a decision for that program for the evening. Announcements will be made on the Recreation Department's cancellation line: 434-946-9371.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS & SMOKING:** are strictly prohibited at the recreation programs and on county grounds.

**For further information, call the Amherst County Recreation Department at 434-946-9371 between 8:30AM and 5PM, Mondays – Fridays.**

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### Our Table

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### 2nd St. Farmers' Market

Our popular Thursday afternoon market will return to our shady parking lot in the spring. Local farmers, bakers, cooks and artisans offer their goods. Exact dates TBA.  
May to September



### Summer Stage 2017

We'll host our second summer arts camp for young adults, ages 6-14. This year's camp will feature songwriting and visual arts.  
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### Discover classes at Second Stage ...

Guitar & banjo, yoga & drumming, art workshops & classes for kids & adults. You can find more info on our website @ [Events > Classes and Workshops](#).



[www.SecondStageAmherst.org](http://www.SecondStageAmherst.org)