

## TOWN OF BOYKINS

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### Town Office Hours

M- T- T – F: 9am – 5pm  
Closed Wednesdays

**Mayor** – Jackie Robertson

**Town Clerk** – Victoria Edwards

**Police** – Sgt. George Brozzo  
757-556-2709

### Important Dates

April 15 – Glow in the Dark Egg  
Hunt

April 16 – Egg Hunt

May 15 – Memorial Service

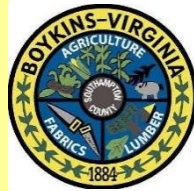
May 30 – Memorial Day

### Blue Bin Pick-up

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>



# BOYKINS BITS AND BITES

## AMERICAN RED CROSS HERO

SHELLY ROBERTSON

Mayor Robertson is a strong advocate for the blood donation cause. On January 11, 2022, Mayor Jackie Robertson was awarded a 6-gallon pin for his 40<sup>th</sup> pint of blood donated to the American Red Cross. Mayor Robertson's donations help the general population and are most helpful to the sector of the population that suffers from sickle cell anemia disease. When the question comes to you about donating blood, dig deep before you answer.



## REMEMBERING JERRY RICE

VICTORIA EDWARDS, CLERK

Boykins was very fortunate to have Jerry Rice serving the community as Councilman and later as Vice Mayor. When the town was suffering without a Public Works Supervisor, he took up the mantle. He worked to make sure the Mayor had one less thing to worry about when he could - despite it cutting into his fishing time. His presence and humor are greatly missed.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

VICTORIA EDWARDS

Council approved the Cemetery Committees request to have a memorial service May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Beechwood Cemetery this year. The once annual service was cancelled due to Covid-19 in 2020 and 2021. The Cemetery Committee will be remembering all who have passed since the May 2019 service.

Please remove all seasonal decorations from Beechwood by the end of the month. All Christmas decorations will be removed at the end of March and placed behind the town office. They will remain behind the office for two weeks before being discarded. All Easter decorations will be removed at the end of April and remain behind the town office for two weeks before being discarded.

**NEED a BROOM?**

The Lion's Club brooms are available to purchase for \$12 - \$20. Contact Linda Beatty or any Lion's Club Member to purchase.

**Important Numbers****Emergency – Dial 911**

Boykins Fire & Rescue

(757) 654-6660

Southampton Sheriff

(757) 653-2100

Southampton Utilities

(757) 653-3015

Post Office

757-654-6371

CSX

1-800-232-0144

NC & VA Railroad

1-800-800-3490

Southampton Health Dept.

(757) 653-3040

Southampton Memorial

(757) 569-6100

## MEET THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR

VICTORIA EDWARDS

Justin Merchant started his position as Public Works Supervisor in February. He quickly completed ongoing maintenance tasks right away. Garbage pickup and yard debris is already back on its regular schedule. Please remember to bag leaves and pine straw to be picked up Tuesday. Loose garbage or leaves/straw will not be collected.

Justin is from Crewe, Virginia. He served in the United States Navy as an Electricians Mate. After retiring, he and his wife, Elizabeth, wanted to be back in a small town. He moved to Boykins at the end of last year with his wife and son.

## TOWN OF BOYKINS MURAL

VICTORIA EDWARDS

In a Facebook post on Boykins informed community group, Christopher Revels asked if there was any interest in a community project to paint a Town of Boykins mural. He is a talented artist and would coordinate workshops and use volunteers to get the project done. He shared that he would forego payment and wrote, "I am truly grateful for the values this town taught me and how beautifully green it is." Council wants to know if citizens are interested in helping. Please call or message me with your feedback. You may also reach out to Linda Beatty.

## COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTEE

VICTORIA EDWARDS, CLERK

At the March Town Council meeting the Council unanimously voted to appoint Dee Clary to fill the vacant Council seat created by the passing of Jerry Rice. She will serve as an appointee until the end of this term. Due to the recent changes in state statutes. Our elected officials' terms will end December 31<sup>st</sup> this year.

## UNITED ROAD TO HOPE RIDE

VICTORIA EDWARDS

Sgt Brozzo will represent Boykins Police Department, Town of Boykins, and Southampton County in the 2022 Law Enforcement United Road to Hope charity bike ride. This is his 4th year participating in this 3-day, 250 Mile Bicycle ride from Chesapeake to Washington DC. All monies raised will go to families and survivors of police officers across the country who have died in the line of duty. He must raise \$1500.00 to participate. If you are interested in donating, please go to his personal link (**listed below**). You can also contact him personally if you would like to give him your donation directly. Contact **Sgt. George Brozzo at 757-556-2709** or by calling the town office at 757-654-6361.

**[www.memberplanet.com/campaign/leunited/va2022/georgebrozzo](http://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/leunited/va2022/georgebrozzo)**

### Coard Foundation

has donation boxes located at various locations around Town for blessing box donations. Canned goods and hygiene items needed.

### CAPTAIN BOB'S LUNCHES

We will continue having **Captain Bob's** lunches on Main Street at the Highlight **every other Thursday** unless posted otherwise on Facebook or town bulletin board by the post office.

A portion of the proceeds from Captain Bob's lunches goes towards the town.

Send newsletter submissions for your organization to Victoria at the town office or email them to [boykins@townofboykinsva.com](mailto:boykins@townofboykinsva.com) with Newsletter Submission as the subject.

## ELECTION YEAR

VICTORIA EDWARDS, CLERK

Election year is upon us. Boykins Councilmembers and Mayor serve a two-year term. Recent changes in State Code have regulated that local elections no longer be held in May. They are to be included with the General Election in November. This change extends our current local officials' terms by 6 months. Instead of ending June 30, terms will end December 31<sup>st</sup>.



To run for mayor or council a candidate must reside within town limits. You may find these forms at the Town Office, registrar's office, or online. **Forms must be submitted by 7 pm on June 21, 2022** to the registrar located at 22361 Main Street, Courtland, VA 23837.

## PARKS & REC 2022

VICTORIA EDWARDS, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Parks & Rec Committee has lots of fun activities planned for this year. To make them happen we **NEED** volunteers. It takes a team to make the dream work!

The big event items approved by Council at the March meeting are as follows:

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt
- TBD – Touch-a-Truck (probably in July again)
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Fest
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Circle of Trees
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Parade

Again, we **NEED** volunteers. Most of the above events listed require assistance the day of. I understand that you do not want to be bogged down with boring planning meetings. The committee will handle the planning portion of everything.

Our first event is the Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt. This event is meant for tweens and teenagers. We would love to offer it for younger children but cannot do so unless we get volunteers to help chaperone. If you are interested in helping, please contact me as soon as possible.