



BLAND COUNTY

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BLAND COUNTY WELLNESS RESORT, EUPEPSIA, VOTED #2 BEST WELLNESS RESORT IN THE UNITED STATES

Bland County Business Eupepsia was recently recognized as the #2 Best Wellness Resort in the United States, according to USA Today Readers' Choice Awards.

According to the press release, the nominees for Best Wellness Resort were selected by a panel of travel and wellness experts with the winners decided through a popular vote. "This recognition is a testament of the professional service and dedication to quality exhibited at Eupepsia Wellness Resort," stated Eric Workman, County Administrator. "It is impressive to see a wellness resort, located in Bland County, rank nationally in comparison to resorts in larger locations and those located in more traditional tourist locations."

The Eupepsia Wellness Resort, according to the press release, customizes its wellness retreats to each person's bio-individuality, health condition and personal goals, for optimum benefits. Eupepsia offers specialized programs for guests, whether they are looking to completely rejuvenate, de-stress, detox, lose weight, get fit, or simply relax and enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings. More information regarding Eupepsia Wellness Resort can be obtained from their website www.eupepsia.com.



General Reassessment of Real Estate

Bland County has retained Pearson's Appraisal Service, Inc., to perform the County's 2020 General Reassessment of real estate, which will become effective on January 1, 2020. The County is currently on a 6-year reassessment cycle. The Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, mandates that each locality periodically perform a general reassessment of real estate to determine each property's fair market value and to equalize each property's value in relation to similar properties.

When the members of the reassessment team begin visiting properties, they will be carrying photo I.D.'s and will have magnetic County Reassessment signs on their cars. We want to alert the public to this, because our appraisers will be coming out to residents' homes to look at dwellings and their property in general, as well as, take exterior pictures/measurements in order to determine fair market value. It is our ultimate goal to get a good, accurate assessment of all real estate in the County. No reassessment staff will be entering any home.

The field assessments are expected to be completed in September, 2019 and the notices of the proposed changes in the assessed values will be mailed out to property owners in November, 2019. These notices will also give residents details on the method of appealing the proposed assessed values, if desired.

If a property owner has any additional information that they would like the appraisers to know, please call 540-480-6175.

Bland County Treasurer's office will begin selling dog tags for 2020 on November 1st. Current tags expire on Dec. 31, 2019.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax tickets for 2019 will be mailed by October. The due date of payment of taxes will be December 5, 2019.

Fuel Assistance Program

Fuel Assistance component is to assist eligible households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. The benefits are not intended to cover the household's total costs during the heating season.

The Fuel Assistance component will begin October 9, 2019 in all localities and will end November 9, 2019.

Checks or credit authorizations will be issued in December.

Applications are accepted online (<https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>) or by calling the Enterprise Customer Service Center at (855) 635 - 4370, and at Bland County Department of Social Services (276) 688 - 4111



Contact: Sara King at 276-688 - 4111 or by email: sara.king@dss.virginia.gov



Voter Registration & Elections Office

General & Special Election

Tuesday,
November 5, 2019

Member, Senate of Virginia- 38th District

Member, House of Delegates- 6th District

Commonwealth Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, Treasurer, Soil and Water Conservation Director, Member, Board of Supervisors- Districts 1 and 3, and Member, School Board- Districts 1 and 3

A PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

**Please verify your voter registration,
polling place and VALID Photo ID
before Election Day!**
elections.virginia.gov
POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.

Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office postmarked on or before the deadline.

In-Person Absentee Voting

20 Fairground Street, Bland, VA 24315

Monday - Friday, Sept. 20 - Nov. 1, 2019: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 and Nov. 2, 2019: 9 a.m.. - 5 p.m.

Last day to vote a regular, in-person, absentee ballot at the Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office

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Mail Absentee Voting

Tuesday, October 29, 2019: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office by 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019: Election Day ALL Absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office by 7 p.m. to be counted.

Stacy Tibbs Grady, Director of Elections and General Registrar

P.O. Box 535, Bland, VA 24315-0535

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Email: govote021@embarqmail.com

Website: <http://www.blandcountyva.gov/departments/voter-registration/>



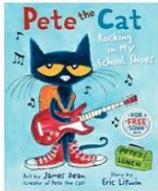
The Bland County Public Library

Fall Storytime 2019

Each Storytime includes a book, craft, and activity.

For Your Preschool Child, Thursdays at 11:00!

September

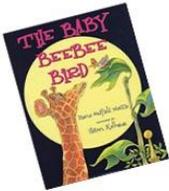


12th- Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes

Different Fun with Pete's Red Shoes!

19th- Duck! Rabbit!

Make Your Own Optical Illusions!



26th- The Baby BeeBee Bird

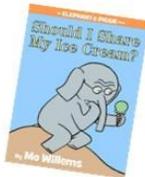
BeeBee Bird

Play in a Life Size Nest!

October

3rd- Should I Share My Ice Cream?

Make Real Ice Cream!



10th- Bats in the Library

Special Batty Guest Reader Just in Time for Halloween!

17th- My Crocodile Does Not Bite

...Or Maybe Your Crocodile Does Bite!



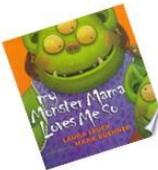
24th- My Monster Mama

Loves Me So!

Create Your Own Monster!

31st- Halloween Party

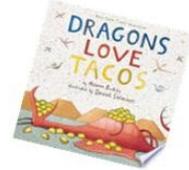
Wear Your Costume and enjoy a Movie And Refreshments!



November

7th- Dragons Love Tacos

Let's Taco 'bout a Taco Bar!



14th- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Feed the Hungry Caterpillar!

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21st Thanksgiving Party

Movie and Refreshments

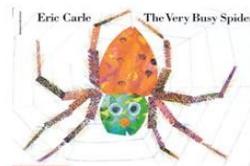
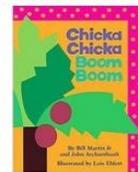


December

5th- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Learning is FUN with ABC'S and

Coconut Trees!



12th- The Very Busy Spider

Strategically Move

Through a Giant Spider Web!

Through a Giant Spider Web!

19th- Christmas Party

Movie and Refreshments

Storytime will Resume in January



COUNTY CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER 2019

September 3—Planning Commission Meeting
@ 6:00 pm

September 2—County Administration Offices
Closed for Labor Day

September 10—Economic Development Authority
Meeting @ 5:00 pm

September 19—Children’s Services Act Meeting
@ 9:30 am

September 24—Service Authority Meeting
@ 4:00 pm

September 24—Board of Supervisors Meeting
@ 5:00 pm

OCTOBER 2019

October 3—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

October 7—Planning Commission Meeting
@ 6:00 pm

October 8—Economic Development Authority
Meeting @ 5:00 pm

October 14—County Administration Offices Closed
for Columbus Day

October 17—Children’s Services Act Meeting
@ 9:30 am

October 22—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

October 22—Board of Supervisors Meeting
@ 5:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2019

November 4—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

November 11—County Administration Offices Closed
for Veterans Day

November 12—Economic Development Authority Meeting
@ 5:00 pm

November 21—Children’s Services Act Mtg @ 9:30 am

November 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

November 26—Board of Supervisors Mtg @ 5:00 pm

November 27-29—County Administration Offices Closed for
Thanksgiving



Meeting dates and times are subject to change . Calendar will be updated on our website:

www.blandcountyva.gov