



# BLAND COUNTY

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### CENSUS 2020

The 2020 Census is mandated in the US Constitution and the results are used for reapportionment of the US House of Representatives and for redistricting of state and federal legislative districts.

The importance of the 2020 census is that up to \$2,000 of federal funding will be lost for each person not counted; as well as upwards of \$20,000 of federal funding lost every ten years.

The 2020 Census data will also guide the distribution of approximately \$675 billion of federal funds and grants for schools, hospitals, roads, and public works projects. Locally, the data will be important for helping businesses and school make decisions about how to invest resources to most effectively serve the public.

Bland County passed a Proclamation making March 12, 2020, Census Awareness Day

Bland County has also established a Complete Count Committee to help with the goal of dissemination of 2020 Census information to the general public, encouraging all residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation, provide Census advocates to speak to community organizations and events, provide support for census takers as they help the community complete an accurate count, and strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all people within the County of Bland.

The Complete Count Committee will also set up Census Pop-up events throughout the county to help with entering Census information. The first event will be held: March 20, 2020 from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm at the Bland County Library.

#### Important Dates to Remember:

March 12-20, 2020 - An invitation postcard to **respond online** to the 2020 Census (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires)

March 16-24, 2020 - A reminder letter

#### If you haven't responded yet:

March 26-April 3, 2020 - A reminder postcard

April 8-16, 2020 - A reminder letter and paper questionnaire

April 20-27 - A final reminder postcard before census taker follows up in person

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## FIREWISE PROGRAM

New River – Highlands RC&D Council, VA Dept of Forestry and Local Homeowners Work Together To Be Firewise.

What is Firewise? Firewise is a call to action for homeowners and communities to educate themselves about the challenges of living in or near woodlands and reducing their wildfire risk. Learning is not enough; homeowners and communities must take action. Involving the local citizens, local organizations, state and federal partners is critical to this work. Firewise principles, including landscape design, vegetation management and building design all help protect citizens, emergency responders, homes and our natural resources from the risks of wildfires.

Funding for demonstration and pilot projects is made available to the Council from the VA Dept of Forestry. These funds are part of an overall grant to the State from the USDA Forest Service to mitigate the risk of wildfires.

Before any funding is approved, a written wildfire risk assessment plan must be conducted for the individual home or the entire community. These plans identify areas of wildfire risk and areas where improvements could be made to reduce the risk.

Once these plans are written and approved the RC&D can begin working with private contractors and residents.

To find out more about this program and to see if your eligible for funding assistance please contact the New River - Highlands RC&D Council, Steve Spangler at 540-320-4838 or [sx3mgmt@gmail.com](mailto:sx3mgmt@gmail.com).



**Are you looking for an educational and fun field trip for your school?**

**Come visit our recreated Native American Village and experience what life was like 500 years ago!**

**We are taking reservations for Spring 2020 field trips.**

**For more information or to schedule your group, please call (276) 688-3438 or visit our website at [www.indianvillage.org](http://www.indianvillage.org).**



**Contact: Sara King at 276-688 - 4111 or by email: [sara.king@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:sara.king@dss.virginia.gov)**

*The Bland County Public Library*

## Winter-Spring 2020

*Each Storytime includes a book, craft, and activity.*

**For Your Preschool Child Thursdays at 11:00!**



### January

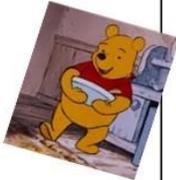


**16th Bear Snores On**

What sleeping animal will we wake?!

**23rd The Mini Adventures of Winnie the Pooh**

Finger painting is quite fun!



**30th Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons!**



Buttons, Buttons, and More!

### March



**5th One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish**

Let's go Fishing!

**12th How to Catch a Leprechaun**

Shamrocks and Painting are so fun, especially when you use your thumb!



**19th Ten Apples Up on Top**

Hip Hop Apple Scotch!



**26th Cowlick! Special Guest Speaker**

Cows, Milking, and Moo!

### February

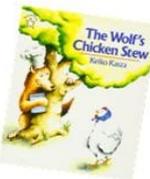
**6th Go To Sleep, Groundhog**

What will the Groundhog see when he comes out of his hole?



**13th Valentine's Day Party**

Refreshments and Valentine Exchange



**20th The Wolf's Chicken Stew**

What will Chicken do? Wonder how many feathers we can glue?!

**27th**

**Penguin in Peril**

Help us Build an Igloo!



### April

**2nd Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast**

Time to Make Breakfast!



**9th Easter Party**

Refreshments And Egg Hunt

**16th Earth Day Special Guest Speaker**

**23rd If you Give a Moose a Muffin**

**28th Zoomer's Summer Snowstorm**

Just when you thought the Snow was gone!



### May

**7th Gretchen Over the Beach! Sun, Sand, and Teddy Grahams!**

**14th End of Storytime Party!**

Refreshments & Playtime in the Ball Pit and with the Parachute!





## 4th Annual Village Easter Egg Hunt

**April 11th**

**Two Easter Egg  
Hunts!!! Thousands of  
Eggs!!! Lots of prizes!!!**

Admission \$3 per participant

Kids Hunt Ages 12 and Under begins at 10 a.m.

Adult Hunt Ages 13 and Up begins at 2 p.m.

For more information, please visit our website  
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## **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** April 19–25, 2020



**Seek Justice**  
**Ensure Victims' Rights**  
**Inspire Hope**

For more information, contact:



# COUNTY CALENDAR

## March 2020

March 2—Planning Commission Meeting  
@ 6:00 pm

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

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

March 24—Service Authority Meeting  
@ 4:00 pm

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

## April 2020

April 2—Wireless Authority Meeting  
@ 5:00 pm

April 6—Planning Commission Meeting  
@ 6:00 pm

April 10—Good Friday  
County Administration Offices Closed

April 14—Economic Development Authority Meeting  
@ 5:00 pm

April 16—Children’s Services Act Meeting  
@ 9:30 am

April 28—Service Authority Meeting  
@ 4:00 pm

April 28—Board of Supervisors Meeting  
@ 5:00 pm

## May 2020

May 4—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

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

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

May 25—Memorial Day  
County Administration Offices Closed

May 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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



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

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