



**Clarke County Litter Committee**  
**Berryville/Clarke County Government Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia 22611**  
**Suite B Conference Room**

**Tuesday July 16, 2024 5:30 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting
4. Public Comments
5. Litter Committee Organization Discussion – Chris Boies
6. Event Planning
  - a. Upcoming Event Dates:
    - July 13<sup>th</sup>: Adopt-A-Highway pickup
    - Aug 13<sup>th</sup>: Plans for Clarke County Fair
    - Sept 21<sup>st</sup>: Boat Ramp pickup
    - Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: ????
    - Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Adopt-A-Highway
    - Dec 7<sup>th</sup>: Berryville Christmas Parade
  - b. Fall Event Planning:
    - Clarke County Fair – Rain barrel workshop?
    - Christmas parade
7. Discussion
  - a. EPS Campaign Distribution sign-up
  - b. Getting HS students involved
  - c. Trash receptacles at the Boat Ramps
  - d. Long Branch activity in 2025?
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment
  - The next regular Litter Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20 at 5:30pm in the Suite B Conference Room located on the 2nd floor of the Berryville-Clarke Government Center at 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville VA 22611.



# Clarke County Litter Committee

**DRAFT - Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday June 11, 2024 – 5:30PM

Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – Suite B Conference Room

ATTENDANCE			
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	✓ <sup>L</sup>	Mary Martin	✓
Tom Bauhan (Vice-Chair)	X	Christi McMullen	✓
John Keim	X		

L – Denotes a late arrival

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lorien Lemmon (Conservation Planner), Danielle Ritter (Office Manager | Zoning Officer)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Doug Shaffer (Board of Supervisors Liaison), Matt Kline (Department of Wildlife Resources)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lorien Lemmon called the meeting to order at 5:40pm

**Introduction Doug Shaffer: Board of Supervisors Liaison:** Ms. Lemmon introduced Doug Shaffer to the Committee. She stated that he is our Board of Supervisors liaison. She stated that he will be an alternate so if they have all five of the Committee members he would not be a voting member. She added that he would count towards quorum and when multiple people are out he would count as a voter.

Chair Harrison arrived at 5:45.

**Approval of Agenda: June 11, 2024**

The Committee voted 3-0-2 to approve the agenda as presented by staff.

Motion to approve the June 11, 2024 agenda as presented:			
Harrison	AYE	Martin	AYE (moved)
Bauhan	ABSENT	McMullen	AYE (seconded)
Keim	ABSENT		

**Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2024**

The Committee voted 3-0-2 to approve the May 21, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion to approve May 21, 2024 meeting minutes as presented:			
Harrison	AYE	Martin	AYE (moved)
Bauhan	ABSENT	McMullen	AYE (seconded)
Keim	ABSENT		

**Public Comments:** None.

**Discuss Trash Receptacles at Boat Ramps – Matt Kline (Department of Wildlife Resources):**

Matt Kline was introduced to the Committee and began speaking about trash receptacles. He stated that the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) are in favor of the trash receptacles at the boat ramps. He stated that trash receptacles at these locations collect more trash so we can promote a pack it in and pack it out mentality without trash cans. He added that having the trash receptacles does invite the possibility of additional trash. Mr. Kline stated that DWR from a staffing and financial standpoint struggle to have trash receptacles at all of their facilities. He added that when he brought this idea up to his management team they were in favor of the idea. He continued and stated that since they will be on DWR property they have the right to ask them to be pulled if the project begins to decline. He stated the only way that would happen is if they are collecting way too much trash and it is too much to keep up with. Mr. Kline continued and stated that due to the animals that are expected at these locations they recommend a wildlife-proof receptacle. He said that this would decrease the amount of trash being torn out by animals like raccoons and bears. He then stated that they are in favor of this project. He stated that with flooding we would want to stake them down so we do not lose the receptacles during the first flood. He stated that the receptacles price range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a can.

Mr. Kline asked if we were planning on placing these receptacles at the Route 50 location or the Locke's Landing location. Chair Harrison stated that they were planning on placing the receptacles at the Route 50 location, Locke's Landing location, and the Route 7 location. Chair Harrison stated that she had met with a citizen who takes care of the two cans at Locke's Landing and they discussed that this project would be a good thing. She stated that the concept of pack it in and pack it out, are simple things to her but not simple things to other people and that these are the County's hangout spots so we need to preserve them. She stated that from the citizen's observation he said that he has noticed a positive impact versus a negative. Ms. Lemmon added that when they do boat ramp pick ups they sent one person to collect trash at Locke's Landing and it took them less than 10 minutes since the trash was localized to near the existing trash cans. Chair Harrison added that the Committee would need to figure out how to implement the maintenance of these receptacles as well. Ms. Lemmon stated that it could be billed to the DEQ grant and that would be part of the recycling section. Ms. Lemmon added that the DEQ grant would also pay for the receptacles. Ms. Lemmon asked if they would need a concrete pad to prevent them from floating away. Mr. Kline stated that a concrete pad could be used or depending on where the receptacles would go, they could be staked down with rebar or chained to a tree.

Mr. Kline added that he wanted to touch on what Chair Harrison said about the boat ramps being the County's 'hang out' spots. He stated that their law enforcement is stretched thin and that Clarke County's Sheriff's Office as the authority to enforce the rules at the boat ramps. Chair Harrison stated that last year when she spoke to the Sheriff's Office they had stated they did not have jurisdiction there. Mr. Kline stated that he would double check just to make sure. Mr. Kline added that if a citizen is not launching a boat, retrieving a boat, or fishing then technically they are trespassing. He added that picnicking and swimming are against the rules but that it is happening often. He stated that if we are out and about and see these violations to contact the wildlife crime line at 800-237-5712 and let DWR know. He added that a law enforcement officer may not show up but it will help for the end of the year reports when they are pulled to see if any boat ramps are having issues. Chair Harrison stated that the Committee will figure out a plan to implement that information in the community so it reaches more of our community. Chair Harrison asked if the Committee has the budget for this project currently and Ms. Lemmon stated that we do not have

the budget quite yet. Ms. Lemmon stated that staff are still applying for grants and brainstorming right now. Ms. Lemmon continued and said that the DEQ grant is up at the end of June and we will get more funds between October through December. Ms. Lemmon added that in the mean time they can gather information on costs, cost for servicing, and how we want them serviced to plan ahead. She added input from the Shenandoah River keeper, Mark Frondorf, and he stated that the Committee should add signage on the receptacles so the public would know what they are for. Chair Harrison stated that they could also list the 800 number on the signage. Ms. Lemmon stated that we would have to get that approved through DWR and asked if that would be okay. Mr. Kline stated that they would want to review the signage and he would check with the Wildlife Crime line to make sure they do not mind if their number is listed.

Chair Harrison asked if we should approach Watermelon Park about their usage at Locke's Landing boat ramp. Mr. Kline stated that they really do not have anything implemented in that aspect and it is almost out of DWRs hands. Mr. Shaffer asked how we would rank them and if Locke's Landing was the worst or is it Route 7. Chair Harrison stated that she believes it is the bridge ramps that are bad and Ms. Lemmon agreed. Mr. Shaffer stated that with Watermelon Park there is a lot going on with them and the public information. Chair Harrison stated that we would just leave it alone but in the future possibly offer them some information about what we will be implementing at the other locations.

Mr. Kline stated that to add to the comments about the trash pickup they change the mowing schedule, trash pickup schedule, and cleaning schedule based on the season. He stated that April and May we would start to pick up a little bit more and July, July, and August it may be twice a week depending. He added that September through December it will slow down and then December to March it will be less. Ms. McMullen asked if it would help if we scheduled the pickups before you mow so there is less trash to be picked up. Mr. Kline stated that those locations are under bridges and are done pretty early. Chair Harrison asked if there was anything he wanted to add. Mr. Kline stated to get some prices on signs and decide how many receptacles we want at each site and keep him updated on that. He added that he appreciates the partnership and reach out with any questions. Chair Harrison thanked him and stated we were looking forward to this project. Mr. Kline left the meeting.

Mr. Shaffer asked if they had a dumpster sitting there now. Chair Harrison said occasionally there is a dumpster sitting there but when she asked about it they stated it was a hunting dumpster. Mr. Shaffer stated with his job he rides Clarke County's roads everyday so he will keep the hotline number in hand because he passes at least one of the boat ramps a day. Chair Harrison stated that the new Conservation Officer is very nice and she can pass along his number for him to call directly. She stated his name is Officer Christensen and he is going to work with the Committee on a lot of things.

## **Event Planning:**

### **a. Upcoming Event Dates:**

The Committee discussed the agreed upon upcoming events:

- July 13: Adopt-A-Highway pickup
- Aug 13: Plans for Clarke County Fair
- Sept 21: Boat Ramp pickup
- Oct 5: Long Branch Collaboration

- Nov 9: Adopt-A-Highway
- Dec 7: Berryville Christmas Parade

The committee discussed the dates for the upcoming events. Ms. Lemmon reminded the Committee that she will be on vacation the week of the fair and Ms. Ritter agreed to help set up. Ms. Lemmon stated we just need to decide on a date for the fair. Chair Harrison stated we will do it on the Tuesday which would be the 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Lemmon stated it would not replace the Litter Committee meeting since the fair does not fall on the third Tuesday of the month. Ms. McMullen asked if we could do the meeting at the fair event. Chair Harrison stated that she thinks we need both dates since we would not be able to concentrate at the fair while speaking to the public. Ms. Martin asked if we are going to pick up trash at the fair. Chair Harrison stated that they will give away stickers, volunteer sign-up sheets, walk around and speak to the public, and pick up trash while there. Ms. Lemmon suggested waiting until later in the week when there is more trash to pick-up. Chair Harrison stated she doesn't mind switching the dates but she has her son from Wednesday to Friday. Ms. Ritter stated she has the same with her daughter. Chair Harrison ultimately stated she thinks that Tuesday will be better. Ms. McMullen suggested that we could come back later in the week to just do the trash and speak to people informally. Chair Harrison said that the Ruritan may give us a shout out for the next Earth Day event. Chair Harrison added that we could informally let people know if they want to come back later in the week we could provide supplies and help. Ms. McMullen stated she could help with that. Ms. Lemmon moved on the boat ramp pick up post Labor Day. Ms. Lemmon moved on to the previously discussed event at Long Branch. Ms. Lemmon stated that we are out of funds and some of the expenses would not be allowed under the DEQ grant. Ms. Lemmon stated we would need donations but we would need donations to go directly to Long Branch.

Chair Harrison asked what the possibility would be if they could accept donations from local business to hand out as an incentive to show up to the pick-up events. Mr. Shaffer asked if they will be preparing a presentation to the Board of Supervisors for that. Chair Harrison stated yes they will be doing that for next year.

Ms. McMullen asked if Long Branch would be charging us for that event. Ms. Lemmon stated yes and so we would need someone to donate the money to Long Branch directly. Ms. Lemmon also stated it may be a tight turnaround for this year but it would be possible to do for next year. Ms. Lemmon also stated that if they really wanted to do something with Long Branch we could do the winter speaker series that was mentioned and speak about the boat ramp trash receptacles.

#### **b. Fall Event Planning**

- Clarke County Fair
- Long Branch collaboration
- Christmas parade

Chair Harrison stated that the Christmas Parade was a big hit last year and they are excited to continue it this year. Chair Harrison stated she has saved all the supplies for the trash tree and they will use her truck and trailer again for the parade.

**Discussion:**

**a. Keep Clarke Clean Sign Update**

Chair Harrison stated she saw the signs were up. Ms. Lemmon stated she worked with maintenance and they got it done very quickly. Chair Harrison asked if they were all up. Ms. Lemmon stated they were all up but there was one remaining sign and she was not sure where it was supposed to go. Ms. Lemmon suggested putting it on Barnes Rose Hill and Chair Harrison approved.

**b. EPS Campaign Progress**

Chair Harrison asked what the EPS progress was. Ms. Lemmon stated that the order was in and they should be shipping them sometime soon. Ms. McMullen asked where we ended up ordering from. Ms. Lemmon stated they were ordered from Performance Food. Ms. McMullen asked if she would need help delivering them. Ms. Lemmon stated probably. Chair Harrison stated to email everyone once they are delivered.

**c. Composting at the Ruritan**

Chair Harrison stated that she needs to talk to the Ruritan and do a presentation at the one of their meetings. Ms. Lemmon asked if Chair Harrison could let her know when and how long she does the presentations so she can put that information in for the grant. Ms. McMullen stated she is not sure this is worth doing because Clarke County is ahead and farms are already composting and what they do not use they give to other farms. Chair Harrison said that they can just put this idea on the back burner for now. Chair Harrison stated that maybe we can help promote them more instead of trying to come up with our own project.

**d. DEQ Grant**

Ms. Lemmon stated she made a copy of what was submitted last year and that they checked all the boxes last year for Adopt-A-Highway, EPS campaign, law enforcement, planning, organization, public communication, recycling, and youth education. Ms. Lemmon asked if they wanted to check all the boxes again this year. Chair Harrison stated she thinks they need to check all of the boxes.

The Committee voted 3-0-2 to approve checking all the boxes for the DEQ Grant.

<b>Motion to approve checking all boxes for DEQ Grant:</b>			
Harrison	<b>AYE</b>	Martin	<b>AYE (moved)</b>
Bauhan	<b>ABSENT</b>	McMullen	<b>AYE (seconded)</b>
Keim	<b>ABSENT</b>		

**e. Invite Stephanie McLain (CCHA Environmental Club) to July Meeting**

Chair Harrison stated she would love to have her at the meeting and feels she would open the doors to reaching out to the schools. Ms. Lemmon stated they could show support and advertise with them. Ms. McMullen asked if we wanted to invite any other teachers from other clubs. Ms. Lemmon mentioned the teacher in charge of the National Honors Society (NHS). Ms. McMullen asked if she needed her information. Ms. Lemmon stated she had her email and they can talk and get the Litter Committee out there a little more and offer easy volunteer hours.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Litter Committee voted 3-0-2 to adjourn at 6:40 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:30pm in the Suite B Conference Room located on the second floor of the Berryville-Clarke Government Center in Berryville, VA.

<b>Motion to adjourn the June 11, 2024 meeting at 6:40 pm:</b>			
Harrison	<b>AYE</b>	Martin	<b>AYE (moved)</b>
Bauhan	<b>ABSENT</b>	McMullen	<b>AYE (seconded)</b>
Keim	<b>ABSENT</b>		

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Ashley Harrison, Chair

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Danielle Ritter, Clerk to the Committee

# Clarke County Litter Committee: 2024 Thinking Ahead

## JANUARY

- Meeting: 2024 Planning (goals, meeting calendar, etc)

## FEBRUARY

- Meeting: Equipment Inventory Assessment, EPS Campaign, Earth Day Event

## MARCH

- Meeting: Planning for Earth Day Event, EPS Campaign

## APRIL

- Event: Earth Day (4/20/24)
  - Fairgrounds
  - Chet Hobert
  - Rose Hill Park
  - Adopt-A-Highway
- Meeting: Environmental Advocate of the Year Discussion

## MAY

- Event: Farmer's Market & Town of Berryville Pick Up (5/4/24)
- Event: Boat Ramp Pick Up (5/18/24)
- Event: Environmental Advocate of the Year Award at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting (5/21/24)
- Meeting: All grant expenditures must be made and received by end of June

## JUNE

- Event: Rt 7/340 Roadside Pick Up (6/8/24)

## JULY

- Event: Adopt-a-Road Pick Up (7/13/24)

## AUGUST

- Event: Clarke County Fair (8/13/24)

## SEPTEMBER

- Event: Boat Ramp pickup (9/21/24)

## OCTOBER

- ????????

## NOVEMBER

- Event: Adopt-A-Highway pickup (11/9/24)

## DECEMBER

- Event: Town of Berryville Parade



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**Re: Planned events for Sept-Dec 2024**

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**From :** Cathy Kuehner <ckuehner@clarkecounty.gov>

Tue, May 21, 2024 10:13 AM

**Subject :** Re: Planned events for Sept-Dec 2024**To :** Lorien Lemmon <llemmon@clarkecounty.gov>

Here are some big, annual community events this summer and fall. As a general rule, weekends in October are insanely busy.

**Friday through Sunday, July 26, 27 & 28: Pageant of Steam Show** at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds (890 W. Main St., Berryville) is hosted by the Shenandoah Valley Steam and Gas Engine Association.

**Sunday through Saturday, Aug. 11 to 17: Clarke County Fair** at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds

**Saturday, Aug. 24: Berryville Main Street Summer's End Cruise-In** car show in downtown Berryville

**Saturday, Sept. 7: Wild Fest** hosted by the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center at Blandly Experimental Farm NEED TO CONFIRM DATE

**Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 & 7: Watermelon Pickers Fest** at Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds

**Saturday, Sept. 14: Berryville Main Street Yard Sale** in downtown Berryville

**Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 & 29: Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival** at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds

**Friday through Sunday, Oct. 11, 12 & 13: Lucketts Fall Market** at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds

**Saturday, Oct. 26: FINAL Clarke County Farmers' Market** of the season

**Friday, Dec. 6: Christmas in the Park & Tree Lighting** in Rose Hill Park

**Saturday, Dec. 7: Annual Clarke County Christmas Parade** along Berryville's Main Street

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# EPS Distribution Sign Up Sheet

Restaurant	Hours of Operation	Phone Number	Address	Item	Ct/Box	# Boxes	Total # items	Sign-Up Initials
Cordial Coffee	Mon-Fri 7am-3pm; Sat-Sun 8am-3pm	Kaitlyn Bell - 540-671-5864	8 S Church St. Berryville	9x9 containers	4/50 CT	10	2,000	
Lone Oak Tavern	Sun-Wed 7am-10pm; Th-Sat 7am-12am	Terry Spinosa 703-906-9681	12696 Lord Fairfax Hwy	9x9 containers	4/50 CT	4	800	
The Tea Cart	Thur-Fri 11am-3:30pm; Sat-Sun 11am-4pm	Allison Ritter 540-450-5153; 540-955-0832	16 W Main St. Berryville	6x6 containers	3/150 CT	2	900	
Horseshoe Curve	Wed 5-11pm; Thur noon-11pm, Fri-Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-8pm	Tracee Wink 540-554-8291	1162 Pine Grove Rd, Bluemont	9x9 containers	4/50 CT	4	800	
J&J Corner Store	Mon-Thur 5:30am-8:30pm; Fri-Sat 5:30am-9pm, Sun 7am-8pm	Maninder Sethi 540-955-2174; 703-932-7003	4192 Harry Byrd Hwy, Berryville	Cups, Hot 12 oz	20/25 CT	4	2,000	
				Lids, for Hot cup	1/1000 CT	2	2,000	
Shenandoah Mart	Mon-Sat 6:30am-9pm; Sun 7am-8pm	Jody Konopka 540-837-9800; 703-437-2055	4878 John Mosby Hwy, Boyce	6x6 containers	3/150 CT	1	450	
				9x9 containers	5/40 CT	2	400	
Homespun	Mon-Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11 am-7pm	Forrest Pritchard 540-303-0740; 703-835-1875	20 W. Main St, Berryville	6x6 containers	3/150 CT	1	450	
				Cups, Cold 16 oz	15/80 CT	1	1,200	
				Lids, for Cold cup	10/100 CT	1.5*	1,500	
				Cups, Hot 12 oz	20/25 CT	2	1,000	
				Lids, for Hot cup	1/1000 CT	1	1,000	
Clarke County Ruritan Club		Ralph Ambrasio 703-966-8269	890 W Main St. Berryville	9x9 containers	4/50 CT	10	2,000	
				6x6 containers	3/150 CT	5	2,250	
				Cups, Cold 16 oz	15/80 CT	1	1,200	
				Lids, for Cold cup	10/100 CT	1.5*	1,500	
				Cups, Hot 12 oz	20/25 CT	2	1,000	
				Lids, for Hot cup	1/1000 CT	1	1,000	

\* split Cold lid boxes btw Ruritan and Homespun

