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# TOWN OF BOYCE

## D E C E M B E R 2 0 2 4 N E W S L E T T E R

### BOYCE MEETINGS

Town Council	Dec 3	7 pm
TC Work Session	Dec 31	6 pm
Planning Commission	Dec 9	7 pm

**The Planning Commission is now meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month.**

### BOYCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thu	12/5	Winter Band & Chorus
Fri	12/6	Boyce Tree Lighting
Tue-Fri	12/10-13	PTO Holiday Shop
Fri	12/13	PTO Family Movie Night
Fri	12/20	Early Dismissal

**Winter Break is December 23-January 3.**  
 Mon 1/6/25 Students return to school



**Friday, 12/6/24 6:00 PM**

### Pancakes & Pajamas Holiday Breakfast

Saturday, December 14, 8 AM—10 AM

Boyce Volunteer Fire Department  
 Social Hall

You are invited to celebrate the  
 Holidays with Santa and our neighbors.

**Hosted by The Town of Boyce**

*See attached flyer!*

### WELCOME

#### Two new Planning Commissioners!

Thank you to our two residents, who have stepped into fill vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Bob Garlitz was appointed by the Town Council at their November 5th meeting.

Trisha Saldanha's name will be presented to the Town Council at the December 3rd meeting for their approval.

We look forward to working with them both.

### BOYCE HISTORICAL TIDBITS

#### Actions by the first Town Council

8/23/1923 Special Meeting called by the Mayor  
**CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Whereas, The route requested herein will give that rich agricultural section a direct route to Berryville, and easy access to the evaporators and barrel factories at both Boyce and Berryville, while this route would give the tourist continuous proximity to the Shenandoah River and it's famous camping sites, while both farmer and tourist would have easy access to Winchester by it's crossing the Lee-Jackson Highway at Boyce.

Wherefore, The Council of the Town of Boyce in conjunction with citizens of the County, request that the section of said route No 7 be changed so as to run from said Double Toll Gates to White Post, through the Town of Boyce and via Old Chapel to Berryville, along which route limestone rock is at hand, and several hundred perches of which are already ricked along the route, ready for the crusher.

Ayes: Gaunt, Van Deventer, Hook, Strode -4-  
 Nays - None

10/8/1923 Special Meeting called by the Mayor  
 The following petition was filed and on motion the prayer thereof was granted.

We the undersigned voters, and citizens of the Town of Boyce, VA, respectfully petition that you amend your ordinance in relation to the prohibition of the sale of fire-crackers within the said Town so that the merchants may sell items and the purchasers be under the restrictions of first ordinance assed forbidding them to fire same within one hundred feet of the public streets.

The effect of the present ordinance is to force everyone who want to buy them, even the ones who want to use them in the country, to go to some other town to buy them and while there buy their other holiday goods to the detriment of the Boye merchants and also the town itself.

*Signed by 32 Town Residents.*



# Boyce Volunteer Fire Company

## Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 2024



The small town of Boyce keeps an American tradition alive.  
Lighting the Town Christmas Tree.

As we gather around the tree to sing Holiday songs, Mayor Hudson will light the tree. Then Santa Clause comes out on a fire truck to visits with all the children, young and old.

Boyce Volunteer Fire Company invites all residents, family and friends of all religious faiths to come out and celebrate the Season. Share your family traditions and enjoy hot cider and cookies. Bring an ornament to hang on the tree (all ornaments will be returned, if desired).

<https://www.boycefire.org/event-details/christmas-tree-lighting-ceremony-2024-1>

## Other Holiday Events

### Clarke County Parks & Recreation

Story Time With Santa

Saturday, 12/7 9:30-10:30 am Fee: \$5

Come enjoy some donuts and milk/juice while listening to a story read by Santa. Parents bring a camera for photo ops.

### Berryville Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7, 2024

12:00 PM — 2:00 PM

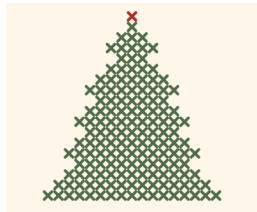
### Boyce United Methodist Church

Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 7, 6:00 PM



## HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE: COZY CONIFER MYSTERIES



10:30-11:30 Sunday, December 15th *OR*

2:00-3:00 PM Tuesday, December 17th (*same program offered twice*)

Enjoy a mug of hot chocolate (or tea!) as you work together to solve a conifer-themed mystery. Along the way, you'll find out all about conifer identification and ecology.

**What to expect:** An outdoor nature walk (less than 1 mile) with clues to unravel along the way.

**Who can come:** All ages!

**What to bring:** Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Hot chocolate/tea provided! Registration required. [Register on Eventbrite.](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/foundation-of-the-state-arboretum-41232540433>

## Winter Tree ID and Holiday Potluck with Sustainability Matters

1:00-4:00 PM Sunday, December 15th



Join us for an approximately 90-minute guided walk and tree ID primer by Virginia State Forester Connor Goolsby and Blandy Director of Scientific Engagement Ariel Firebaugh. You'll never again mistake an oak for a walnut, or a spruce for a fir!

A potluck and social hour with fellow nature nerds will follow the walk. Please bring a snack or dessert to share!

Registration required. **Register through Sustainability Matters.**

<https://www.sustainabilitymatters.earth/events/wintertreeid2024>