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Clarksville Lake Country CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# DOCKSIDE NEWS

Welcome to the first monthly issue of the "Dockside News" Newsletter

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I'm excited to welcome you to our first monthly newsletter - Dockside News to bring you news of all the events and happenings from our Chamber of Commerce members. There is so much to explore in our town and throughout the community, and this newsletter will help you stay connected.

Over 200 local businesses and individuals make up the local Chamber. These business leaders are committed to helping move our economy forward and showcase all of the great things we have to offer for locals and visitors.

The commitment of our members is what makes us successful. We work together to create entertainment, events, activities, and other ways to bring the community together. And our members have the best quality products and services to offer too!

The success of our Chamber also relies on the support of the community. It is through volunteerism that we are able to offer many of our events throughout the year. In addition to volunteering for events, we also have opportunities for volunteers to help with office duties and administrative tasks. We invite and encourage you to become a volunteer with the Chamber if you're not already. You'll work alongside many of our Chamber members and our staff in the coming year.

When you see the Chamber logo on a business post, on a window decal, in printed materials, or anywhere else, you know that business is high quality with a focus on building our community to be stronger and better!

Thank you for supporting our Chamber members and their businesses by making purchases, interacting on social media, referring your friends, and engaging with them in every way possible!

And now enjoy the rest of our newsletter and give us feedback on what you want to hear from our Chamber members. We'll do our best to find the information and keep you 'in the know'!

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#### Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce

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Membership is open to all area business owners, civic organizations, and interested members of the community.

Chambers of commerce seek to further their collective business interests while advancing the economic well-being of their community, region, state, or nation.

## The Annual Clarksville WineFest is Almost Here!

The Annual Clarksville Lake Country Wine Festival is April 12, 2025 from noon until 5pm. It's going to be a fantastic event again this year. We have 14 wine, whiskey, and beer vendors along with seven awesome food vendors! And don't miss the Arts & Crafts. Tobacco Road will entertain and have everyone rockin' and rollin'! Get your tickets online now and save \$5 per ticket off the gate price. Visit www.ClarksvilleVa.com and click on events!



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ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING A CHARCUTERIE BOARD, AND CONNECT WITH OUR TEAM AS WE BEGIN THIS EXCITING NEW CHAPTER TOGETHER!

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT BASKET!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM The Corner at 216 No RSVP Necessary

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# Annual Lake Country Festival: LakeFest!

We're preparing for the Annual Lake Country Festival. This year's event takes place on Friday and Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and it's going to be a spectacular event!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor, we'd love for you to apply. We're looking for nonprofits, food vendors, arts & crafts vendors (juried event), and retail/commercial vendors. You can apply online at www.clarksvilleva.com or download the application and deliver it to the Clarksville Chamber office. We also welcome sponsors so visit the website to complete the Sponsorship Application.

# HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY - SATURDAY LakeFest is an incredible weekend of food, beverages, arts & crafts vendors, live entertainment, adventures and fun! More than 50,000 people will gather for the festivities and it's the perfect event for families and children, individuals, friends, and colleagues.

#### FRIDAY

- Sand sculpture artists begin creating a larger-than-life sculpture
   The main stage and children's
- The main stage and children's entertainment are gearing up for the event
- Sponsors are recognized and introduced during welcoming ceremonies in the evening
- Live entertainment lights up the stage with lively entertainment and fun until 10pm

#### SATURDAY

- Hot-air balloons fill the skies beginning at daybreak
   Juried Arts & Crafts vendors display
- Juried Arts & Crafts vendors display their creations along Virginia Avenue
- More than 200 vendors, children's games & rides, antique car show, food trucks, and live entertainment rock the festival all day long
- A magnificent hot-air balloon display fills the sky again at sunset
  At 9:30pm, boats gather on Buggs Island
- At 9:30pm, boats gather on buggs island Lake/John H. Kerr Reservoir and people gather along the shoreline to see the spectacular fireworks show!

# Marketplace Opening in April



Farm Fresh

Farm Fresh Marketplace Farmers Market opens for the season on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am - 1pm! We're looking for vendors with fresh farm produce, plants, baked goods, honey, local meats, canned goods, handcrafted items, and more.

For details and more information, visit the website and download the Clarksville Farm Fresh Marketplace application at: www. clarksvilleva.com. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact us at: Director@KerrLake.com. It's just \$10 per day to participate. Dates for the 2025 market are April 26<sup>th</sup> - October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Happy 8 Years of Beers to Bug

Island Brewing Company

Celebrate All Week Long - April 2-6th

Wednesday & Thursday: 11am-9pm

Friday: 8 Years of Beers 11am-3pm and

celebrate with Music from Tobacco Road

Saturday: 11am-10pm - Music from

Bluesided

Sunday: Open 12noon-8pm

Member of the Clarksville Lake Country



# Register for the Big Lake Flea Market

The Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce invites you to a day of fun and fantastic selling in Virginia's only lakeside town. Our annual Big Lake Flea Market is May 10, 2025 from 8am-3pm.

We need individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and organizations that want to "GO GREEN" & "Raise Some \$\$." This is an excellent opportunity to recycle gently used antiques, crafts, decorations, small furniture, home decor, clothing and other items that need a new home. You can also participate by offering baked goods, and home grown items such as fresh produce.

Please register early to reserve a space. Spaces are issued on a first-paid-first-served basis.

The registration deadline is May 5, 2025 at 5pm. Any applications after May 1st must be paid in full at time of registration.

# Lake Life Live Begins in May

Clarksville, Virginia and Buggs Island Lake are home to one of Virginia's premier Beach Music Concert Series, Lake Life Live. Held annually from May through October, it's entertainment for the whole family! Spaces will be located in the parking spaces along Virginia Avenue facing the sidewalk. We do not close the street for this event.

You can find the application and all of the details and fees on our website at www.ClarksvilleVA.com or stop by the Chamber office. Please be sure to include payment with your application to secure the best available spaces.

Help us make this year's Big Lake Flea Market the biggest and best yet! Visit our Facebook page and 'like' and 'share' our posts to help promote the event (https://www.facebook.com/CLCCOC).



The downtown stage features the best of the best in live entertainment. Bring the family and enjoy everything we have to offer here in Lake Country. Admission is just \$5 per person and they accept cash only. Visit the website for details: www.lakelifelive.com.



# Off the Chain Food Truck has Your Dinner Ready!

Join the fun Monday 4pm-8pm at United Country Realty at 405 Virginia Ave, Clarksville, VA on Tuesdays from 4pm-8pm. Enjoy delicious food by Off the Chain Food Truck. It's a great way to enjoy the beautiful weather in the afternoon by having a delicious dinner without cooking it yourself.

Stop by and see what they have on the menu. You can also call 434-262-0246 and order ahead or visit them online to order.







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Remaining show dates & times are: Friday, April 4th at 7:30pm Saturday, April 5th at 7:30pm Sunday, April 6th at 3pm Tickets: https://clarksvilleplayers.org/ tickets



Business After Hours is a free monthly event for MEMBERS of the Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce. It's a very important time for networking, socializing and collaborating with other business leaders. Many great ideas are born among this group of entrepreneurs and business leaders each month and at other events and gatherings.

If you are interested in joining the Chamber and working with community focused leaders, we'd love to talk with you. Stop by the Chamber office or email Director@KerrLake.com with any questions or suggestions. We are always better when we're working together!

### Together We Thrive in 2025!

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