



# Recognizing Excellence

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OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE

# The Heartbeat

## Farmville Police Receives Fourth Accreditation Award

The Farmville Police Department was re-accredited for the fourth time, receiving their award on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

The accrediting body, Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC), unanimously voted for the department to maintain their accredited status following an on-site assessment that occurred from May 13, 2025, through May 15, 2025, of this year.

To maintain accreditation, the Farmville Police Department proved they have consistently maintained compliance with VLEPSC's 193 standards over the four-year accreditation cycle. These standards also require compliance beyond the Police Department, encompassing nearly all departments within the Town of Farmville.

"We're honored to receive this award for the fourth time," said Chief Andy Ellington. "Accreditation sets a standard that not only meets the Code of Virginia but goes beyond it, holding us accountable to the highest levels of professionalism. Our goal is to exceed those standards every day, ensuring we fulfill our mission to provide a safe and secure community through excellence in public service. This recognition shows we're doing exactly that—and I couldn't be prouder of the men and women who make it happen."



## Garbage Route Change for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Town Offices Closed)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 (MLK DAY)**-No residential, business or call-in pickup;

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**-Monday residential garbage pickup, business garbage and cardboard pickup, regular Tuesday curbside recycling;

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026**-Tuesday residential garbage pickup, business recycling and residential cardboard call-in;

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026**-Wednesday residential garbage pickup, regular Thursday curbside recycling;

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**-Business garbage and cardboard pickup.



## Public Meetings

### Town Council Work Session

First Wednesday of the Month | January 7th | 6:00 pm | Town Hall

### Town Council Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month | January 14th | 6:00 pm | Town Hall

### Planning Commission Meeting

Third Wednesday of the Month | January 21st | 7:00 pm | Town Hall

Town Council meetings are open for public attendance. The Town also broadcasts the meetings on our "Farmville Virginia" YouTube channel and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/farmvilleva.gov/](http://www.facebook.com/farmvilleva.gov/).

For further information, please contact the Farmville Clerk of Council's Office at (434) 392-9465, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or by email at [mmckay@farmvilleva.com](mailto:mmckay@farmvilleva.com).



# Parks & Recreation

Farmville Recreation Department | Phone: 434-391-1125 | E-mail: [twoodson@farmvilleva.com](mailto:twoodson@farmvilleva.com)

## Summer TEEN COUNSELOR

### Application Opens January 26th




FARMVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**Registration Opens January 26, 2026**

REGISTRATION: \$350/TEAM      Contact Farmville Parks and Recreation or visit [farmvilleva.com](http://farmvilleva.com) to register.



### Upcoming Events



Walking and Pickleball Re-open



Adult Basketball Registration Opens



Summer Teen Counselor Application Opens



### Re-Opens January 12th

#### PICKLEBALL

Monday & Wednesday  
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
\$2 DOLLARS PER PLAYER  
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



#### INDOOR WALKING

Monday - Thursday  
9A.M. - 1P.M.



Sports Arena: 1328 Zion Hill Rd, Farmville, VA 23901

### Merry Christmas!

The Town of Farmville Parks and Recreation Department experienced a lot of growth in 2025. We started the year with Adult Basketball, Summer Camp, and the Splashpad during the summer. We ended the year with Youth Football and Fall and Winter Cheerleading. Participation has increased, and we look to expand our programming in the coming year.

We brought back our Adult Softball last May and we look to add Volleyball to our list of programs in 2026. We added programs such as our Mental Health Forum and Holiday Bingo, and the Halloween Parade and Easter Egg Hunt saw larger numbers than the previous year.

We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to bringing outstanding programming to our community.

Thank you

**Thomas L. Woodson**  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Town of Farmville  
Parks and Recreation Department

