

# Crozet Today

Rain, wintery mix and rain dominate the forecast up to Wednesday when sunny and clear return. Temperatures float between upper 30's and lower 40's  
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A timely news digest for the communities in and around Crozet, Virginia 22932

Monday, February 11

No bias – Just facts

2019

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of service to the greater Crozet community



Mountainside, Crozet's most prominent landmark, is all spruced up and ready for the new owner, English Meadows Senior Living Communities. Another high rise landmark has been sold as well. Piedmont Place has been sold by Drew and Michelle Holzwarth to Andrew and Isabelle Baldwin of Greenwood



They moved and shrunk the Virginia Inspection Sticker.

## Where did your inspection approval sticker go?

The Virginia State Police Safety Division is rolling out a newly- designed vehicle safety approval inspection sticker that now includes a traffic safety message. Effective Jan. 1, 2019, all certified Virginia inspection stations began issuing the sticker which has been reduced from 2.75 inches in height to 2 inches and from 4 inches in length to 3 inches. The year of expiration is now permanently affixed to the right side of the sticker, with the only insert being the month of expiration. Even though the overall size has been reduced, the month has been enlarged to provide better visibility.

“The change in size is in response to the feedback State Police received from Virginians following the sticker’s relocation to the bottom left corner of the windshield in 2018,” said Captain R.C. Maxey Jr., Virginia State Police

Safety Division Commander. “We heard from a number of motorists who had difficulty seeing around the sticker, so we worked to reduce its size to slightly smaller than the average credit card.”

The sticker’s security features have also been enhanced in order to discourage and prevent unauthorized removal, tampering and counterfeit practices. The changes in size and design do not apply to motorcycle or trailer safety inspection stickers. Vehicle rejection stickers also remain unchanged. Another new feature of the inspection sticker enables State Police to reach an estimated 8.2 million motorists annually with a reminder about Virginia’s “Move Over” law. This portion of the sticker is not for display on the front windshield. Instead, it is detached by the inspector and provided to the customer.

Virginia’s “Move Over” law requires motorists to move over a lane when approaching an emergency vehicle stopped alongside the road. If unable to move over, then drivers are required to cautiously pass the emergency vehicle. The law applies to all vehicles equipped with red, blue and amber lights.



**This morning, these icy wires set the stage for the rest of the week. This Hazardous Weather Outlook from the National Weather Service states, “Today and tonight will present significant snow and ice and posts a Winter Storm Warning through this morning. Clear and sunny weather will return for Wednesday.**

## File your Virginia return for free

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## Predators are roaming the internet

The Albemarle County Police Department, which is part of the Southern Virginia (SOVA) ICAC Task Force, is committed to protecting the children in our community from those who intend on exploiting them. The ACPD and SOVA ICAC Task Force encourages parents to be proactive when it comes to Internet safety. Here are a few tips:

1. Talk to your child about what they enjoy doing online.
2. Keep the computer in the family room or a high-traffic area in the home.
3. Spend time with your child on the computer. Have them show you what sites they like to visit.
4. Periodically check your computer’s browser history. Pay close attention to your child’s recently and or frequently viewed sites.

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, detectives with the Albemarle County Police Department’s Cyber Crimes Unit, with assistance from the Fluvanna County Sheriff’s Office, arrested 46-year-old Mark Anthony George of Fluvanna County on five felony counts of 18.2-374.1:1- Distribution of Child Pornography.

In addition to this arrest, 28-year-old Ngoy Kazadi of Charlottesville was arrested by ACPD detectives on January 31, 2019 and charged with one count of 18.2-374.3- Solicitation of a Minor after he attempted to meet a 14-year-old for sex following an online conversation.

Last week’s arrest was the third Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) case the Albemarle County Police has made within the past two weeks, with additional cases pending criminal charges. This includes the January 22, 2019 arrest of 58-year-old Forrest Butler of Charlottesville who was charged with two felony counts of 18.2-374.1:1- Distribution of Child Pornography. The above referenced criminal investigations are ongoing and no additional information will be released at this time. Anyone with information regarding these cases is encouraged to call Detective Mike Wells at 434-296-5807.

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## Croz-Eat is coming to town

Downtown Crozet Initiative (DCI) will host the first ever fundraiser Croz-Eat. Similar to Charlottesville Restaurant Week, the Crozet effort will feature coffee shops and ice cream parlors as well. For four days this week, Croz-Eat starts Wednesday, February 13, and runs through February 17.

About a dozen restaurants in Crozet will offer discounts and specials to raise money for a downtown plaza and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

"We want to sort of showcase the culinary talent that we have in Crozet," said DCI Marketing Coordinator Mary Margaret Holden. "Crozet is a little more laid back. We're a little more country out here, and so we thought it was a fun way to show all of central Virginia what Crozet has to offer as far as food options go in a way we wanted to interpret it," Morsel Compass owner Jennifer Blanchard said.

Unlike Charlottesville Restaurant Week, each shop will offer a few specials, instead of a three-course meal. Two-and-a-half percent of the money raised from each special will be donated to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Another 2.5 percent will help fund plans for a downtown plaza.

"The DCI in particular just wants to sort of begin making it a space for the community to have events," said Holden.

Planning for the plaza has been in the works for almost three years. The Downtown Crozet Initiative hopes to receive funding from the Virginia Main Street Program, but it's also raising money on its own.

Blanchard says the plaza will provide families a variety of places to eat and shop, so they don't have to travel far from home.

"Some people just want to stay local and have their families be local and not have to make that journey into town and just support their community," she said.

*(Details for this story were obtained from an NBC 29 story reported by Caroline Coleburn.)*

## Events Calendar

A listing of events of interest  
List your event here by sending an email to:  
[editor@crozettoday.com](mailto:editor@crozettoday.com)

**February 12 – 6 p.m.** – Planning Commission meeting in the county office building.

**February 13 – 7 p.m.** – Crozet Community Advisory Committee meeting in the Crozet Library.

**February 15 – Noon** – Board of Supervisor's meeting for the presentation of the County Executive's budget recommendations.

**June 8 – 9 a.m.** – Crozet Car Show in Crozet Park. Visitors free, car entrants pay a fee. All proceeds to benefit the community park.

## CERT offers free emergency preparedness training

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be offering their Emergency Preparedness Training class in the Crozet Library on February 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

This training is free and can be invaluable to a family or workplace group when an emergency situation strikes. This Level 1 Class offers the minimum of training one should have and is preparation for the Level 2 in depth training that covers the subject more thoroughly.

The Level 2, seven week, course will be offered on Tuesdays between March 14 and April 25. These classes will meet from 6:30 p.m. till 9 p.m.

To sign up, you can send an email to [cerville@gmail.com](mailto:cerville@gmail.com) or call 434-970-1798

*It's a fact, Jack*

**It appears that partisan politics has superceded taking care of citizen needs and the Virginia Legislature has set itself up as the perfect example in that they still have not reached a decision on the state tax code in light of the new federal tax changes. Your state returns will not be processed until an agreement is reached on the Virginia Tax Code which could become effective as late as July 1, 2019. That means no refunds until any changes in the code are made and become effective.**







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**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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## Crozet Library Notes

They have some great things coming up this month for adults. Hope to see you stop by the Library soon and check it out. If one of your resolutions this year is to read more - we've got a fun reading challenge for 2019 that you might enjoy (attached, or pick up your copy next time you're in) - and don't forget about the plethora of books we have devoted to any new activity or habit you'd like to create. Happy New Year!

### Monday Night Book Group

**Monthly on Mondays at 7-8:30pm**

Join this informal group for relaxed and stimulating book discussions. Newcomers always welcome.

**March 4:** *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See (Same Page)

**April 1:** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

**May 6:** *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

**June 3:** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

### Live Poets, Too

**Monthly on Mondays at 7-8pm**

February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13

Bring several poems to share, either of your own authorship or another's, then sit back and enjoy listening to the language of the poet. Optional writing prompts provided upon group interest. Ages 18+.

### A Night at the Movies

**Monthly on Mondays at 6:30pm**

Join the Crozet Library for a night at the movies with theater-style popcorn and drinks. Refer to ratings for age restrictions.

**January 28:** *Ocean's 8* (PG-13 - 2018) [2hr]

Summary: Debbie Ocean gathers an all-female crew to attempt an impossible heist at New York City's yearly Met Gala.

Check out the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5LoVcVsiSQ>

**February 25:** *BlacKkKlansman* (R - 2018) [2 hr 15 min]

**March 25:** *Lion* (PG-13 - 2016) [2hr] (Same Page)

**April 29:** *Loving Vincent* (PG-13 - 2017) [1 hr 34 min]

**May 20:** *Crazy Rich Asians* (PG-13 - 2018) [2 hr]

### Stitches Handcraft Group + Learn to Knit

**Last Tuesdays at 4:30-5:30pm**

Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28

Bring any handwork project you're working on or are interested in learning, and join this fun group for an hour of handcrafting and sharing. If you'd like to learn to knit, bring along knitting needles and a basic yarn that you would like to turn into a simple scarf, and we'll provide the instruction. Ages 8 to adult.

### AROUND THE BRANCH:

#### Make & Take Projects

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## A Crozet Church

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### Crozet Baptist Church

Rev. David Collyer, Pastor  
5804 St. George Avenue  
434-823-5171

[info@crozetchurch.org](mailto:info@crozetchurch.org)

9:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Children, Youth and Adult Fellowships  
10:30 Worship Service

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### Crozet United Methodist Church

Rev. Sarah Westella, Senior Pastor  
1156 Crozet Avenue Crozet Virginia  
434.823.4420

<http://www.crozetunitedmethodist.org>

9 a.m. Rise and Shine Children's Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary worship - 11 a.m. Traditional worship

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### Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Rev. Neal Goldsborough, Interim Rector  
7599 Rockfish Gap Turnpike  
Greenwood, VA 22943  
telephone: (540) 456-6334

email: [info@emmanuelgreenwood.org](mailto:info@emmanuelgreenwood.org)

9 a.m. – Sunday School and Adult Forum  
10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Worship

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### Mountain Plain Baptist Church

Dr. Sam Kellum, Pastor  
4281 Old Three Notch D Rd,  
Charlottesville, VA 22901  
[www.mountainplain.org](http://www.mountainplain.org)  
(434) 823-4160

Sunday School: 10 a.m. - Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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### Tabor Presbyterian Church

Rev. Liz Hume Adam, Pastor  
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10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship

## Your Email

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Submissions are certainly welcome

**EMAIL:** Jim: If you could, please send me your December 14 Issue because I missed it and would like to take the citizenship test you had in it. Cindy C.

**EMAIL:** Jim. I'd suggest you keep offering a lesson or two on (citizenship) as you have time and space. Can't hurt, and all of us, including me – maybe especially me, at 85, can use an update in civics. I enjoyed the "test," though it embarrassed me that I didn't know many of the answers. I went online, pulled up other examples, including one that listed 100 possible questions, and many were much harder for me than even those you presented in your article. That's why I said, if it had been a different 10 questions, I might not have passed. Fact, I suspect I would not have passed. Some of the 100 questions, though, appear to me aimed at assuring that prospective citizens not pass the test. My guess is a large percentage of natural citizens would answer many of them incorrectly. Maybe it's my age, but I don't remember studying all those things in school. As for names of native American tribes, if not for John Wayne, who every American youngster of a certain age group knows won the west single handedly, as well as WWII, I may not have know very many names of Indian tribes. John Wayne, of course, either fought/defeated or befriended all of the better known ones, bless his heart. Such a wonderful man, serving in every branch of service and excelling in each. If you remember, he was a Marine, an Army Air Force pilot, and a Naval Officer. We never questioned the veracity of his exploits. He was way better than Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy! – Curtis T.

**Email:** Jim, I missed last week's edition. What happened? Bill W.

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