



Bluegrass Tribune

Tidewater Bluegrass Society, Incorporated

Promote, Preserve, Protect and Perpetuate Bluegrass Music

March-April

2024

www.tidewaterbluegrass.org

Next TBS Event:

Jams, Jams, Jams TBS sponsored Bluegrass Jams: Norfolk, Suffolk, Moyock, Virginia Beach

Thank-you to everyone who joined TBMA which is now Tidewater Bluegrass Society, or renewed their membership this past month. We want to be sure to welcome you into the Tidewater Bluegrass Society, Inc. fold.

The **BLUEGRASS TRIBUNE** is published monthly by the middle of each month. Deadline for advertisements and all other submissions is the **first Wednesday** of the month.

**** NEW: The next activity for Tidewater Bluegrass Society, Inc. is the various jams in and around the Tidewater area that TBS, Inc either sponsors, or participates in.**

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LOCAL and REGIONAL BLUEGRASS BANDS

Bands are responsible for notifying the editor of scheduled performances and events by web page schedule, email or phone no later than the 2nd Wednesday of each month to assure the proper posting of your event in the Tribune. No exceptions, please. Please contact the editor for questions or concerns: Jim Andersen, jandersen10@verizon.net.

BLUE RIDGE THUNDER- Contact: Dawn Good (540) 249-4366
Steve Good [Upright Bass, vocals]; Eddie Shifflett [Mandolin, vocals]; Tim Lansberry [Guitar, vocals]; Zach Cardin [Banjo, vocals]; Anthony VanPelt [Fiddle].
Blue Ridge Thunder (Facebook) ; **Email:** blueridgethunderbluegrass@gmail.com

CODE BLUE— Contact Bud Finch (757) 287-4186. Bud Finch [guitar, vocals]; E.T. Firth [mandolin, guitar, fiddle, vocals]; Mike Beaver [banjo, vocals]; Paul Anderson [fiddle]; Bucky Beauchamp [bass, vocals]. www.codebluebluegrass.com

ELDER BERRY JAM— Contact: Luana Bond at (757) 565-1981. Jim Kopenhafer [bass, banjo]; Jim Justice [Dobro, Mandolin, vocals] ; John Bond [bass]; Sylvia Hunt [mandolin, vocals]; Luana Bond [guitar, vocals].

FENTRESS STATION - contact [Kurt Hobbs](#) (757) 802-1841 , Mandolin & Vocals; Gary Bates, banjo; Roger Gray, Fiddle; Wade Gibbs, bass; Drew Holland, guitar & vocals

FRANKLIN STATION – Contact: Ralph C. Clay (434) 942-9030. Ralph C. Clay (upright bass, vocals); Steve Worley (guitar, lead singer); Jackir Cooper (mandolin, vocalist); Josh Layne (banjo); Ernie Power (dobro) . On Facebook: Franklin Station Bluegrass Band; Also on YouTube.

HARD TRAVELIN' BLUEGRASS BAND Contact : Roy Hare, (757) 874-7370. Bob Sanford [guitar , vocals]; Roy Hare [banjo, vocals]; Bob Liston [mandolin]; Stanley Pritchard [bass, vocals].

HARD KNOX Contact [Joe Mastrangelo](#) at (757) 371-1199. Chris Rose [guitar, vocals]; Bob Burrows [dobro, vocals]; Don Hamadyk [mandolin]; Charlie Scudder [bass]; Joe Mastrangelo [banjo, vocals]. www.Facebook.com/hardknoxbluegrassband

HARVEST TIME BLUEGRASS GOSPEL Contact Kevin Stroud at (252) 216-8082 obxkps@embarqmail.com. Kevin Stroud [Banjo], Vocals; Sammy Mariner [Guitar, Lead Vocals]; Blake Cooper [Guitar, Lead Vocals]; Buddy Cooper [Mandolin, Vocals]; and Eric Rainwater [Upright Bass, Vocals]

In a bluegrass band? Send me the info and I'll post it here for FREE!

Tidewater Bluegrass Society Officers for 2024

President	Bill Armstrong	757-650-4591
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President		
Secretary	Juan Gelpi	
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Eric Yoder	At Large
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Scott Benson	At Large
Clark Ferguson	At Large
Larry Horvath	At Large
This could be you!	Come the Day of the show and see how we make things happen.

Committees, Appointees and Volunteers

Membership	Jim Andersen	
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Webmaster	Laura Ray	
Tribune	Jim Andersen	757-481-2411

All telephone numbers are in the (757) Area Code unless otherwise indicated

SOLID ROCK— contact@solidrockbluegrass.com or (757) 723-7079; www.solidrockbluegrass.com. Butch Bunn [guitar, lead vocal]; Joe Drumright [mandolin, vocal]; Rob Green [banjo, vocal]; Isaac Hyde [fiddle, mandolin, vocals]; Sam Hyde [bass, vocal]; Caleb Hyde [guitar, vocals].

SUNSHINE EXPRESS, Contact David Zook (757) 547-5353. Leo Warren [guitar, vocals]; Charlie Vaiden [guitar, resonator guitar, vocals]; Dave Zook [mandolin, vocals]; Jonas Miller [bass, vocals].

WAYNE WILLIS AND LIBERTY GRASS, Contact Wayne Willis (757)488-2452. Wayne Willis (guitar/vocals); Charley Moore (resonator guitar, vocals); Jerry Willis (bass/vocals); Harlan Baumgardner (banjo/vocals); Teresa Willis-Knapp (vocals); Loren Knapp (vocals).

..unless otherwise indicated, all locales mentioned are in the Commonwealth of Virginia

From the TBS,Inc. President:

WOW! The 2024 Bluegrass Pickin' Party at the Holiday Inn was a resounding success. Thank you to all the board members and volunteers who helped make it happen. We are already making plans for next years Pickin' Party.

I had so much fun that weekend. Thank you to all that came. I reconnected with many friends, and made many new acquaintances. Learned a few new songs too.

We are looking forward to next year. March 13, 14, and 15th. We hope to see you there. The hotel says they will have reservations available sometime in May. As soon as we find out we will post it on Facebook and the website.

In the meantime, our local jams are still going strong. You'll find them from from Ivor to Moyock. Check out the webpage for exact times and locations.

Thank you to all those who renewed their memberships, and those that joined for the first time. Those of you who would like to become members can find a printable application on our website. I will make it a point to bring forms with me to all jams I attend.

As always, Keep on Pickin!

Bill Armstrong

TBS INC President

But it ain't over yet....Go to "Pickin' on WHRV" with Barry Graham (89.5 FM).... comes on Sunday evenings from 7 to 9 PM.



Upcoming Local Bluegrass Community Events

EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS:

ACTIVE: Wayne's Body Shop Saturday Night Jam Session - Every 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month. 3134 Victory Blvd., Portsmouth, VA. Starts at 6:00–9 PM.

ACTIVE: Roosevelt Area Civic League Building. Friday 7-9. 8440 Mona Avenue, Norfolk, VA., 23518. Food provided with donation requested.

ACTIVE: Afterglow Brewing at 2330 Bowdens Ferry Rd. Suite 600 Norfolk . Tuesday night, 6:30-8:30 .

ON HOLD: Virginia Beach Farmer's Market . Moved to Roosevelt Area Civic League

ACTIVE: West Neck Village Hall , 32580 Signature Drive, Virginia Beach, VA, 23456 Third Sundays, 2-5pm

ACTIVE: Nansemond Brewing Station; 212 East Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434. The first Sunday of the month 2-5pm.

ACTIVE: BLU42 Brewing Barn Open Bluegrass jam. Second Sunday of each month 2-5pm. 2132 Caratoke Hwy, Moyock, NC 27958 (Next to Powell's Market).

Visit www.tidewaterbluegrass.org for a more complete listing of available jams and concerts.

Success!

The "2024 Bluegrass Picking Party" at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center March 7-9 2024 was a total success! Thanks to everyone who attended, thanks you to the volunteers who gave of their time to help, thanks to each of the groups that performed on-stage for fantastic music, thanks to the workshop instructors, and thank-you Jesse and Eric for making the "Kids Academy" a tremendous success. The kids sounded super on stage. Thanks to ASW Sound and Jay Andrews for his professionalism and perfect sound, and thanks to the Holiday Inn and Maria for helping us make it all happen. This was a first for the Tidewater Bluegrass Society, Inc., and we learned a lot and will make next years event even better. All of us at TBS, Inc. are so proud and happy for how it all turned out. The tentative dates for next year are 13-15 March 2025. We'll let you know when you can make hotel reservations and when tickets will go on sale. Much more to follow on that.

So what else is going on with TBS, Inc.?? Lots of jams. Tuesday is the bluegrass jam at the "Afterglow Brewing" in Norfolk; Friday and Saturday morning is the breakfast jam at the "460 Café" in Ivor; Friday evening is the Bluegrass Jam at the Roosevelt Civic League building in Norfolk; The first Sunday of the month is the afternoon jam at "Nansamond Brewing" in Suffolk; and the third Sunday of the month is the bluegrass jam at "Blu42" in Moyock, NC. So, lots of picking going on for all to attend at all entry levels of skill. And they are all free!

Thanks for your TBS, Inc. support. It is always appreciated and needed to keep the bluegrass music coming to the Hampton Roads area. Please consider becoming a TBS member or renewing your membership. Your membership dollars help us to keep the music coming.

More Bluegrass, please: On WHRO TV CH15 at 4PM on Sundays:

SONG OF THE MOUNTAINS

Tidewater Bluegrass Society, Inc.
c/o Jim Andersen
920 Tigertail Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Membership Information

**You can join or renew your membership at the Picking Party or by mail.
Annual dues are only \$25 - Single, \$35 for a Family. What a deal!**

Please make your check out to “**Tidewater Bluegrass Society Incorporated**” (this is a change) and enclose a *Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope* and mail to:

Jim Andersen, Membership Officer, 920 Tigertail Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454. I'll send you back your membership cards. Thank you for supporting bluegrass music!

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