



BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – CURRENTLY INACTIVE

The Board hears appeals of real estate assessments. It is comprised of three members; a combination of an appraiser, a realtor, a lawyer, and/or a contractor, all of whom must be residents of the City. Members are appointed by the Circuit Court Judge.

Board Members (2024):

J. Todd Jones
Bill Fitzgerald
Michelle Wheeler

- Meets on an as-needed basis; following a real estate reassessment
- Contact: Commissioner of the Revenue – Ashton Beverly

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board’s responsibilities consist of hearing and deciding appeals of zoning determinations and decisions. If an individual believes that a determination made by the Zoning Administrator, or a decision reached by the Planning Commission, is incorrect, they may appeal the decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals. In Buena Vista, it is solely a judicial body and possesses no legislative or ministerial authority.

Board Members:

Dennis Hawes, Chair:	1.1.2022 – 12.31.2026
Teri Fulwider:	9.19.2024 – 12.31.2026
Patricia Mays:	1.1.2022 – 12.31.2026
Leroy Wheeler:	2.20.2026 – 12.31.2030
Christina Himes:	1.1.2026 – 12.31.2030

- Members serve a five-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: Director of Community Development – Tom Roberts

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Budget & Finance Committee is a City Council Committee that works with the City Manager and staff to review the City’s annual budget, financial reports, and funding priorities. The Committee develops and recommends a balanced budget and related fiscal policies to the City Council for adoption. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Amy Gilliam, Chair:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Michelle Poluikis, Vice Chair:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Steve Bolster, Secretary:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Wayne Handley:	2.19.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on the fourth Monday each month
- Contact: Director of Finance – Steve Bolster

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee is a City Council Committee created to focus on the upkeep of Green Hill Cemetery including landscaping, updating the rules and regulations, and providing guidance to citizens with damaged property. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Ron Cash:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Danny Staton:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Ben Staton:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Karen Pooley:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on the third Monday each month
- Contact: Director of Public Works – Michael Loudermilk

CENTRAL SHENANDOAH EMS COUNCIL

Central Shenandoah EMS Council is a 501(c)3 charitable organization serving a mission to cultivate and support our region’s EMS agencies and providers as they provide excellent emergency care to all people in need. CSEMS serves as one of 11 designated Emergency Services Councils by the Virginia Board of Health and is home to one of four Regional Offices of the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. Central Shenandoah EMS Council serves a population of nearly 300,000 people, over 1,800 certified EMS providers, and 52 licensed EMS agencies in the Counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, and Rockingham and the Cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Waynesboro. The EMS Council is also one of the largest American Heart Association Training Centers and offers additional programs from the Emergency Care and Safety Institute and the National Association of EMTs.

Buena Vista Representative:

Kathleen Beverley: 10.5.2023 – 9.30.2026

- Members serve a three-year term
- Meets on a quarterly basis
- Contact: BVRS President – Kathleen Beverley

CENTRAL SHENANDOAH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

The CSPDC works with its member jurisdictions, communities, and agencies to provide high-quality planning, technical assistance, and facilitation of services that address local, regional, and state needs in an innovative, timely, and cooperative manner. Covering everything from land use planning, transportation, water and waste-water utilities, natural resource management, affordable housing, economic and community development, disaster mitigation and preparedness, agritourism to

human services, the CSPDC is an invaluable asset to the quality of life in the Shenandoah Valley. The Board of the Commission is comprised of elected officials and provides input to the Commission staff.

Buena Vista Representative:

Jesse Lineberry: 2.5.2026 – 6.30.2027

- Members serve a three-year term
- Meets on the third Monday each month
- Contact: Director of Community Development – Tom Roberts

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Citizens Advisory Committee is a City Council Committee created to serve as a collaborative bridge between citizens and City Council. The Committee is focused on amplifying residents' voices, building community trust, and providing informed guidance to City Council on policies and initiatives that promote equitable and effective governance. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Heather Madison, Chair: 2.17.2026 – 12.31.2026

Brent Styler, Vice Chair: 2.17.2026 – 12.31.2026

Sarah Burch, Secretary: 2.17.2026 – 12.31.2026

Stephanie Noel-Branch: 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026

William Kerr: 3.5.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on the third Tuesday each month
- Contact: Clerk of Council – Sarah Burch

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The EDA is responsible for approving, financing, and executing economic development incentives. This includes owning real estate. The EDA has the legal authority to transact money, own property, and issue debt. The EDA also reviews and approves applications for the Façade Improvement Grant Program.

Board Members:

Jody Fix, Chair: 4.1.2025 – 3.31.2029

Jeremy Becker, Vice-Chair: 4.1.2025 – 3.31.2029

Neil Carpenter: 4.1.2025 – 3.31.2029

Jerry Miller: 4.1.2024 – 3.31.2028

Coretta Thurman: 4.1.2024 – 3.31.2028

Peder Weierholt: 5.6.2024 – 3.31.2027

Wayne Oyler: 8.1.2023 – 3.31.2027

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: Director of Economic Development – Kristina Ramsey

ELECTORAL BOARD

The Electoral Board is a three-member body appointed pursuant to Virginia law. The Board is responsible for overseeing the administration of elections within the City and ensuring that all federal, state, and local elections are conducted fairly, accurately and in compliance with applicable laws. The Board works in coordination with the General Registrar and election officers to carry out its responsibilities.

Board Members:

Debbie Garrett, Chair: 3.5.2025 – 12.31.2027
Marina Pratt, Vice Chair: 1.1.2026 – 12.31.2028
Steve Baldrige, Secretary: 1.1.2024 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: General Registrar – Emilie Staton

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee is a City Council Committee created to assist in the planning of City-sponsored events outside of Glen Maury Park such as the Labor Day Parade. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Ron Cash 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
William Kerr 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Millie Sizer 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Dawn Manspile 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
David Clements 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: Glen Maury Park Office Manager – Millie Sizer

GLEN MAURY PARK COMMITTEE

The Glen Maury Park Committee is a City Council Committee formed to work with GMP officials with a focus on the pool, campground, and pavilions. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Danny Staton, Chair 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Jordan Rice, Vice-Chair 1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Emilie Staton, Secretary 3.11.2026 – 12.31.2026
Millie Sizer 3.11.2026 – 12.31.2026
Karen Moore 3.11.2026 – 12.31.2026
Ryan Groah 4.8.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on the second Wednesday each month
- Contact: Director of Parks & Recreation – Ryan Groah

MAURY SERVICE AUTHORITY

The mission of the Maury Service Authority is to Sustainably Provide Clean Water for the Public Health, Safety, and the General Welfare of the Communities we service. The MSA was founded in 1970 as a regional service authority and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth formed under the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act. The MSA is governed by a five-member Board of directors and comprised of three governing bodies: the County of Rockbridge, the City of Lexington, and the City of Buena Vista. The MSA owns and operates the water and sewer systems that primarily serve Lexington and Rockbridge County. The MSA buys water from the City of Buena Vista Public Service Authority, and the City holds a seat on this Board.

Buena Vista Representative:

Jennifer Humphrey: 6.1.2025 – 5.31.2029

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: MSA Executive Director – Jordan Combs

MOUNTAIN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCAL BOARD

The Board is responsible for serving as a channel of communication between the State Board of Community Colleges and the government of local political subdivisions. The Board recommends to the State Board the master site plans for the college and its campuses, approves capital outlay plans for parking and reserve funds for parking from local government for the construction, repair, and maintenance of parking; and participates in the selection, evaluation, and removal of the college president. Other responsibilities include eliciting community participation in program planning and development, establishing local citizen advisory committees for specialized programs and curricula, reviewing new curriculum proposals and program discontinuation proposals, and overseeing the development and evaluation of the college’s community service program. The Board reviews and approves local funds budgets, in addition to approving local regulations on student conduct.

Buena Vista Representative:

Byron Honore: 7.1.2025 – 6.30.2029

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on Mondays at 3:00 pm four times per school year
- Contact: President of MGCC – John Rainone

OUTDOOR SPACES COMMITTEE

The Outdoor Spaces Committee is a City Council Committee created to focus on City-owned spaces such as Laurel Park, Camden Field, Secrist Field, Magnolia Square, and the Kenny’s Basketball Court. The Committee is also tasked with exploring the creation of new outdoor spaces such as parks and dog parks. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Brent Styler, Chair:	3.26.2026 – 12.31.2026
Chad Coffey, Vice Chair:	3.26.2026 – 12.31.2026
April Murphy, Secretary:	3.26.2026 – 12.31.2026
Jesse Lineberry:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Stephanie Noel-Branch:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Ryan Groah:	4.23.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on the fourth Thursday each month
- Contact: Director of Parks & Recreation – Ryan Groah

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is responsible for long-range land use planning, including the Comprehensive Plan; approval of zoning changes; and approval of development projects. This includes zoning map and text amendments, conditional use permits, site plans, and variances. The Planning commission also serves as the Architectural Review Board of the Seminary Hill Historic District and reviews and approves Certificates of Appropriateness for projects within the District.

Commission Members:

Dennis Hawes, Chair:	8.1.2024 – 7.31.2028
Harold Kidd:	7.1.2022 – 6.30.2026
Sarah Henson:	10.1.2023 – 9.30.2027
Melvin Henson:	10.1.2023 – 9.30.2027
Marolyn Cash:	7.1.2024 – 6.30.2028
Bryson Adams:	1.1.2025 – 12.31.2028
Tim Petrie:	1.1.2025 – 12.31.2028
Kathryn Janiczek:	1.8.2026 – 8.31.2029

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on the second Tuesday each month
- Contact: Director of Community Development – Tom Roberts

PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

The Authority is responsible for financing, acquisition, construction, equipping, operation, and maintenance of public recreational facilities for the benefit of the City. The Authority is not involved in the daily operations of parks and recreation but focuses on financing and major capital improvements.

Board Members:

Bill Fitzgerald, Chair:	7.1.2022 – 6.30.2026
Deidra Dryden:	7.1.2022 – 6.30.2026
Melvin Henson:	7.1.2022 – 6.30.2026
Tim Petrie:	2.1.2024 – 6.30.2026
Joanna Clark:	4.2.2026 – 6.30.2026

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: Director of Parks & Recreation – Ryan Groah

PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

The PSA owns the water production and distribution facilities and the wastewater collection and treatment facilities that serve the City.

Authority Members:

Jesse Lineberry, Chair:	1.8.2026 – 12.31.2027
Danny Staton, Vice Chair:	1.8.2026 – 12.31.2029
Michelle Poluikis:	1.4.2024 – 12.31.2027
Ron Cash:	1.4.2024 – 12.31.2027
Stephanie Noel-Branch:	1.8.2026 – 12.31.2029
Amy Gilliam:	1.8.2026 – 12.31.2029
William Kerr:	3.5.2026 – 11.3.2026

- The City Council serves as the Board of the PSA
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: PSA Secretary – Sarah Burch

ROCKBRIDGE AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

The Board of Directors governs Rockbridge Area Community Services, an organization that was established to help prevent and treat mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse. They help these individuals by providing individualized treatments, establishing and expanding programs and support systems, and promoting integration into the community. The Board itself acts as an agent of the region in the establishment and operation of community mental health and intellectual disability and substance abuse programs.

Buena Vista Representatives:

Christopher Plogger:	1.1.2025 – 12.31.2027
Hannah Becker:	1.1.2024 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a three-year term; members cannot serve more than three full three-year terms
- Meets on the fourth Wednesday each month, except July & August
- Contact: RACS Executive Director – Kimberly Shaw

ROCKBRIDGE AREA NETWORK AUTHORITY BOARD

The Rockbridge Area Network Authority (RANA) was created by Rockbridge County, Lexington, Buena Vista, and Washington & Lee University in 2009 under the Virginia Wireless Services Authorities Act to promote and provide high-speed “big broadband” fiber infrastructure for the area localities.

Buena Vista Representative:

John Neuerburg:	1.1.2025 – 12.31.2028
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- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on the second Tuesday each month
- Contact: RANA Executive Director – Valeri Jacoutot

ROCKBRIDGE AREA RECREATION ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board consists of nine voting members, providing and encouraging a broad range of leisure and recreational opportunities to the Rockbridge area through sanctioned programs, including athletic and non-athletic activities. RARO is a non-profit, educational-athletic organization. The Board is in charge of the management of the property and affairs of RARO. The Board employs an Executive Director, and is responsible for the oversight of said Director, and shall review the budget set forth by the Executive Director prior to submission of the budget.

Buena Vista Representatives:

Cordelia Derr: 1.1.2025 – 12.31.2028
 Nick Roberts: 12.11.2025 – 12.31.2027

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on the first Wednesday each month
- Contact: RARO Executive Director – Chad Coffey

ROCKBRIDGE AREA SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

The Board oversees the local office of the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS). The Regional Social Services Department services the citizens of Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County. Social Services is a state supervised and locally administered that administers programs designed to help Virginia’s most vulnerable citizens find permanent solutions to life’s many challenges and promote the well-being of citizens through the delivery of essential services and benefits such as Medicaid.

Buena Vista Representatives:

Mary Lee Huffman: 11.20.2025 – 7.31.2028
 Paul Janiczek: 11.1.2024 – 10.31.2028

- Members serve a four-year term, limited to two consecutive terms and are eligible for reappointment after a one-year intervene
- Meets on the third Wednesday each month
- Contact: DSS Executive Director – Dinah Hupman

ROCKBRIDGE AREA TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

The City of Buena Vista, the City of Lexington, and the County of Rockbridge have consolidated all tourism promotional operations in the Region into one central organization, the Regional Tourism Program, that is operated for the mutual benefit of all the jurisdictions and the tourism related businesses for all jurisdictions. The Advisory Board oversees the management and operation of the Regional Tourism Program.

Buena Vista Representative

Kristina Ramsey: 1.1.2025 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a two-year term
- Meets on the third Wednesday each month
- Contact: Tourism Executive Director – Sheryl Wagner

ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL JAIL COMMISSION

The Commission is composed of five members, each serving one-year terms. The purpose of the commission is to own, administer and provide an adequate regional jail and to provide jail services to the participating local governments. The Commission is responsible for the adequate repair, maintenance, and services of the Regional Jail Facility, in addition to keeping the facility sanitary and providing adequate security and safety for both prisoners and visitors. The Commission provides adequate administrative services to reasonably administer the incarceration and release of prisoners.

Buena Vista Representatives:

Wayne Handley: 2.19.2026 – 1.14.2027
 Sheriff Randy Hamilton: 1.15.2026 – 1.14.2027

- Members serve a one-year term from January 15 to January 14
- Meets on the second Tuesday each month
- Contact: Jail Superintendent – Derek Almarode

ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL LIBRARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board is responsible for managing the operations of the Rockbridge Regional Library, which is exclusively for educational purposes. The library has branches in Bath County, Buena Vista, Glasgow, Goshen, Lexington, and owns a mobile Bookmobile bus.

Buena Vista Representatives:

Sherri Wheeler: 7.1.2023 – 6.30.2027
 Leece Bachman: 9.19.2025 – 6.30.2026
 Steve Webb: 7.1.2025 – 6.30.2029

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on the fourth Thursday each month
- Contact: Library Director – Julie Goyette

ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BOARD

The Public Safety Communications Board provides emergency services dispatching for Buena Vista, Lexington, and Rockbridge County. The Central Dispatch Center, located in Buena Vista, dispatches for local police, fire, rescue, and emergency services. The Board oversees the operations of the center and hires an executive director to manage the day-to-day activities.

Buena Vista Representative

Wayne Handley: 2.19.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on the third Thursday each month

- Contact: Director – Curtis Berry

SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The School Facilities Committee is a joint City Council and School Board Committee created for the purpose of comprehensively forecasting current and future facility needs for the school district based on current and projected enrollments over the next ten years. The Mayor serves as an ex officio member of all City Council Committees.

Committee Members

Charles Jolley, Chair:	1.13.2026 – 12.31.2026
Amy Gilliam, Vice-Chair:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Michelle Poluikis:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Roy Mohler:	1.13.2026 – 12.31.2026
Tom Roberts:	1.15.2026 – 12.31.2026
Heather Ault:	1.13.2026 – 12.31.2026
Wayne Handley:	2.19.2026 – 12.31.2026

- Members serve a one-year term
- Meets on an as-needed basis
- Contact: BVCPS Superintendent – Heather Ault

SHENANDOAH VALLEY PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board guides the organization in fulfilling its mission to facilitate regional and local economic development efforts through and in support of member jurisdictions, private partners, and strategic alliances. The Board has the ability to establish committees if it is determined to be in the Partnership’s best interests. The Board of Directors are able to amend or repeal SVP’s bylaws and are responsible for approving a certified public accountant for an annual audit of the Partnership’s financial accounts and records. The Board reviews annual reports provided by the Audit Committee.

Buena Vista Representative:

Kristina Ramsey: 7.1.2023 – 6.30.2026

- Members serve a three-year term
- Meets on a quarterly basis
- Contact: Director of Economic Development – Kristina Ramsey

TREE BOARD

The purpose of the Buena Vista Tree Board is to assist the City of Buena Vista and staff for the City in the long-term planning, planting, preservation, and maintenance of trees and other landscape plantings, and to pursue other related duties that BV assigns. The Board’s activities shall be in coordination with City staff.

Board Members:

Teresa Ellison:	4.17.2025 – 12.31.2028
Samuel Hirt:	4.17.2025 – 12.31.2028

Michelle Poluikis: 4.17.2025 – 12.31.2028
Tim Petrie: 4.17.2025 – 12.31.2028
Ron Cash: 4.17.2025 – 12.31.2028

- Members serve a four-year term
- Meets on an as needed basis
- Contact: Director of Community Development – Tom Roberts