



2019 New River Valley Livability in Action
5th Annual Regional Exchange: Agenda
[The German Club](#), March 7, 2019 8:30am-1:30pm

- Coffee, Networking, Registration** **8:30- 9:00 am**
- Introductions** **9:00-9:10 am**
- Welcome and Livability Initiative Overview
- Are we in Kahoots?** **9:10-9:35 am**
- An Interactive Game Highlighting Regional Progress and Ongoing Challenges
- Reflecting on our Progress: What is notable?** **9:35-9:50 am**
- *Kevin Byrd, New River Valley Regional Commission*
- Lightning Round 1: Innovative Efforts** **9:50- 10:30 am**
- 1. When in ROAM: A New Bike Share Program**
Brad Epperley, Town of Christiansburg
 - 2. Gone FISHin': Better Housing in a Weekend**
Susan Icove, Floyd Initiative for Safe Housing
 - 3. Back to School: Pulaski Brings New Life to the Calfee School**
Alison Hunter, YMCA, Jill Williams, Community Member, and Janet Johnson, Calfee Training School Alumna
 - 4. What's Cooking in the Prices Fork Kitchen?**
Eric Bucey and Jessica Schultz, Beans and Rice
 - 5. The Missing Middle: Understanding Obstacles to Career Advancement**
Jenny Bolte, New River Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board
- Networking Break** **10:30-10:45 am**
- Lightning Round 2: Tough Nuts to Crack** **10:45-11:30 am**
- 6. You're Hired, Now Stay: Retaining Talent in the NRV**
Charlie Jewell, Onward NRV
 - 7. When the Funds Don't Fit: Barriers to Home Modifications for an Aging Population**
Elisabeth Willis, NRV Home Consortium and Shelley Fortier, NRV Habitat for Humanity
 - 8. The Water Quality Conundrum: Metrics versus Expectations**
Dr. Larry Willis, Department of Environmental Quality and National Water Monitoring Policy Council
 - 9. Building Blocks and Stumbling Blocks: Smart Beginnings Early Childhood Needs Assessment**
Meghan Pfliederer, Smart Beginnings NRV
 - 10. Health: It's Complicated**
Ashley Hash, Carilion and Dr. Noelle Bissell, New River Valley Health District

7. Nutcrackers

11:30-12:15 pm

Panelists:

- *Chris Thompson, Virginia Housing and Development Authority*
- *Joe Lerch, Virginia Association of Counties*
- *Dr. Tamarah Holmes, Department of Housing and Community Development*

Moderator:

- *Doug Jackson, Department of Housing and Community Development*

Closing: The Exchange Continues

12:15-12:25 pm

- What innovative work is going on in the New River Valley that you think others should know about?

Raffle of Local Goodies

12:25-12:35 pm

Performance by Junior Appalachian Musicians

12:35-12:45 pm

- *Christiansburg Music Students, Junior Appalachian Musician Program*

Lunch by Hazel Bea Catering

12:45-1:30 pm

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