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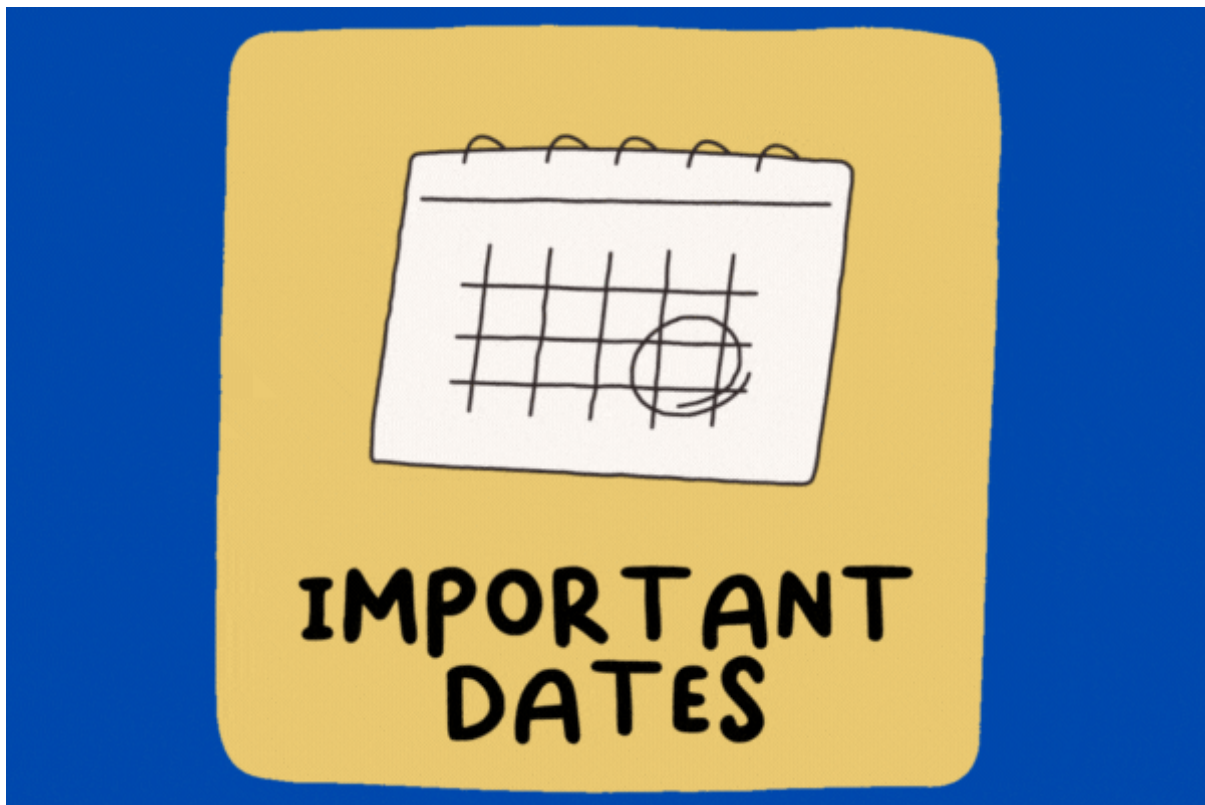
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**June 21** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Larry Jackson, Appalachian Power

**June 28** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Maureen McNamara Best, LEAP

**July 5** - No Club Meeting

**July 12** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Amanda Livingston, Salem-Roanoke County Chamber

**July 19** - No Club Meeting

**July 19** - Evening Social Event, Cookout at Carvins Cove

**July 26** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Virginia Children's Theatre Performance

**July 27** - Salem Red Sox Game

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## **June 21th Club Meeting - Larry Jackson, Director of Government Affairs: Appalachian Power**

Larry Jackson will be presenting on the deployment of electric vehicles and associated infrastructure in Southwest Virginia. Larry began his career with Appalachian Power in 1980 and has held a number of operational, process improvement, and policy positions over his career. He holds an electrical engineering degree from West Virginia University, and MBA from Averett University, is a registered professional engineer in Virginia and West Virginia, and is a registered lobbyist in Virginia and Tennessee.



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**June 28th Club Meeting - Maureen McNamara Best,  
Executive Director: Local Environmental Agriculture  
Project (LEAP)**

Maureen McNamara Best is the Executive Director with Local Environmental Agriculture Project (LEAP), a 501c3 non-profit based in Roanoke, VA. LEAP nurtures our food community to create an equitable food and farming system which prioritizes health and abundance by supporting community initiatives, markets, farms, and farmers. To tackle the complicated problems in our food system, LEAP works closely with community members, farmers, and organizational and government partners. LEAP programs include LEAP Farmers Markets (West End and Grandin Village), LEAP Mobile Market, LEAP Farm Share, Healthy Food Incentives (financial incentives for produce for people who participate in SNAP, Medicaid, WIC), The LEAP Kitchen, farm to community planning, and regional food system development. LEAP also serves as the fiscal agent for Virginia's statewide Nutrition Incentive Network, Virginia Fresh Match, to make fruits and vegetables more affordable for people who participate in SNAP (food stamps) at over 90 farmers markets, farm stands, and community-based grocery retailers across the Commonwealth.

Maureen has over fifteen years of experience working with food, agriculture, and community. Her work and professional experience is wide-ranging and includes teaching high school agriculture in Raleigh, NC, working with migrant farmworkers in eastern NC and in the Colorado plains, doing food safety inspections in Boulder CO, and studying the economic viability of the local food system in Northern Colorado. Maureen has a Master of Arts in Anthropology from Colorado State University and undergraduate degrees in Agriculture Education, Spanish, and Anthropology from North Carolina State University. Maureen is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University where she is a Bloomberg Fellow. You can contact Maureen at [maureen@leapforlocalfood.org](mailto:maureen@leapforlocalfood.org).





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## Highlights from our last club meeting!













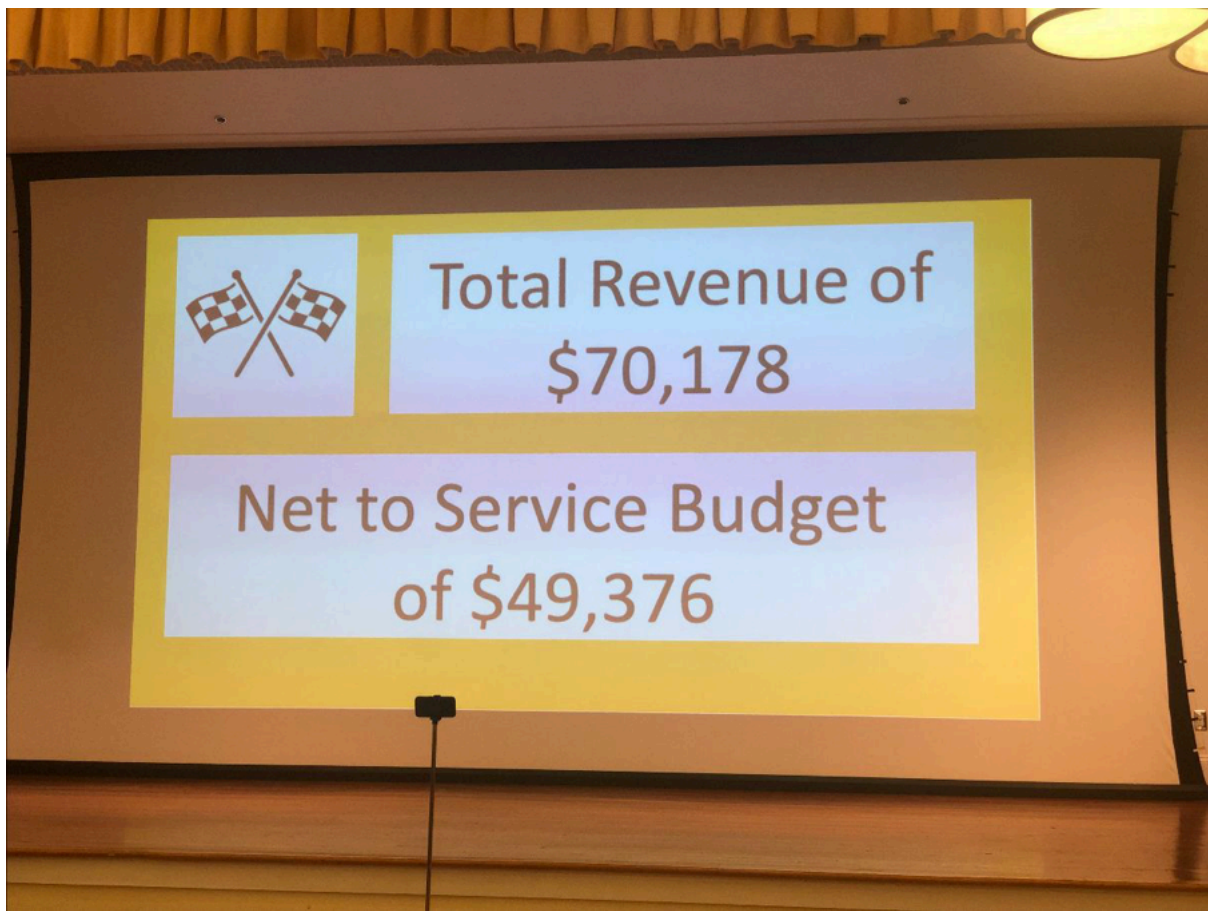


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Season Ticket Sales Total

\$47,678.40



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Happenings

### **Cares and Concerns**

- Kathy Cohen underwent neck surgery on Friday but is recovering well. She will wear a neck brace for six weeks.
- This week's lunch, as provided by Kiwanian Amy Carter: Salad bar and hoagie sandwiches

### **From the Fun Committee**

We look forward to our next outing at the Salem Red Sox game on July 27th where we'll be singing our National Anthem. Don't forget to sign up, as usual, "all the cool kids are gonna be there!"

### **Meeting Recordings**

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel



[here.](#)

**KPAD Highlights Video:** [Watch here!](#)

## Photos from Kiwanis Garden



*Please email any potential happenings to Alex at [abarge11@gmail.com](mailto:abarge11@gmail.com).*

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## Kiwanian June Birthdays

Dan Karnes - 2  
Ben Spiker - 3  
Joe Gaither - 4  
Steve McGraw - 7  
Mike Bell - 8  
Reif Kessler - 11  
Dan Chitwood -13  
Jill Sluss - 14  
Sherman Holland -15  
Greg Lionberger -16  
Steve Willis - 16  
Bart Wilner -20  
Phil Shiner - 22  
Milton Hardy - 25  
David Hartman - 25

Peg McGuire - 28  
Ray Sarver - 28  
Jim Arend - 29  
Jeff Leatherwood - 30  
Sam Rasoul - 30



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2022-23

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