



40th ANNIVERSARY

## Happy Birthday Virginia is for Lovers – Here's a look back at 1969

### First Family:

Governor Holton – campaigning for Governor, elected in 1969 and taking office in 1970 as Virginia is for Lovers takes off.

Governor Tim Kaine – turning 11 years old.

First Lady Anne Holton – enjoying the fifth grade at Crystal Spring Elementary School in Roanoke.

### Prices:

- First class postage stamp – 6 cents
- Gallon of gas – 35 cents
- Loaf of bread – 20 cents
- Gallon of milk - \$1.10
- Dozen eggs – 62 cents
- New car - \$2,000
- New house - \$27,900
- Median household income - \$8,389
- Ticket to Woodstock - \$6

### Other interesting things from 1969:

- L. Douglas Wilder elected to state senate from Richmond
- Hurricane Camille devastates portions of Nelson County
- Woodstock Music Festival held in upstate New York
- The New York “Miracle” Mets upset the powerful Baltimore Orioles 4 games to 1 in the 1969 World Series
- Top songs included *Aquarius/Let The Sun Shine In* – 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension, *Honkey Tonk Women* – The Rolling Stones, *Come Together* – The Beatles
- The United States was in the middle of some of the worst days of the Viet Nam conflict
- Led Zepplin released its first album – *Led Zepplin I*
- The Boeing 747 makes its maiden flight
- John Lennon records *Give Peace a Chance*
- Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the moon
- Sesame Street premiers on PBS
- Richard M. Nixon is sworn in as 37<sup>th</sup> President of the United States