



Lake Star Notes

City of Norfolk
Department of Utilities

Summer/Fall 2018

Dear Lake Star Resident:

This has been a wet summer, which means tall grass, blooming flowers and stormwater runoff. As a resident living in the watershed of our drinking water reservoirs, how you manage your yard can help protect against pollution from stormwater runoff.

Have you had your soil tested? Before you plant any grass this Fall, make sure your soil is ready. An inexpensive soil test provides a list of recommendations for soil amendments to help you make the right decisions for your lawn.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (757) 441-5678 or by email at david.rosenthal@norfolk.gov.

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Reservoir Manager

Keep it clean....

Hurricane season is upon us. Hurricanes are giant, spiraling tropical storms that can pack wind speeds of over 160 miles an hour and unleash more than 2.4 trillion gallons of rain a day. All of this water can lead to street flooding.

Do your part to help prevent street flooding. Lessen the severity of flooding in your neighborhood by keeping the street and storm drain clear of debris.

Take some time after mowing your yard to sweep up the grass clippings, leaves and pine straw. Dispose of the yard waste by putting it in clear plastic bags and placing them on the curb on your regular trash collection day. All of these items can clog the drain, causing street flooding, even during light to moderate rain events.



For More Information

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Water Fact

Tap water is economical.

You can fill about 1,500 glasses of tap water for the price of one plastic bottle.





Community Involvement Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities for you to help keep the local waterways and streets clean. Here are a few:

Adopt-a-Spot Programs

One opportunity is the local Adopt-a-Spot programs. The cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach offer programs that allow individuals, community groups and businesses to volunteer. This could include your company, civic league, service organization or military group.

For more information on how to "adopt" a part of your community visit the websites:

Norfolk [Adopt-A-Spot](#) or call Keep Norfolk Beautiful at 757-441-1347.

Virginia Beach [Adopt-A-Programs](#) or call 757-385-0415.

Join our International Coastal Cleanup to see what you will find!

September 10—October 31

This event happens once a year and removes trash from our beaches, waterways, and communities as well as cities around the world.

You can participate in one of three ways:

1. Host your own clean up
2. Join an existing cleanup
3. Volunteer at Norfolk's International Cleanup on September 15

You can call Keep Norfolk Beautiful at 757-441-1347.

Monarch Tag and Release

Sunday, September 16 10:00 am—3:00 pm

"Citizen scientists" will tag a Monarch butterfly and later release it into the Norfolk Botanical Garden after a brief training session. Three hundred or more Monarch butterflies will be tagged, recorded and released. Guests participating in the tagging receive a certificate. The event is free with Garden admission. The Monarch Watch Tagging Program is a large-scale citizen science project that was initiated in 1992 to help understand the dynamics of the monarch's spectacular fall migration through mark and recapture. For more information call Norfolk Botanical Garden at 757-441-5830.

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