

IKEA Grand Opening: Norfolk's IKEA store opened for business on Wednesday. Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Store Manager Charlie Plisco, Head of Trade and Economic Affairs, Björn Arvidsson of the Embassy of Sweden and IKEA U.S. Senior Advisor and Former President Lars Petersson welcomed the community with a traditional Swedish log-sawing ceremony, bringing good luck to the store and its shoppers! The city was well prepared for the grand opening having partnered with IKEA and the City of Virginia Beach to ensure the public had safe and smooth access in and out of the area.



Norfolk Hosts NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT) Resilience Conference: Leading the front line of international resilience, Norfolk hosted the NATO - Allied Command Transformation (ACT) Resilience Conference 2019 this week, connecting and collaborating with public, private and military sectors to discuss a collective response to natural and man-made crises. Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General André Lanata, and Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander welcomed federal, state and local leaders from across the United States.



Maritime Industrial Base Ecosystem: The Chair of Norfolk's Military Economic Advisory Committee, VADM Dave Architzel, USN (Ret.), and I met to discuss a new regional effort to improve the local Maritime Industrial Base Ecosystem (MIBE). With the increasing demand from the U.S. Navy for ship building and repair, this effort seeks to bring key stakeholders together to tackle the mission engineering challenges of sustainment, workforce development and supply chain optimization. Hampton Roads, and Norfolk with its robust maritime resources in industry and academia, is uniquely poised to lead the nation in meeting the Navy's ship repair and sustainment requirements. MIBE's near-term focus is completing assessments, prioritizing solutions needed to achieve their desired end states, finding supportive technologies, and integrating the solutions.

New City Auditor: We are pleased to welcome our new City Auditor Tammie Dantzler to Team Norfolk. Ms. Dantzler served as interim city auditor prior to her appointment by City Council on April 9th. The City Auditor's office ensures that our local government is accountable, transparent and cost-effective.

National Work Zone Awareness Week: The Department of Public Works is participating in National Work Zone Awareness Week by setting up barrel monsters and message boards at the following locations to promote safety of our roadway workers: In the median at the intersection of Tidewater Dr and Virginia Beach Blvd, the median at the intersection of E Berkley Ave and Stafford St and on the corner at the intersection of Norview Avenue and Azalea Garden.



Norview High's NJROTC Wins Navy National Awards: Norview High School's NJROTC attended the Navy Nationals and earned the title of the #1 Armed Exhibition team with an almost perfect score! For the first time, the Color Guard took fifth place in the national competition. Congratulations to the unarmed and armed standard, and the unarmed exhibition teams who collectively won the overall Drill Team competition taking third place. This is the highest honor the drill team has ever scored as they proudly obtained the 10th place in overall team.

Household Hazardous Waste is Relocating: Effective May 1, 2019, Norfolk’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) will be collected at SPSA’s Norfolk Transfer Station located at 3136 Woodland Avenue, Tuesdays and Saturdays only, Noon – 4 p.m. The Towing and Recovery facility will continue to accept electronics and paper shredding. Towing is open 24 hours, 7 days a week at 1188-A Lance Road.

Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

April 11 (6-8:30pm) 6th Annual PassPORT – Cruising Around the World with Norfolk’s Sister Cities @Sheraton Norfolk Waterside

Join us for celebrity chef cuisine, international entertainment and fun times at the gaming tables!

April 12-21 Nauticus Presents: ALBESILA @Nauticus & Battleship Wisconsin

In celebration of its 25th birthday, Nauticus is bringing ALBESILA Luminarium by Architects of Air to Downtown Norfolk. This massive labyrinth will immerse you in vibrant color as you walk through its 27 egg-shaped domes with interconnected, winding tunnels.

April 13-14 (6pm) Coastal VA Plein Air, OV Business Association & Norfolk Arts event @East Beach

Working with the OV Business Association and Norfolk Arts, Coastal VA Plein Air is bringing 20 local, regional, and nationally known plein air artists to paint throughout the area.

April 13 (9-10:30am) Bank On Norfolk @Crown Lyfe Ministries

Put an end to living paycheck to paycheck. Gain financial independence through education and encouragement.

April 13 (11am-1pm) Recreation, Parks & Open Space: Challenge Course Event @Lambert's Point Community Center, Jeff Robertson Park, & Fergus Reid Tennis Courts

Walk, run or bike on the Elizabeth River Trail to the activities as follows: Climb the rock wall* and play on ropes in the Adventure Room at Lambert's Point Community Center. Race through an outdoor obstacle course at Jeff Robertson Park. Get a free tennis lesson or dance in a zumba class at Fergus Reid Tennis Courts.

Video highlights of the latest happenings in Norfolk!

[IKEA Norfolk Grand Opening!](#)

[Day in the Life at Norfolk Animal Care & Adoption Center](#)



**SIXTY-DAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS AND MEETING TOPICS**

April 23, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- Budget Worksession 3

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM APRIL 25 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** text amendment to improve the consistency of development certificate requirements, replacement zoning certificates for new restaurants, minimum first-floor elevations of single-family dwellings, and parking requirements in BC districts, to correct clerical errors, and to remove unnecessary provisions.
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** text amendment to create a new Neighborhood Resilience Overlay (NRO) zoning district, the Colonial Place, Crusier Place, Riverview Neighborhood Resilience Overlay (CPRV-NRO) district
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** zoning map amendment to apply the Colonial Place, Crusier Place, Riverview Neighborhood Resilience Overlay (CPRV-NRO) district
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** text amendment to allow tattoo parlor as a principal use by Conditional Use Permit in the PCO-Colley and PCO-21st Street Districts
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** text amendment to allow Permanent Cosmetic Tattooing as an accessory use to full-service beauty salons
- **Christopher Clark (Applicant)** rezoning to accommodate a mixed-use living with one dwelling unit at 840 45th St
- **Brinshore Development (Applicant)** rezoning to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community development with 70 dwelling units at 501 Wood Str
- **Brinshore Development (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community development with 70 dwelling units at 501 Wood St
- **Brinshore Development (Applicant)** development certificate to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community development with 70 dwelling units at 501 Wood St
- **Merrimac Market (Applicant)** conditional use permit to a operate a new convenience store at 2812 E. Virginia Beach Blvd
- **La Yaroa Tropical Restaurant (Applicant)** conditional use permit allow an existing restaurant to operate as a nightclub with on-premises alcohol sales and live entertainment with a disc jockey and dance floor at 3320 N. Military Hwy
- **City of Norfolk (Applicant)** alter the existing right-of-way of Bluestone Ave between Melrose Pkwy and Monterey Ave by vacating a portion of it and accepting a re-dedication of another portion so as to maintain at least a 50-foot wide right-of-way

May 7, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- Budget Worksession 4
- Planning Update
- Public Hearing: RE Reassessment; Council Chambers 6:00

May 9, 2019

- Budget Worksession 5 (extra meeting, if needed)

May 14, 2019 - ** Budget Adoption

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM May 23 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** modify Appendix C in the Table of Contents within *plaNorfolk2030* to adopt by reference *A Vision for Wards Corner: Urban Development Area Plan*
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to amend parts of the demolition process in the Historic & Cultural Conservation zoning districts
- **Lisa Miller (Applicant)** change of zoning to subdivide the property into three 5,000 square foot lots at 5980 Curlew Dr
- **Amin Mohamed (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow a mixed-use development with 7 dwelling units at 1855 Church St
- **YWCA South Hampton Roads (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow an assisted living facility at 2333 Ballentine Blvd
Living Room (Applicant) conditional use permit to allow a nightclub to operate with on-premises alcohol sales and live entertainment with a disc jockey and dance floor until 2:00 am at 700 N. Military Hwy
- **New Business**
 - **Development Certificate – The Hanson Company, LLC – 611-615 35th Street**
 - **Development Certificate – Within Interior Design, Inc. – 1008 Granby Street**

June 4, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

June 11, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

June 25, 2019

**WORKSESSION
BRIEFINGS:**

July 2, 2019

**WORKSESSION
BRIEFINGS:**

- STiR Update

July 9, 2019

**WORKSESSION
BRIEFINGS:**

July 23, 2019

**WORKSESSION
BRIEFINGS:**

City Council Recess

July 30, 2019 – August 20, 2019

Attachments



From the Bus Stop to the Fast Lane: How Cities Can Speed up Buses, Improve Ridership

"Public transportation remains the best way to move millions of Americans efficiently in and around our cities. By getting people out of cars and onto transit, we can reduce driving, free up space currently dedicated to parking, and expand people's access to opportunities. Buses are the workhorse of our transit system, and routes can be added or expanded relatively quickly and inexpensively."



Most people think local journalism is financially healthy. Here's the troubling reality.

"The vast majority of Americans — almost 3 in 4 respondents — believe that local news outlets are in good financial shape. And fewer than 1 in 6 Americans pays for local news."



What the Rise in Renting Means for Cities

"Plus, where renting is gaining in popularity the fastest."