

**Moody's Affirms Norfolk's Strong Credit Rating:** Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), maintained its Aa2 strong credit rating on the City's existing long-term debt, in advance of the planned General Obligation refunding bond sale on August 1. Moody's noted Norfolk's "improving financial position marked by a trend of structurally balanced operations, a robust tax base anchored by regional military presence, and an above average debt burden." The rating affirms that our financial operations are sound and well-managed.

**Norfolk Public Schools Receives National Recognition:** Norfolk Public Schools received national recognition for their work with military children, their families and community partners this past week. NPS's "Breaking the Code toward Strengthening Positive Outcomes for the Norfolk Military Community" was the second-place winner of the 2019 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence - earning an exemplary partnership designation in the category of total community partnership. Norfolk's community partnership lives the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) vision to "ensure inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children." A highlight of this partnership was when Naval Station Norfolk hosted 2,500 5th graders from Norfolk Public Schools this past October to ignite a passion in students for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). An award ceremony was held on 23 July 2019 at the MCEC 19th National Training Seminar in Washington, DC where a \$500 award was presented to sustain and grow this partnership.

**Permit Process Improvements:** The Planning Department has launched an online permitting process allowing homeowners, contractors and residents to apply for plumbing, mechanical and electrical permits from a computer or mobile device. Customers can now go online to apply for, pay and print a trade permit. Scheduling inspections was already available online. By making the entire process an online option, customers no longer need to come to City Hall for trade permits. The E-Permitting Portal is available at <https://norfolkvapermits.force.com/s/login/>.

**NASA In-flight Education Downlink:** Slover Library will be the host site for a live downlink event from the International Space Station on August 9, during a 20-minute time period when astronauts can communicate live with Earth by sending data through a set of satellites to antennas on the ground. As a part of the International Space Station's Expedition 60, the connection will be made between 12 – 2 p.m. EST. Two-hundred young space enthusiasts from schools and youth centers all over Hampton Roads will attend and chat with NASA Astronauts Christina H. Koch and Drew Morgan. Students will read questions submitted from children across the nation for the astronauts to answer live from the International Space Station.

**Scope Buttress Cleaning:** The Scope buttresses and roof ring were power washed for two weeks during June and July. The photograph shows the before and after look of the exterior. The swirling discoloration that can still be seen is mostly etching of the concrete that is the result of 48 years of weathering. This exterior cleaning will now be an annual project.

## **Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness**

**August 2** (5-8:30pm) **First Fridays** @300 Block of Granby Street

Headliner: Yarn – Hailing from N.C., this band melds bluegrass-influenced music, a gentle spirit and a rock and roll heart. Opener: South Hill Banks – Jam-infused bluegrass from Richmond

**August 3** (10am-5pm) **Get Your Geek Con + Buy Indie Comics Day** @Slover Library

With everything from anime and manga to lightsabers and superheroes, with a costume contest thrown in the mix, Get Your Geek Con is fun for everyone! We're partnering with Buy Indie Comics Day and featuring local comics creators of Hampton Roads. Visit creator tables, watch panels, and catch the Sketch Duel in the Forum!

**August 3** (All Day) **Lamberts Norfolk Nighthawks** @Berkley Community Center

**August 3** (11am-1pm) **2019 Barks & Brews #2** @Norfolk Botanical Garden

Bring your dog to the Garden

**August 3** (10am-6pm) **TURNT** @East Ocean View Recreation Center

**August 4** (12-6pm) **2019 Barks & Brews #2** @Norfolk Botanical Garden

Bring your dog to the Garden and have a beer for a fun day with live music! Guests are welcome to explore the Garden with their furry canine companion.

**August 6** (6-8pm) **National Night Out** @P.B. Young Elementary School (On the field directly behind the school)

This annual community-building campaign brings together residents, first responders and other partners in the spirit of neighborhood camaraderie. There will be music, an obstacle course, Norfolk Police Department's bomb squad, robot & canine units, raffles, food, vendors and more!

**August 7** (9am-2pm) **Hampton Roads Workforce Council - NextGen Opportunity Fair** @Norfolk Scope Arena

Hampton Roads Regional - NextGen Opportunity Fair Learn about employment, volunteer, and post-secondary education opportunities!

## **Video highlights of the latest happenings in Norfolk!**

[Norfolk RPOS Park Rec 2 Step Challenge](#)

[Pump Station 17 Groundbreaking](#)



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

**UPCOMING ITEMS FROM JUNE 27 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** adopt by reference *A Vision for Wards Corner: Urban Development Area Plan*
- **Equity Development Corporation (Applicant)** amend future land use and change of zoning to allow a new townhome style community at 8501, 8511 Chesapeake Blvd and 8506 Old Ocean View Rd
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to allow proffers for residential rezoning
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to clarify flood elevation requirements for equipment and ductwork
- **Kenneth and Karen Whitley (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the property to limit development to the single-family homes at 1435, 1439, 1443 Kempsville Rd and 5739 and 5749 Cornick Rd
- **Jason Edelman (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow for a new restaurant and vacation rental 1231 Boissevain Ave
- **Sunset Grill (Applicant)** change of zoning and conditional use permit to allow an existing restaurant to operate until midnight at 4027 Bowdens Ferry Rd

**July 23, 2019**

**WORKSESSION**

**BRIEFINGS:**

- CTE School Update
- Development in Railyard
- Draft City of Norfolk Property Map

**City Council Recess - July 30, 2019 – August 20, 2019**

**UPCOMING ITEMS FROM JULY 25 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** general plan amendment to adopt the *Commercial Pattern Book*
- **Erik Lappinen (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow renovations to a nonconforming detached garage into an accessory dwelling unit at 720 Maury Ave
- **Chicho's Pizza (Applicant)** conditional use permit is to allow for a nightclub to operate with on-premises alcohol sales and live entertainment with a disc jockey and dance floor until 2:00 am at 320 Granby St
- **City of Norfolk (Applicant)** vacate the existing right-of-way of Powhatan Ave south of the southern line of 38th St and 37<sup>th</sup> St lying east of the western line of Powhatan Ave, containing 0.492 acres of land

**UPCOMING ITEMS FROM AUGUST 22 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to require a Zoning Certificate for fences on all types of lots and to prohibit fences and walls within the Coastal High Hazard and Coastal Floodplain Districts
- **New Hope Church of Norfolk, Inc. (Applicant)** change of zoning to amend the proffered conditions for property zoned Conditional IN (Institutional) at 3223 Argonne Ave
- **Haprah, LLC (Applicant)** change of zoning to amend the conditional rezoning on the property located at 2315, 2401, 2419, 2501, 2517 2601, 2605, and 2613 Hampton Blvd, 1250 West 24<sup>th</sup> St, 1215, 1217, 1221, and 1225, WS, SW, SS, SS West 25<sup>th</sup> St, 1204, 1207 and 1209 West 26<sup>th</sup> St and 1213 West 27<sup>th</sup> St
- **The Coach House (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the operation of a restaurant with live entertainment at 5103, 5105 and 5107 Colley Ave
- **New Business: JRML Associates, Inc. (Applicant)** development certificate at 644 35<sup>th</sup> St to construct office spaces and one residential unit

**August 27, 2019**

**WORKSESSION**

**BRIEFINGS:**

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## Attachments

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### ['It's a crisis': NYC mayor unveils extensive bike safety plan](#)

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a bicycle plan, Green Wave, to improve cycling infrastructure and cyclist safety across the city. The measure follows outcry for change from cycling advocates and the public in light of 17 cyclist deaths on city streets already this year, up from 10 for all of last year.



### [5 lessons from China's push to increase domestic recycling](#)

Xi has made clear that the public sector will support the private sector to develop infrastructure to turn "waste" into opportunity.



### [Can US cities get smart about tourism before it's too late?](#)

The travel and tourism sector is growing fast, accounting for 10.4% of global GDP last year. To prevent overtourism, U.S. cities are turning to data and analytics.