

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Norfolk District Update: Dr. Chip Filer met with Colonel Patrick Kinsman, USACE Norfolk District Commander on Friday, 1 November at their Fort Norfolk headquarters to discuss on-going projects between the City and Corps. The Norfolk District has an extensive record of service in the fields of engineering, water resources development and conservation. The recently completed City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRМ) study, downtown floodwall and Harbors Edge construction were several topics discussed during this quarterly interaction between leadership and staff. The USACE Norfolk District entered into an agreement with the City of Norfolk, the non-Federal Sponsor, to develop measures that reduce risk to residents, industries, businesses and infrastructures which are critical to the local and national economy. The CSRМ just commenced the Preconstruction Engineering and Design Phase under the authority granted in the “America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.” This initial two-year phase that will look at structural protection of the downtown floodwall and a berm extending to Harbor Park.

National Adoption Month: Since last year, 30 children found loving permanent homes through adoptions supported by staff from the City of Norfolk’s Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS staff gathered with those newly expanded families on Monday to celebrate and to commemorate November as National Adoption Month. Many thanks to judges from the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, volunteers from the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, and Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander.



BARKitecture Vote Update: A pooch palace designed and constructed by the City of Norfolk’s General Services department won the most votes in the Norfolk Botanical Garden’s BARKitecture exhibit. The house, entitled “A Dog Adrift,” also fetched the highest bid in the event auction. Proceeds from the sale of the house will benefit the non-profit group Friends of the Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center (NACC), which provides support for medical care and adoptions for the animals at NACC. General Services Jimmy “Dex” Dexter designed the two-story doghouse, with a spiral staircase and mermaid, driftwood and seaweed décor. He and his team assembled the house on behalf of NACC and delivered it for the exhibit, which started July 1. If you see Dex or your Team Norfolk colleagues at NACC please give them a big congratulations!

The Department of Public Works is prepping for winter: Recently, the Divisions of Streets & Bridges and Stormwater conducted their annual Snow and Ice Training. The first day of training consisted of a class, in which staff reviewed plowing techniques. Then, on the remaining days, staff participated in hands-on training, mounting plows and spreaders, driving through a familiarization course, and then reviewing their assigned routes. The purpose of crews familiarizing themselves with routes is to identify and mark potential hazards. Streets & Bridges and Stormwater also have 30 dump trucks, 15 pick-up trucks and 2000 tons of road salt available, in the instance of a snow or ice event. Regardless of what winter will bring this season, Public Works is prepared to combat snow and ice, in an effort to continue to provide the City of Norfolk with safe road conditions.



Norfolk Sister City 60th Anniversary of Partnership with Kitakyushu:

Councilwoman Mamie B. Johnson, as part of the Norfolk Sister City 60th anniversary of Norfolk's partnership with Kitakyushu, attended a 60th anniversary event as part of her recent visit to Japan with the Governor's School for the Arts. Inaugural Artist-In-Residence, Jason Akira Somma, created a one of a kind gift which Councilwoman Johnson presented to the City of Kitakyushu in celebration of 60 years working together. The gift is made from three polaroid photos of azaleas which Jason physically manipulated to spell out "Kitakyushu" in Kanji. Jason had only thirty seconds to manipulate the polaroid before the developer settled. This series of photographs was compared to the Japanese Art of "Shodo" (Japanese Calligraphy) by curator Mio Nakai in which the individual only has one chance to get it right.



Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

November 8 – 10 (9am-5pm) Recycled Reads Used Book Sale @Slover Library

Friends of the Norfolk Public Library offers booklovers thousands of books to browse at its Recycled Reads Used Book Sale. All proceeds benefit Norfolk Public Library programs such as Summer Reading, Tales to Tails, the annual Book Review Contest, and Little Free Libraries.

November 8 (7pm-10pm) Books & Brew, Vino Too @Slover Library

Friends of the Norfolk Public Library hosts its annual fundraiser to support Norfolk Public Library programs such as Summer Reading, Tales to Tails, the annual Book Review Contest, and Little Free Libraries. Purchase tickets online at http://bit.ly/Books_Brew2019

November 8 -10 (8pm) One Slight Hitch: By Lewis Black @The Little Theatre of Norfolk

It's Courtney's wedding day, and her mom, Delia, is making sure that everything is perfect. The groom is perfect, the dress is perfect, and the decorations (assuming they arrive) will be perfect. Then, like any good farce, the doorbell rings.

November 8 (2pm-4pm) Budget & Brews @Cafe Stella 1907 Colonial Avenue

Join us for a chat over a beer or a coffee at our first ever Budget and Brews series, in breweries and coffee houses throughout Norfolk. Each event will offer an opportunity to discuss specific budget topics with Patrick and representatives from departments around the city. Themes include strengthening our infrastructure, connecting with our residents, and cultivating the arts. We will also take questions and discuss general budget information. Please join us. This location topic is: Cultivate the Arts

November 9 (9am - 12pm) Living Legacy Groves Tree Planting Event @Sarah Constant Beach Park

Plant a tree and help expand Norfolk's tree canopy! We will plant over 200 native trees and hundreds of perennials and grasses! For more information, visit foneonline.org, Rain date 11/16 , 11/23

November 11 (2pm) Veterans Day Ceremony @MacArthur Memorial Visitors Center

Honor the service and sacrifice of our military veterans from World War II to the War on Terrorism. Keynote speaker is Virginia Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA). The annual Veterans Day Ceremony is proudly sponsored by the City of Norfolk, the MacArthur Memorial and the Mayor's Commission on Veterans' Affairs.

November 12 (6:30p-8pm) Berkley Area Recreation & Community Center Plan @Berkley Community Center

Come see where your input has taken us as we look to the future of the Berkley Community Center and Park. Help shape the future of recreation and community service in Berkley and the Southside!

Video highlights of the latest happenings in Norfolk!

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

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 24 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **PERFORMANCE COLLISION CENTER AT AUTO CONNECTION (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the repair and maintenance of automobiles at 6336-6532 E. Virginia Beach Blvd
- **CAFÉ STELLA (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow an existing restaurant/coffee shop to expand, operate with Live Entertainment until 2:00 am., and sale alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at 1907-1909 Colonial Ave
- **BOTTLEBOX (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for a change of ownership to the existing establishment at 325 W. 21st St, Suite B

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER 14 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **EAST BEACH LIVING APARTMENTS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community with 96 dwelling units and 4,400 square footage of commercial space on the ground floor at 7950 Shore Dr
- **BRINSHORE DEVELOPMENT (Applicant)** Rezoning, conditional use permit and a development certificate to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community development with 120 dwelling units at 450 Posey Ln
- **7-ELEVEN (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow a new convenience store providing alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, operating 24-hours and compliance of the existing gas station at 6135 Cheseapeake Blvd and 6158 Sewells Point Rd
- **CHECKERED FLAG MOTOR CAR COMPANY (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the existing automobile sales and service establishment to expand the repair facility at 6513, 6517, 6525, 6541 and 6601 E. Virginia Beach Blvd
- **LUCKY STAR-5001 (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) at 5001 Killam Ave
- **LUCKY STAR-5003 (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) at 5003 Killam Ave
- **LUCKY STAR-5007 (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) at 5007 Killam Ave
- **LUCKY STAR-5009 (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) at 5009 Killam Ave
- **THE SEA-RENITY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment complex to operate as a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) at 1353 East Ocean View Ave
- **THE SEA-CLUSION (Applicant)** conditional use permit to operate a Short-Term Rental Unit (Vacation Rental) at 1357 East Ocean View Ave

November 26, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- HRBT Lane Structure
- Ohio Creek Watershed Project Update

FORMAL MEETING: VOTE – Legislative Package

December 3, 2019

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

- Planning Update

December 10, 2019 (Final Meeting of 2019)

WORKSESSION

BRIEFINGS:

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM DECEMBER 12 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendment to the *Norfolk Zoning Ordinance* to revise and remove inconsistent definitions and fix clerical errors in Section 3.9.6.B, “Definitions”, Section 3.9.7.G, “Definitions”, Section 5.7.3, “Definition of Terms”, and Section 8.3.2 “Terms Defined”
- **THE MONUMENT COMPANIES (Applicant)** change of zoning and conditional use permit to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community with 68 dwelling units at 435 Virginia Ave
- **NJOY CHURCH (Applicant)** change of zoning to create a single-family zoning lot at 112 E Bayview Blvd
- **POPPEE ANGEL, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the operation of an automobile storage lot at 5570 Raby Rd
- **DROOFIN, INC. (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow an office/warehouse to offer online sales of wine and beer for off premises consumption at 2550 Ellsmere Ave, Suite E
- **416 APHRODITE, INC (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow a restaurant where seats will not be provided for at least 80 percent of patrons to operate with live entertainment and amusement or gaming devices until 2am at 200 E. Plume St
- **NEON HOUSE (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the operation of a banquet hall with live entertainment and alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at 819 Granby St
- **CITY OF NORFOLK (Applicant)** vacate a portion of Mayflower Rd to allow for the construction of a new sanitary pump station to provide improved service to the Colonial Place neighborhood

Articles of Interest



[The Changing Demographics of America's Suburbs](#)

The changes in the demographic makeup of America's suburbs are so profound that some urbanists are calling for a new sociology of suburbia



[How Transparent Should Government be After a Cyberattack](#)

City tech leaders and cybersecurity experts confront the tension between elected officials beholden to the public and IT bosses whose primary concern is limiting the information available to bad actors