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   Doug Beaver

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Neighborhood Project Update
Sanitary Sewer & Water Infrastructure

Thank you for your patience as the Department of Utilities continues to work on the $7 million water and sanitary sewer improvement project in Chesterfield Heights.

Currently: Crews are nearing completion of the water and sewer installation along Kimball Terrace and Westminster Avenue, which is being followed by concrete restoration, roadway grading, and pavement restoration. Restoration of the concrete paving along Westminster and Kimball is scheduled to be completed in January or February.

In the future: Water and sewer replacement will take place along Victoria Avenue, Stanhope Avenue, and Chesterfield Boulevard. Westminster Avenue and Kimball Terrace will be reopened to traffic before work begins on Victoria and Stanhope.

Anticipated completion: Summer 2020

We are working closely with our contractors to complete the work quickly while minimizing adverse effects in the community. If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact the City’s on-site construction inspectors, Jamal Dean and Alex Swafford. Jamal Dean can be reached by cell phone at 621-5216 and Alex Swafford can be called at 621-4086. You may also contact the project manager, Rick Dempsey, at 664-6719 or richard.dempsey@norfolk.gov.

Ohio Creek Project Timeline

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Looking for Project Updates?

A new Ohio Creek Project website is coming soon. This website will feature the current construction schedule and project updates so you can stay informed throughout the three-year project.

Check back for updates at https://ohiocreek.today in February 2020!

Retain Your Rain

By using small-scale green infrastructure at home, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, you can hold rainwater where it falls. This reduces the amount of water that goes into the stormwater system (street drains and underground pipes) and decreases flooding in our streets and neighborhoods.

The Office of Resilience is looking for willing residents to participate in the Retain Your Rain program.

For more information, please contact the office at NorfolkRC@norfolk.gov.

Safety Tips

As water and sewer construction continues in the area, stay clear of construction sites. Avoid all construction equipment, especially barriers. Adhere to all posted construction signage and traffic detours.
Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Office of Resilience! My name is Doug Beaver, and I’m the new Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Norfolk. I am thrilled to join the team as we continue the most bold and innovative resilience project in the City and Commonwealth of Virginia. My predecessor, Christine Morris, did an incredible job ensuring that community engagement was a top priority when the Ohio Creek Project started two years ago and I will continue that vital effort. After working closely with the construction manager (MEB General Contractors) for the past several months, we are moving towards construction in January 2020, with an estimated completion date in Spring 2023.

Since joining the Resilience team in August, I’ve had a chance to meet with several community leaders and attend a civic league meeting. Communication is my number one priority and I am committed to providing frequent updates as this project gets into full swing. During the next three years the Chesterfield Heights and Grandy Village communities will undergo a positive transformation.

This project involves temporary road closures and traffic detours for long periods. We are working on a project website that will include real-time construction schedules. We will also let you know well in advance of any road closures so you can plan for them. Please feel free to connect with us, provide feedback on this newsletter, and let the Resilience team know how we can work with you.

New Faces at the Office of Resilience

**Stephanie Daniel, Management Analyst III**
After working at Old Dominion University for seven years, Stephanie joined the office in September. She holds a master’s degree in international studies with a focus on comparative and regional studies and a graduate certificate in global health from ODU. In addition, Stephanie also possesses extensive experience in the non-profit arena. Stephanie’s passion for equitable and inclusive community resiliency drives her work. Originally from Connecticut, Stephanie is proud to now call Norfolk home.

**Margaret Epes, Resilience Fellow**
Margaret graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in nutrition and joined the office in November. Her nutrition background and work in Type 2 diabetes research at EVMS ultimately led her to develop a passion for working directly in the community. She has used urban agriculture techniques to reconnect people with their food and build healthier, more resilient communities through several neighborhood organizations and non-profits including Tricycle Urban Ag, Five Points Farmers Market, Teens with a Purpose, and Eggleston. Margaret is a Norfolk native and is excited to join Norfolk’s Office of Resilience.

**Tia Barnes, Office Assistant II**
Tia joined the Office of Resilience in July and graduated magna cum laude from Strayer University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in management. She has many years of experience working in accounting and administration for school divisions throughout Hampton Roads. Her experience in payroll administration and financial auditing, and her strong front-office management skills, help her drive productivity in the Resilience Office. Tia is a Hampton native and is thrilled to be part of a team that encourages improvement and innovation.
Hip Hop Caucus Visits Norfolk in November

On Thursday, November 21, the Hip Hop Caucus performed the variety comedy show “Ain’t Your Mama’s Heat Wave!” at the Attucks Theatre. Performers and comics from HBO, Comedy Central, Netflix and BET performed a commentary on climate crises, to include a focus on flooding and rising sea levels, the upcoming 2020 election and intersectionality.

For an upcoming movie produced by the Hip Hop Caucus, Kyle Spencer, Deputy Resilience Officer, was filmed discussing the Ohio Creek Project. He talked about how early community involvement helped to shape the design and park features. Before the show, Doug Beaver, Chief Resilience Officer, met with Reverend Lennox Yearwood Jr. and Terence Muhammad from the Hip Hop Caucus to discuss how the city is addressing flooding challenges and fostering resiliency. For more information and to view pictures from the event, visit:

Hip Hop Caucus
http://hiphopcaucus.org/norfolk

The Virginian-Pilot Feature
https://www.pilotonline.com/entertainment/arts/vp-nw-hip-hop-caucus-20191122-6bqrwshqhnfebajmbugm2rgur4-photogallery.html

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