The Ohio Creek Project
Spring 2020 Newsletter

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We hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy at home during these unprecedented times. Despite these challenges, you have noticed that work continues on the Ohio Creek Watershed project.

A major development in the project is that Westminster Avenue will close for improvements from mid-May until mid-August 2020. A temporary road will be built to provide alternate access as detailed in the map below. The temporary road will connect Westminster Avenue to Victoria Avenue. There will be parking restrictions along Victoria Avenue to Ballentine Boulevard to allow increased traffic flow. In addition to the creation of a temporary road, there will be sidewalks and a fence along the temporary road for the safety of residents.

We are working with the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Grandy Village Tenant Management Corporation, Chesterfield Heights Academy and our Recreation, Parks, and Open Spaces department who operate the pool on minimizing the impact during this period.

Temporary Road to Detour Around Westminster Avenue

www.ohiocreek.today is live!

This website features the current construction schedule and project updates so you can stay informed 24/7. Check the website regularly for updates. If there is something you’d like to see that's not on the website, please let us know by contacting us at NorfolkRC@norfolk.gov.
On February 28, 2020, the City of Norfolk hosted the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Ohio Creek Watershed Project in the Grandy Village Recreation Center. With more than 100 people in attendance, the ceremony featured remarks from the Mayor of the City of Norfolk, Dr. Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Governor Ralph S. Northam, The Honorable Brian Ball, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, and Mr. Ronnie Legette, Director of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Raytron White, Grandy Village Tenant Management Corporation, and Ms. Cheryll Sumner, President of Chesterfield Heights Civic League. All speakers highlighted the community efforts put forth by the residents of Grandy Village and Chesterfield Heights. Following the remarks, attendees gathered outside to witness the official groundbreaking. Resilience, dedication, and community were continually celebrated throughout the ceremony. The City of Norfolk extends a special thank you to all the residents, collaborators, and supporters of the Ohio Creek Watershed Project.

HUD Section 3 Job Fair Sub-Contracting Opportunities

The City of Norfolk, MEB Inc., Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Equal Housing Opportunity, and Motivation, Inc had two meetings for sub-contracting opportunities planned for the end of March. Based on the Governor’s Executive Orders on the prohibition public meetings, we had to postpone these meetings until further notice. In the meantime, to learn more about sub-contracting opportunities, please contact J. Keith Swiney at keiths@motivation-inc.com.

Who is encouraged to attend?
All contractors, including minority, women, and section 3 businesses. Registration is not required and is purely voluntary.

What will be shared at the meetings?
How to receive notice when jobs become available, pre-qualifying pointers, and HUD Section 3 requirements.

Why attend?
Hiring and training preference will be given to residents who live in vicinity of the project site and all Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority residents and voucher holders when qualified.

When and where will the meetings occur?
Due to the ongoing national emergency protocols in place in response to COVID-19, the City of Norfolk is strategically evaluating when and where these meetings will occur.

Who do I contact for more information?
J. Keith Swiney, President/CEO at Motivation, Inc., Section 3 Consultants at 678-794-3066 or keiths@motivation-inc.com
Safety First

As water and sewer construction continues in the area, please stay clear of construction sites. Avoid all construction equipment, especially barriers. Adhere to all posted construction signage and traffic detours. If you see children straying into construction zones or any unsafe situation, please let a construction crewmember know or call the Project Manager at 757-664-6510 or the Construction Hotline (Monday – Friday after normal work hours) 757-664-7220.

Work progresses on the Ballentine Pump Station. Ballentine Boulevard stormwater improvements. The street is scheduled to re-open in Mid-May.

Have Questions? Connect With Us!

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