

OpenNorfolk Expands into Neighborhoods: Norfolk’s highly successful OpenNorfolk initiative is growing! Since launching in May, OpenNorfolk has helped more than 350 locally-owned restaurants reopen under the current COVID guidelines. Using the same innovative, healthy and safe approach, three OpenNorfolk Neighborhood Spots are transforming underutilized open space in St. Paul’s, Broad Creek and Five Points. The temporary pop-up parks were designed with community input and feature various types of programming. 10 interns are helping out at the Church Street Spot and seven residents were hired as Ambassadors at the Five Points and Broad Creek Spots to welcome visitors, hand out games and ensure everyone is connecting safely. Visit the Spot website at www.opennorfolk.com for information and upcoming events. Then watch this [video](#) and hear from local business owners about the positive impact of OpenNorfolk.

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC): On Thursday, July 16th, Mayor Alexander and staff participated in the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) meeting. The meeting focused on HRTAC’s role in managing two significant, regional funding streams: the newly established Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund (HRRTF), and the finalization of the Master Tolling Agreement for the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO): On Thursday, July 16th, Mayor Alexander and staff participated in the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization’s board meeting. Pursuant to legislation passed this year establishing a dedicated funding stream for transit, HRTPO formed a regional transit advisory panel and presented a roster to HRTPO Board for approval. In its consent agenda, the HRTPO Board approved regional resolutions of support for SMART SCALE applications submitted by Hampton Roads localities. Board members also approved the final 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Regional Needs Report, the LRTP Title VI Report, and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Hampton Roads region. More information is available in the [agenda packet](#).

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC): HRPDC met electronically this week to address a variety of regional matters. First, the Commission was updated on and discussed the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project, which included highlighting the recent installation of two pilot turbines 27 miles off the Virginia coast installed at the end of June and plans for the construction of a commercial offshore wind project that will be the largest in the nation. The continuation of this project supports the Commonwealth’s goal of decreased reliance of fossil fuels as well as an opportunity to introduce new industry and diverse job opportunities to the region. The HRPDC also received a briefing on the region’s recently concluded Hurricane Evacuation Study. The study analyzed the scale and timing of resident evacuation based on Evacuation Zone using transportation data, behavioral study, and estimated storm surge data. The finalized study is intended to serve as a tool for the region’s emergency managers and municipal leaders when making decisions about hurricane sheltering and evacuation. The Commission is scheduled to meet jointly with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and the region’s General Assembly caucus on August 26 to discuss the August special session and the region’s legislative priorities in advance of the 2021 General Assembly session.

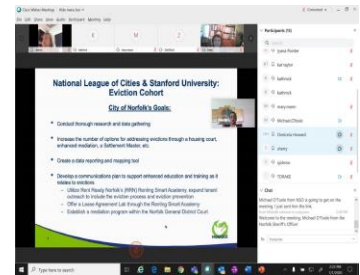
W. Ocean View Ave. & Tidewater Dr. Intersection Improvements Project:

Demolition of the West Ocean View Avenue flyover at Tidewater Drive is scheduled to take place Tuesday, July 21 through Sunday, July 26. Drivers should anticipate the temporary closure of Tidewater Drive between Mason Creek Road and West Ocean View Avenue during weeknights and throughout the weekend. Notifications have been issued in press releases, Civic Alerts, NextDoor posts and emails to civic leagues. More information and planned detour routes are available on the [project webpage](#).



Eviction Mitigation Team:

The Department of Neighborhood Development has convened the first meeting of Norfolk’s Eviction Mitigation Team. The goals of the Eviction Mitigation Team are to reduce the number of evictions that occur in Norfolk, enhance existing housing services to include eviction counseling and education and to work with the General District Court to establish mediation programs designed to ensure equity in the eviction process. The meeting was held on July 1 and was well attended. Eviction Team partners include



representatives from CivicLab, the St. Paul’s Transformation Office, the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office, the City Attorney’s Office, Norfolk Public Schools, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, STOP Inc., Regent University’s Law Clinic, The Planning Council and The Salvation Army. On behalf of the city, Neighborhood Development is participating in two initiatives: What Works Cities 12-week Sprint on Housing Quality and Eviction Prevention and the inaugural Eviction Cohort sponsored by the National League of Cities and Stanford University. These initiatives are providing valuable insight into the eviction process and offer one-on-one technical assistance and training on best practices, innovative policies in eviction mitigation efforts and locality specific strategies for addressing the Eviction Crisis that is prevalent in many cities around the country.



Retain Your Rain Mini Grant: The Little Theatre of Norfolk was awarded the Spring Retain Your Rain Mini Grant. They received \$2500 to install several Retain Your Rain features including rain barrels, dry wells, and conservation landscaping that includes native trees and perennials. A Volunteer Installation Day will tentatively be held this fall where the community can come out to get their hands dirty and learn about these Retain Your Rain features. Retain Your Rain is an initiative through the

Office of Resilience that encourages citizens to do their part to mitigate stormwater flooding by capturing the rain that hits their land. Through this initiative two mini grants are awarded each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, to help fund projects throughout the community. Applications for the Fall Mini Grant are being accepted through September 1. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.norfolk.gov/4780/Retain-Your-Rain-Mini-Grant>

Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

July 18 (9am – Noon) **Pop-Up Farmer's Market: Family Food Distribution Day @** Five Points Neighborhood Spot (6123 Sewells Point Rd)

Join us for a family-friendly Farmer's Market featuring free fresh produce, games & activities for kids, botanical DIY mask making kits, nutritional guidance and more! In partnership with Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia & the Eastern Shore, City of Norfolk, Virginia Department of Social Services, Mercy Chefs, Virginia Cooperative Extension of Norfolk and Old Dominion School of Nursing.

July 21 (9am – Noon) **FUNDamental Fairytales @** Broad Creek Neighborhood Spot (1200 Roberts Rd)
Wander with teaching artist Joel Casanova as you explore well-known fairytales like the Three Little Pigs, while learning fundamental movement. Attendees will learn about physicality, non-verbal communication, and demonstrating character through dance. Grades: All ages, Audience Maximum: 10 per session

July 22 (9am – Noon) **Five Points: Buzz About Bees @** Five Points Neighborhood Spot (6123 Sewells Point Rd)

Learn the importance of bees and even build a mason-bee house. Drop-in anytime between 9am to noon. All Ages Welcome. *Class taught by artist and teacher, Katie Lysik

July 24 (5:30pm) **Adults Only Zoo Night @**The Virginia Zoo

Adulting is hard, be a kid again at the Virginia Zoo! Visit the Zoo on this exclusive 21+ night. Whether a date night or some dedicated time with friends, leave the kids at home and let your inner child roam free! Food, drink, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Exhibits will stay open, however some exhibits may be closed including the ZooFarm, World of Reptiles and Australia Walkabout depending on the Zoo's re-opening phase. All tickets must be purchased in advanced, no on-site sales. Please note: This is a 21+ event; IDs will be checked at the gate.

July 25 (9am – 1pm) **COVID-19 Testing @** First Baptist Church Berkley

Free and Open to the Public. Drive-thru and Walk Up testing. Appointments are encouraged: 757-683-2777.

July 28 (3pm) **Be An At Home Architect - Curious Kids STEM-ulating Activities @** Online Event hosted by Nauticus

Why are lighthouses round but our homes are rectangular? In this fun hands-on activity, we will see how these building shapes stack up by testing which can hold the most weight. So clear a space in your living room and get ready to learn! Registration accepted up to 24 hours before program date:

<https://bit.ly/2NSeZLI>



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

City Council Meetings will be held electronically for the foreseeable future

July 28 to August 18 - CITY COUNCIL RECESS

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM JULY 23 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendment to the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify the city's short-term rental regulations
- **TESSERACT RENTALS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment complex to operate short-term rental units at 1033 Little Bay Avenue.
- **CITY WALK THREE, LLC (Applicant)** vacation of a portion of the right-of-way of Waterside Drive between Atlantic St and Commercial Pl to facilitate a new development on the adjacent parcel
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** general plan amendment to Appendix B within plan Norfolk2030 to modify "A Green Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk"
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendments to define and establish performance standards for a principal use called "small box variety store" and associated amendments regarding "convenience store" and other similar uses.
- **VRA, LLC, (Applicant)** text amendment to Section 9.2.21 "Azalea Garden Place Residential Planned Development" (PD-R Azalea Garden Place) of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify the layout of the Planned Development
- **LAKE WRIGHT RETAIL INVESTORS, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow commercial signage presence along North Hampton Boulevard and Premium Outlets Boulevard
- **KARINA MICHELE PERMANENT COSMETICS (Applicant)** conditional use permit is to allow for the operation of a new tattoo parlor at 2113 Colonial Ave
- **MACABEO (Applicant)** conditional use permits at 508 Orapax Street to allow the restaurant to operate until 2:00am and sale alcoholic beverage for off-premises consumption
- **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KINGS DAUGHTERS (Applicant)** vacate a portion of the right-of-way of Hampton Boulevard at the southeast intersection of Redgate Ave and Hampton Blvd to allow for the reconfirmation of medical transportation access to the hospital
- **200 E. 22ND STREET, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a portion of the right-of-way of E. 22nd Street between Monticello Ave and Armistead Ave to improve safety by allowing for the separation of truck and residential traffic
- **CCBCC Operations, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a portion of 22nd St west of Armistead Ave to improve safety by allowing for the separation of truck and residential traffic
- **CCBCC Operations, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a portion of 21st Street west of Armistead Ave; a portion of 22nd Street east of Armistead Ave; and Armistead Ave between 20th St and 22nd St to improve safety by allowing for the separation of truck and residential traffic

- **New Business**

- **GRAVITY 400** for a Development Certificate with waivers from the ground floor use requirements at 400 Waterside Dr
- **CHARLES LAFRAMBOISE, JR,** for a Development Certificate with waivers from the façade transparency requirements at 119 E. Princess Anne Rd

August 25, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- **City Property Tool**

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM AUGUST 27 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** General Plan Amendment to Appendix B within plaNorfolk2030 to adopt the Design Principles for Multi-Family Development
- **City Planning Commission (Applicant)** General Plan Amendment to Appendix C within plaNorfolk2030 to repeal A Plan for Downtown Norfolk 2020 and adopt A Vision for the Next Decade: Norfolk 2030
- **Jerome Bussey (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of a single-family home at 3402 E. Princess Anne Rd
- **MITAIC, LLC (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of 14 apartment units at 3611 Colley Ave
- **ADVANTAGE HOME CARE, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the home to operate an adult daycare facility at 4939 Atterbury St
- **THE LOUNGE OF NORFOLK (Applicant)** conditional use permit to operate a smoke or vape shop at 7921 Old Ocean View Rd
- **NEON LIV (Applicant)** conditional use permit 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 727 Granby St
- **TOAST (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the restaurant to operate until 2:00am and sale alcoholic beverage for off-premises consumption at 2406 Colonial Ave and 430 W. 24th St
- **New Business:**
 - **FUSION AT NEON,** for a Development Certificate with waivers at 225 W. Onley Rd

Articles of Interest



[When mental health experts not police are the first responders](#)



*Program in Eugene, Oregon is viewed as a model for reducing
risk of violence*


THE CITY OF NORFOLK
 PUBLIC WORKS
Major Improvement Projects Dashboard

[Citywide Improvement Projects and Map](#)

| Image | Project | Project Location | Project Overview | Current Status | Estimated Completion | Budget |
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|  | Botanical Garden Cobblestone Bridge Replacement | 6700 Azalea Garden Road | Replace deteriorated bridge structure and repair adjacent sections of canal bulkhead. | Planned | Late 2021 | \$2,500,000 |
|  | Chrysler Hall Complex Improvements | 215 St. Paul's Boulevard | Updating facility with various interior and exterior improvements | Under Design | Late 2023 | TBD |
|  | Fire-Rescue Station #11 Replacement | 3127 Verdun Avenue | Design and Construction of new Fire-Station #11 to replace existing station | Under Design | Mid 2022 | \$5,500,000 |
|  | Fire-Rescue Training Tower | Granby Street & Thole Street | Assess and develop a site to facilitate fire-rescue training, including the design and construction of a new training tower and building. | Under Design | Early 2021 | \$1,200,000 |
|  | Five Points Resurfacing | Chesapeake Boulevard between Hyde Circle and Green Street, including the Five Points Intersection. | Reconstruct the concrete intersection with asphalt. Curbs and gutters will be replaced for better storm water mitigation. Pedestrian safety enhancements will also be added, included the installation of ADA ramps. | Planned Bidding - July 2020 | TBD | \$2,850,000 |
|  | City Hall South Garage Demo | 999 East Main Street | Demolition of garage and construction of new parking lot | Complete | Mid 2020 | \$290,000 |
|  | Southside Library (Richard A Tucker Memorial Library) | 2350 Berkley Avenue Ext. | Construction of new Branch/Neighborhood Library | Under Construction | Mid 2021 | \$8,000,000 |
|  | NDRC Ohio Creek Watershed Project | Chesterfield Heights and Grandy Village | Coastal improvement project to reduce flooding, improve public spaces and ensure these communities thrive for years to come. | Under Construction | Mid 2023 | \$112,000,000 |

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|  | Granby Street Bridge Repairs | Lafayette River between E 42nd St and Willow Wood Drive (over Lafayette River) | Repair key structural components & protect bridge elements from deterioration | Bidding/Contracting | Late 2022 | \$7,000,000 |
|  | North Bound Hampton Blvd. Bridge Rehab | Hampton Blvd. and Claud Ln. | This project will improve the condition of the North Bound Hampton Blvd. Bridge, by repairing key structural components and protecting them from deterioration. | Planned | Early 2023 | \$7,700,000 |
|  | Regent Road & West Belvedere Road Dredging | Regent Road and West Belvedere Rd | Dredging and Beach Improvements | Complete | Mid 2020 | \$800,000 |
|  | Campostella Bridge Rehabilitation | Campostella Road & Kimball Terrace | Repair key structural components and upgrade guardrail to meet VDOT standards | Planned | Early 2022 | \$7,000,000 |
|  | W 38th St Median Improvements | West 38th Street between Bluestone Avenue and Parker Avenue | Enhancement & improvement to median. ADA ramps replacement; median curb replacment; diseased median trees replacement | Complete | Mid 2020 | \$700,000 |
|  | Toler Place - Breakwater Modifications | 11th View Street and West Ocean View Avenue | Installation of new offshore breakwater & modification of existing offshore breakwater to protect shoreline at 11th View St along Toler Pl. Extend existing storm water outfall at 11th View St. | Under Construction | Mid 2020 | \$1,400,000 |
|  | East Ocean View Recreation Center- Seniors Facility Upgrades | 9520 20th Bay Street | Remodel and expand kitchen with new appliances, cabinetry; new flooring and lighting; installation of barrier free stalls, handrails at entry staircases, and ADA curb cuts in parking lot. | Complete | Mid 2020 | \$380,000 |
|  | Huntersville Pool Replaster & Deck Replacement | Goff St and O'Keefe Street | Install a new surface in the pool basin and replace the adjacent pool deck | Complete | Early 2020 | \$213,000 |
|  | Plum Point Park Kayak Launch | Fort Norfolk: Elizabeth River & east end of Plum Pt. Park (Brambleton Ave and behind Fort Norfolk Medical Plaza) | Provide ADA accessible pier and kayak launch off Elizabeth River Trail. Will connect to existing Elizabeth River Trail and parking lot near Fort Norfolk Medical Plaza. | Complete | Early 2020 | \$210,000 |
|  | E Little Creek/Admiral Taussig Blvd Intersection Improvement. | East Little Creek Road and Admiral Taussig Boulevard | Intersection improvements, including traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian accommodations | Under Design | Early 2021 | \$726,000 |
| | W Ocean View Avenue/Tidewater Drive Intersection | W. Ocean View Ave & Tidewater Drive | Replace W. Ocean View Flyover with at-grade crossing/lighted intersection | Under Construction | Late 2020 | \$3,200,000 |

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|  | Sidewalk Infrastructure - Citywide | Various locations | Add new sidewalk at Ingleside Road (Gatling-Karlin), Easy Street/Tidewater Dr, Little Creek Road (Chesapeake Blvd-Carlton St), Princess Anne Rd (Shelton Ave-Fleetwood Ave), Sewells Point Rd (Princess Anne Rd-Azalea Garden Rd), Indian River Rd (Wilson Rd-Marsh St). | Under Design | Mid 2021 | \$2,550,000 |
|  | North Colley Ave Streetscape Improvements | Colley Avenue & 43rd Street | Streetscape improvements along Colley Ave north of 38th Street. | Under Construction | Late 2020 | \$560,000 |