

St. Paul's Area Housing Design Community Engagement Strategy: On Wednesday, September 2nd the City's Office of St. Paul's Transformation and NRHA hosted two virtual community events to present housing designs for blocks 17 and 18, located next to the HRT Transit Center. Blocks 17 and 18 will be mixed-use, mixed-income buildings that will feature family apartment units and ground-floor commercial and community space. Moody Nolan, the buildings' architect firm, shared current units designs and community amenity spaces. Residents provided their feedback to be incorporated into final design work and Councilwoman Graves provided opening remarks. Residents unable to attend the virtual events have the option to watch a video and complete a survey online at Let's Talk Norfolk:



<https://www.opentownhall.com/9577> OR view physical designs and provide their feedback in person at three locations in the Tidewater Gardens neighborhood: People First Office (447 Walke Street), Hunton YMCA, and St. Mary's Basilica. Surveys will be open through September 16th.

People First Empowered by USI: Virtual Parent Engagement Session: On September 1st People First Empowered by USI hosted their second virtual parent engagement workshop in partnership with EVMS Minus 9-5, Norfolk Public Schools, Department of Human Services, and the Planning Council. The workshop focused on early learning opportunities for the upcoming school year and each organization shared information on their programs and provided helpful tips for parents. The workshop was recorded and shared with families who were unable to attend live. People First Empowered by USI will continue to host monthly parent engagement sessions on various topics for Tidewater Gardens families.

Public Wi-Fi Service in Norfolk: The City of Norfolk remains committed to ensuring residents have access to the Wi-Fi connection they need for job participation, employment applications, schoolwork, civic engagement, or online meetings. Find 24/7 public Wi-Fi connections from parking lots and other spaces outside city facilities including Nauticus and Town Point Park as well as recreation centers, libraries, and schools, even from buildings that remain closed for safety during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. To assist residents with locating these public Wi-Fi connections, the city's Geographic Information Services team created an [interactive map](#). These public Wi-Fi locations have been filtered to block inappropriate content and to address security and bandwidth issues. Look for the ConnectNorfolk sign or logo in windows and doors at participating facilities. Residents who need mobile hotspots for home use may check one out for three weeks at a time from Norfolk Public Library. Each hotspot can provide connectivity for up to 10 devices. More than 80 devices are currently in [circulation](#). Purchase of additional mobile hotspots is pending, so more will be available soon. Need to connect on the go? Public Wi-Fi is widely available throughout the state. Find locations with [this map from Virginia Tech](#).

Back to School Community Pop-Up Events: As summer winds down and families prepare for the upcoming school year, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), the City's Office of St. Paul's Transformation, People First empowered by USI, Norfolk Public Schools, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Tidewater Connection Alumni Association, Mile High Child Development, Excellence Girls' Club Inc., Infinity Counseling Group, Mir's Kingdom, and Communities in Schools joined forces to host pop-up events at all six public housing communities in Norfolk on Friday, August 28th and Monday, August 31st. During the events, 100 goodie bags packed with resources on virtual learning and other supplies were distributed to families in each community, and ice cream trucks served complimentary treats to families.



These events reinforced the support and connection our community has for each other as we continue to navigate through unprecedented times and prepare to help all families succeed this school year.

COVID-19 Housing Costs Relief Program: The City of Norfolk has given NRHA \$2 million to provide up to six months of rent, mortgage or utility costs assistance to Norfolk residents who are experiencing loss of employment income due to the coronavirus pandemic and are struggling to make ends meet. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be a Norfolk renter or homeowner, and your Norfolk property in question is being occupied as your principal residence
- Must not be currently receiving a monthly rent or homeownership subsidy (such as low-income public housing or through the Housing Choice Voucher program)
- Must be able to provide documentation that household member renters/owners and their spouses have a loss of employment income due to the place of employment shutting down or being required to close to the public, has a reduction in wages and/or hours worked, has to stay home without pay for quarantine purposes or has to stay home without pay to care for children in the household due to day care or school closure that occurred on or after March 12, 2020 due to COVID-19
- Must have filed 2019 federal tax returns for all household member renters/owners and their spouses in which the total gross adjusted income does not exceed \$198,000 or \$99,000 if there is only one renter/homeowner in the home (Priority will be given to those whose combined gross adjusted income doesn't exceed \$82,500.)

The application can be found here: <https://homenetnorfolk.org/forms/crf>

Small Business Grants Program: The Department of Development recently completed the first month of CORE funding. Funding for this program was part of the \$2 million provided to the EDA from Cares Act funding. Grant funds are available for small for-profit businesses and nonprofits physically located in the City of Norfolk affected by COVID-19. Funds are meant to reimburse businesses for the costs of business interruption caused by the pandemic. In the first round of funding, 66% of businesses that received assistance were minority-owned businesses. Demand for the grant funding has been very strong and over half of the funding was spent in the first month of the program. It is anticipated that the program will end in at the end of September due to depleted grant funds.

Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

Weekly Wednesday Wind Down

Wednesday, Sept. 9 (5:30PM)

Virginia Opera

Get your culture fix! Virginia Opera's Stayin' Alive Alternate Fall presents Weekly Wednesday Wind Down concerts on the lawn of the Harrison Opera House. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, September 9 through October 7, for a series of live 30-minute concerts.

Norfolk RPOS NBA 2k20 Tournament (PS4)

Wednesday, Sept. 9 (5:30 – 8PM)

Virtual Event

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION? Requirements: Must be at least 12 years old. Internet access is required in order to play other participants. Registration: Email your name, gamertag and phone number to derrick.perry@norfolk.gov. Registration will close Sept. 8th at 5pm. Once registered, a confirmation email with rules and gameplay information will be sent. For additional questions call (757) 441-1440 or email derrick.perry@norfolk.gov.

Virtual Northside Park Trail Grand Opening

Saturday, Sept. 12 (10AM)

Virtual Event

Bike Norfolk and Recreation Parks and Open Spaces (RPOS) announce *finally* the opening and ribbon cutting for the trails at Northside Park. The event scheduled for April will take place on September 12th at 10am. Due to covid, the event will be a virtual grand opening streamed live through Facebook live on the Northside Park Mountain Bike Trails Norfolk page. We ask that people join us virtually for the unveiling of the sign and cutting of the ribbon by Vice Mayor Martin Thomas and other community sponsors. We're sad we can't have a big event in person but are glad people have been able to utilize the trails already.

NPL Technology Classes

All September

Virtual Events

New and online! Our computer labs are closed, but NPL offers a variety of #FREE virtual technology classes on Mondays and Tuesdays in September. Signing up is easy. Visit the online calendar at <https://bit.ly/32x7BMF> to register for a course.



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

City Council Meetings will be held electronically for the foreseeable future

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
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** general plan amendment to Appendix B within plaNorfolk2030 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.

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM AUGUST 27 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **VRA, LLC, (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to Section 9.2.21 "Azalea Garden Place Residential Planned Development" of the Norfolk Zoning Ordinance to modify the layout of the Planned Development
- **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
- **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
- **LAKE WRIGHT RETAIL INVESTORS, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow commercial signage presence along North Hampton Boulevard and Premium Outlets Boulevard
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** General Plan Amendment to Appendix B within plaNorfolk2030 to adopt the Design Principles for Multi-Family Development

September 22, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

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October 6, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- City Planning Updates
- Allied Security Firm Introduction
- GEM Process
- City Property Tool
- CARES Spend Plan

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM SEPTEMBER 24 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to modify development standards and performance standards and to adjust or add temporary uses that would only be available during the current pandemic emergency declared by the Governor
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendments to Article 4, "Performance Standards," and Article 3, "Zoning Districts," to create, define, and establish performance standards for "Casino" and to allow the use in certain Downtown Base Zoning Districts and to adjust performance standards for "Commercial recreation center" and "Amusement or gaming device," as a result of changes in state law and the potential approval of casino gaming upon a referendum vote by the citizens of Norfolk
- **CITY WALK THREE, LLC (Applicant)** vacate a certain portion of the right-of-way of Waterside Dr between Atlantic St and Commercial Pl to facilitate a new development on the adjacent parcel
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** general plan amendment to Appendix C within plan Norfolk 2030 to repeal A Plan for Downtown Norfolk 2020 and adopt A Vision for the Next Decade: Norfolk 2030.
- **CHRIS SUBER (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of 18 dwelling units at 2907 Monticello Ave & 108-112 E 29th St
- **CHRIS SUBER (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of 18 dwelling units at 2727 Tidewater Dr
- **Troy Russell (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of an accessory dwelling unit at 9542 Bay Point Dr
- **INTERMISSION (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the restaurant to operate until 2:00 am and sale alcoholic beverage for off-premises consumption at 442 Granby St
- **THE LOUNGE OF NORFOLK (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow a smoking or vaping lounge at 7921 Old Ocean View Rd
- **GRAVITY 400 (Applicant)** development certificate with waivers from the ground floor use requirements at 400 Waterside Dr
- **FUSION AT NEON (Applicant)** development certificate with waivers at 225 W. Olney Rd

October 13, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- External Auditor's Annual Update

October 27, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

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Articles of Interest



[U.S. Flood Strategy Shifts to 'Unavoidable' Relocation of Entire Neighborhoods](#)

Using tax dollars to move whole communities out of flood zones, an idea long dismissed as radical, is swiftly becoming policy, marking a new and more disruptive phase of climate change.



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
	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	Design Resumes in 2021	Late 2023	\$4,000,000
	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	Mid 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	Late 2022	\$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
	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	Pre-Construction	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.	Under Design	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	Under Design	Late 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 replacement; 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.	Complete	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 Relater & 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	Pre-Construction	Mid 2021	\$725,000
	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
	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 2022	\$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	\$600,000