

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO): The HRTPO Board Meeting was held on November 19th. During the meeting, board members adopted a regional proclamation supporting efforts to mitigate the impact of the Downtown and Midtown Tunnel tolls on Hampton Roads residents and businesses. Suffolk Transit presented its *Transit Development Plan*. HRTPO board members were also updated on the status of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel project, which is in construction and due to be completed in 2027.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC): HRPDC met for its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 19th. The Commission passed a resolution designating November 15 – December 15, 2020 as Buy Local Month, encouraging residents and visitors to buy from local businesses this holiday season. As presented to the Commission, supporting Hampton Roads businesses this holiday season will have far reaching impacts for the region's culture, economy, and character. The Commission also discussed and passed a resolution encouraging member localities to adopt ordinances in support of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing Program. C-PACE is a financing mechanism making loans available to commercial property owners to encourage investment in energy efficient and resilient building projects. The City of Norfolk passed an ordinance in support of C-PACE earlier in 2020. Finally, the Commission discussed and voted to support a resolution affirming regional support for continued cooperation with the Commonwealth to mitigate the impact of the tolls on the Downtown and Midtown Tunnels. The Commission is scheduled to next meet on January 21, 2021.

OpenNorfolk Program: OpenNorfolk hopes to take the bite out of the winter months for local restaurants with free resources and heaters to help keep Norfolk eateries open and operating under Phase 3 of Governor Northam's Executive Order 67. For more information and assistance, local restaurant owners are encouraged to visit www.norfolk.gov/opennorfolk. The OpenNorfolk program offers a free toolkit including signage, stencils, etc., to expand outdoor spaces and free electric outdoor heaters with priority given to small, minority and women-owned businesses. OpenNorfolk provides [Restaurant Guidelines](#) for health, fire safety, tents, and heater use to ensure restaurants comply with state and city codes. OpenNorfolk also offers a new joint permitting process that is completely **free**. All tents must be approved prior to use. Approval includes site plan review, site inspection and operational permit. Submit permit documents [online](#). The entire process takes about 10 days. For more information, review the [Restaurant Guidelines](#) for a step-by-step application process and link to the online application.

Open Data Portal Reboot: Find bright, clean, mobile-responsive design and new navigation features in the update to Norfolk Open Data. Since launching [Norfolk Open Data](#) in March 2018, Norfolk has added 40 datasets from departments across the city. The redesign features stunning images to welcome users, along with a prominent search bar. Large buttons provide quick access to the most-used and clicked-on information, from [stories](#) that provide context and additional information about the data to the topics with the most clicks and downloads. Colorful tabs anchor featured content and dashboards and users can view a [welcome video](#) and [introductory story](#). Team Norfolk regularly adds data to the portal, so check back often!

Community Beach Park Tree Planting: On November 6, Friends of Norfolk's Environment (FONE) partnered with Recreation, Parks and Open Space and Keep Norfolk Beautiful to host a volunteer planting event at Community Beach Park. Over thirty volunteers, including Congresswoman Elaine Luria, contributed to increase Norfolk's urban tree canopy and beautify the park by planting over 100 native trees and shrubs. Funded by a private donation, this initiative represents the best of public-private partnership, combining city resources, volunteerism and community development.



Short-Term Rental Compliance Status: As of October 28, 120 Short-Term Rental (STR) permits have been issued for the reported 460 units in Norfolk. That puts Norfolk at a 26% compliance rate. An additional 13 properties have been approved but are awaiting fire inspections before staff can issue the permit. Host Compliance, the city's registration and address identification software provider, tracks STR units regardless of whether they are actively hosting guests. This makes the 460-unit total slightly misleading. Only 43% of the identified STR's (198 units) have been active in the past 30 days. Of those units that are currently active, 40% (79 units) are currently registered. According to Host Compliance, who handles STR registration and enforcement for more than 300 localities around the United States, most cities do not exceed a 50% compliance rate. While there is progress to be made in Norfolk, the new regulations set forth in STR 2.0 should assist the City in getting more properties registered and operating legally. For example, more than 50% of the applications that were denied under the first iteration of STR regulations were denied due to lack of parking. The opportunity for reduced parking requirements in the Coastal Character District should help boost compliance in Willoughby, Ocean View, Cottage Line, and East Ocean View, where approximately one-third of all identified STR's in Norfolk are located. Additionally, with the availability of civil penalties and the provision that STR is no longer permitted in multi-family buildings larger than 9 units, the number of illegal and nuisance operators should go down. This should further improve compliance rates. Finally, there are pending enforcement actions against most of the illegal STR units in the City. Staff is developing a report to track enforcement activity and will provide follow up information.

Chesterfield Academy Playground Upgrade: Staff from the Office of Resilience and the Public Works department paid a visit to Chesterfield Academy school recently to meet with Principal T. Michele Logan and Assistant Principal Sally Adams. A new playground is being installed on the west side of the school for the younger children and basketball courts will be built on the south side of the school in the coming weeks. This complete upgrade in outdoor activities for the students is part of the Ohio Creek Watershed Project which broke ground in February of this year. Construction of the Resilience Park and other stormwater management features will be complete in early 2023.



Integrated Children's Services Center Opens: On October 28, the Norfolk Community Services Board opened its first integrated children's services center with a COVID-safe open house and a Candyland drive through. The open house provided an opportunity for families in service to see the new space and spread a little haunted cheer. The center is located at 5505 Robin Hood Road, Suite C-1 and includes the following services: Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Intake, Children's Mobile Crisis, Child & Adolescent Outpatient Psychiatric and Therapy Clinic, Children's Restoration Services, Child & Adolescent Case Management, and the Infant and Toddler Connection of Norfolk. The space includes a family assessment room, a meditation room, art therapy spaces, a training room, and as creative collaboration staff spaces. All spaces have COVID safety in mind with COVID screening check-in, hand sanitizing stations, and clear barriers in treatment rooms and partitions added to staff offices. The CSB is excited to provide its youngest CSB consumers and their families a bright and innovative space for healing and wellness.



Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

Holiday Train Exhibit (November 21 – December 20) - Selden Market

The Atlantic Coast S Gaugers Tidewater Division (<http://sgaugers.org/>) returns to Downtown Norfolk inside Selden Market with their impressive model train exhibit throughout December. FREE // ALL AGES

The 6th Annual Great Hot Cocoa War (November 21 – November 28) - Downtown Norfolk

We're back for a week-long battle of chocolate bliss. IT'S OUR 6TH YEAR RUNNING! The beloved Great Hot Cocoa War returns during Norfolk's Grand Illumination (not parade). Downtown Norfolk restaurants compete for the most delicious hot cocoa in all the land. Pop between multiple restaurants to taste their cocoa and vote online. Will the reigning champs Town Center Cold Pressed hold on to the trophy or will it find a new home in Downtown? Voting begins at 12PM SHARP on Saturday, 11.21 at www.hotcocoawar.com.

America the Grateful | Storytime with Lisa Suhay (November 21 - 2pm) - Slover Library Online Event

Go beyond the turkey. Past the football games. Over the river, through the woods and back to Virginia in 1619 to learn about how this national holiday began with gratitude. Join us for a special Storytime with the "mermaid author" Lisa Suhay as she reads her latest book about history of Thanksgiving. Tune into the Slover Library Facebook page, Saturday at 2:00 PM for the premiere!

Grand Illumination Celebration & Holiday Kickoff (November 21 - 4 to 7pm) - Downtown Norfolk

While we are not able to produce our traditional Grand Illumination Parade this year, we will still kick-off the holiday season in Downtown Norfolk with the illumination of the skyline and other mini-activations throughout the evening including: Unveiling of new holiday art installation in the NEON District; Model Train Exhibit in Selden Market; Performances by The Rhythm Project and other outdoor music and entertainment; Snowfall on Granby. All culminating in the traditional illumination of Downtown Norfolk's skyline at 7PM! Residents are encouraged to participate in lighting the city by turning on their outdoor lights at 7PM, in conjunction with the lighting of Downtown.

ERT Holiday Puppy Parade (November 21 - 6pm) – The Pagoda

Join the Elizabeth River Trail for a neighborhood puppy parade! During the evening of Grand Illumination in Downtown Norfolk on Saturday, November 21, the Holiday Puppy Parade will bring trail users, friends of Dogtown and Downtown Norfolk and Freemason District residents together for festive evening to walk their dogs in holiday or lighted doggie attire along the Freemason and Waterfront sections of the ERT from 6 to 7PM. The most decked out pup might get an extra holiday treat! Attendees and doggos will meet at the Pagoda in Freemason and walk along the waterfront promenade, pass by Nauticus' Winterfest on the Wisconsin, through Town Point Park and end at TowneBank Fountain Park, for prime viewing of the Grand Illumination of downtown Norfolk's skyline at 7PM. ***(Let's all be safe AND merry! The trail is marked with OpenNorfolk and physical distancing stencils as a reminder for all guests)***

Thanksgiving Market (November 22 - 2 to 5pm) - 7400 Hampton Blvd

Let our vendors help make your holiday feast the freshest and most convenient you've ever had with the bounty of local foods available at our annual Thanksgiving Market! You'll find fresh seasonal produce and gourmet mushrooms, meat, eggs, breads, dinner rolls, pies, bread pudding and more. We even have a Virginia winery who can help you choose the perfect wine to complement your meal. You can plan to shop on-site, but pre-ordering from any vendors who accept them will assure you get the items you want. You can even pre-order your heritage Thanksgiving turkey from one of our farms!

Small Business Saturday (Saturday, November 28)

Support local businesses. Shop Norfolk.



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

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 22 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **358 AT FREEMASON, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the operate of a Short-Term Rental Unit on the 3rd floor of the existing building at 358 W. Freemason St
- **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
- **ROSS VIERRA (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the operation of a farmer’s market at 708 E. 26th St
- **JON RIZZO (Applicant)** change of zoning and conditional use permit to allow the operation of short-term rental units at 930 Redgate Ave

November 24, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Update
- Legislative Package Update

December 1, 2020

WORKSESSION BRIEFINGS:

- Inclusive Procurement Policy
- Retirement Code Change
- City Council Concerns

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER 12 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** text amendments 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.
- **BREEDEN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC. (Applicant)** amendment to future land use map, rezoning and conditional use permit to allow the development of a multifamily community with 180 dwelling units at 1040, 1060, 1080 and NS Kempsville Rd and 6070 and 6090 Airway Ln
- **CHENMAN II (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of a multifamily apartment community development with 100 dwelling units at 601 W 24th St
- **TESSERACT RENTALS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment complex to operate short-term rental units at 1033 Little Bay Ave
- **TITAN HOLDINGS 8 INVESTMENTS, LLC (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the construction of a duplex at 2811 Chesapeake Blvd

December 8, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- Federal Briefing
- Internet Access Data Presentation
- Real Property Tool
- Gem Lot Process

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 22 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **BRINSHORE DEVELOPMENT (Applicant)** change of zoning, conditional use permit and development certificate to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community at 434 Saint Paul's Blvd (Block 17 of the Saint Paul's Redevelopment, Phase 1)
- **BRINSHORE DEVELOPMENT, LLC (Applicant)** change of zoning, conditional use permits and development certificate to allow the construction of a multi-family apartment community at 434 Saint Paul's Blvd (Block 18 of the Saint Paul's Redevelopment, Phase 1)

UPCOMING ITEMS FROM DECEMBER 10 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KINGS DAUGHTERS (Applicant)** vacation of a portion of the right-of-way of Hampton Boulevard at the southeast intersection of Redgate Avenue and Hampton Boulevard to allow for the reconfirmation of medical transportation access to the hospital
- **BREDEDN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC. (Applicant)** amend future land use map, rezoning and conditional use permit to allow the development of a multifamily community with 180 dwelling units at 1040, 1060, 1080 and NS Kempsville Rd (GPIN: 1458604548) and 6070 and 6090 Airway Ln
- **CHRIS SUBER (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the development of 18 dwelling units at 2907 Monticello Avenue & 108-112 E 29th St
- **JENNIFER MYERS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow construction of a single-family residence that does not meet requirements within the R-C (Residential – Coastal) zoning district at 1051 W Ocean View Ave
- **JENNIFER MYERS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow construction of a single-family residence that does not meet requirements within the R-C (Residential – Coastal) zoning district at 1057 W Ocean View Ave
- **KATRINA BRIGGS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow a daycare home with up to nine children at 7512 Evelyn T. Butts Ave
- **CALIFORNIA FRIES & WINGS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing restaurant to expand and operate until 2:00 a.m. at 323 Granby St
- **MEGA MART (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow a convenience store to sale smoking or vaping products and alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at 6819 Sewells Point Rd

December 22, 2020

INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:

- Auditor Report Out


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.	Bidding	Late 2022	\$2,000,000
	Chrysler Hall Complex Improvements	215 St. Paul's Boulevard	Updating facility with various interior and exterior improvements	On Hold	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	Bidding	Late 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.	Contract Awarded	Late 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.	Bidding	Early 2022	\$2,900,000
	Southside Library (Richard A Tucker Memorial Library)	2350 Berkley Avenue Ext.	Construction of new Branch/Neighborhood Library	Under Construction	Early 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	Late 2022	\$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	Under 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	\$7,000,000

	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
	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 Construction	Late 2021	\$950,000
	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