

**Fitch Ratings Reaffirms the City of Norfolk's Strong Credit Rating:** On December 8, 2020, Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") reaffirmed the City's AA+ rating on its General Obligation Bonds. The reaffirmation of our rating show that our financial operations are sound and well-managed. Perhaps more importantly, the rating reaffirmation reflects the City's solid financial position and adaptiveness during the pandemic.

**Mayor's St. Paul's Advisory Committee:** The St. Paul's Advisory Committee met virtually on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Norfolk Police Chief Larry Boone joined the meeting to continue a robust conversation on community safety that was initiated during September's meeting. The City's Communications Director, Lori Crouch, led a discussion on the development of the new St. Paul's Transformation website to ensure that the new project website reflects the committee and stakeholder feedback. Project leads Dr. Susan Perry, Director of the St. Paul's Transformation Office, and Steve Morales (NRHA) presented potential changes to the CNI Housing Plan that would incorporate housing development on parcels adjacent to what will be a 26-acre Resilient Park. The meeting concluded with an update from NRHA on resident relocation in Tidewater Gardens and an update from the People First Empowered by USI team. The next meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Warm & Toasty Outdoor Dining:** Several small, local restaurants now have heaters to help keep diners warm outside during the winter months. This week, 27 establishments received between 1-4 free heaters each as part of the OpenNorfolk program. Nearly all of the establishments are minority or women-owned eateries. Watch this video. It will certainly warm your heart!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBXdvOiVhFs>



**New LifePak 15 Cardiac Monitors for Norfolk Fire-Rescue:** Fire-Rescue took delivery of 43 new LifePak 15 cardiac monitors and placed them in-service on all front-line response vehicles and at the Fire Training Center. Through the US Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fire-Rescue was awarded a competitive grant of \$1.463 million to purchase these units. The new cardiac monitors have a life expectancy of 8 to 10 years and are replacing monitors that were beyond their normal service life. There are several features on the new units that improve patient care and contribute to better outcomes. Each unit has the ability to transmit 12-Lead EKGs to the receiving emergency department allowing them to prepare to receive a cardiac patient, built in software provides feedback to improve performance of cardiac resuscitations, and data recorded during patient care can be directly imported into the electronic patient care report for more accurate documentation. Working with local emergency departments, the patient therapy pads used during cardiac care are now a hospital replacement item and will save Fire-Rescue approximately \$8,000 year in medical supplies.

**Round 4 CORE Grant Awards:** Norfolk Economic Development Department's Coronavirus Relief (CORE) Fund Program completed its fourth round successfully. A total of 78 businesses were awarded \$850,000 upon round 4 completion. Here is the break-down of the winners:

- For the \$5K category, there were 40 winners with a total of \$200,000 awarded.
- For the \$15K category, there were 23 winners with a total of \$345,000 awarded.
- For the \$25K category, there were 8 winners with a total of \$200,000 awarded.
- For the \$15K Non-profit category, there were 7 winners with a total of \$105,000 awarded.

***Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!!***

## **Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness**

### **Studio Visit: Joan Thorne Exhibition Closing**

[Online Event](#)

Saturday, December 19 (1PM)

Hosted by Barry Art Museum and ODU Arts. Join us for a virtual afternoon conversation with abstract painter Joan Thorne from her NYC SoHo studio. This tour brings you directly into the artist's personal workspace as she shares her process, ideas, and canvases for an afternoon filled with color, texture, and patterns.

### **The Holiday Train Exhibit**

Selden Market

Through December 20 (10AM – 5PM)

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

### **WinterFest on the Wisconsin**

Nauticus

Through December 31

Join us Nov 21 – Dec 31 for WinterFest on the Wisconsin presented by GEICO Military!

Celebrate the holiday season with a safe, new experience aboard the Battleship Wisconsin.

Dazzling walk-through light trail with over 250,000 lights; Interior "WinterFest" tour of the Battleship

Wisconsin; Santa sightings (until Dec. 24); Live entertainment; Lighted sailboat parade (6:00PM on

Saturdays ONLY); Holiday beverages + delicious bites. This event will SELL-OUT, reserve your online tickets today: [nauticus.org/winterfest](http://nauticus.org/winterfest).

### **VSC's A Christmas Carol Online**

[Online Event](#)

December 19 – 31

In collaboration with Norfolk State University, Virginia Stage Company's beloved holiday classic returns in a new small cast rendition to bring some much needed holiday cheer. Follow Ebenezer Scrooge's journey through time with the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future as he learns about redemption, kindness, and compassion. Filled with music and mirth, this timeless play is recommended for all ages and is fun for the whole family to enjoy.

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**SIXTY-DAY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS AND MEETING TOPICS  
(MEETINGS ARE HELD ELECTRONICALLY)**

**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)

**December 22, 2020**

**INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:**

- Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Update
- External Auditor Report Out
- COVID-19 Vaccination Update
- St. Paul's Update

**January 5, 2021 - Worksession (Tentative)**

**WORKSESSION BRIEFINGS:**

- **Development Services Report Out**
- **City Council Interests**

**UPCOMING ITEMS FROM OCTOBER 22 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- **TESSERACT RENTALS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment complex to operate short-term rental units at 1033 Little Bay Ave

**UPCOMING ITEMS FROM DECEMBER 10 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- **KATRINA BRIGGS (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow a daycare home with up to nine children at 7512 Evelyn T. Butts 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 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

**January 12, 2021 (Tentative)**

**INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:**

- City Planning Updates
- Multimodal TSP Update

**UPCOMING ITEMS FROM DECEMBER 10 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- **BREEDEN 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
- **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KINGS DAUGHTERS (Applicant)** to vacate a certain portion of the right-of-way of Hampton Boulevard at the southeast intersection of Redgate Ave and Hampton Blvd

**January 26, 2021 (Tentative)**

**INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:**

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**February 2, 2021 – Worksession (Tentative)**

**INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:**

- Joint Meeting with School Board
- City Council Interests

**February 8- 9, 2021** – *Hold for Potential City Council Mid-Year Retreat*

**February 23, 2021 (Tentative)**






**INFORMAL BRIEFINGS:**

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**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        |
|---|---|--|--|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|    | <a href="#">Botanical Garden Cobblestone Bridge Replacement</a>       | 6700 Azalea Garden Road  | Replace deteriorated bridge structure and repair adjacent sections of canal bulkhead.  | Bidding            | Late 2022            | \$2,000,000   |
|    | <a href="#">Chrysler Hall Complex Improvements</a>                    | 215 St. Paul's Boulevard   | Updating facility with various interior and exterior improvements  | On Hold            | Late 2023            | \$4,000,000   |
|    | <a href="#">Fire-Rescue Station #11 Replacement</a>                   | 3127 Verdun Avenue   | Design and Construction of new Fire-Station #11 to replace existing station  | Bidding            | Late 2022            | \$5,500,000   |
|    | <a href="#">Fire-Rescue Training Tower</a>                            | 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   |
|    | <a href="#">Five Points Resurfacing</a>                               | 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   |
|   | <a href="#">Southside Library (Richard A Tucker Memorial Library)</a> | 2350 Berkley Avenue Ext.   | Construction of new Branch/Neighborhood Library  | Under Construction | Early 2021           | \$8,000,000   |
|  | <a href="#">NDRC Ohio Creek Watershed Project</a>                     | 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 |
|  | <a href="#">Granby Street Bridge Repairs</a>                          | 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   |
|  | <a href="#">North Bound Hampton Blvd.. Bridge Rehab</a>               | 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   |

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|   | <a href="#">Campostella Bridge Rehabilitation</a>                             | Campostella Road & Kimball Terrace                   | Repair key structural components and upgrade guardrail to meet VDOT standards  | Under Design       | Late 2022 | \$7,000,000 |
|  | <a href="#">E Little Creek/Admiral Taussig Blvd Intersection Improvement.</a> | East Little Creek Road and Admiral Taussig Boulevard | Intersection improvements, including traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian accommodations   | Under Construction | Late 2021 | \$950,000   |
|  | <a href="#">W Ocean View Avenue/Tidewater Drive Intersection</a>              | W. Ocean View Ave & Tidewater Drive                  | Replace W. Ocean View Flyover with at-grade crossing/lighted intersection  | Under Construction | Late 2020 | \$3,200,000 |
|  | <a href="#">Sidewalk Infrastructure - Citywide</a>                            | 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 |
|  | <a href="#">North Colley Ave Streetscape Improvements</a>                     | Colley Avenue & 43rd Street                          | Streetscape improvements along Colley Ave north of 38th Street.  | Under Construction | Late 2020 | \$600,000   |