

**Build Your Business, Build Your Community:**



Women and Minority-Owned businesses are encouraged to apply for many job opportunities available in the Tidewater Gardens redevelopment. The new campaign Build Your Business, Build Your Community is featured on 20 Hampton Roads Transit buses for the next six months. This campaign is in addition to digital and online behavior targeting on 92% of websites in Norfolk as well as promotion on City and Development websites. All these efforts support the City's Economic Inclusion Policy. Interested businesses owners should visit <https://norfolkdevelopment.com/resources/city-contracting/> for resources and information.

**Teens With a Purpose (TWP) Surveys Trees for St. Paul's Resilience Park:** Six teens with TWP spent Thursday afternoon during spring break participating in a tree survey to assist with planning efforts for the 26-acre 'blue-greenway' resilience park with Stromberg Garrigan & Associates (SGA) and the St. Paul's Transformation Office. This neighborhood amenity will protect the community from flooding and offer recreational opportunities. Preserving and incorporating existing trees into the redevelopment is a priority of the project. A first step in that process is surveying the tree inventory to identify factors that will determine which trees can be preserved and where new ones can be planted. The teens learned how to measure the trees, identify different species, and details about their characteristics. The activity concluded with a discussion on the importance of amplifying youth voice in this work and incorporating natural, grounding elements into the redeveloped community. The project team looks forward to many more opportunities to engage youth in this community-driven design process. To hear more about TWP's work in St. Paul's, click [here](#).

**Multimodal Norfolk Needs Assessment:**

Where are the transportation needs greatest in and around Norfolk? What improvements are needed for walking, biking, riding a scooter or taking the bus? These are questions the Transit Department is asking the public to gather input for the Needs Assessment phase of the City's first Multimodal Transportation Master Plan. Through June 30<sup>th</sup>, residents, business owners, neighborhood and city leaders and other members of the community will be able to provide their input about transportation needs across the city. Comments can include (but are not limited to) the need for new or improved crosswalks, sidewalks or bus shelters, the need for more bike lanes, or the need for slower speeds to ensure safer streets for all users. Add a comment to the interactive map (<https://www.norfolk.gov/4776/Multimodal-Norfolk>) and tell us what you feel are the greatest transportation needs in the city. You can also provide your input by calling or texting 757-632-0214 with the location and description of the need. A member of our team will input your need onto the map.



**Keep Norfolk Beautiful Efforts Recently Featured in TIME Magazine:** Since the beginning of the pandemic, cities across the country have seen an increase in litter, including Norfolk. With more residents working from home, spending more time outdoors and getting carry-out, Norfolk has seen "historic highs" when it comes to litter. Sarah Sterzing, Program Manager, Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB), shares her perspective in a recent [TIME](#) article. Norfolk's story resonates with many other cities that have also experienced a decline in volunteer efforts due to the pandemic. KNB created a campaign called Love Our City, Litter Free Norfolk to raise awareness to this issue. During the Great American Clean Up regional kick off weekend, March 27-28, KNB, Team Norfolk and volunteers picked up over 7,000 pounds of litter. There are many clean up events in the coming weeks with COVID protocols in place. All tools and supplies are provided. Visit [www.norfolk.gov/knb](http://www.norfolk.gov/knb) for more information.

**VDOT Quarterly Executive Meeting:** City staff participated in a quarterly meeting with VDOT this week. VDOT communicated its plans for providing regionwide public outreach regarding the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network. VDOT also provided an update on the status of its 15<sup>th</sup> View Gate operation at Interstate-64W. Other items discussed were the Revenue Sharing Program funding VDOT is providing for the St. Paul's roadway infrastructure projects, Norfolk's Urban Construction Initiative, and Norfolk's Locally Administered Projects (LAP) development and delivery.

**Norfolk Works, TCC, and Hampton Roads Workforce Council discuss support for the 911 Emergency Operations Center:** Councilmembers and Jim Reddick, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, recently highlighted the challenge of recruiting and retaining talent for the 911 Emergency Operations Center. As a result of this advocacy, the Norfolk Works team reached out to their workforce partners at Tidewater Community college to examine existing and custom workforce training solutions to develop a new talent pipeline, along with their partners at Hampton Roads Workforce Council for immediate recruiting assistance. TCC is now exploring the feasibility of developing a regional certification program under their criminal justice programming to develop the next generation of 911 Operators, and Norfolk Works and its workforce partners will work together to promote and identify talent for upcoming training cohorts, presently scheduled twice annually.

**Norfolk Arts Seeks Poetry for Pavement Art Project:** A new temporary written word project, "Poetry on the Pavement," is taking place this spring and summer. Short poems are going to appear on sidewalks and pedestrian paths throughout the City of Norfolk. Anyone, of any age who lives, works, or goes to school in Norfolk is eligible to submit up to 3 poems. Poets will be paid \$150 for each poem chosen. Luisa Igloria from Old Dominion University and the Poet Laureate of Virginia, leads the selection committee of writers and members of the Arts and Humanities Commission and the Public Arts Commission. The selection committee will choose approximately 20 poems. The poems will be stenciled on public sidewalks and pedestrian paths throughout the city. Poetry must be short, up to 150 characters including title, not counting spaces or punctuation. Maximum of 18 characters per line, plus 15 characters for poet's name or pen name. Poems should be original, new work. Poems must be submitted by Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM EDT. There is no fee to apply. Selections will be announced in May 2021 and installed Summer 2021. For complete information, email Karen Rudd at [karen.rudd@norfolk.gov](mailto:karen.rudd@norfolk.gov) or Debra Burrell at [debra.burrell@norfolk.gov](mailto:debra.burrell@norfolk.gov), or call 757-274-2819.

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

### **April 10 (9am – 11am) Love Our Parks: Barraud Park Cleanup**

Join Keep Norfolk Beautiful to cleanup Barraud Park from 9 am - 11 am on April 10<sup>th</sup>. All supplies will be provided, and masks and social distancing will be enforced. Meet at the park entrance off Tidewater Drive near the tennis courts. <https://www.facebook.com/events/3698899546881405>

### **April 17 (9am – noon) Norfolk Recycles Day**

Norfolk Recycles Day is a drive-thru, drop-off special waste collection for Norfolk residents. We will be accepting household hazardous waste, plastic bags and clear packaging wrap, and documents for on-site, secure shredding.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/851296932100024>

### **April 17 (10am – 11am) Adopt a Spot Community Beautification**

Join members of the Park Place Civic League for our monthly Adopt a Spot Community Beautification event! We provide gloves, pickers, and trash bags and pick up the litter around Colonial Ave Park and Omohundro Ave between 26th and 38th Street. <https://www.facebook.com/events/874912329941404/>

### **April 17 (10am – noon) Birds on Bikes: A Wing-Theme Costume Ride @ Ernie Morgan Center**

Calling all cardinals, parrots, flamingos and swans! Take flight on bike with this free, costumed ride looping from Norfolk's Lafayette Park along the Elizabeth River Trail and back to the Virginia Zoo. This is a casual paced ride open to all skill levels. In accordance with current COVID safety guidelines, attendance is limited and advanced registration is required. Prizes will be awarded for the best adult and youth costumes. [Norfolk Dept. of Recreation, the Elizabeth River Trail and Virginia Zoo present "Birds on Bikes: A Wing-Theme Costume Ride"](#)

### **April 20 (8am – 2:30pm) 2021 Virtual Landlord Summit – virtual event @ [www.nrha.us](http://www.nrha.us)**

A must attend event for all property managers and current or prospective landlords! Session topics include subject matter experts on: Fair Housing Becoming a Landlord Understanding Section 8 Maximizing Your Rental Property Rent Ready Norfolk Landlord Rights & Responsibilities. [2021 Virtual Landlord Summit](#)

### **April 24 (10am – 5pm) Celebrate Trails Day @ Plum Point Park Trailhead**

Join the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and trail lovers nationwide for National Celebrate Trails Day 2021! We'll be hosting a full day of exciting events to celebrate the start of trail season and officially opening our first signature trailhead at Plum Point Park.

[Elizabeth River Trail Foundation presents "Celebrate Trails Day"](#)

### **April 25 (registration deadline - midnight) Create Asphalt Artwork in Norfolk**

Create asphalt artwork on the corner of Ruffner and Charlotte Streets in the Tidewater Gardens Neighborhood. Selected artist(s) will work with the community, Boys and Girls Club of Southeast VA and the Norfolk Police Department to develop a design that includes a portion to be painted by volunteers. The artwork will serve as the stage for a Double Dutch jump rope competition planned as part of a community celebration June 19. Painting will take place June 16-18. Artists should consider themes related to Double Dutch and Juneteenth in their artwork design. Apply at <https://norfolkarts.submittable.com> by April 25, 2021.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1210752606047464>



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

**Items coming to City Council on April 13<sup>th</sup> from the City Planning Commission:**

- **SYCAMORE PLAZA (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the construction of 56 multi-family dwelling units at properties located at Indian River Rd, Wilson Rd and Francis St
- **CHADD WHEELINGTON II (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the expansion of an existing, nonconforming single-family residence within an industrial zoning district at 2131 Wheeling Ave
- **DIRECT MOTORSPORT (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for an automobile sales and repair establishment at 5870 Poplar Hall Dr
- **WALMART FUELING STATION #5488 (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the operation of a commercial fueling depot at 7530 Tidewater Dr, Suite 1
- **639 WOV, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment building to operate short-term rental units at 639 Ocean View Ave
- **KENJOH OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (Applicant)** conditional use permit to permit an outdoor advertising sign on two parcels located on the north side of an unimproved portion of Mississippi Ave
- **ORIGAMI ASIAN BISTRO (Applicant)** condition use permit to allow the continuing operation of a nightclub with on-premises alcohol sales and live entertainment with a disc jockey and dance floor until 2:00 a.m. at 5957 E. Virginia Beach Blvd

**April 13, 2021**

- City Planning Update
- Budget Worksession

**April 27, 2021**

- Budget Worksession
- HUD Annual Plan/Consolidated Plan Briefing
- Missing Middle Concept

**Public Hearing: Real Estate Reassessment (if needed)**

**May 4, 2021**

- Budget Worksession
- Council Interests
- Run/Walk Events Update

**Upcoming Items for City Council from the April 22nd City Planning Commission Meeting:**

- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to the conditional use permit process for restaurant management changes.
- **LESLY COMPANY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 1273 Little Bay Ave
- **XIAOMING WANG (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 9633 12<sup>th</sup> Bay St
- **CASSEUS NELSON (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment building to operate short-term rental units at 2144 E. Ocean View Ave
- **TAKE 5 OIL CHANGE (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow for an automobile repair and maintenance establishment at 7483 Tidewater Dr
- **MAGOO'S CIGAR COMPANY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the sale of smoking or vaping products at 246 Granby St

**May 11, 2021**

- City Planning Update
- Citizen Review Panel Update
- VDOT Express Lanes

**City Council Budget Adoption**

**May 25, 2021**

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**June 1, 2021**

- Council Interests

**June 8, 2021**

- City Planning Update

**June 22, 2021**

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**July 13, 2021**

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**July 20, 2021**

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**Council Recess – July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**August 24, 2021**

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*Articles of Interest*



**Missing Middle Offers a Path Forward**

Missing Middle Housing alone won't solve **ALL** affordability challenges, but it is an important step toward an Arlington (and Virginia) for everyone.


  
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**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.	Under Construction	Late 2022	\$2,000,000
	<a href="#">Chrysler Hall Complex Improvements</a>	215 St. Paul's Boulevard	Update facility with various interior and exterior improvements.	On Hold	TBD	\$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.	Under Review	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.	Under Construction	Late 2022	\$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.	Under Design	Mid 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

	<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	Mid 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	Complete	Early 2021	\$3,200,000
	<a href="#">Sidewalk Infrastructure - Citywide</a>	Various locations	New sidewalk at Easy Street/Tidewater Dr, Indian River Rd (Wilson Rd-Marsh St), and PA Rd (Shelton Ave-Fleetwood Ave). Future funding needed for Little Creek Road (Chesapeake Blvd-Carlton St) and Sewells Point Rd (PA Rd-Azalea Garden Rd). Phase 1 (Princess Anne, Indian River, and Easy Street) 90% plans under site review. Funding reduced.	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	Mid 2021	\$925,000