



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration:** Restoration to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, located at the corner of Brambleton Avenue and Church Street, began in October 2020. The memorial was structurally unsafe and repairs were made to ensure longevity. The fountain plumbing and electrical work were recently completed. Better ventilation was added, creating more efficient moisture control. The monument is now back in place, featuring a structurally sound, steel framework. Granite panel installation is underway, and completion is expected by August.

**Tidewater Gardens High School Graduates Celebration:** Nine high school graduates were celebrated Thursday afternoon with a caravan of People First-USI and City staff bearing congratulations, goodies, gratitude, and positive energy to cheer them on to their next chapter of life as they embark on their journeys to college, the workforce, and military. Congratulations to these graduates and their families for this major accomplishment and continued success in the future. People First will continue to support these families as they achieve their goals.



**Norfolk Public Library to Test Fine-Free Year:** Beginning on July 1, the Norfolk Public Library began a one-year fine-free trial and will suspend overdue fines for late books and materials. The trial will be in effect through June 30, 2022. During the one-year trial period, patrons are still expected to return or renew items on or before their due date, and they cannot renew items on hold for another borrower. Fees for lost or damaged books and materials will continue, and the remainder of the [Circulation Policies](#) remain in effect. NPL will evaluate fines in one year. To date, more than 200 libraries in America have successfully eliminated overdue fines, including major cities, small rural communities, and everything in between. To see who else has adopted this policy, view the interactive map of [fine-free libraries](#).

**Child Care Subsidy Program Update:** The Department of Human Services Childcare Team achieved 100 percent timely processing of childcare applications received in May for the state's Child Care Subsidy program. Director Denise Gallop emphasized the importance of the accomplishment, since additional childcare funding awarded to the state generated many new applications. In March 2021, Governor Ralph Northam signed legislation that expanded eligibility for people searching for a job and on income requirements for the parents of young children. These supports help parents find and pay for high quality childcare while they search for or return to work. Processing those applications quickly means families receive services more quickly. Norfolk was one of 18 localities in the state to achieve 100 percent timeliness.

**Norfolk Hire Vets Now Fellowship SkillBridge Program (HVNFP) Update:** Seizing on the opportunity of a HVNFP internship, retiring Commander Bill Delmar completed 12 weeks with the Office of Resilience on June 25<sup>th</sup> where he worked with City Directors and stakeholders to develop a Resilience Rubric for future project evaluations. "This internship enabled me to learn about our city's efforts to build resilience in the face of increasing climate change and afforded me the opportunity to apply the project management skills I learned in the military in a field that I am passionate about," said Bill. Through Bill's efforts, the Office of Resilience is equipped to develop a clear project evaluation process that can both address today's problems and meet tomorrow's challenges. "After more than 20 years in the Navy", remarked Bill, "my family and I have chosen to make Norfolk our home. I have a vested interest in protecting this city and making it the model of a resilient coastal community for the future."



**Special Project Repair Program Update:** The Facilities Maintenance (FM) Division of General Services has been able to make full use of the annual Special Project Repair Program (5204 projects) for fiscal year 2021, obligating a record high 96% of the \$1.3M appropriated. FM reports that they expect to completely disburse the entire fund by the end of June. This repair program covers maintenance projects that ensure that building systems and building exterior elements are in a safe and satisfactory condition, such as exit door repairs at Scope, generator replacement at Fire Stations, carpet replacement at various City buildings, etc. Each year during the budget preparation cycle, departments submit 5204 project requests. FM reviews and inspects each request based on the 5204 guidelines and makes a recommendation to the Office of Budget and Strategic Planning for final approval of these projects which range from \$5,001 to \$75,000. Obligating 96% of the fund is a remarkable achievement especially since FM, in collaboration with Public Works, dedicated the first half of this fiscal year to completing \$2.6M of CARES-funded projects before fully launching work on the forty-one 5204 projects approved for FY2021. In addition, the record-breaking use of the fund was accomplished while supporting other unplanned projects such as converting the closed Greyhound bus station into a temporary homeless shelter. The collaboration of Public Works has been invaluable in assisting FM to meet its project completion goals.

**Department of Neighborhood Services Waterways to Freedom Tour:** As part of a daylong series of Juneteenth events, the Department of Neighborhood Services offered a walking tour that shared the stories of Norfolk's waterways. The *Waterways to Freedom Tour* was guided by Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander, Professor of History and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Norfolk State University. The tour offered attendees a historical perspective of the city's port connection to the arrival of slaves in the 1800s, the abolitionists who worked to free black people, as well as historical landmarks connected to Underground Railroad. Along the tour, attendees learned of the historical significance of places like St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Commercial Place, and the Elizabeth River among other sites of importance. Additional history of Norfolk's waterways and the Underground Railroad can found at <https://issuu.com/visitnorfolk/docs/undergroundrailroad>.



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

### **July 5 - July 23 (all day) Norfolk RPOS Summer Esports League (Online Event)**

Attention all gamers! Join Recreation, Parks and Open Space in a national Esports Summer League! Youth, ages 9 - 17, are encouraged to participate. Register by logging in or creating an account at <https://norfolkfun.norfolk.gov/> today. Participants must have access to Discord, internet and the Rocket League video game. Tournament details will be sent once registered. For more information, email [rposevents@norfolk.gov](mailto:rposevents@norfolk.gov)

### **July 9 (5:00pm – 7:00pm) Offsite Gallery Opening Reception: Norfolk Republic by Clayton Singleton @ Norfolk Arts Offsite Gallery at MacArthur Center**

Join us for an opening reception, July 9, 5-7pm on the 2nd floor of MacArthur Center, Suite #287 at the Norfolk Arts, Offsite Gallery. Exhibition on view through August 20, 2021. With a belief that our integrated continuum is worthy of exploration and celebration, Clayton Singleton created "Norfolk Republic", an exhibition of paintings, drawings, mixed media and videos portraying Norfolk citizens in their individual communities. Collaged backgrounds from photographs of times gone by coincide with actual resident addresses creating a perceptually enriched experience. Singleton strives to bring focus to the human will and ability we each possess to create our own unique individual stories and outcomes. Clayton holds a BA in art from Virginia Wesleyan University and an M.Ed. from Regent University. An art educator for over 25 years, he was voted Mural Artist of the Year by Veer Magazine in 2020.

### **July 13 (4:00pm- Informal Meeting; 6:00pm – Formal Meeting) Norfolk City Council Meeting @ City Hall**

### **July 14 (5:30pm – 7:00pm) Summer Family Fun Day with Keep Norfolk Beautiful @ Bay Oaks Park**

Join us in the park for one, two, or all three of our Summer Family Fun Days. These activities will be fun and educational. Play a game, enjoy the park, and win a prize! All family fun days are free and open to Norfolk residents. The theme of this Family Fun Day will be "Bay Oaks Park Scavenger Hunt." Pre-registration is required, please visit [www.norfolk.gov/knb](http://www.norfolk.gov/knb) to register!

### **July 14 - August 18 (all day) Parks and Recreation Fortnite Summer League (Online Event)**

Gamers! You don't want to miss the Parks and Recreation Fortnite Summer League. Youth, ages 9-17, can register by logging in or creating an account at [Norfolkfun.norfolk.gov](http://Norfolkfun.norfolk.gov) today! Tournament details will be sent once registered. For more information, email [rposevents@norfolk.gov](mailto:rposevents@norfolk.gov). Parks and Recreation Fortnite Summer League. League dates: July 14th- August 18th Games: Wednesdays at 7pm. (Postseason Tournament August 21st) Ages:9-17. Team of 5-9 players. Registration Closes: June 25th

### **July 17 (5:00pm – 7:00pm) Mackenzie Roark, Live at the Market on Monarch Way @ ODU Brock Commons**

Mackenzie Roark is an alt-country singer/songwriter from Richmond, VA. Influenced by the likes of Townes Van Zandt, Emmylou Harris, John Prine, and Bob Dylan, among many others, Mackenzie has been performing her music all over Virginia for many years. She has performed solo, with her band Pistol Sister, as well as with several other musical projects in Richmond.



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

**Upcoming Items for City Council from the June 24<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Public Hearing**

- **XYZ PAWN, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to operate a Pawnshop at 4534 E. Princess Anne Road. The purpose of this request is to allow the operation of a pawnshop.
- **LEVELS (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the restaurant at 255 Granby St to operate with live entertainment until 2:00 am
- **LITTLE BIT NOLA (Applicant)** conditional use permits to allow the restaurant at 319 W. 21<sup>st</sup> St to operate with live entertainment until 2:00 am.
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** general plan amendment to revise actions in the West Ocean View Area to support the redevelopment
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** general plan amendment to Appendix C within plaNorfolk2030 to repeal the Broad Creek Revitalization and Implementation Plan Book and adopt the Broad Creek Refresh Plan: Building A Community of Choice
- **LYDIA ROPER HOUSE (Applicant)** change of zoning to amend the conditional rezoning at 127 E. 40<sup>th</sup> St
- **JOHN PORTER (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the operation of a restaurant at 2512 Colonial Ave
- **EDC HOMES, LLC (Applicant)** change of zoning to allow the lot located at 1039 Johnston Rd to be developed into a single-family home

**July 13, 2021**

- NPD Dashboard
- Introduction to CPE
- City Planning Update

**July 20, 2021**

- External Auditor - Pre-Audit Communication to City Council (placeholder)

**Upcoming Items for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission Public Hearing**

- **LIV DEVELOPMENT (Applicant)** amendment to plaNorfolk2030, rezoning and conditional use permit to allow a multi-family apartment community at 443 Kempsville Rd
- **SISTERS BEACH HOUSE, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 2004 East Ocean View Ave
- **1121 HILLSIDE AVENUE LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing apartment building to operate short-term rental units at 1121 Hillside Ave

- **70 EAST TOBACCO, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to operate a smoke or vape shop at 1827 E. Little Creek Rd
- **RAYAN TOBACCO 3, LLC (Applicant)** conditional use permit to operate a smoke or vape shop at 4027 E. Little Creek Rd
- **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (Applicant)** zoning text amendment to the tree protection standards and related General Plan Amendments for tree preservation/replacement strategies and actions.
- **CHRISTOPHER MCGARY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 9609 19<sup>th</sup> Bay St
- **MATTHEW LAYTON (Applicant)**, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 9611 19<sup>th</sup> Bay St
- **CYNTHIA HALL (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 450 West Ocean View Avenue.
- **CYNTHIA HALL (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 1442 West Ocean View Avenue.
- **BLUE RIBBON BREWS & BBQ (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow a restaurant to operate until 2:00 a.m. at 8305 Hampton Blvd
- **VINO CULTURE (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the sale alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at 130 Granby St
- **ELEANOR'S NORFOLK (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the sale alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at 806 Baldwin Ave
- **LEGACY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the 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 216 E. Plume Street.
- **CITY OF NORFOLK (Applicant)** to vacate the right-of-way of Jacob Street, Odell Street, a portion of Kimball Terrace and a portion of a 10' common lane to support the relocation of Kimball Terrace as part of the NDRC Ohio Creek project

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

#### **August 24, 2021**

- Stimulus Funding Update

# ***Council Interests***

## ***Section***

TO: Trista Pope, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Ms. Amy Inman, Director, Department of Transit

Cc: Rob Brown, City Transportation Engineer; John Stevenson, Senior Design and Construction Engineer; Lt. Felix, Norfolk Police Department

SUBJECT: PhotoSafe – Red Light Camera

DATE: July 10, 2021

**Executive Summary**

Purpose of red-light cameras is for safety! RED Means Stop!

PhotoSafe was the name given to Norfolk’s first red light camera program which has been in service since 2012. The Virginia legislature passed 15.2-968.1 allowing for the use of cameras on July 1, 2007. Cameras at the first two intersections were activated and continue to be active today along with a third intersection added in 2020 at Hampton Blvd and Princess Anne Road.

The Norfolk Police Department has contracted with and is managing the City’s contract for the PhotoSafe program with Verra Mobility. The current contract has these three intersections with 6 approaches being monitored at this time:

- St. Paul’s Blvd and Brambleton Ave; West bound and North bound
- Chesapeake Blvd and Little Creek Rd; East bound and North bound
- Hampton Blvd and Princess Anne Rd; North bound and South bound

The PhotoSafe program is designed to reduce the number of violations by automatically capturing evidence of vehicles whose drivers violate the law. The city’s goal is to simply gain compliance with traffic signals which will significantly contribute to public safety overall and to the reduction of server crashes at signalized intersections.

The City of Norfolk is authorized to monitor 1 intersection per 10,000 residents by Virginia State Code. This will allow Norfolk to have cameras at 24 intersections.

Norfolk’s intersection analysis guidelines are per the state code and are laid out in VDOT’s Red Light Running Camera Engineering Safety Analysis Guidelines. This had been a code requirement for VDOT to approve all locations until legislation in 2012 updated the code that removed VDOT from the official process for approving red light camera locations in localities. However, Norfolk continues to utilize these guidelines for local conformity, and ensuring that good engineer practices are applied and to help defend potential judicial challenges.

The city's process and data required, prior to performing the safety analysis, for selecting intersections to potentially be monitored include the following:

- (i) the accident rate for the intersection (citywide high accident locations with red light running)
- (ii) the rate of red-light violations occurring at the intersection
- (iii) the difficulty experienced by law enforcement officers in patrol cars or on foot in apprehending violators
- (iv) the ability of law-enforcement officer to apprehend violators safely within a reasonable distance from the violation
- (v) pedestrian safety concerns
- (vi) Traffic volume

These guidelines and processes will ensure that we continue forward to provide the safest roadway network for all users, bicyclist pedestrians, and motorist.

### **Photo Enforcement – Red Light Camera History**

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The original intersections for possible implementation of red-light cameras, were developed by NPD and Transportation, and was through this process that generally included:

- a list of high accident locations
- high traffic volume intersections
- the rate of red-light violations occurring at the intersection
- and difficulty of enforcement locations.

A citywide list of candidate intersections was again identified through input from police precincts and the Division of Transportation. A total of up to 8 intersections were identified as initial candidate locations

for Red Light Camera installation, and presented to City Council. These were agreed upon prior to putting the original RFP out for the Photo enforcement contract.

We currently have three intersections with 6 approaches being monitored at this time which are as follows:

- St. Paul's Blvd and Brambleton Ave; West bound and North bound
- Chesapeake Blvd and Little Creek Rd; East bound and North bound
- Hampton Blvd and Princess Anne Rd; North bound and South bound

The original selected intersections are noted below:

- E. Brambleton Ave and St. Paul's Blvd
- Chesapeake Blvd. & E. Little Creek Rd.
- Hampton & Terminal Blvd.
- Virginia Beach Blvd & Raby Road
- N. Military Highway and E. Princess Anne Rd/Northampton Blvd
- St. Paul's Blvd and Market Street
- E. Little Creek Rd. & Halprin Dr.
- Granby St. & Little Creek Rd.

The VA State code had required that any municipality who installed red light camera systems to complete an engineering safety analysis that addresses signal timing and other location-specific safety features. If any signalized intersection improvements are recommended by the engineering safety analysis, the locality shall make reasonable location-specific safety improvements first, prior to installing any photo enforcement.

Based upon this guidance and requirements, the initial two intersections were selected for implementation while the remaining 6 locations had improvements and/or changes that required these improvements to be completed and then the intersections reassessed.

- Hampton & Terminal Blvd. (Safety improvements with federal HSIP Funds completed)
- Virginia Beach Blvd & Raby Road (VDOT safety improvements completed)
- N. Military Highway and E. Princess Anne Rd/Northampton Blvd (VDOT project replaced intersection)
- St. Paul's Blvd and Market Street (Safety improvements with federal HSIP Funds completed)
- E. Little Creek Rd. & Halprin Dr. (Safety improvements with federal HSIP Funds completed)
- Granby St. & Little Creek Rd. (New signal at surrounding intersections have been completed)

These noted 6 intersections have had these improvements completed and will need to be evaluated again along with all the citywide intersections to determine the highest need for potential red light camera installations for safety. The Norfolk Police Department have begun this process with identifying the citywide high accident, signalized intersection locations as the first step forward.

There have been public, media issues, and concerns expressed over the years, particularly from national groups that are very concerned with civil liberty intrusion, that these cameras are only being installed for making money, and that they are also causing increased rear-end crashes and therefore are not appropriate. Some of the concern from the public has been due to the yellow timing with respect to the

traffic signals at photo enforced intersections and it is being stated that they are being set to catch drivers purposefully.

The photo enforcement state code declares that the yellow times “shall be established based on the recommended methodology of the Institute of Transportation Engineers”. In the beginning, prior to March 2020 there was no Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) recommended methodology. We followed the VDOT guideline, which was based on the latest research and is consistent with ITE’s draft recommended practice. The national debate over the draft recommended practice is fierce, and ITE acknowledges that their practice recommendation is independent of state laws with regard to the meaning of a yellow or red indication. In March 2020, the ITE adopted its first Recommended Practice for the determination of Traffic Signal Change and Clearance Intervals.

It is important to note that this change in methodology came about as a result of continual pressure from groups fighting against the use of red-light photo enforcement systems, on a national scale, particularly the National Motorists Association (NMA). Should Norfolk continue with adding red light camera locations there may be some additional attention drawn by these groups.

These guidelines and processes will ensure that we continue forward to provide the safest roadway network for all users, bicyclist pedestrians, and motorist. The Norfolk Police Department have begun the process with identifying the citywide high accident locations.

  
**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 2021	\$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	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.	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 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	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	Late 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	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 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