



Certified Local Government Grant: Settled since the mid-17th century, Berkley North has been home to fishermen and farmers, shipbuilders and entrepreneurs alike and is one of Tidewater’s oldest and most diverse communities. In recognition of its significant history, the district was designated on the Virginia Landmarks Register in 1999 and the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. Twenty years can change a place, and with sea-level rise as an imminent threat to the residents of Berkley North,

the City of Norfolk applied for and was awarded a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant to re-survey the neighborhood. This survey will update our existing records, as well as the state and national nominations, to provide necessary details about the buildings and sites for future planning and flood mitigation. We are excited to highlight Berkley North as the kickoff for our multi-year surveyNFK initiative, and we look forward to speaking with and honoring its community.

Tidewater Gardens Residents Honored: Two longtime Tidewater Gardens residents were honored at the recent Summer Blast community event. Jerline Norman lived in Tidewater Gardens for 51 years and raised her six children on Fenchurch Street. Mary Webb lived in Tidewater Gardens for 51 years on Tidewater Drive. Both residents received the number placards from their former addresses.



Parking Relief: Effective July 1, the Parking Division implemented two temporary, six-month programs to assist retail and restaurant staff as well as employees returning to hybrid work schedules that combine remote and in-person work. Changes to the Top Deck program as well as a temporary “Flex Schedule” program provide flexibility for returning restaurant and retail staff or employees returning to hybrid schedules. Two existing programs for night parking rates can also help returning employees. The rates do not apply to customers with long term agreements with the City.

Flag Enforcement: Beginning September 1, the City will begin enforcement of flags and signs. Per the Zoning Ordinance, certain forms of advertising are prohibited such as feather flags, flashing signs and inflatable advertisements. Code Inspectors will be engaging with business owners between now and September to raise awareness of the ordinance and the start of enforcement.

The City of Norfolk Named Best Place to Work: Engaging Local Government Leaders named the City of Norfolk one of the best places to work in local government. Team Norfolk was recognized for providing an outstanding work-life balance and benefits package. If you know someone looking to start a career in local government, check out our job listings. <https://www.norfolk.gov/4540/Job-Listings>

Restaurant Best Management Practices Webinar: The Department of Neighborhood Services is offering a free, virtual business class for local restaurant and entertainment venue owners on July 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The webinar will provide best management practices for successful partnership with the community, city departments and state agencies. It will also explain Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requirements and how those affect businesses. Interested businesses should email sherry.johnson@norfolk.gov to RSVP.

Text Train Alerts: The City of Norfolk in partnership with The Port of Virginia is now giving drivers an opportunity to receive text alerts providing drivers about a 20-minute heads up before a train crosses Hampton Blvd and Terminal Blvd. Alerts will be sent between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. To sign up, text NFKTrain to 888-777. Standard text messaging rates apply.



Norfolk Happening Now! Upcoming Events for Your Awareness

JokingJoe and Friends Comedy Show: July 23, 2021, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Attucks Theatre

JokingJoe (born Joseph Johnson) is a local comic born in Norfolk, Virginia. JokingJoe began his comedy career in 2002 at the Virginia House of Comedy, working with the likes of Eddie Griffith, Mike Epps, Sommore, Adele Givens, Monique, Arnez J, Nephew Tommy, Tony Rock, and more. He's performed at various night clubs and venues, including the Virginia Beach & Richmond Funnybone. JokingJoe is also a community activist in the City Of Norfolk. He has been giving back to the community for 10 years during Easter, Back to School Drives, giving away turkeys for Thanksgiving, toys for Christmas, and traveling to VA state prisons to give motivational speeches.

Special Waste Collection Event with Keep Norfolk Beautiful: July 24, 2021, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Norfolk residents can drive-thru or walk up and drop off household hazardous waste and plastic bags, for FREE, at the Berkley Human Services parking lot at 925 S Main St. Registration opens June 1st.

Norfolk Latino Music and Food Festival: July 24, 2021, 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Town Point Park

Eat, drink, and salsa the night away at the 20th Annual Norfolk Latino Festival! Live explosive music, Latin food, dance lessons, face painting, crafts, soccer, bi-lingual story time and more spice up Town Point Park Saturday! As the sun goes down and the stars come out, the largest outdoor, waterfront dance floor in Hampton Roads heats up with the hottest salsa, meringue, and guaguanco dancing on the East Coast!

ODU presents "Market on Monarch: M.S.G. Blues Trio" July 24, 2021, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Brock Commons

M.S.G. Acoustic Blues Trio is a roots-infused, Piedmont-steeped yet thoroughly up-to-date group of widely and deeply talented musicians whose influences include Etta Baker, Cephas & Wiggins, and Archie Edwards. A typical performance ranges from humorous roof-raisers to profound expressions of the blues, with many stops in between. M.S.G. wields an impressive variety of instruments, but primarily it's Jackie Merritt on harmonica, bones, and uke; Miles Spicer on guitar; and Resa Gibbs on lead vocals and washboard.

VSO Concert in the Park presented by TowneBank in partnership with the Patricia & Douglas Perry Foundation: July 25, 2021, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Town Point Park

VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT IN THE PARK Virginia's pre-eminent professional symphony orchestra will appear in concert for a free evening Downtown Norfolk Waterfront performance at Town Point Park, Norfolk, Virginia. The Virginia Symphony Orchestra concert is the fifth concert, in a series of 5 annual summer concerts that feature national recording artists, all sponsored by the Patricia and Douglas Perry Foundation. Produced by Norfolk Festevents, admission to the concert is free and open to the public. The evening will include gourmet artisan foods and beverages for purchase. Town Point Park will open at 6pm for pre-concert picnics. The show begins at 7:30 pm.

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Mini-Conference Mixer: July 25, 2021, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ The Pagoda and Oriental Garden

For many, 2020 drew a line in the sand to not turn the clock back to 2019, but to step forward into a better future. On July 25-27, join other Norfolk neighbors in stepping forward to Tell a New Story about Norfolk's neighborhoods at our mini-NBN Conference, Mermaid Tales 2021. The mini-conference begins with an in-person mixer. NBN Conference Mixer (in-person) - Sunday, July 25, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Services is re-launching in-person events with a bang! Enjoy exclusive access at the Pagoda (265 W. Tazewell St.) for an evening of networking, music, food, and a conference kick-off from keynote speaker, Marla Newman, Director of Community Development in Winston-Salem. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration for the mixer is limited and closes at noon on July 23rd (extended from July 21st previously). If cancellation is needed, partial refunds will be issued until 7 days before the event. EventBrite fees are non-refundable. <https://www.norfolk.gov/2021nbnconference> for more information

Summer Family Fun Day with Keep Norfolk Beautiful: July 29, 2021, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM @ Lafayette 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 "Journey of a Plastic Bag Game." Pre-registration is required, please visit www.norfolk.gov/knb to register!

Rec N' Roll Mobile Tour Continues! FREE outdoor activities for children ages 5 – 12. Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space is offering a Rec N' Roll mobile tour this summer. Enjoy kickball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, crafts and more at select Norfolk parks! Register your child today! Locations & Shoop Park 7/28 Tarrallton Park 8/4 Barraud Park 8/11 Visit <https://www.norfolk.gov/3443/Recreation-Parks-Open-Space> to register.



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

Upcoming Items for the July 22nd 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
- **CHRISTOPHER MCGARY (Applicant)** conditional use permit to allow the existing single-family home to operate as a short-term rental unit at 9609 19th 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 19th Bay St
- **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 27th to August 24th

August 24, 2021

- NPD Amendment to General Order – Police Pursuit of Stolen Vehicles
- Stimulus Funding Update

September 14, 2021

- Downtown Floodwall Update
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Update
- Planning Update

September 28, 2021

October 5, 2021

- City Council Worksession

October 12, 2021

- City Planning Update

October 26, 2021

November 2, 2021

- City Council Worksession

November 9, 2021

- City Planning Update

Council Interests Section

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norfolk City Council

FROM: Dr. Larry Filer, City Manager

SUBJECT: Update on the City's Eviction Prevention Efforts

DATE: July 23, 2021

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide City Council with an update on the city's efforts to address the eviction crisis and related housing issues. Below is a summary of resources available to assist Norfolk residents as well as the status of court operations as it relates to the eviction process.

Virginia Eviction Reduction Pilot (VERP) Grant

- Program launched on June 1, 2021.
- \$510,000 in financial assistance available to families with children
- Administered in partnership between the departments of Neighborhood Services and Human Services
- Recently received approval from Virginia's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to provide funding for eviction prevention (household has not received an unlawful detainer issued) in addition to eviction diversion (household has received an unlawful detainer).
- Previously ineligible families are being re-evaluated for eviction prevention assistance.

Other Eviction related Resources

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) has several smaller child welfare funding used to support and stabilize families and these funds if clients referred for eviction prevention meet criteria.
- DHS also utilizes HUD/HOME funds, by referral only from the Southeastern Virginia Housing Coalition that can be used for Housing Choice Voucher Program security deposits.
- The Department of Utilities has Utility Bill relief available at www.norfolk.gov/utilityrelief.
- Utility customers can also call (757) 664-6700 for payment extensions and to set up a payment plan.
- The Biden Administration's current stimulus package includes approximately \$46 billion in Emergency Rental Relief (ERR) funding to support eviction prevention efforts

nationwide; Virginia received \$1 billion in ERR funding of which \$256 million has been expended. DHCD is administering the ERR program. Norfolk residents and landlords can apply directly to DHCD at the following link: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp>.

- The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) has information and resources for homeowners and renters during the coronavirus national emergency. For more information, visit <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/>.

Norfolk.gov/evictionprevention

- This webpage will serve as a centralized repository of information and resources to help individuals and families navigate both eviction and other housing issues.
- Information provided will include both city services as well as resources from various community partners.
- A Neighborhood Services team member can be reached by calling 757-664-RENT(7368).

Hampton Roads Regional Crisis Hotline & Resources757.org

- The Housing Crisis Hotline is the starting point for anyone who is experiencing a housing crisis in the Greater Hampton Roads area.
- Services offered include shelter, case management, and related services and/or community resources.
- Hotline staff will work to connect individuals to available services with local providers.
- Intake specialists interview individuals determine which referral makes the most sense, based on your situation and what is available in the community.
- The Hotline does not provide any direct financial assistance.
- Resources757.org is a centralized repository of resources including housing, food, individual and family support, health care, GED assistance, education and more.

Court Mediation Partnership

- The Department of Neighborhood Services has established a partnership with the Norfolk General Court mediation program to provide office space for mediation sessions.
- Emphasis is placed on eviction cases with the goal of negotiating reasonable repayment terms and avoiding displacement.
- Mediation sessions will also be used as an opportunity provide contact information for the city's Landlord & Tenant Relations Officer and tenant education course available through Rent Ready Norfolk's RentingSmart Academy.

Landlord & Tenant Relations Officer

- The team in the Department of Neighborhood Services includes the city's Landlord & Tenant Officer (LRTO), Denise Wilson.
- Ms. Wilson is a multi-certified housing counselor and as the city's LRTO she works with both landlords and tenants to educate and provide accurate information and guidance to address and sometimes de-escalate rental issues.
- Ms. Wilson works with property maintenance inspectors and community resources officers to address rental housing issues at the lowest level.

Rent Ready Norfolk's RentingSmart Academy

- Launched in April 2016, the RentingSmart Academy is the educational component of the Rent Ready Norfolk (RRN) Program.
- In 2021 Neighborhood Services is planning an expansion of the Academy to introduce tenant-specific education courses to ensure equal access to renting and housing information and resources to renters.
- Tenant courses will begin when the Academy resumes in September.

Presence in General District Court

- The Department Neighborhood Services is seeking permission from the Chief Judge for Norfolk General District Court to manage an 'information booth' to provide eviction and other housing-related resources.
- If approved, Neighborhood Services team members will establish a set schedule to assist walk-up inquiries.

General District Court Operations

- The Norfolk General District Court has not made any plans to modify its current operations in response to the impending eviction moratorium being lifted.
- Unlawful detainer cases, which will determine if an eviction will be ordered, will heard daily Monday through Friday, beginning at 9AM in courtrooms 2A and 2D.
- Cases where either party is represented by an attorney will be heard first.

Communications Plan and Outreach Efforts

- Press release to be disseminated to local media outlets.
- Information to be shared via city's social media platforms including FaceBook, Instagram, and Next Door and will appear in employee and resident newsletters
- Norfolk.gov website presence including City Spotlight on city's landing page which links to eviction prevention resource page. This information can also be accessed via Neighborhood Services and Human Services department pages
- FaceBook Live and You Tube education sessions with Landlord and Tenant Relations Officer are planned for July 28 and August 3rd or 4th. Sessions will be recorded and run on Channel 48.
- Business cards and fliers are being created to share via neighborhood development specialists, code inspectors, refuse collectors, as well as NPD, DHS, CSB and RPOS staff.


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.	Under Construction	Late 2021	\$2,000,000
	Chrysler Hall Complex Improvements	215 St. Paul's Boulevard	Update 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.	Under Review	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.	Under Construction	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	Mid 2022	\$2,900,000
	Southside Library (Richard A Tucker Memorial Library)	2350 Berkley Avenue Ext.	Construction of new Branch/Neighborhood Library.	Under Construction	Late 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 2021	\$3,200,000
	Sidewalk Infrastructure - Citywide	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
	North Colley Ave Streetscape Improvements	Colley Avenue & 43rd Street	Streetscape improvements along Colley Ave north of 38th Street.	Under Construction	Mid 2021	\$925,000