



City E-Currents

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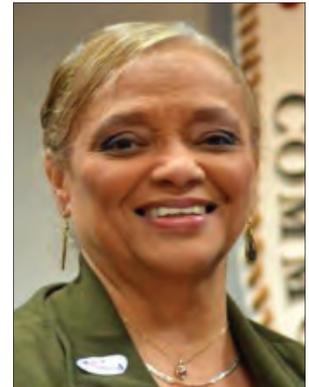
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Mayor's Corner

Summer Is Here.

As we approach the close of the last quarter and end to Fiscal Year 2014-15, our City has much to be excited about. During the past quarter, the City announced a major economic development project. An \$89.2 million dollar expansion at Ashland.

Additionally, other announcements includes the relocation of Landen Strapping company. They are a \$10 million dollar a year business which will relocate their business operations from Prince George County to the City. Also, the City became the official host for Southeast Craft Brewers Fest beginning in May of 2016. These projects will create jobs and increase revenue to the City.



Brenda S. Pelham

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Memorial Breakfast



On May 8, 2015, Chief John Keohane and the City of Hopewell Police Department hosted the 21st Annual Tri-Cities Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast at the Hopewell Moose Lodge # 1472. The guest speaker was Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the

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The Downtown Partnership continues to grow businesses in our Downtown area. Recently, they received a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Soon our citizens will have the opportunity to enjoy scrumptious seafood dining at "The Greedy Spoon" Restaurant; filling the sugary and chocolate cravings from Sweet Tooth Company; making another sweet experience with donuts from Fat BABS; and finally working out through all the calories and fine tuning the body at K & J Fitness Company.

Small businesses have proven to be the economic backbone in communities across our nation; now we are growing our small business footprint right here in Hopewell.

I would like to personally thank all of the families that came out to celebrate the Youth Fest Activities in our Downtown area.

It was a great day of family, fun, and festivities along with an inspirational talk/chat with Rohan Murphy (<http://expertfile.com/experts/rohan.murphy>). Mr. Murphy is a motivational speaker who overcame his disability to become a world-class college wrestler that graduated from Penn State University, even though he is a double

amputee. He is simply an amazing young man.

Citizens are reminded to come out and enjoy FREE Concerts sponsored by the Historic Hopewell Foundation titled Weston Plantation's Sounds of Summer Concerts on the Appomattox. Please check out the City's website for a complete schedule (www.hopewellva.gov). The Farmer's Market sponsored by the Downtown Partnership started on May 2nd and will continue through the last Saturday before Thanksgiving. It is a great venue for citizens to purchase fresh local produce such as fruits and vegetables.

In addition, our City was incorporated on July 1, 1916. Therefore, we are excited to be making plans to commemorate and celebrate the City's 100 Year Birthday which will commence on July 1, 2016 .

Lastly, I want to mention a great project currently underway and spearheaded by Mr. Buddy Mitchell and the organization for Concerned Churches (OC3) to paint every class room at Carter G. Woodson Middle School. We are asking for volunteers. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (804) 541-2243 if you want to volunteer your time and or talents. I charge all of us to pray for our Council, administration, partner agencies and citizens.

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Commonwealth of Virginia. The service included breakfast, introduction and recognition of family members of fallen comrades, recognition of participating agencies and roll call of fallen officers. The Hopewell Police Department have hosted this special event for the past several years and always does an outstanding job.



Left: Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security of Virginia.

Hopewell 9th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Grant's Headquarters June 20, 2015

12:00 - 5:00 pm: Juneteenth Program at Petersburg National Battlefield Grant's Headquarters at City Point, Cedar Lane and Pecan Ave., Hopewell, Virginia (Free and Open to the Public)

Juneteenth National Freedom Day Celebration is a historic event that follows the Emancipation Proclamation and resulted in General Order Number 3, which informed the resistant state of Texas, that "slaves are free" June 19, 1865. June 20, 2015 marks Juneteenth National Freedom Day 150th Anniversary. The symbolic significance of this day celebrates how these historic events initiated the struggle for unification of this country and its people. Hopewell Juneteenth is a tribute to the Civil War 150th Anniversary marking the initiation to the end of slavery for both the African and American community, as a result of acts of freedom forged to unite our country as One Na-

tion and One Humanity. In tribute to the 150th Anniversary of Juneteenth this year, Petersburg National Battlefield and the Washington Cultural Foundation and The Hopewell Black Heritage Committee encourages the local community from all ethnic backgrounds to come together to commemorate "Civil War to Civil Rights to Equal Rights". The program provides cultural, historical and educational opportunities – tours & displays, presenting live performances, displaying original local art work, and promoting area non-profits with resources in their service to the community.

Let us continue to strive for peace, justice and freedom for all people. This is our heritage: A celebration of our nation's history, a celebration of freedom. – Excerpt from Rebecca Rose, Executive Director WCF/ Event organizer

Appomattox Manor /

Grant Headquarters:

12:00 am **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Branford, Laos Outreach Ministry

12:10 am **Introduction:** Ms. Rebecca Rose, Washington Cultural Foundation, Organizer

12:20 pm City of Hopewell Juneteenth Proclamation and Welcome in behalf of Senator Mark Warner

12:30 am **Overview:** Chris Bryce of Petersburg National Battlefield, NPS / Event Sponsor

12:40 am **Reading:** the Emancipation Proclamation and General Order No. 3

12:50 pm **150th Juneteenth Anniversary Honorees:** Robert Penn, resident of City Point 19th century/Presidents Medal of Freedom and Campbell Ray Edmonds, overcoming barriers in City Politics in the 20th century.

1:10pm **Guest Speaker:** Mr. Herbert Bragg, Co-founder: City of Hopewell Black Heritage Committee Inc.

1:30 pm **Performing:** Ms. Chiquita Cross, Adam 2 Crew, Youth choirs and more

Ms. Theresa Gee, re-enactor and Emily De Carlo, Spoken Word Tribute

3:00 pm Ranger-led tour of the Epps Plantation: Exploring the history at Appomattox Manor/Grant's Headquarters

4:00 pm National Anthem / Civil War re-enactors

11am-5pm **INSPIRATION PAVILION:** Activities and Exhibits

- The Mark Matthews Chapter of Petersburg, Virginia of The 9th and 10th (HORSE) Cavalry Association "BUFFALO SOLDIERS"

- Hopewell Black Heritage Committee, Inc.

- Exhibits by Washington Cultural Foundation

- Petersburg National Battlefield student art and history contest winners

- Art by The Hopewell Museum of Art and Intercultural History

- Children Fun Activities Table

- Sentara Healthcare/Optima Health Family Care

- 3rd annual Sesquicentennial and Juneteenth Community Legacy Quilt project

- Historic Hopewell Foundation- invited

- Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site & Richmond National Battlefield-invited

- Williams Good Cooking, Food vendor at event entrance

Bike for the Blue 2015



115 mile bike ride to honor and remember our fallen officers from the new Virginia Public Safety Memorial to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC during Police Week. Chief Keohane played a

primary role in securing a \$10,000 donation from Altria to support the Virginia Public Safety Memorial.

The Chief rides the whole distance to bring awareness and "It is our duty to Never Forget our Fallen Heroes"

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY continued

Employee of the Quarter



The Vision Committee is pleased to announce the Employee of the Quarter Award recipient is "Felicia Ashburn".

We would like to congratulate Felicia on a job well done.

Walk to show support for Healthy Babies



Debbie Pershing and Darlene Loving participated in a Walk to show their support for healthy babies, while wearing a baby rattle necklace.

Biggest Loser Team Winner



1st Place City of Hopewell Biggest Loser Team Winner is "Weigh to Fat"

David Thompson @ 9.57%

Rebecca Aultman @ 9.89%

Jennifer Rexroad @ 9.65%

Horace Wade @ 5.35%

Biggest Loser Male & Female Winner



1st Place City of Hopewell Biggest Loser

Male winner is **Kevin Johnson** @ 11.53%

1st Place City of Hopewell Biggest Loser

Female winner is **Gena Wilson** @ 8.02%

City of Hopewell to Host Southeast Craft Brewers Fest

The City of Hopewell is pleased to announce beginning in May of 2016, the City will become the permanent host of the southeast Craft Brewers Fest in “Wonder City” Hopewell. The fest is planned to include a collection of craft brewers from North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Virginia. During the first week of pre-registration we have already registered (21) brewers.

The format of the festival is designed to be similar to that of the national Great American

Beer fest in Boulder, Colorado. The craft brewers fest will be held at City park and downtown and will include food, music, and dozens of brewers that will participate in a judged competition.

The fest competition will take place during the second or third week in May of 2016. “it will be a judged competition where these brewers will submit their various beers, in various categories for judging and a professional panel of judges will pre-judge them a week or two ahead,” said Charles Dane,

Assistant City Manager for the City of Hopewell. An awards ceremony is planned at the Beacon Theatre.

The Brewers Fest is anticipated to have a huge impact on economic development and spur growth in the downtown area. In the Commonwealth of Virginia there are 8,163 jobs associated with the craft beer industry and it has an overall economic impact of \$633 million in Virginia according to Sharon Sykes, Member Services Director, Virginia Craft Brewers Guild.

Landen Strapping Relocated Business Operations to The City of Hopewell

The City of Hopewell is pleased to announce Landen Strapping a \$10 million dollar a year business will relocate business operations to the City of Hopewell by the end of June 2015. The Prince George based international company will expand its operations and will employ a total of 15 employees. Landen Strapping will relocate to the old National Guard Armory off 6th Avenue.

Established in 1978, Landen Strapping Corporation specializes in manufacturing pack-

aging material and strapping system. The company offers an array of products, such as tape machines, hand tools, film/strapping equipment. The tape machines include auto carton sealing machine, belt drive and auto carton erector and pack station.

Landen Strapping Corporation serves industries, such as pork/beef operations, poultry, fish packing including the catfish based fisheries, tire strapping applications and hardwood flooring.

We are pleased and very excited that Landen Strapping Corporation are relocating and expanding its business operations to the City. This new venue and partnership will create jobs and add to our economic development base. This is another great story about positive things happening in our City consistent with our strategic plan said Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, City of Hopewell.

Grants to kickstart 4 Hopewell businesses

By Caitlin Davis, senior staff writer at The Hopewell News



HOPEWELL — The revitalization of downtown Hopewell got another push forward after the Community Business Launch event on Tuesday. Four potential business owners were given the piece of a grant to give their business plans a potential home in downtown.

The road to the grant began earlier this year with the start of the Community Business Launch Program, with Hopewell being one of three localities to receive the \$100,000 grant. The program offered eight weeks, with three hours per week, of courses in the lessons of starting up a business and business development practices.

Evan Kaufman, executive director for the Hopewell Downtown Partnership, said 73 applications were submitted to be part of the program, with 27 selected. Of those 27, about 15 to 20 made it to the end of the course. On Tuesday night at the Beacon Theatre, the 13 finalists presented their business plans, hoping to get a spot in downtown.

The Downtown Partnership has been working to bring downtown back alive by fixing up the dilapidated, vacant storefronts, fixing up the streetscapes, bringing awareness to downtown, by hosting events, Kaufman said, but there was still a piece missing.

“How do we get these businesses back into the buildings,” he asked. “This program was really what we needed.”

The winners were chosen prior

to the event and were selected by a panel of five judges. Kaufman said certain criteria had to be met, such as the business had to be open within a certain amount of time, the applicant had to have a certain amount of money in startup capital, there had to be a storefront that would draw customers, a strong business plan, and participation in the course. The judging process took over two weeks.

“There is nothing like military and strong family support and good seafood, which we need in this area,” Kaufman said, of the first winner, of a \$15,000 grant, Marilyn Craig, with her business plan, The Greedy Spoon.

Carl Knoblock, district director for the Virginia Small Business Association, spoke before the presentation and said it was important that each participant, win or lose, had to learn to adapt to the community and realize the support system in that community.

“You do need the community,” he said. “No matter what, you need that community. They are basically the backbone of any success or failure as you go forward, as you look at this.”

The second winner, of another \$15,000 grant, Kaufman said was dedicated to making Hopewell a healthier, happier place to be.

“These people are just amazing business people,” he said. “They are amazing people, who really have a passion for this area, really on the path of what we’re trying to do here.” K & J Fitness won, with

Lamonz Tyler as the owner, who described the business as “the anti-gym.”

The passion of the finalists was evident at the event on Tuesday, as many cheered and even cried as the winners were announced. Kaufman said the third recipient shared in that passion for moving Hopewell forward.

“I think this is going to be one of those businesses that’s going to be very successful off the bat,” he said. “Chocolate and candy, you can’t go wrong with that.” Sweet Tooth, with owner Craig Richards, who is also publisher of The Hopewell News and News-Patriot newspapers, was the recipient of the \$20,000 grant.

Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, said the state of Virginia needed small business and needed entrepreneurs. Jones also said that what really needed to happen was for people to take a chance on Hopewell, just as those 13 finalists had taken a chance.

“That’s really the way life changes,” he said. “That’s really the way people progress. That’s really the way communities progress. It’s by having people who are willing to take a chance on one another.”

The fourth and final winner was someone whom Kaufman described as a visionary. He said to really push a community forward, it takes someone with a vision and a passion for change.

“It takes somebody who comes into an area and sees the vision of what’s going to happen there and is willing to risk their own money and time to make a difference there,” he said. “Because they believe in that vision and not everybody is like that.”

Dave McCormack was the recipient of a \$20,000 grant for Fat Babs, a doughnut shop.

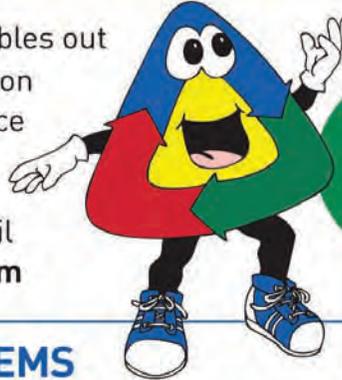
Though the others did not win, Kaufman said the downtown partnership, as well as other organizations throughout the city, are going to work with them to try and fill as many vacant storefronts as possible.

“The 13 finalists who submitted their pitch and their business plan, they really took a risk, put themselves out there and want to be a part of this downtown revitalization,” he said. “We plan to get them all open in downtown Hopewell.”

Your 2015 CVWMA Recycling Collection Schedule

Be sure to place your recyclables out by **7:00am** on your collection day. Collections are made once every other week.

Sign up to receive a free email reminder at www.cvwma.com



Your collection day and color are printed on the mailing panel.

RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

No Need To Sort!



Paper



Cans



Cardboard



Bottles



Plastic Bottles #1 & #2

MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST										
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A Friendly Notice to Sign up for Recycle Reminders

Citizens can go to CVWMA website <http://cvwma.com/> to register for email reminders or call (804) 340-0900 for additional information.

The CVWMA's curbside recycling program, the largest in the state of Virginia, serves over 260,000 households in nine jurisdictions. Nearly 120 tons of recyclables are collected each day of curbside recycling service. More than 36,000 tons of recyclable materials are diverted from Virginia landfills annually as a result of curbside recycling in central Virginia.



KEY

- = Red Collection Days
- = Blue Collection Days
- X = Holidays (No Collection)
- ■ = Collection Days After Holidays
- = Regular Collection on MLK Day, Presidents Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day

Calendar sponsored by:



For assistance, please call the **Recycling Hotline: 804-340-0900** or visit our website: www.cvwma.com



The Beacon Theatre Schedule

<http://thebeacontheatreva.com/schedule-2/>
PH: (804) 446- 3457

- Friday, June 19, 2015 : Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr. Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
- Saturday, June 27, 2015: Quebe Sisters. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Sunday, June 28, 2015: Lee Ann Womack. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Saturday, July 11, 2015: Main Street Bluegrass Benefit. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Thursday, July 16, 2015: David Grisman Sextet. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Friday, July 17, 2015: Ashley Monroe. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Saturday, July 25, 2015, So Good for the Soul- A tribute to the Music of Motown. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Thursday, August 13, 2015: Colt Ford. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Friday, August 14, 2015: Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Friday, August 21, 2015: Shenandoah. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Friday, August 28, 2015: Lou Gramm-The Voice of Foreigner. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Friday, September 11, 2015: Sierra Hull. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

LIFE / MORE THAN A MAMMOGRAM



Bring a friend or group and join us between 4-7pm the following dates:

June 16
 October 6
 October 15
 October 20
 October 27
 December 10

Retreat Doctors' Hospital
 2621 Grove Ave.
 Richmond, VA 23220
 (Corner of Grove Ave & Robinson St.)

Join us for one of our "More than a Mammogram" parties! Our parties include refreshments, giveaways and complimentary chair massages in a relaxing environment!

If you're 40+ and haven't had a mammogram in the last year, please call us to reserve your spot today!

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER TODAY BY CALLING (804) 327-8704.



AN HCA AFFILIATE / A CAMPUS OF HENRICO DOCTORS' HOSPITAL



THE 4TH ANNUAL-HOT DOG SOCIAL

SHOW OFF YOUR RED WHITE & BLUE!

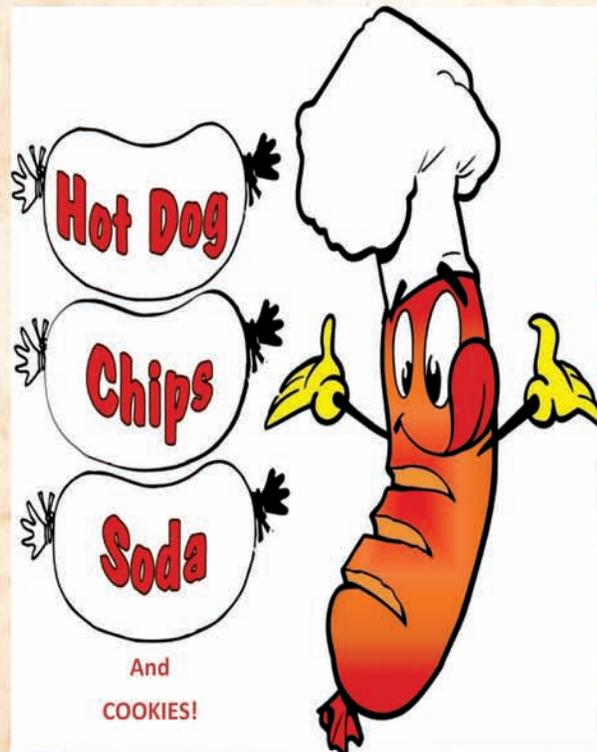
The Vision Committee invites all
City of Hopewell Employees

Thursday

July 2nd 2015

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Stop by the City
Hall back parking
lot to pick up your
lunch or stay and
enjoy!



Show your spirit!!!

Wear your favorite 4th of July apparel and Blue jeans!

(Work appropriate please)

New Programs and Events

The Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department is excited to announce a variety of new programs, events, and activities planned for the upcoming months. Department staff have worked hard to create a variety of new family-friendly special events including neighborhood block parties, outdoor movies, pool parties, and holiday-themed events. In addition to those new events, the department is offering six new summer camp programs for a variety of ages and interests. All programs are offered at very low cost or free of charge.

In an effort to make sure that all citizens are aware of the new offerings, the department has created its own facebook page to share information on upcoming programs and events, in addition to building schedule changes and inclement weather cancellations. The department produces an activity guide catalog three times a year that lists all of the available programs and facilities. You can also find information on rental facilities and parks in the activity guide. The guide is available on the department's website and facebook page. Physical copies of the activity guide are available at the Hopewell Community Center and other public buildings throughout the city.

Don't wait, check out all of the new offerings today!
 Website: www.hopewellva.gov/recreation-and-parks/
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/hopewellrecandparks/

Hopewell Community Center
 100 W. City Point Road
 Hopewell, VA 23860
 (804) 541-2353



Virginia Archery Academy

The Virginia Archery Academy is an archery training program that is offered once a year by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and USA Archery. The program is designed to educate and prepare recreational professionals and physical education teachers to instruct basic and intermediate archery programs. The academy provides training on how to use a crossbow, recurve bow and compound bow with an emphasis on safe shooting and proper technique.

This year the academy was hosted by Hopewell Recreation and Parks at the Hopewell Community Center. Aaron Reidmiller, Director of Hopewell Recreation and Parks, was excited at the opportunity to host this type of training in the city. "It's always great to bring a new sport or activity to a locality and make it accessible to those that are interested," said Reidmiller. Aaron Clay (Senior Resource Group Chair) and Brad Flynn, both staff members with Hopewell Recreation and Parks, completed the training and will now be able to instruct classes for the Department. Neither one had any previous archery experience before completing the training.



Participants from as far away as Harpers Ferry, West Virginia attended the academy for the opportunity to learn how to successfully and safely teach archery in their respective localities. Karen Holson, Outdoor Education Supervisor with VDGI, said she enjoys seeing so many participants from across the state come together to learn about archery. Each department with two or more staff members successfully completing the Academy was awarded a free set of archery equipment provided by USA Archery. After completing the academy, staff have the ability to teach the general public as well as the ability to certify other staff members to teach basic archery classes. The Virginia Archery Academy will be offered again in 2016 and will be advertised to all VRPS members.

Partnerships and Plants

The Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department recently partnered with the John Randolph Foundation and Rebuilding Together-Tri Cities to complete two volunteer-based park improvement projects. Both the 3 ½ Street Playground and Westwood Park were in need of a small makeover and students from Carter G. Woodson Middle School and Hopewell High School jumped at the opportunity to improve their community.



The students are all active members of the Youth Steering Committee organized by the John Randolph Foundation, a community-based organization working to improve the overall health and quality of life for the citizens of Hopewell. The Youth Steering Committee is designed to provide a platform for interested students to affect positive change in the community through a variety of activities and service projects.

Parks staff prepared the soil beds and refurbished the signage. All landscaping materials were provided by Rebuilding Together: Tri-Cities, a community-based organization that oversees a variety of service projects that include landscaping and home repairs. The student volunteers worked hard to plant shrubs, fertilize, and mulch the new signage in the parks. The newly installed shrubbery and signage have received a great deal of positive feedback from the community. The Recreation and Parks Department and the students look forward to future beautification projects at a variety of parks in the City of Hopewell.

Are you prepared for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane Season is from 1-Jun to 30-Nov; however, severe tropical weather can produce hurricanes during any month of the year. The 6-month Hurricane Season is the period most likely for hurricane impacts to the Tampa Bay area. The huge storm system can span hundreds of miles and like a super-charged thunderstorm. Add a moving wall of water (storm surge) and you have a very destructive force of nature.

It does not matter how many hurricanes are predicted for a season, when a single hurricane can completely destroy your home and contents.

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

Hurricane hazards come in many forms, including storm surge, heavy rainfall, inland flooding, high winds, tornadoes, and rip currents. The National Weather Service is responsible for protecting life and property through issuance of timely watches and warnings, but it is essential that your family be ready before a storm approaches. Furthermore, mariners should be aware of special safety precautions when confronted with a hurricane.

Two keys to weather safety are to prepare for the risks and to act on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials. These are essential pieces to the Weather-Ready Nation.

Refer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Ready.gov/hurricanes for comprehensive information on hurricane preparedness at home and in your community.

Some highlights on how to prepare and take action are available below:

GATHER INFORMATION

Know if you live in an evacuation area. Assess your risks and know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Understand National Weather Service forecast products and especially the meaning of NWS watches and warnings.

Contact your local National Weather Service office and local government/emergency management office. Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how you should respond.

CONTACTS

Keep a list of contact information for reference.

- Local Emergency Management Office
- County Law Enforcement
- County Public Safety Fire/Rescue
- State, County and City/Town Government
- Local Hospitals
- Local Utilities
- Local American Red Cross
- Local TV Stations
- Local Radio Stations
- Your Property Insurance Agent

RISK ANALYSIS

Online hazard and vulnerability assessment tools are available to gather information about your risks.

- Check your hazards risks with FEMA's Map Portal.
- Rate your flood risk with the FloodSmart.gov portal.

PLAN & TAKE ACTION

Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children or parents are safe? You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What will you do if water, gas, electricity or phone services are shut off?

SUPPLIES KIT

Put together a basic disaster supplies kit and consider storage locations for different situations. Help community members do the same.

EMERGENCY PLANS

Develop and document plans for your specific risks.

- Protect yourself and family with a Family Emergency Plan
- Be sure to plan for locations away from home
- Business owners and site locations should create Workplace

Plans

- Make sure schools and daycares have School Emergency Plans
- Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention offer information on animal health impacts in evacuation shelters.
- Prepare your boat and be aware of marine safety if you are on or near the water.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Follow guidelines to guard your community's health and protect the environment during and after the storm.

- Review the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) health considerations before, during, and after a storm.
- Remember to follow the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's (FDA) food and water safety guidelines during disasters.
- Review the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggestions for health and environmental safety in disaster preparedness.

EVACUATION

• Review the FEMA Evacuation Guidelines to allow for enough time to pack and inform friends and family if you need to leave your home. FOLLOW instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!

- Consider your protection options to decide whether to stay or evacuate your home if you are not ordered to evacuate. When waiting out a storm be careful, the danger may not be over yet...

BE ALERT FOR:

- Tornadoes – they are often spawned by hurricanes.
- The calm "eye" of the storm – it may seem like the storm is over, but after the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force.

RECOVER

- Wait until an area is declared safe before returning home.
- Remember that recovering from a disaster is usually a gradual process.

RESOURCES

- FEMA - Are You Ready? Guide
- National Weather Service Weather Safety
- Be a Force of Nature with NOAA's Weather-Ready Nation
- NWS Storm-Ready Sites & Communities
- Ready.gov Kids
- American Red Cross

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCILORS?

Mayor Brenda S. Pelham	Ward # 6	PH: (804) 720-8619
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Councilor Arlene Holloway	Ward # 2	PH: (804) 926-0695
Councilor Anthony Zevgolis	Ward # 3	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Jasmine E. Gore	Ward # 4	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Wayne Walton	Ward # 5	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Jackie M. Shornak	Ward # 7	PH: (804) 541-2249

CITY DEPARTMENT

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 Assistant City Manager
 City Attorney
 City Clerk
 Comprehensive Services Act
 Economic Development
 Engineering
 Finance
 Fire Chief
 Healthy Families
 Human Resources
 Information Systems
 Intergovernmental & Public Affairs
 Director of Neighborhood
 Assistance & Planning
 Police
 Public Works
 Purchasing
 Real Estate Assessor
 Recreation
 Director of Regional Wastewater
 Treatment Facility
 Risk Management
 Emergency Services
 School Superintendent
 Social Services
 Voter Registrar

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