



City E-Currents

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Mayor's Corner

Holiday Greetings to all of Hopewell. Please remember, especially at this time of year, to think of those less fortunate. Small donations of time, money, and/or food can go a long way to help others. Hopewell's Food Pantry and Shepherd's Place are easily accessible and your contributions will help the local community.

Sometimes the "tough times" can bring out the best in people. Bobby Douth, one of Hopewell's World War II veterans, recently commented on Pearl Harbor Day and its impact on our nation. As he said, this country did not know what it was capable of until put to the test. The strength and ingenuity/productivity of the people came through when it was necessary for all to pull together.

We can look at our current tough times as a challenge to build on the strength of our community. Support our Hopewell businesses. Participate in neighborhood clean-ups. Be a good ambassador of this City and be proud of what we have to offer – industrial strength, a small town, family-friendly feel, as well as beautiful rivers and an incredible history.



Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey

Happy New Year 2011
Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey

American Red Cross-Hopewell BLOOD DRIVE

Hopewell Community Center - Gym
(100 West City Point Road)
Tuesday, December 21 • 12 - 6 pm

To schedule an appointment or
for more information, call 804-458-6007.
Remember to drink plenty of water,
eat a good meal, and bring a photo ID.



Renovation and New Construction Projects

The City will reserve a space in our Newsletter every other month to highlight new construction and or other projects relative to economic development beginning with Anchor Point, Cameron Landing, Cobblestone and Parkview Pointe and continuing alphabetically.



Anchor Point

Anchor Point offers a riverfront lifestyle by offering housing diversity - condominiums, townhouses, and single-family detached dwellings. In addition to housing, Anchor Point offers a first class marina that includes a ship's store and boatel; and a recreation facility that includes a pool and tennis court. At completion Anchor Point will have 53 SFD, 155 townhouses, and 315 condominium units. The SFD will sell for \$250,000 - \$300,000; the TH will sell for \$200,000 - \$275,000; and the condo will range from \$125,000 - \$400,000. Currently, 20 townhomes, 17 single-family homes, and 63 condo units have been constructed on site. A new section of 23 luxury townhomes located on Schooner Lane adjacent to the clubhouse has been announced and should commence construction this fall.



Hopewell Lofts

Garcia Development of Suffolk has completed the adaptive reuse of the Mal-lonee School Building, the "old" Hopewell Hights. The developer has converted the school into 50 market rate apartments consisting of a mixture of 1, 2, and 4 bedroom units. The developer started leasing units on June 1 and to date 35 units have been leased. Units have refinished hardwood and terrazzo floors and some old chalkboards, washer and dryer, granite counter tops, and on-site storage. There are pet-friendly units available. The rents range from \$800 - \$1,300/month. This project is an investment of approximately \$6.5 million in the community.

www.hopewelllofts.com

Renovation and New Construction Projects... continued



Butterworth Lofts

Monument Construction, LLC has completed the adaptive reuse of the former Butterworth's Furniture Store in downtown Hopewell into 3 retail storefronts and 24 market rate apartments. The developer started leasing the units in May. The apartments consist of 1 and 2 bedroom units. Units have hardwood floors, washers and dryers, maple cabinets, granite counter tops, and stainless steel appliances. The rents range from \$799 – \$1,275/month. To date, the developer has leased 19 units, and Lab Corp is scheduled to relocate into one (1) of the retail storefronts. The project is an investment of approximately \$3.5 million in the community.

www.butterworthlofts.com

City Capital Improvement Projects



Hopewell High School

The Hopewell School Board commenced work on Phase II of a 22.5 million renovation of Hopewell High School. The school was reopened in August after being closed for the summer due to selected demolition. Phase I on the renovation consisted of the installation of geo-thermal wells. Phase II includes the upgrade/replacement of the plumbing and electrical systems, windows, installation of the HVAC system, and the renovation of the building facade. The demolition work of Phase II has been completed. The anticipated completion date for Phase II is January 2012. The project is on schedule.



Human Services Building

The City has commenced work on a new 20,000 square foot Human Services Building to house the Department of Social Services. The building will replace the current approximate 10,000 square feet of space used by the Department, which is dispersed between two (2) sites. The new building is located in downtown and its estimated completion date is April 2011. This project will modernize the department's operations and enable the City to better serve the citizens. The project is on schedule.

Historical paving accomplishment this fall

This week will wrap up what has been a Historical level of paving, for the City of Hopewell, that started in August. A combination of City Council approved additional funding; Public Work's funding, and Federal dollars, enabled us to have the largest Annual Paving Program in the last 25 years, and possibly the largest program in the City's History. The combination of funds amounted to about \$1,450,000 and resulted with the resurfacing of 22.35 lane miles of streets representing about 7.45% of the total City Roads. A "normal" annual paving year is funded at \$250,000 and results with the resurfacing of roughly 4 lane miles representing 1.3% of the City roads.

The following streets or portions thereof were resurfaced:

Courthouse Road
Arlington/High
E. Broadway
W. Broadway
7th Avenue
8th Avenue
Waverly Street
Delaware Avenue
Berry Street
Dinwiddie off Courthouse
Dinwiddie off Oaklawn
Ashland
Elm/Western
Hopewell Street
Winston Churchill (Eastbound) from 6th Avenue to Route 10
Winston Churchill (Westbound) from Route 10 to 6th Avenue
Winston Churchill (Westbound) from 6th Avenue to Arlington
Woodlawn (Westbound) from Ashland to I-295
Oaklawn (Eastbound) from Jefferson Park to I-295

The point of contact is Phil Elliott, Director, public Works.



Fort Lee receives tour of City



Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey and staff provides Tour of the City to Fort Lee senior leadership and Civilian Personnel.

Hopewell, Virginia. On November 17, 2010, members of Fort Lee's leadership toured the City of Hopewell. They received an up-close look at what the City has to offer for Fort Lee soldiers and civilians. The tour began at the Tourism office off route 36 and Oaklawn Boulevard and proceeded to various sites throughout the City.

The group saw schools, established neighborhoods, new construction, waterfront properties, Appomattox Regional library, shopping centers, historic sites and markers, to include recreational activities showcasing the City's diversity and history. The visitors, including Maj. Gen. James Hodge, Combined Arms Support Command and Sustainment Center of Excellence commanding general, found something new at every point of interest. "When I talk about Hopewell, I can do it from a more informed perspective," Hodge said. "Tours like this make the community bond even tighter."

The tour was a continuation of the strong partnership and bond shared with Fort Lee Commanders, soldiers, and family members. We are closely interconnected and the more we know and share about each other only solidify that bond and trust between us according to Herbert Bragg, Director, and Intergovernmental & Public Affairs.

DMV SELECT SERVICES

- **Titles – original (with or without liens), substitute, replacement, title maintenance (change information on title records)**
- **Registrations – originals, renewals, transfers, re-issues, and plate surrender**
- **Special and personalized license plate orders**
- **Trip permits, overload permits**
- **Handicapped parking placards**
- **Voter registration applications**
- **Driver and vehicle records**
- **Address changes – not involving issuance of a driver license or ID card**
- **Dealer title and registration transactions**
- **Return checks – full or partial payment**

Second Citizens Academy Scheduled

January 13, 2011-June 23, 2011

Submitted by Herbert Bragg

The City of Hopewell launches its Second Citizens Academy slated to begin early January 2011. The academy is a twelve-week interactive course geared toward learning about the City of Hopewell, departments, outside agencies and associated programs and services.

The first class begins Thursday, January 13, 2011 with a Meet & Greet and instructions follow shortly thereafter and the course ends Thursday, June 23, 2011 with a Graduation Ceremony. The instruction will commence every other Thursday beginning at 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Through informative presentations and interesting tours that focus on City departments and agencies. Participants will become familiar with the structure and functions of City government. Graduate of the citizen academy will gain a greater knowledge of government affairs and become more effective citizen leaders.

This is a free course with no cost to the participants except for your time attending and participating in class. Throughout the course, you will hear from various city departments and agencies. To download an application for the course, please visit the City's website at www.hopewellva.gov. For additional information, please contact Herbert Bragg, Director, Intergovernmental & Public Affairs at (804) 541-2270 or email at hbragg@hopewellva.gov

It's in the Blood *Protect yourself from BBPs*

Submitted by Mr. John Bodenhammer, Risk Manager

Human blood and other bodily fluids can contain bloodborne pathogens (BBPs) that cause serious diseases, such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, and the hepatitis B and C viruses that can lead to chronic liver disease. OSHA requires employers to identify job classifications with occupational exposure to blood and bodily fluids as part of their regular duties.

Some workers, especially in the healthcare field, may have occupational exposure on a daily basis. Others, such as laundry workers, police and firefighters, lab technicians, and mortuary workers, may have less-frequent exposure.

But all workers need to know how to protect themselves by following "universal precautions" and treating all blood and bodily fluids as though they are infected.

Follow these precautions to protect yourself from exposure to BBPs:

- **Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)**, which includes gloves, eye protection, surgical masks, protective lab coats, surgical caps, or other clothing.
- **Don't suction or use a pipette to draw blood** or other potentially infectious materials by mouth.
- **Minimize spraying, splashing, spattering, and droplet generation** in all procedures involving blood or other

potentially infectious materials.

- **Don't eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics or lip balm, or handle contact lenses in work areas with possible BBP exposure.**
- **Don't keep food or drinks where blood or other potentially infectious materials are present.**
- **Use a disinfectant solution** as soon as possible to clean and decontaminate any area where fluids have spilled.

Follow safety rules to protect yourself from sharps injuries.

- **Use needleless devices**, if possible, and never reuse or recap needles.
- Always use puncture-resistant, leakproof containers for disposal of needles and other sharps.

Finally, **WASH YOUR HANDS** frequently and thoroughly. Wash with soap and warm running water or use antiseptic alcohol-based hand cleaners, especially after contact with potentially infectious materials. Frequent hand washing is also essential to prevent the spread of other infections—so make it a habit that you follow every day.

CodeRED get notified in an emergency

Give us your phone number today. Chemical Release?

Immanent flood? Boil water notice? How will you be notified?

Hopewell has a new system for delivering emergency notices via telephone. In addition to the conventional methods of communicating to the public via the media, the City of Hopewell has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. for its "Code RED" high speed telephone emergency notification services.

The Code RED system gives City officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency or informational messages via telephone to targeted areas, or the entire City at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. Communication with the public in the face of a disaster is important, and the City has chosen Code RED as a primary way of doing that.

A system such as this however, is only as good as the telephone database supporting it. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called. This is why Code RED offers individuals and businesses the ability to add phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database.

Information Needed:

- First and last Name
- Street Address
- Primary Phone Number
- Secondary Phone Number

2 Ways to Sign Up

1. The City's Website

- Go to www.hopewellva.gov
- Click on Code RED Icon
- Click on Code RED telephone database link
- Fill out the requested information

2. BY PHONE

- Call (804) 541-2298
- Leave contact name/number.
- You will be called for Info.

For additional information, please contact Hopewell Office of Emergency Management at (804) 541-2298.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCILORS?

Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey	Ward # 1	PH: (804) 541-2249
Vice Mayor Wayne Walton	Ward # 5	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Curtis W. Harris	Ward # 2	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Michael C. Bujakowski	Ward # 3	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Gerald S. Stokes	Ward # 4	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Brenda S. Pelham	Ward # 6	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Jackie M. Shornak	Ward # 7	PH: (804) 541-2249

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DIRECTOR/OFFICER

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City Clerk	Ann Romano	541-2249
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Engineering	March Altman	541-2220
Finance	Johnnie Butler	541-2319
Fire	Elesteen Hager	541-2306
General District Court Clerk	John Tunstall	541-2288
Human Resources	Edith Winters	541-2257
Intergovernmental & Public Affairs	Jim Gregory	541-2246
Planning	Herbert Bragg	541-2270
Police	Tevya Griffin	541-2269
Public Works	Steve Martin	541-2282
Purchasing	Phil Elliott	541-2293
Real Estate	April Cone	541-2205
Recreation	Sandy Hughes	541-2234
Regional Wastewater Treatment	Jo Turek	541-2304
Risk Management	Mark Haley	541-2210
Safety/Emergency Services	John Bodenhamer	541-2203
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Social Services	Dr. Winston Odom	541-6400
Tourism	Nancy Treanor	541-2330
Voter Registrar	LuAnn Fortenberry	541-2461
	Pam Clark	541-2232

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Master, Commissioner of the Revenue	Debra Reason	541-2237
Commonwealth's Attorney	Richard K. Newman	541-2255
Sheriff	Greg Anderson	541-2301
Treasurer	Terri Batton	541-2240
Circuit Court Clerk	Kay Rackley	541-2239

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Appomattox Regional Library	Scott Firestine	458-6329
Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA)	Steven Benham	541-1458