



# City E-Currents

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## Mayor's Corner

During this holiday season we should all reflect on the true meaning of the season. In many cultures and households the rituals of the holidays may vary, but one thing is for sure – this is a magical time of year when our community comes together to celebrate. In our home, we celebrate the birth of Christ. This is a time for families to help others and share in the spirit of giving. One of the best ways we have found to do this is to give to our friends, neighbors and less fortunate.

We do this by supporting our local retailers 100% - not only at Christmas time, but 365 days of the year. The more money we spend locally, the stronger our local economy will be – the stronger our communities will be. Shopping locally really is good for you and good for everyone.

The tradition in our family is to do our part to make sure that Christmas is as magical for others as it is for us. This takes the form of supporting the many worthwhile organizations that are working hard to ensure that everyone has a very special holiday. It is our duty as citizens to make sure that no child wakes up on Christmas morning without something from Santa Claus under the tree.

We have a great deal to be thankful for in the City of Hopewell. You, the people, are what I am most thankful for. Each morning I wake up, take my pulse, and say it's going to be a great day - for life itself is the most precious gift to be thankful for. As we reflect upon this special time, remember to pray for our men and women serving in uniform that guards the gates of freedom. This Christmas, if you can't assist others in our community in a monetary way – help each other in a spiritual way. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell a stranger about how happy you are to be alive and living in the greatest country and community in the world.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!



Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey



# Hurricane Irene Aftermath: Storm Will Cost Federal Taxpayers \$1.5 Billion Throughout the States



All systems proved to be invaluable tools for communicating before, during and after Hurricane Irene.

The initial damage estimates to the City was in excess of \$100,000 and for private property it was in excess of \$500,000 in damages as a result of the storm. Over 6,900 were without power for several days. The Department of Social Services and the American Red Cross fed over 5,500 meals to residents. John Randolph Medical Center donated several thousand pounds of ice to the City which was distributed with meals during feeding hours. The Department of Recreation provided food, showers and a place where residents could charge their electronic devices. The City's Public Works Department provided emergency tree removal and debris service from primary and secondary roads throughout the City and



**Hopewell** – Mayor Christina J. Luman –Bailey declared a local Emergency Declaration prior to the storm making landfall. At Governor Bob McDonnell's request Virginia received a pre-landfall federal declaration. City Manager, Dr. Edwin C. Daley, activated the Emergency Operations Center during the storm. Pre-planning played a major role in mitigating damage and providing assistance to those in need. The City used its Code Red emergency notification, Automated Citizen Information System (ACIS) City Manager's News line and Nixle (A Police Communication System) to communicate with citizens.

extended their hours of operation regarding the Convenience Center.

Overall throughout the state, there were three fatalities, one in Newport News, one in Brunswick County and one in Chesterfield County. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made federal aid available to Virginia to supplement state and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Irene. Irene raked the eastern U.S. from the Carolinas to Maine beginning on Aug. 28, causing over 40 deaths, destroying homes, washing out roads, pounding beachfront communities and flooding towns in Vermont and upstate New York. The White House estimated that Hurricane Irene will cost federal taxpayers \$1.5 billion in disaster relief, further increasing a government account that was already the focus of fresh partisan friction between President Barack Obama and Congress. The preliminary estimate, released by White House budget director Jacob Lew, is on top of \$5.2 billion needed for other recent disasters, including tornadoes that leveled much of Joplin, Mo. Lew said the \$1.5 billion should last through next year.



# Hopewell Holiday Events

## TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Join us for an evening of holiday cheer. Music, Give-a-ways and of course a visit from Santa.

Who: People of all ages  
When: Thurs., Dec. 1, 2011  
Where: Ashford Civic Plaza  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
(Activities begin at 6pm)  
Costs: Free

## HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE



Join us for our 8th Annual City Boat Parade. Dress warmly and see some of the most beautiful decorated boat in Virginia.  
Who: People of all ages  
When: Sat., Dec. 3, 2011  
Where: Anchor Point to Jordan Point  
Time: Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

## SANTA CALLING



Has your child been good this year and would like to personally tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Or, would you like Santa to tell your child to do better in school, to keep up with their chores or treat their little brother or sister better? The Hopewell Fire Department has a magic telephone number to call Santa and put you on his special list.

Who: Families  
When: Calling registration forms can be picked up at all local elementary schools or at the Hopewell Community Center.  
All forms must be returned to the Hopewell Community Center by December 3, 2011.

## LUNCH WITH SANTA

Join us for an afternoon of fun as Santa is taking time to come to Hopewell.  
Who: All Children  
When: Sat., Dec. 10, 2011  
Where: Hopewell Community Center  
Time: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm  
Costs: \$5.00 per person (includes lunch, Christmas cartoons, caroling and a present from Santa)  
All forms must be returned to the Hopewell Community Center by December 3, 2011.



## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hopewell Jaycees  
Theme: "A Colonial Christmas"  
Date: December 4, 2011  
When: Sunday, December 4  
Time: Parade begins at 2 p.m.  
Event Description  
Sunday, December 4  
Parade starts at 2:00pm  
Where: City Point Road





# Hopewell Police Department Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

*Stay Alert and Safe this Holiday Season*



## When Shopping:

- Park in well lit areas and always lock the doors and trunk and close windows
- Shop with a friend or have security walk you to your vehicle if you feel uncomfortable
- Scan the inside and outside of your car before you get in
- Have keys ready when approaching the car
- Put all purchases in the trunk and lock it
- If going to an ATM, check the area for anyone nearby and make sure it's well lit
- Carry only what you need, no extra cash
- Beware of "Too Good To Be True" Scams

## At home:

- Lock doors and windows every time you leave the house, even for a few minutes
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside
- Don't advertise what you got - put opened boxes in non-clear plastic bags

## While away:

- Get an automatic timer for lights so it appears someone is home
- Have a trusted neighbor check on your house, possibly park in your driveway
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, have someone pick up delivered packages

Remember to report any suspicious activity and help keep Hopewell safe!

Hopewell Police Department  
300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860  
(804) 541-2275

Patrice Lewis, Senator Mark Warner's Outreach representative met with citizens at the Hopewell Appomattox Regional Library to discuss legislative issues.



## Members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee pass out literature and sign up citizens for **CodeRED** at Hooray for Hopewell festival



Ben Ruppert, Emergency Services Coordinator and members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee pass out literature and sign up citizens for CodeRED an emergency notification system. The CodeRED 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. Communicating with the public in the face of a disaster is extremely important, and the City has chosen CodeRED as a primary way of doing that. For additional information, please call (804) 541-2298.

# what is nixle?

Founded in 2007, Nixle is a communication system that connects residents with the agencies that serve and protect them. Residents can use Nixle to receive information ranging from critical alerts to community news. Additionally, residents can choose how they receive this information - by SMS (text message), email, over the Web or by mobile application.

# how does it work?



### Message Publishing

Your police department and other local municipal agencies use Nixle as a publishing system. Messages are created and assigned a priority level ensuring important information reaches you in a timely manner.

### Location Targeting

Messages are targeted to specific geographic regions. If your address falls within this geographic area, you'll receive the message. Add as many locations as you'd like from across the country.

### Receiving Messages

Enter your mobile phone number to receive messages by SMS (text message). You can also choose to receive emails, or simply view the messages by logging into your Nixle account. You decide!



**Hopewell Police Department**

*Superior Service Through Professionalism*



**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE  
MONTHLY CITYWIDE  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
MEETING THURSDAY**

**Time: 6:45 PM Date: 12/8/2011**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
HOPEWELL MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING  
300 E MAIN ST**



**CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH MEETING**

# Urban Archery Rules/Conditions for Use

## City of Hopewell Code Section 37-9

1. Bow and arrow only
2. Must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations
3. City property designated by the City Manager as an "archery area" and/or any private property containing at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre of land.
4. Private owner registered with Hopewell Police Department to hunt on City property
5. Written permission from the property owner required to carry while hunting
6. During any hunting seasons declared by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, including any early, late or special urban archery season.
7. Prohibited in all other areas and at all other times
8. Stand elevated at least ten feet from the ground
9. Unlawful to hunt within thirty yards of a dwelling, sidewalk, street, alley, or roadway
10. Violation of this subsection is a Class 3 misdemeanor
11. No person shall hunt or traverse an area with a bow and arrow that is within one hundred yards of the property line of a public school or a city park except in those areas specifically designated as archery areas
12. Violation of this subsection is a Class 4 misdemeanor
13. A hunter shall obtain permission to pursue a wounded deer upon the land of neighboring landowners
14. No person shall hunt deer within the city limits by use of a dog or dogs
15. The discharge of a bow and arrow within city limits is permitted in compliance with all of the terms of this section
16. Except as designated, any violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor

**\* A PROPERTY MAP WITH DESIGNATED HUNTING AREA(S) MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (300 N. MAIN ST, 3RD FLOOR) AND ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION \*\***

**Urban Archery Site Registration valid from September 3 to March 31 and must be renewed annually.**





Why be ordinary?

**Be Extraordinary.**  
Donate Blood.

American Red Cross-Hopewell  
**Blood Drive**  
Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
12:00pm - 6:00pm  
Hopewell Community Center-Gym  
(100 West City Point Road)

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 804-458-6007.  
Walk-ins welcome!

Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal and bring a photo ID.



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

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## 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) 731-0513
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

### CITY DEPARTMENT

### DIRECTOR/OFFICER

### PHONE

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City Attorney	Thomas Lachenev	541-2247
City Clerk	Ann Romano	541-2249
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Engineering	Johnnie Butler	541-2319
Finance	Elesteen Hager	541-2306
Fire	John Tunstall	541-2288
General District Court Clerk	Edith Winters	541-2257
Healthy Families	Bernetta R. Quinn	458-9278
Human Resources	Jim Gregory	541-2246
Intergovernmental & Public Affairs	Herbert Bragg	541-2270
Planning	Tevya Griffin	541-2269
Police	John Keohane	541-2282
Public Works	Phil Elliott	541-2295
Purchasing	April Cone	541-2205
Real Estate	Kevin Winfree	541-2234
Recreation	Jo Turek	541-2304
Regional Wastewater Treatment	Mark Haley	541-2210
Risk Management	John Bodenhamer	541-2203
Emergency Services	Ben Ruppert	541-2298
School Board Office	Dr. Francis Moore	541-6400
Social Services	Nancy Treanor	541-2330
Tourism	LuAnn Fortenberry	541-2461
Voter Registrar	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	Tamara Ward	541-2239

### OUTSIDE AGENCIES

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