



# City E-Currents

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## Mayor's Corner

““Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tides always and full moons every night; and thus he would never know the rhythms that are at the heart of life”

~Hal Borland



Mike Bujakowski

### PAY ATTENTION

I encourage each of us to pay more attention to pedestrians as we drive. After Labor Day we will have more congestion as more people compete for walking and driving space. Watch out for students crossing Mesa Drive in front of the High School as well as crossings in front of all schools, and above all slow-down in school zones.

### HOME GROWN

See *MAYOR'S CORNER* page 2

## City of Hopewell hires new Assistant City Manager



The City of Hopewell is pleased to announce the appointment of Hopewell native Charles E. Dane, Chesterfield County, Deputy Director, Department of General services to fill the position of Assistant City Manager effective August 11, 2014.

The hiring of Deputy Director Dane concludes an extensive, nationwide search for a new Assistant City Manager that began in May 2014. In all, 73 applicants applied for this position and eight received

interviews from a panel before making a final selection.

The panel was responsible for evaluating the candidates and recommending the best individual to the City Manager. The panel consisted of City representatives and personnel from outside agencies.

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As you may have heard the City hired Charlie Dane as our new Assistant City Manager. Charlie is a home grown talent and will do great things for Hopewell. I hope we will take every opportunity to hire qualified local people when we have openings at any level in Hopewell (City & Schools). Who knows us better than our "own"? It is a good message to send inside and outside of the City.

GET INVOLVED

Now that vacation season is winding down it is time to turn your attention closer to home. We need volunteers so serve on City boards and commissions. PLEASE give consideration to sitting on a board or commission. As we push to make progress and develop within the City, these entities are becoming more critical to our needs. They are no longer positions to be held in name only, they are opportunities to make a difference in our City and to be directly involved in what is happening and will happen. Please consider helping.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Friday nights at Merner Field, is the place to be. If you see the lights on stop by and catch some high school football. The Blue Devils

promise to be formidable again this year with another deep playoff run as a preseason goal. Many of us remember the excitement generated by a full stadium and good football. Be there if you can.

THE BEACON

As the summer outdoor concert season ends, remember that we have some great performances scheduled for the Beacon with more to come. Bret Michales in August and the Village People in October are set to be here. Stay tuned for more announcements.

EVENTS

Butts on Broadway was huge, Hooray for Hopewell is coming, Historic Hopewell Foundation Silent Auction is on the books and many more activities are planned or being planned. We have much to do in Hopewell, any reason to party is a good reason so show up to these and other functions and have fun.

LEARN WELL, LIVE WELL, WORK WELL, PLAY WELL, in HOPEWELL  
"An Historic Riverfront Community"

Assistant City Manager..... continued from page 1

Mr. Mark Haley, Hopewell City Manger stated that he was very pleased with the selection of Deputy Director Dane and that he will work well with the community and staff. Haley added that he appreciates the many efforts made by all personnel involved during this extensive search for an Assistant City Manager.

"Mr. Dane brings a vast assortment of knowledge and experience to the job. He most recently served as Deputy Director of General Services Division for Chesterfield County where he was responsible for the management of a department of over 200 employees with an operational budget of more than \$30 million dollars and eight general services division including the Chesterfield Airport, and General Services Administration. He has great people skills and will continue to move the City forward in a positive direction said Mr. Haley".

Mr. Dane brings over 34 years of vast ex-

perience to Hopewell, including the areas of administration, budget, capital project management, building and grounds, fleet management, communications, waste and resource recovery, print services and economic development. Previously, he served as the Public Works Superintendent for the City Petersburg. He began his public service career in the City of Hopewell Public Works Department.

While employed with Chesterfield County Mr. Dane negotiated multiple economic development contracts for the airport on behalf of the county. In addition, he organized and implemented the strategic planning process for the department and was involved in numerous county-wide cross departmental committees.

Mr. Dane has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Liberty University. He and his wife Janet resides in the City of Hopewell.



Vice Mayor Jasmine Gore, Ward # 4 is appointed to the State Boards of Medicine by Governor Terry McAuliffe

Governor Terry McAuliffe announced additional appointments to his administration today. The Honorable Jasmine Gore of Hopewell, Vice-Mayor, City of Hopewell will join McAuliffe's administration focused on finding common ground with members of both parties on issues that will grow Virginia's economy and create more jobs across the Commonwealth.

**Jasmine Gore**  
Vice-Mayor, City of Hopewell  
Board of Physical Therapy

The following personnel were promoted within the Hopewell Police Department



**Promoted to Police Lieutenant:**  
**Paul Intravia**



**Promoted to Police Sergeant:**  
**Trevor Terry**

Please congratulate the above personnel on their promotion.

# Hopewell Downtown Partnership Receives 2014 National Main Street Accreditation

The Hopewell Downtown Partnership has been designated as an accredited National Main Street Program for meeting the commercial district revitalization performance standards set by the National Main Street Center®, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Each year, the National Main Street Center and its partners announce the list of accredited Main Street® programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to historic preservation and community revitalization through the Main Street Four Point Approach®.

“We congratulate this year’s nationally accredited Main Street programs for their outstanding accomplishment in meeting the National Main Street Center’s performance standards,” says Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center. “Accredited Main Street programs create vibrant communities by using a comprehensive strategy to preserve their historic character and revitalize their commercial districts, which helps make these great places to work, live, play and visit.”

The organization’s performance is annually evaluated by Virginia Main Street, a program of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten performance standards. These standards set the benchmarks for measuring an individual Main Street program’s application of the Main Street Four Point Approach® to commercial district revitalization. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

In the past two and half years, since Hopewell became a designated Main Street Community, the Downtown Partnership has been able to help attract and invest nearly \$2 Million dollars into the district. This has come in the form of numerous large and small grants, technical assistance, direct property reinvestments, and more. Their repertoire of work ranges from business recruitment and facilitation of



historic rehabs to re-marketing and branding the district in an effort to breathe new life into a once thriving historic downtown. Their recent “Get Your Butts to Broadway” pork butt competition brought close to a thousand people into downtown Hopewell, while their historic rehab projects have helped improve the look of the district prompting interest from new investors and businesses.

“The momentum has grown over these last two and half years and we have many more large projects in the works that will have a significant impact on our redevelopment efforts,” says Evan Kaufman, Director of the Hopewell Downtown Partnership.

“Before this organization had started, many were less than optimistic about the possibilities for Downtown Hopewell. Today, more and more people are seeing the potential and wanting to get involved in the revitalization effort or even open their new business in Downtown,” states Rita Joyner, Board President of the Partnership.

The recently revitalized Beacon Theatre provided a large boost to Downtown in the form of a rehabbed 650 seat vaudeville theatre that since opening in January has seen many sold out shows. Acts such as Delbert McClinton, Kansas, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, and even Vanilla Ice have all been featured at the theatre spurring a new entertainment district in the downtown.

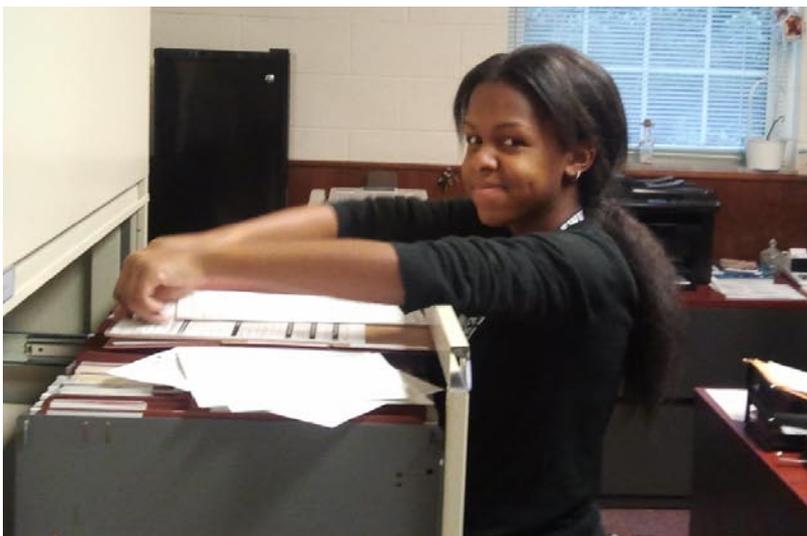
Established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1980, the National Main Street Center helps communities of all sizes revitalize their older and historic commercial districts. Working in more than 2,200 downtowns and urban neighborhoods over the last 34 years, the Main Street program has leveraged more than \$59.6 billion in new public and private investment. Participating communities have created 502,728 net new jobs and 115,381 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 246,158 buildings, leveraging an average of \$33.28 in new investment for every dollar spent on their Main Street district revitalization efforts.

# Orientation for JOBS Students



From top left row, Gail Vance, Director, Human Resources, LaTonya Felton, Deputy Treasurer, City of Hopewell, Shana Johnson, Purchasing Agent, Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, Debbie Pershing, Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager and Terry Newton, Director, Information Technology.

Bottom row JOBS Students from left to right, Deshayla Thomas, Tamira Perkins, Kiaja Jarratt, Siani Reese, Amani Barno and Nytasijah Narrington.



Ms. Siani Reese, Hopewell High School 10th grader, working with the JOBS program performing administrative tasks within the Human Resources Department. In addition, she worked in the City Manager's Office and Intergovernmental & Public Affairs Office.

# Hopewell Honors Middle School Teacher for Teacher of the Year



In early May the Hopewell City School Board honored the division's teachers and chose the 2014 Teacher of the Year. This year's deserving recipient was Mrs. Angela Huffman, a Carter G. Woodson Middle School 6th grade mathematics teacher.

Huffman graduated from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee with a degree in elementary education. Huffman joined Hopewell City Public Schools in 1998 after teaching pre-k students in Richmond. She has held many leadership roles at Carter G. Woodson Middle School including Lead Science Teacher, Child Study Coordinator, cheerleading coach and mentor for first year teachers.

"Ann Huffman embodies all the very best qualities that you would want in a teacher to

teach your child," explained Dr. John Fahey, Superintendent. "She is well respected by both students and staff and has an unbridled enthusiasm that exemplifies what a Teacher of the Year should be. We are very proud of her. She truly deserves this honor."

Huffman's selection as Teacher of the Year in Hopewell qualified her to compete for the Virginia Department of Education Teacher Of The Year as well.

The following Hopewell City teachers won for their individual schools. Tracy Schwartz, Woodlawn Learning Center; Ora Seaton-Smith, Dupont Elementary; Crystine Baynard, Harry E. James Elementary; Jamilah Scott, Patrick Copeland Elementary; and Larry Cherry, Hopewell High.

# Hopewell Schools Honor Distinguished Retirees

The Beacon Theatre was alive to the sounds of music, laughter and just a few tears as Hopewell City Public Schools honored their own during the 2014 Retirement Celebration on Thursday, May 22nd.

“This is always a fun event for us to plan and host for our friends who have given so much over the years,” explained Mel Bage the division’s Director of Personnel. “This year’s group has given more than 420 years of combined service, and it is important to let them know just how much they all mean to us.”

Eighteen men and women were honored this year for their years of service to the students of Hopewell. Having the distinction of the longest tenure was Mr. Frank Whipp. Frank began working at Hopewell High School in 1972 and led the group with 42 years of service. Long time Principal of Harry E. James Elementary School, Sandra Morton, was a close second with 39 years. Marvin Jones, Martha Davis, Debra Edwards and Martha Staples all had an impressive 30 years or more with the division.

Below are all the retirees who were honored that night. Congratulations and enjoy your extra long and well deserved summer break!



L-R Woodlawn Learning Center Principal Belinda Piercy, Dr. Yvonne Smith-Jones, (Bottom Row) Rudolph Morton and retiring Harry E. James Principal Sandra Morton enjoying the event

## Hopewell High School

Linda K. Erb  
Deborah P. Victory  
Marvin R. Jones  
Roxanne Leavitt  
Martha Davis  
Frank Whipp  
Alice Barnett

## Carter G Woodson Middle School

Debra Edwards

## Dupont Elementary School

G. Michael Crosby  
Martha Staples  
Patricia Howell  
Donna Hicks

## Harry E. James Elementary School

Sandra B. Morton  
Marion Chiarky  
Bert Boisseau  
Jo Anne Noland

## Patrick Copeland Elementary School

Lois V. Haynes

## School Board Office

Deloris Hines



Retiring Hopewell High School Art teacher Alice Barnett and her daughter



Retires Carter G. Woodson Cafeteria Manager Debbie Edwards and Harry E. James Music Teacher Bert “Mr. B” Boisseau exchange a hug

## 60 BOJANGLES' RESTAURANTS TO HOST 'STUFF THE BUS' DRIVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It was announced today that Tand's, Inc., a Kinston-based Corporation that owns Bojangles' restaurants throughout eastern North Carolina and Virginia, will be hosting a Stuff the Bus Drive at 60 of its restaurant locations on

August 9th.

The Stuff the Bus Drive helps public school children in need of school supplies by providing pencils, paper and other necessary items – along with the backpacks to hold them. “This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together and support the children in our communities in need of school supplies,” says Tand's, Inc. Marketing Director Julie Ewell. “Bojangles' is both honored and excited to be a part of this critically important initiative.”

Pat Holmes of LCPS agrees. “Unfortunately, the families of too many elementary, middle and high school students don't have the financial resources to provide these essentials, especially if a family has several children in school. Donations through Stuff the Bus will help fill that gap and ensure children start school on the right foot,” he said.

Event organizers are asking the public to drop off supplies from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on August 9th at any of the 60 Bojangles' restaurant locations in North Carolina or Virginia. Those interested in donating items can pick up a suggested shopping list at all Tand's/Bojangles' locations. Cash donations will also be accepted – donors can drop off checks payable to the United Way at any of the “Stuff the Bus” sites on August 9th.

What: Stuff the Bus Drive  
When: Saturday, August 9th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Where: 60 Tand's Inc./Bojangles' Restaurant locations in North Carolina & Virginia

The Stuff the Bus Drive is organized by Bojangles'/Tand's, Inc., United Way, Partners in Education, and Communities in Schools. To learn more, visit ([www.becajun.com](http://www.becajun.com))




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THE  
BUS™**

**School Supply Drive  
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AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>  
2PM - 6PM**

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Famous Chicken'n Biscuits

**& United  
Way** 



# Back-to-School Safety Checklist



## Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school.

### *Walking to school*

- Review your family's walking safety rules.
  - Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
  - Before you cross the street, stop and look all ways to see if cars are coming.
  - Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Practice walking to school with your child.

### *Riding a bicycle to school*

- Make sure your child always wears his helmet when leaving the house.
- Teach your children the rules of the road they need to know to ride their bicycles.
  - Ride on the right side of the road and in a single file.
  - Come to a complete stop before crossing the street.

### *Riding the bus to school*

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Make sure your children stand six feet away from the curb.
- If your child and you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are at least 12 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.

## School Safety

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school.

### *Preventing backpack-related injuries*

- Chose a backpack for your child carefully. It should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.
- Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 10 to 20 percent of your child's body weight.
  - For example, a child that weighs 60 pounds should carry a backpack no heavier than 12 pounds.
- Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight.

### *Preventing playground-related injuries*

- Encourage your child only to use playgrounds with a soft surface. Avoid playgrounds with concrete, grass and dirt surfaces, as they are too hard.
- Children under the age of four should not use climbing equipment and watch older children when they're climbing.
- Do not let your children use monkey bars. They are unsafe and should not be used by children of any age.

**Safety**  
at HOME

### National Safety Council

saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads, through leadership, research, education and advocacy.

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# Your 2014 CVWMA Curbside Recycling Schedule

## Recycle These Items

Cardboard



Paper



Bottles



Cans



Plastic Bottles #1 & #2

**REMINDER**  
do NOT put recycle cans out except on recycle days

**NEW!**  
Curbside Recycling

Every Other Blue Wednesday, Beginning **July 2**

Collections are made **ONCE EVERY OTHER WEEK.** Be sure to place your cart at the curb by **7:00 a.m.** on your collection day.

Sign up to receive a Free Email Reminder at [www.cvwma.com](http://www.cvwma.com)

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This green cart is for **Recycling Only.**

Place all other trash in your regular trash receptacles.

See the reverse side for important preparation tips.

For assistance, please call the **Recycling Hotline: 804-340-0900** or visit our website: [www.cvwma.com](http://www.cvwma.com)

# Tropical Storm Safety Tips

## WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD DO

- People living and visiting in the Hampton Roads region should pay close attention to local media and local officials for information.
- Check emergency supplies to be sure you have non-perishable food for at least three days and three days' of water for your family (one gallon per person/per day).
- Have flashlights and extra batteries, a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio and extra batteries in case power goes out.
- Other important items are a first aid kit and extra supply of medications, if needed.
- Get a supply checklist at [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov)
- Download the free Ready Virginia app for iPhone and Android devices. The app contains an emergency supply checklist, an emergency plan and streams statewide emergency information.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO STAY INFORMED

- View videos about storm surge and its danger and how to prepare for a hurricane at [www.youtube.com/vaemergency](http://www.youtube.com/vaemergency)
- Maps of storm surge areas and evacuation routes can be found at [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov)
- Call 511 or visit [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org) for traffic conditions.
- [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov) for a storm blog with statewide information
- @vdem – Twitter feed for storm updates from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- VAemergency – Facebook page for VDEM State Response
- The Virginia Emergency Operations Center in Richmond is at increased readiness with some additional staffing to monitor the storm and be ready to respond.

# 2014 Hooray for Hopewell



## Festival Hours:

- Saturday, September 20th 2014  
from 10:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.
- Sunday, September 21st 2014  
from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 P.M.



For vendor applications, please call 804 452-1822.

## Are you interested in learning how to kayak?

The Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department will be  
hosting an introduction to kayaking on September 20th !

Instruction provided by: Eco Trek Adventures.

### Training includes:

- ACA certified instructor
- Kayak rental, PFD, and Paddle
- 2 hours at the pool
- 1 hour paddle at the Hopewell Marina.



# Intro to Kayaking



**DATE:** September 20th, 2014

**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Hopewell Community Center Pool

**Continues at:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hopewell Marina

**COST:** \$65 per person

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCILORS?

Mayor Michael C. Bujakowski	Ward # 3	PH: (804) 731-0513
Vice Mayor Jasmine Gore	Ward # 4	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Christina Luman-Bailey	Ward # 1	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Roosevelt Edwards, Jr.	Ward # 2	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Wayne Walton	Ward # 5	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Brenda S. Pelham	Ward # 6	PH: (804) 720-8619
Councilor Jackie M. Shornak	Ward # 7	PH: (804) 541-2249

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City Manager  
 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

### DIRECTOR/OFFICER PHONE

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Ben Ruppert	541-2298
Dr. John Fahey	541-6400
Ray Spicer	541-2330
Pam Clark	541-2232

### CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Master Commissioner of the Revenue	Debra Reason	541-2237
Commonwealth's Attorney	Richard K. Newman	541-2255
Sheriff	Luther Sodat	541-2301
Treasurer	Terri Batton	541-2240
Circuit Court Clerk	Tamara Ward	541-2239

### PARTNER AGENCIES

Appomattox Regional Library	Scott Firestine	458-6329
General District Court Clerk	Deborah A. Hatcher	541-2257
Hopewell Health Department	George Verghese	458-1297
Hopewell-Prince George Tourism Office	Becky McDonough	541-2461
Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA)	Steven Benham	541-1458