



City E-Currents

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Mayor's Corner



Brenda S. Pelham

I want to extend best wishes and a Happy New Year to all 23,163 citizens that reside in the City of Hopewell. It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve as your mayor once again. Hopewell, formerly City Point is a small city with a long and proud history that spans over 400 years.

A recent report from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the Virginia Commission on Local governments indicated we are growing as a City. Today, we have an outstanding school system with over 4,000 students; an historic district and a downtown waterfront community.

We have a dedicated City staff who continues to provide quality services with the lowest possible tax rate and with the support of our community partners. I believe that we will stay focused on City Council's vision, strategic

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Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day 2015



On Wednesday, January 28 during the Virginia Municipal League Legislative Day 2015 at the state capitol in Richmond, Virginia, Hopewell Mayor Brenda S. Pelham, City Council members Jackie Shornak, Jasmine Gore and Anthony Zevgolis and Legislative Committee members Mr. Mark Haley, City Manager and Mr. Herbert Bragg, Director Intergovernmental & Public Affairs & Legislative Liaison pose with newly elected state Senator Rosalyn Dance, 16th Senatorial District which represents the Cities of Hopewell, Petersburg and the counties of Dinwiddie, Prince George and part of Chesterfield.

Ward 2 has a new City Councilor

Q Councilor Holloway. Where were you born and where did you attend school to include college?

A I was born at Fort Lee, Virginia. I attended and graduated from Hopewell High School in June 1971. My college experience: I am a graduate of Spirit of Truth Institute-Doctoral Degree in Biblical Studies. I have lived in Hopewell for my entire life, except a few years that I spent in Newark, New Jersey.



our citizens (5) Neighborhoods...to adopt a long range plan for improving the City's infrastructure and neighborhoods especially those located in in Ward #2.

Q What do you expect to accomplish while on Council?

A The accomplishments will be predicated and based upon what is achieved as it relates to my previous answer.

Q What are your vision for the City of Hopewell?

A My vision for the City and citizens of Hopewell is to provide a sound basis for economic development throughout the City while reducing taxes. In addition, I would like to promote a healthier community by developing more walking trails and family oriented fitness activities.

Q How do you plan to increase communication with the citizens of Hopewell?

A I believe in listening to people therefore; establishing effective communication with

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plan and priorities for the betterment of our community; thus we will continue to improve upon quality of life issues.

In 2015, this new Council will continue its strategic focus on economic development, education, infrastructure improvements, public safety, youth initiatives, capital improvement, downtown revitalization, environmental stewardship, beautification of our city, and improved public services.

The City of Hopewell offers many interesting avenues for every citizen to explore and enjoy within our community. Our newly renovated Beacon theatre, City Marina, Community Center along with our numerous City parks, play grounds and trails, historic downtown and a historic district in concert with our Downtown Partnership, outstanding library services, a new social services facility and other mayor projects on the horizon. Positive accomplishments are realized by the combined efforts of your

dedicated City Council, City employees, City boards and commissions, community partner organizations, business organizations and our resilient residents.

You can be assured that together we will continue to work to make our community a special place to live, work and play. Let us create a unified, unmovable community spirit where we all sustain each other. I challenge every adult who has an hour per week or even an hour per month, to volunteer in some capacity and mentor a child in our community. The return on this investment in our children will last a lifetime. Finally, I wish each of you every success and happiness in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brenda S. Pelham
City of Hopewell, Virginia

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them. I believe that leaders can learn a lot by listening and engaging in two-way communication. In addition, I plan to work with my peers by listening to their concerns and philosophies regarding issues. I'm currently reading the numerous plans that the City has adopted or approved. For example, the Strategic Plan, Economic Development Plan, and City Policies and Procedures. Once I have concluded all of my reading and research and familiarization with the many topics of interest, I will be in a better position to dialogue and engage solutions. It is my hope and desire that we as a council will be able to listen to each other and reach consensus as to what is best for the City and its citizens.

Q What will be your focus moving Forward?

A I will focus on Council's vision for the future such as the City's Strategic Plan and review it annually with any modifications that may be required. I will commit myself to service to the people especially those that placed me in this position of great trust. I will make decisions that will benefit citizens in Ward 2 by improving their quality of life and the City overall. I'm confident that I will continue to learn, grow and mature in this position representing Ward 2.

Q Is there anything else you would like to communicate to the citizens of Hopewell?

A I want to thank the citizens of Ward 2 for electing me to represent them on City Council. I'm open to listen to every concern of my constituent. I encourage all citizens to become more involved in the political process by communicating their wishes to me regarding issues that affect their lives and the City. I also encourage them to watch the City Council meeting on Cable Channel 3 or view the minutes of the meetings on the City's website. Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Any citizen may contact me at (804) 926-0695 or via email at aholloway52@gmail.com

Councilor Holloway, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to conduct this interview. Best of luck to you in all future endeavors!

Fort Lee Tax Center Opens Doors

BY T. ANTHONY BELL,
FORT LEE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT LEE, Va. – The Fort Lee Tax Assistance Center will begin its 28th year of service with a renewed customer focus.

That is the word from 1st Lt. Stephen Dimpsey, the TAC's new officer in charge, who said he is enthused about continuing the facility's tradition of service.

"I'm definitely looking forward to it being a great year," he said of the 2015 tax season. "We have great crews on both sides of the house – military and civilian volunteers – and we can't wait to get started."

The Fort Lee TAC is a free tax preparation service offered to active duty military and their family members as well as military retirees and their families. It is operated by the installation Staff Judge Advocate and staffed with designated military personnel and civilian volunteers who undergo training through the IRS.

Dimpsey, in his role as OIC, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the service. Reduced wait times and a more courteous service are among his goals for the new tax year. "We've made some changes in the past year," he said without providing details.

"We've made it more efficient, which should increase customer satisfaction. We want everyone to have the best possible experience."

Customers should call the TAC facility at (804) 734-5732 for appointments and general information, said Dimpsey. Appointment times are from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Walk-ins begin at 8 a.m. The last clients will be seen at 5 p.m.

The facility is located in building 6052 at 1151 Mekong Road.

"The clerks will determine whether or not you need to walk-in or make an appointment," he said. Generally, walk-ins are reserved for EZ filers.

As in years past, customers are encouraged to bring with them all required documents to file their federal and state taxes, said Dimpsey. These include but are not limited to military identifications cards, Social Security cards, wage and earnings statements and powers of attorney.

Customers should also bring required mortgage documents, bank account and routing numbers (both are located on a blank check) and daycare payment amounts along with provider ID numbers, and for those enrolled in the new Affordable Health Care program – forms 1095A, B or C – which will be available during the last week of January, said Dimpsey.

Last year, the TAC filed 3,740 federal and 2,870 state returns that saved customers \$1.1 million in tax preparation fees and costs and netted them \$10.1 million in refunds.

The 2015 tax filing season began on Jan. 20 and concludes April 15. The TAC will close its doors May 8, but the service will continue on a limited basis.

Council members presented gift to departing City Attorney



Councilor Jackie Shornak, Councilor Wayne Walton, Councilor Jasmine Gore, Councilor Arlene Holloway, City Attorney David Fratarcangelo, Mayor Brenda S. Pelham, Vice Mayor Christina Luman-Bailey and Councilor Anthony Zevgolis. Council members presented a gift to David Fratarcangelo departing City Attorney.

Mayor and Vice Mayor present a proclamation



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham & Vice Mayor Christina J. Luman-Bailey presented a proclamation to Fort Lee Ordinance Basic Officer Leadership Class 14-018 for their many hours of public service to the City of Hopewell.

Mayor presents proclamations



Mayor Brenda Pelham presents a proclamation to Debbie Reason, Master, Commissioner of the Revenue City of Hopewell during Constitutional Officer's Week



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham, Ward # 6 presents a proclamation to Tamara Ward, Circuit Court Clerk honoring Constitutional Officer's Week.



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham presents a proclamation to Richard Newman, Commonwealth Attorney, City of Hopewell at a ceremony honoring Constitutional Officer's Week.

Cleaning up Arlington Park playground



On Monday, January 19, 2015 celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., federal Holiday, Mayor Brenda S. Pelham, her granddaughter and friends Glenda Hayes, sister Doretha Jackson and Lafern Jacobs Jackson performed a Service Project by cleaning up Arlington Park playground located in Ward #6 honoring Dr. King's Birthday and legacy.



19Paws Cause79 5K Run/Walk benefits the Hopewell Animal Shelter

On November 8, 2014, the Hopewell High School Class of 1979 hosted the 19Paws Cause79 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Hopewell Animal Shelter. On January 21, 2015, Mrs. Kelly Tiller and Mrs. Susan Kephart who put this Benefit together presented the Hopewell Police Department Animal Control Unit with a check in the amount of \$525.00 for the Animal Shelter.



City of Hopewell announces Community Crime Summit

On Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. The City of Hopewell in concert with community partners will host a Community Crime Summit. The summit will take place at the Sunlight Elk's Lodge located at 1505 High Avenue,

Hopewell, Virginia.

This summit will bring together local and state officials, community partners to include faith based leaders and residents to discuss recent trends in crime, gang violence and gang prevention strategies,

progress being made with crime reduction strategies, youth programming, neighborhood watch and the importance of the business community providing summer jobs for our youth.

The Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority is now offering translation services

HRHA now offers translation services. For questions regarding this service call the main office at 804-458-5160. See procedures below:

Translation Pricing

Mileage - 0.56 per mile

Document translation- \$4.36 per every 10 minutes/ \$26.16 per hour

Phone/In-person translation- \$4.36 per every 10 minutes/ \$26.16 per hour

Translation Procedures

1. All requests for service must be submitted in writing and/or email.
2. Request for service must include date requested, main contact information, duration of time for services, location to include complete address, and any additional information that may be required.
3. Service request must be submitted directly to the Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant will be responsible to receive request, set date and time, and provide translation service.
4. Cancellation must be submitted in writing no later than 48 hours.
5. If there is a cancellation for services less than 24 hours they will be charged a minimal of 15 minutes \$6.54.
6. All payments made must be either money order or, check. If paying with a check, the check must first clear before services are provided.
7. Once service has been provided no refund will be granted.

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY continued

THE VISION COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

SECOND PLACE



DECK THE WELL WITH TACKY SWEATERS



FIRST PLACE WINNER

THIRD PLACE



THANK YOU TO ALL HOPEWELL EMPLOYEES THAT PARTICIPATED!



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS...

City of Hopewell Citizen's Convenience Center

The Citizen's Convenience Center is operated by the Department of Public Works to provide residential refuse customers with a convenient location to discard debris. The Convenience Center is located at 507 Station Street next to the Animal Shelter. Residents may dispose of most types of residential waste, except kitchen or food waste, liquids, hazardous, and rotten waste.

GUIDELINES

Only City of Hopewell residents may use the Convenience Center to dispose of waste generated on property located within the city limits. Businesses and contractors are not allowed to use the center.

Fees are based on vehicle type, quantity, and classification of debris. Customers are responsible for unloading their vehicles in designated locations. Residents

bringing mixed loads (refuse and yard waste) will be charged the service fee appropriate for their vehicle.

Construction and demolition debris will be accepted provided the resident is performing the actual labor on his or her primary residence. A copy of the building permit showing the property owner as the contractor must be shown

to the attendant. Debris created by contractors working for residents will not be accepted. Landlords who are physically performing maintenance and repair activities on their rental property may use the center provided they comply with all other requirements.

PROGRAMS

1. **MULCH** - Untreated mulch is available at no cost. The attendant will assist in loading vehicles when safety and time permit. The City is not responsible for damage to vehicles while loading mulch.

2. **CFC/HCFC removal** - EPA air quality regulations require that the compounds commonly referred to as "freon" be removed from appliances before they are discarded. All appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, and dehumidifiers must be serviced by a licensed technician before disposal. There is a \$10.25 service charge for this service.

3. **PROPANE GRILL TANK DISPOSAL**- Obsolete propane tanks are accepted for recycling. Propane tanks with a capacity ranging between 4-40 pounds, including the 20 pound standard size usually supplied with gas grills are accepted. Older style tanks typically have a round valve

knob while approved tanks have a three-sided handle with the letters "ODP" stamped on the handle and also embossed on the brass body of the valve. Propane dealers no longer refill older style tanks.

4. **WHITE GOODS RECYCLING**-Major household appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, and water heaters are accepted for recycling.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Recyclable items are removed from the waste stream and diverted to qualified recycling markets. The following recyclable materials are collected: yard waste, appliances, scrap metal, tires, "freon" gas, propane tanks, rechargeable batteries, and cell phones.

2. The Clean City Commission sponsors quarterly "Clean Up Weeks." Most fees are waived and operating hours are extended.

3. Convenience Center hours may be expanded following periods of severe weather.

4. The center will be closed in conjunction with observed holidays and during inclement weather

ITEMS ACCEPTED

1 Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and other products containing CHC/HCFC gases. A \$10.25 gas removal fee is charged for each unit. Vehicle fees are not collected unless other items are discarded.

2 Tires - Up to 8 tires/year without rims.

\$1.00 per passenger tire
\$2.00 per lite truck tire

3. Brush- Any length brush up to 6 inches in diameter.

4 Car seats.

5 Yard and garden waste.

6 Mattresses.

7 Household furniture

8 Leaves and pine needles.

9 Major appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, and hot water heaters.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

1. Stumps and logs over 8 inches in diameter.

2. Lumber with a cross section area greater than 30 square inches unless cut up.

3. Concrete or masonry products.

4. Automobile and vehicle parts.

5. Wet cell batteries

6. Petroleum based products.

7. Asbestos and other hazardous products.

8. Kitchen or food waste.

9. Paint and other liquids.

Fees	Debris	Brush & Yard Waste	Construction & Demolition
Car	\$3.25	No charge	\$3.25
Pickup	\$10.25	No charge	\$20.50
Single axle trailer	\$10.25	No charge	\$20.50
Dual axle trailer	\$20.50		\$30.75

Notes: 1. \$10.25 will be added to the fee for vehicles with raised sides.
2. Dump trucks and tandem vehicles prohibited
3. Non-standard vehicles will be charged as a dual axle trailer.



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Na'Seem Hopson of Hopewell is presented with award for winning 'If I Were Mayor' state essay contest.

Governor presents Hopewell 7th grader with award for winning 'If I Were Mayor' state essay contest

A Hopewell 7th grader is the first statewide winner of the Virginia Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. Na'Seem Hopson's 500-word essay was judged the best of eight regional winners. Gov. Terry McAuliffe presented the eight students with their awards on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Lecture Hall of the Library of Virginia in downtown Richmond. The awards were presented following the governor's 3 p.m. remarks to approximately 220 local government officials attending the association's VML Day at the Capitol program.

The "If I Were Mayor" contest drew nearly 1,000 essays from 7th graders across the Commonwealth. The regional winners are:

Region 1	Bailey Nash	Jonesville Middle School (Lee County)
Region 2	Kendryek Wheeler	Woodrow Wilson Middle School (City of Roanoke)
Region 3	Macalister Gordon	Daniel Morgan Middle School (Winchester)
Region 4	Garrett Love	Buckingham County Middle School
Region 5	Logan Kurtz	Manassas Park Middle School
Region 6	Adele Masson	Culpeper Middle School
Region 7	Na'Seem Hopson	Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority
Region 8	Sophie Freiling	Berkeley Middle School (Williamsburg)

In addition to a framed certificate, each regional winner received a check for \$150. The statewide winner received a certificate and \$250. The Library of Virginia is located at 800 E. Broad St.

About VML

The Virginia Municipal League is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of local governments established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. The membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties. See www.vml.org.

EVENTS

February 10 - 2:00 p.m. - Chester, Bird Hall, B124

Lecture: "The African American Narrative Project and Crowdsourcing Transcriptions"

Presented by: Mr. Greg Crawford, Local Records Program Manager, Library of Virginia, and Ms. Sonya Coleman, Digital Collections Specialist, Library of Virginia

February 10 - 2:00 p.m. - Midlothian, Hamel Hall, H109

Read-in: Led by Ms. Kerrigan Sullivan, Professor, Communications Studies and Theatre, JTCC

February 11 - 12:00 p.m. - Chester, Bird Hall, B124

Read-in: Led by Ms. Thomasine Hill, Instructor of English, JTCC

February 12 - 12:30 p.m. - Midlothian, Hamel Hall, H109

Lecture: "United States Colored Troops at Petersburg, 1864-1865"

Presented by: Mr. Emmanuel Dabney, Petersburg National Battlefield

February 17 - 12:00 p.m. - Midlothian, Hamel Hall, H109

Soul Food Luncheon with Lecture

Lecture: "Clothing the Spirit of Harriet Tubman: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in America"

Lecture by: Dr. Tiffany Packer, Assistant Professor of History at Johnson C. Smith University

Note: This activity is for JTCC students, faculty and staff. Space is limited, and those interested in attending must register in advance by e-mailing Amanda Carpenter (acarpenter@jtcc.edu) by no later than February 15.

February 19 - 12:00 p.m.

Lecture and Tour at the Virginia Historical Society

Tour led by: Mr. Greg Hansard, Instructor of History, JTCC and Manager of Web and Digital Services, VHS - Note: Those interested in participating must RSVP to Dr. Alyce Miller (amiller@jtcc.edu) by no later than February 13.

February 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Chester, Nicholas, N102 and N117

Saving Virginia's Rosenwald Schools

Hosted by: John Tyler Community College and Preservation Virginia

All events, with the exception of the Soul Food Luncheon and Lecture are free and open to John Tyler students, faculty and staff and to the community.

For more information about Black History Month activities at John Tyler, contact Dr. Alyce Miller at amiller@jtcc.edu or 804-706-5254.



Celebrate —
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
 AT JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EVENTS continued

<h1 style="text-align: center;">BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2015</h1>		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
		2008-2016  Barack H. Obama 1st African-American President of the United States		3 Brenda Pelham 2006 1st African-American Female Vice Mayor & Mayor		4 Greg Cuffey 2006 1st African-American for Ward 7 elected to City Council		5 Jasmine E. Gore 1st African-American for Ward 4; Youngest City Councilor and Vice Mayor		6 Mary H Quarrels 1st A-A Principal at Arlington Elementary School		7 Bernard Epps 1st A-A High School Principal at Carter G. Woodson High School	
1 Curtis W. Harris, Sr. 1st African-American elected Vice Mayor 1994; and Mayor 1998	2 James W. Patterson 1994 elected to City Council Vice Mayor & Mayor	3 Brenda Pelham 2006 1st African-American Female Vice Mayor & Mayor	4 Greg Cuffey 2006 1st African-American for Ward 7 elected to City Council	5 Jasmine E. Gore 1st African-American for Ward 4; Youngest City Councilor and Vice Mayor	6 Mary H Quarrels 1st A-A Principal at Arlington Elementary School	7 Bernard Epps 1st A-A High School Principal at Carter G. Woodson High School	8 Brenda Hite-Hayes 1st African-American Female School Board Member	9 Juanita Chambers Teacher, Administrator Vice Chairman SB0 53 years of service	10 Avon Miles 2005 Chairman of the Public School Board	11 Glenda Hayes 1st A-A Management Employee & Employment Coordinator at JRMCC	12 Alan Archer 2004 1st African-American City Manager	13 Steven Martin 1st African-American Chief of Police for Hopewell	14 John Tunstall, Jr. 2000 1st African-American Fire Chief
15 Dr. Winston O. Odom 2003 1st African-American Public School Superintendent	16 Dr. Rudy Ford 1st African-American Principal for Hopewell High School	17 Dr. Kim Allen 1st female African-American Principal of Hopewell High School	18 Floyd Goodwin 1st African-American Policeman in Hopewell, Virginia	19 Joseph Gilliam 1st African-American Chairman of HRHA Commission	20 Jerry Whitaker 2012 1st African-American Finance Director	21 Herbert Bragg 1st African-American Intergovernmental & Public Affairs Director	22 Tevya Griffin 1st African-American Director of Neighborhood Assistance & PIng	23 Rev. Samuel Perry, Sr. 1st African-American Director of Hopewell Redevel. & Housing Authority	24 Bernie Boone 1st African-American CEO John Randolph Medical Center	25 Arlene Holloway 1st African-American female elected Councilor Ward 2	26 Jacqueline Shepperson 1st African-American Library Board	27 Daniel Jones, Jr. 1st African-American Magistrate for Hopewell	28 Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week, which is now Black History Month
1990 - 1994 - Douglas Wider 1st elected African-American Governor of Virginia												Federal Judges: 1st African-American William H. Hastie 1946; 1st African-American Female Federal Judge Constance B. Motley 1996;	
1908 - 1993 - Thurgood Marshall U. S. Lawyer and Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court													
1929 - 1968 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - African-American Clergyman & Civil Rights Leader													
1900 - Sgt. William H. Carmey A-A received the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery during the Civil War													

Co-hosted by John Tyler Community College and Preservation Virginia



Saving Virginia's Rosenwald Schools

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 20**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

John Tyler Community College
Chester Campus
Nicholas Center
13101 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Chester, VA 23831

**Admission is free.
Please register by February 13.**

For more information or to register, contact:

*Dr. Alyce Miller, Associate Professor of History,
John Tyler Community College
amiller@jtcc.edu or 804-706-5254*

*Mr. Justin Sarafin, Director of Preservation
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jsarafin@preservationvirginia.org
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Rosenwald School alumni and their descendants, students, community members, historical groups, researchers and preservationists interested in learning about efforts to preserve these structures, as well as attendees from our first meeting (February 2014) are invited to participate in this follow-up event to continue building momentum as we move toward formally launching the statewide initiative later this spring.

About the Rosenwald Schools:

In the era between the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, the Rosenwald rural school building program provided critical education opportunities to African Americans in the South. Through this initiative by Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald, more than 5,000 Rosenwald Schools were built, including 367 in Virginia. It is estimated that nationally only around 10–12 percent of these schools remain standing, and in 2013, Preservation Virginia included the Rosenwald Schools on its annual Most Endangered Historical Sites list.



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Tyler
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**WE'RE NOT
WHAT YOU EXPECT.**

2014 LEPC Review

Hopewell's Local Emergency Planning Committee or LEPC, is a diverse group of people that come together with the purpose of planning and preparing for emergency and disaster response here in the City of Hopewell. The concept of LEPCs was created by congress in 1986 as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right To Know Act (EPCRA) to address planning and preparedness for chemical emergencies. The Hopewell LEPC actually predates this legislation, as it began as a meeting of safety professionals from local industry to discuss ways to increase safety at their respective sites. Today this group remains an active committee that meets on a monthly basis, and includes representatives from industry, first responders, as well as a number of other agencies and private entities.

Each year the Hopewell LEPC takes on a number of projects to address community awareness, emergency planning, training and exercises, and any administrative issues that need addressing. In 2014 there were a number of initiatives that the LEPC championed in Hopewell. For example, the committee was one of the sponsors for both business and citizen "Survivor Day" events. The goal of these events is to educate the community on emergency planning and preparedness for all hazards that affect our area. As you can imagine, these events were tailored for the target audience, and included give-a-ways that included an external hard drive for businesses to help in backing up critical data, and a basic emergency kit for families that attended the citizen event. The LEPC also continued to support and market the CodeRED emergency notification system. This system is used by the City to send emergency notifications to citizens via phone, e-mail, and text message. For more information on this system, or to sign up, visit www.hopewellva.gov

and click on the CodeRED icon at the bottom of the main page.

Planning initiatives for 2014 included; applying for grant funds to further emergency planning for flammable storage sites, and a review of a number of different emergency plans. Reviewing emergency plans as a committee is required by EPCRA, and facilitates awareness for all of the members on current procedures. This collaboration between responders and industry builds relationships, and allows for candid conversations about needed improvements and or changes that keep everyone current.

The committee also sponsored some training and exercise events in 2014. These included a number of educational presentations at our meetings that brought everyone up to speed on emerging threats such as Ebola. We also hosted an Operations Section Chief class to further educate incident commanders in both industry and government on Incident Command System processes. The goal here is to facilitate better coordination in the event of an emergency. Exercises included a tabletop exercise that addressed an active shooter incident in a school, and the planning was begun for a bomb threat drill at industry sites, which will be taking place toward the end of February of this year.

In all, the Hopewell LEPC maintained an active calendar in 2014, making significant strides in preparing for the next emergency event. The committee has also set goals for 2015 to continue that trend. Meetings are open to the public and occur at 9:00 on the first Tuesday of Each month at the Community Center. For further information please visit our webpage at www.hopewellva.gov .Look under Safety-Emergency Management. The coordinator of the LEPC can be reached at 804-541-2298.



LEPC
...safety in knowledge®

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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 Human Resources
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 Assistance & Planning
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 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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 Cindy Ames 541-2249
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 Charles Dane 541-2271
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 Dave Harless 541-2203
 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
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