



# City E-Currents

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## Mayor's Corner



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham

As we look back on the first quarter of 2015, Hopewell was blessed to experience many festive activities, historic events, and ordinary citizens performing extraordinary deeds. We were unfortunate, but blessed to overcome the ill events of a Virginia American Water Company (VAWCO) diesel spill into the Appomattox River. Soon after that we were able to reinforce the advances in water quality that is rendered to our city by dedicating a 74 million dollar upgrades to the City's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Groundbreaking ceremony with the Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia.

It was amazing to observe the generosity of neighboring counties/cities, businesses throughout the region, social, civic and faith-based organizations, and the City and VAWCO collaborate and support the citizens by providing this essential necessity. A

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## City Beautification

In 2013 the City Council held a series of Town Hall meetings and conducted a survey to determine important issues for City residents. Through this process, the City Council formulated the Hopewell Strategic Plan.

In September 2014, the Council of the City of Hopewell approved the Hopewell Strategic Plan outlining eight (8) strategic goals. One consistent theme for residents that attended the Town Hall meetings or took the survey was the appearance of the City. They wanted to see a change.

To that end one goal of the Plan is City Beautification. The Plan defines City Beautification as the improvement of the overall appearance of the City in order to increase community pride and attract businesses, tourists and residents. The City has enhanced code enforcement



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# CodeRED Citizen Notification Service

## 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 "CodeRED" high-speed telephone emergency notification services.

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 important, and the city has chosen CodeRED 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 CodeRED offers individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database.

## Two ways to sign up

Sign up for CodeRed by logging onto <http://www.hopewellva.gov> or call 541-2298 and leave your contact name/number. You will be called for information.

## Get the Mobil App!



## We now have Weather Warning!

Those who sign up for CodeRED can now opt-in to an additional service called Weather Warning. Moments after a severe thunderstorm, flash flood, or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, Weather Warning sends telephone messages to the citizens whose address falls within the warning area. Stay safe! Get the call before the storm!

## Sign Up Today!

Please take note that your caller ID will display 866-419-5000 for CodeRED messages. The caller ID will display 800-566-9780 for weather warning.

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heartly thanks to every policeman, fireman, sheriff deputy, citizens, City Manager and staff, City Councilors and simply anyone that volunteered in any capacity.

In addition, I want to thank the Local, Sesquicentennial Civil War Committee for the long, and arduous planning, organizing and implementation of our week long celebration for the Sesquicentennial (150th) Civil War celebration recently held at the Historic Beacon Theatre. Hopewell's sesquicentennial anniversary celebration is an opportunity for us to share our history, our culture, and our future with each other and with people around the world. I'm convinced Hopewell's best days still lie ahead as we can commemorate and celebrate this special occasion, let us not forget the great contributions, but more importantly, the sacrifices of war and what it brings. So as we celebrate let us also remember. Remember that God brought all of us through the Civil War experience to implant a new direction for our nation, our country, and especially our city. A direction that continues to work towards peace, unity, equality and a quality of life for all to enjoy everywhere in the United States of America. With Brotherly Love, brotherhood and celebration

just like each event that we participated during the sesquicentennial week, it helped us to remember that we are truly one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Our educational system continued in our celebration by providing our community with another successful Fine Arts Festival and Family Resource Gala event. It's awesome to be reminded of all of the great talent and resources that young students have embedded in their spirits. We are a truly talented community and the importance of educating our children is a top priority as it relates to the City of Hopewell.

The City of Hopewell was honored again to welcome and receive the Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to our City and his participation in an \$89.25 million dollar groundbreaking project at the Ashland Company.

It is wonderful to be a part of an industrial city with an emphasis placed on protecting our environment. As we move forward into the second quarter, I'm excited about the possibility of more economic developments. Look out, be prepared and spread the word..... there is a Well full of Hope in the City of Hopewell.

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ordinances and increased employee training to ensure higher levels of compliance and effective enforcement in areas of property maintenance and grass cutting. City Council has re-implemented the Rental Inspection Program in the B Village and City Point neighborhoods and approved new and amended ordinances that deal with vacant buildings, tall grass, and neglected housing. This article will provide an overview of these programs.

### Rental Inspection Program Re-Launch

In efforts to monitor the safety and quality of rental housing in certain areas of the City, in May 2005 the Hopewell City Council approved a rental inspection program. The inspection program is a part of the City Code found in Chapter 19, Housing Code, Article VIII. The neighborhood known as City Point was the first designated inspection area. Some years later, City Council added the "B" Village. Over the years, the rental inspection program has been implemented in both areas. In 2012 the program was suspended due to budget constraints.

To this end, the Council set an objective of re-implementing the Rental Inspection Program. A new rental inspector position was funded in July 2014 and the position filled in October 2014. Newspaper articles about the rental inspection program have been posted in the Hopewell News and the inspector participated in a City Point Neighborhood Watch (CPNW) meeting on January 7, 2015. Information provided at that meeting was also posted on the CPNW Facebook page.

The Rental Inspection Program is implemented through the Department of

Development, Division of Building Inspections/Code Enforcement. Inspections will begin in mid-April.

For purposes of the program, City Point has been divided in to five (5) inspection areas. The first inspections will take place in Area #1. Correspondence has been mailed to all rental properties identified in Area #1. Inspections in areas 2-5 will be conducted in numerical order. Correspondence will be sent to rental properties in these areas prior to inspections.

The City will hold two identical informational meetings for rental property



owners in Area #1 at the Appomattox Regional Library, located at 209 East Cawson Street in the HMA Room (1st floor) on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions about the Rental Inspection Program. Please let us know if you are attending either meeting. Call (804) 541-2226 to RSVP, get questions answered or to schedule an inspection.

### Vacant Buildings

The City has implemented a vacant building registry. If you are a property owner that has a building that has been vacant for 12 months or more you will register your building with the Building Official and offer a plan of rehabilitation.

### Removing Blighted Property

In October 2014 City Council approved a spot blight

ordinance as a tool to demolish or rehabilitate structures that endanger the public's health, safety or welfare because it is dilapidated, deteriorated, or violates minimum health and safety standards. This ordinance provides the City Council an alternative to the derelict building provisions located in Chapter 11, Building Regulations, Section 11-5, Derelict Buildings, of the Code of Hopewell.

Removing blighted properties within the City rids neighborhood(s) of dilapidated, potentially dangerous, nuisance properties. It provides the opportunity for redevelopment, subsequently increasing property values and quality of life. Implementation of a fair and strategic spot blight program can spur private investment and nurture community pride.

### Grass Cutting Season

This amendment enhances the City's code enforcement ordinance by setting a grass cutting season from March through November; and limiting property owners to one violation notice per property, per season. After the first notice of violation is sent via certified mail, a homeowner will not receive repeated notices for continued violations; instead a grass cutting contractor will automatically be directed to mitigate the violation(s). The goal is to deter repeat violators and keep the City beautiful through proper upkeep of properties.

For more information about the new initiatives referred to in this article please call the Department of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning at (804) 541-2220 or (804) 541-2226.

# Governor McAuliffe Announces \$89.25 Million Investment in City of Hopewell

## *Ashland Inc. to expand specialty chemicals manufacturing operation*

RICHMOND - Governor Terry McAuliffe announced today that Ashland Inc., a leading global specialty chemical company, will invest approximately \$89 million over the next three years to expand its manufacturing operation in the City of Hopewell. The company will significantly increase production capacity, creating 17 new jobs and preserving 237 existing jobs. Virginia successfully competed against Kentucky, Texas, Brazil and China for the project.

Speaking about today's announcement at an event in Hopewell, Governor McAuliffe said, "I am thrilled to announce this significant investment demonstrating Ashland's continued commitment to Virginia and to the City of Hopewell. Ashland, one of the Fortune 500 companies that calls Virginia home, is a vital employer in the area, providing the kind of jobs that are critical as we work to create a diverse, new Virginia economy."

"We are thrilled that Ashland continues to be a major corporate partner to Hopewell and the Commonwealth," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones. "The company's expansion is one more example of how Virginia's world class business climate and assets are attracting new companies and helping existing companies grow."

Ashland Inc. (NYSE:ASH) is a global leader in providing specialty chemical solutions to

customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care and pharmaceuticals. Through its three commercial units – Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Ashland Performance Materials and Valvoline – the company uses good chemistry to make great things happen for customers in more than 100 countries.

"We believe the business climate in Virginia makes Hopewell an attractive site for this investment as we continue to benefit from the significant infrastructure and talented workforce we have in place," said Luis Fernandez-Moreno, Senior Vice President of Ashland and President, Ashland Specialty Ingredients. "This expansion will allow us to improve our competitive position, enhance service to our customers and support new growth opportunities in the marketplace."

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the City of Hopewell and Virginia's Gateway Region to secure the project for the Commonwealth. The Port of Virginia also provided valuable assistance. Governor McAuliffe approved a \$700,000 performance-based grant from the Virginia Investment Partnership program, an incentive available to existing companies. The company may also be eligible to receive state benefits from the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, administered by the Virginia Depart-

ment of Housing and Community Development. Additional funding and services to support the company's employee training activities will be provided through the Virginia Jobs Investment program.

"Ashland has been a stellar partner, business and citizen of the City of Hopewell for many years," said Hopewell City Manager Mark Haley. "We are proud that it continues to increase its investment in the community. Our economic development team, led by Assistant City Manager Charles Dane, worked hard with Ashland and the Commonwealth of Virginia to assure this investment occurred here in this community instead of one of the competing locations. We are very excited that this announcement is occurring at this critical point in Hopewell's history."

"Creating a new Virginia economy continues to be a top priority of this administration," said Senator Rosalyn R. Dance. "I am especially excited about Ashland's large investment in the City of Hopewell and its impact to the City."

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Since the beginning of the McAuliffe administration, 350 economic development deals have been closed in Virginia with more than \$6.4 billion in capital investment, more than twice the amount of capital investment brought to the Commonwealth in any Governor's first 14 months in office.

# Continuing to Create a Healthy Environment for Hopewell

Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (HRWTF) is an unrecognized “gem” owned by the City. It sits out of citizen’s view, but plays a vital role in their daily lives. Quietly, the facility and its staff work diligently to remove pollutants from the region’s wastewaters, protecting the health of citizens and providing a clean river for fishing, boating and other recreational purposes. Its staff is a group of dedicated environmental professionals that work 24/7 to ensure that pollutants and disease causing organisms are removed from the wastewater before it enters the James River.

Most people don’t think about what happens with the water that goes down the drain or is flushed down the toilet. But in Hopewell, it flows to a very sophisticated wastewater treatment system. It is called wastewater treatment, but it is really water reclamation. Once water leaves the treatment plant and goes into the river, it is available for reuse by the aquatic environment and by other downstream users.

This year, the City began a large treatment upgrade to its “gem”. On March 2, 2015, Governor Terry McAuliffe visited Hopewell as the keynote speaker at the HRWTF’s Nitrogen Reduction Project ground breaking ceremony. As one of the largest discharges of nitrogen in the James River and the Chesapeake Bay, the City of Hopewell’s \$74 million nitrogen reduction project will benefit the water quality of the James River and the Chesapeake Bay by removing more than 34 million pounds of nitrogen during its initial 20 years of operation at a cost of \$3.33 per pound of nitrogen removed.

This design-build project is being performed by Hopewell Nutrient Partners comprised of HDR Engineering, PC Construction, and HDR



Constructors, Inc. utilizing World Water Works moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) technology. The project is funded in part by a 60% Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund grant and an additional \$5 million granted by the 2013 General Assembly. With construction starting in 2015, completion of the project is scheduled for the first quarter of 2017.

The completion of this project will provide a new level of sophistication to the facility and with it, a more complicated operation. The operators of the treatment facility

are in a growing professional career that requires a great deal of training and certification along with annual continuing education requirements. A career as a wastewater professional is extremely satisfying knowing that what you do every day makes the difference in people’s lives by protecting people from preventable illnesses, and providing clean streams for fishing and swimming.

The City of Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility is a 50 million gallon per day (mgd) treatment works designed to treat a local mix of industrial wastewater from Organic Chemical and Pulp and Paper manufacturers. HRWTF currently treats about 27 mgd annually. Four industrial facilities in Hopewell produce 85 percent of the wastewater flow -- Honeywell, Inc., RockTenn Company, Ashland, Inc., and Virginia American Water Company. Other customers are residents of Hopewell and Prince George County, Fort Lee, and the nearby Federal Corrections Institute.



## The City of Hopewell Recognizes The Home Depot for Water Assistance During Emergency



The City of Hopewell, Virginia experienced a Citywide emergency the week of March second through the sixth 2015; and this said emergency caused a water shortage for the citizens of the City of Hopewell; and the City was in need of bottled water to meet the needs of its citizens during this emergency.

The employees of The Home Depot recognized the need, and responded immediately to the City with bottled water to be distributed to Hopewell citizens; and The Home Depot and its

employees provided this assistance to the City of Hopewell at no cost; and

The employees of The Home Depot further realized that the distribution of water would be a monumental task, and decided to stay and help distribute the water to the citizens of Hopewell; and the citizens of Hopewell received much needed assistance in a timely manner, in large part due to the effort and sacrifice of The Home Depot employees; and

Kim Evans, Linda Crenshaw, Chuck

Powers, Wayne Williams, and their manager James Johnson were all involved in this act of kindness and caring for the community. Mayor, Brenda S. Pelham, of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, extends her appreciation to James Johnson, Kim Evans, Chuck Powers, Wayne Williams, Linda Crenshaw and her daughter Cristal Crenshaw, and the Home Depot for their service to the Citizens of the City of Hopewell, and for helping to meet a critical need in a timely and generous fashion.

## LEO CLUB READERS

Joey McCaffrey, the Hopewell Lion's Club president, has worked with Hopewell High School teacher, Rachel Tew, to establish an extension of the club for students. The HHS Leo Club, which stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity, meets several times a month to discuss and plan ways they can serve our fair city. Recently, club members Kali Bergenholtz, Caleb Lee, Hunter Ward, and Victoria Rodriguez, visited Patrick Copeland Elementary School to spend a few



minutes reading aloud to members of several classrooms across multiple grade levels. Club members enjoyed reading almost as much as the students enjoyed listening! In fact, this was the second trip made to Patrick Copeland by the Leos, who not only read the first time around, but also donated over two dozen books to classroom libraries in two classrooms. Plans are already being made for additional Leo readers to visit the elementary school during the 2015-2016 school year.

*Submitted by Carol Shepherd, Patrick Copeland Elementary and Rachel Tew, Hopewell High School*





# The Hopewell High School Fine Arts Department Present the 4th Annual "Hopewell's Got Talent" Show

- Friday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hopewell High School Auditorium
- Trophies will be awarded for...
  - "The Best Performance – Hopewell Student"
  - "The Best Performance – Hopewell Community"
  - "The People's Choice Award"

**Who is eligible to audition?**

- Hopewell Public Schools Students
- Hopewell Public Schools Employees
- Hopewell Residents (proof of residency may be required)

**Audition Rules**

1. Acts performed for auditions must be the same act presented for the show.
2. Costuming must be appropriate and must be worn during audition.
3. Acts must be free of profanity and other offensive actions, move-

4. If you are performing with live music, all members of the group and instruments must be present when auditioning. A bass amp and acoustic piano will be provided for audition. Please bring your own keyboard.
5. Acts must be presented on designated audition days and times. Failure to be present when called will result in elimination.
6. The audition committee reserves the right to approve or disapprove any specific act according to the rules.
7. Only students in good standing will be allowed to perform.

**Audition Times**

- Tuesday, April 21st to Wednesday, April 22nd- 3:00 p.m.- 6:30 pm

**Application Deadline and Fee**

Applications are due at time of audition with a \$3.00 application fee.

**Special Performance by vocal group "Resound"**



**Applications are available in HHS Main Office, in Room 100 (Choir Room) or online at [www.hopewell.k12.va.us/HHS](http://www.hopewell.k12.va.us/HHS)**

- If mailing application, please mail postmarked no later than April 20th to:  
Hopewell High School,  
Attn: Mrs. Jennifer Allen  
400 S. Mesa Drive  
Hopewell, VA 23860

## Fort Lee aims to educate on Earth Day

FORT LEE, Va. –Fort Lee's Earth Day celebration will educate area elementary school students and the post community about environmental issues through exhibitors, displays, and fun activities Thursday.

WHAT: Earth Day Celebration

WHEN: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, April 23

WHERE: Post Field House, Fort Lee

One of the aims of the event is to increase the public's awareness of environmental issues, according to Tiffany Newman, an archaeologist and curator at the Fort Lee Archaeological Curation Facility. "It's important to learn to better sustain and take care of our surroundings so that we can continue to use our areas," she said. Fort Lee's Earth Day celebration will include multiple displays, exhibitors and activities that provide education, awareness and training that meet Virginia Standards of Learning and encourage environmental stewardship and heightened safety awareness. Several events will be featured throughout the day including wildlife shows, 392nd Army Band performances, flower planting, a recycling game, a tree and plant giveaway and more.





## GET READY.....CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS TO SIGN UP

### EARLY

FOR THE HOPEWELL-PRINCE GEORGE HEALTHY FAMILIES



### THIRD ANNUAL

*2 MILE 'WALK/RUN FOR BABIES' FUNDRAISER*

**APRIL 25, 2015**

Registration is open to save your spot in the 2015 walk.

Registration at 7:30 AM- Walk starts at 8:00 AM

Starting at Atwater Park, 100 Atwater Street

(Off River Rd. in Hopewell across from Crystal Lake Park)

**We challenge groups to participate. We also will have everyone start the walk at the same time this year.**

**The first person across the finish line will win a large Trophy**

Your contribution and active participation will help continue our efforts of preventing child abuse and promoting positive parenting practices.

For more information on how to be a sponsor or to participate in the walk, please contact:  
Bernetta Quinn, Program Director  
Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families  
200 W. Randolph Road, Hopewell, VA 23860  
(804) 458-9271 ext. 1

Please fill out the Registration Form and mail it to the address above  
Sponsored by: Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families

# Weston Plantation's Sounds of Summer Concerts on the Appomattox



**Sundays at 4:00 FREE**  
Bring lawn chairs, blankets,  
snacks or picnics

**ALL MANOR OF THINGS**

Gift shop open during concerts

Weston Plantation  
400 Weston Lane, Hopewell  
804-458-4682

Presented by Historic Hopewell  
Foundation

**6th ANNUAL SERIES**

May 3—Flashback

May 10— Koinonia Jazz

May 17—Copperhead

May 24—Ralph Jones Band

May 31—Chesterfield

Community Concert Band

June 7—Magnolia

June 14—Southern Tide



## Happenings at the Library

### Sit and Be Fit

Tuesdays, March 3 - May 26

This full-body workout is designed to be done from both a seated chair and a standing position. The Class will emphasize exercises to improve flexibility, muscle and bone strength circulation, and balance. It is fun and easy and suitable to people of all fitness abilities.



### Beekeeping @ the library

April 25 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Do you like honey? Have you always wondered about bees and the process of making honey. New to the world of beekeeping, or a seasoned beekeeper? Come listen to Mr. Radford talk about bees and beekeeping and you might get to see a small hive. Bees might start bussing in your head about starting your own hive soon. This will be a family program and children, teens and adults are most welcome.

### American Sign Language Class

Tue, April 28, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

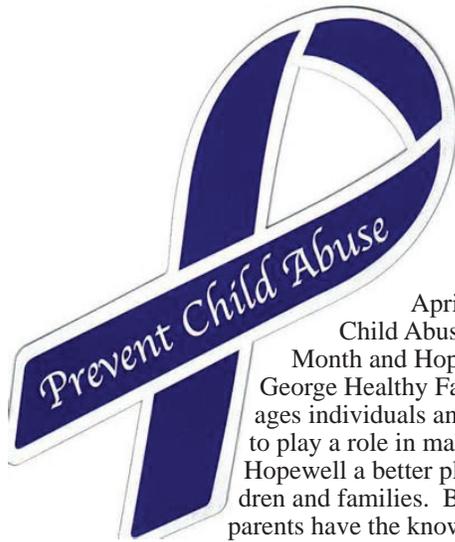
Appomattox Regional Library

245 East Cawson Street

Hopewell, VA 23860

Come learn beginning sign language for free at the Hopewell Library. Classes will be taught by Mr. Darnell Avery, a graduate of Gallaudet University in Deaf Education. The classes will be co taught by Ms. Connie Pierett, a Hearing Specialist for Hopewell Public Schools.





# April Marks National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families encourages individuals and organizations to play a role in making The City of Hopewell a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote children's social and emotional well-being and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities.

Research shows that when parents possess six protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth, and families are promoted. The six protective factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents

- Social and emotional developmental well-being

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to build and promote the protective factors, in every interaction with children and families is the best thing our community can do to prevent child maltreatment and promote optimal child development.

In support of these efforts Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families will be having a 2 mile walk in Hopewell, beginning at Atwater Park on Saturday, April 25, 2015 beginning at 8:00 AM to bring awareness. The following sponsors support "The Walk for Babies," they are John Randolph Foundation, Bill Gandel (Prince George Board of Supervisors), Marlene Waymack and New Directions. We look forward to your support and efforts to eradicate child abuse and neglect. Pinwheels for Prevention will be located throughout the City of Hopewell and Prince George County. Please support Healthy Families by purchasing your pinwheels for \$2.00 each. For more information contact Bernetta Quinn, Director at Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families, 200 W. Randolph Road, Hopewell, VA .

## SPRING SAFETY

Spring is here and it impacts how we go about our daily routines. Take a minute to "THINK AND BE SAFE". Three areas that are impacted by the change in weather are Driving, Spring Cleaning and Yard work.

**Spring Cleaning:** Everyday, we need to be careful when going about our household chores, but when you really start tearing the house apart and moving things around during spring cleaning, it is More important to keep safety in mind.

1. Do not rush because you are tired or in a hurry.
2. Be careful moving large pieces of furniture and appliances.
3. Be safe while on ladders and step stools.
4. Be careful when walking on wet surfaces.
5. Keep stairs, landings, and walkways clear of boxes, bags and other clutter.

6. Don't carry too much stuff at once, especially on stairs.

7. Always follow cleaning product label safety instructions and recommendations.

8. Wear a mask when cleaning dusty areas.

9. Do not leave buckets filled with water around your home.

10. Put away all your cleaning supplies when you are done.

**Yard Work:** Enjoy the outdoors but be Safe

1. Before you do any "hands on" weed removal, be sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak and similar toxic plants. Find out ahead of time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce the irritation.

2. Before you do any "hands on" weed removal, be sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak and similar toxic plants. Find out ahead of

time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce the irritation.

3. Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers.

Rake before you mow to prevent any stones and loose debris from launching into the air.

4. Never operate a mower in your bare feet, avoid wearing loose clothing, and never start a mower indoors.

5. When Refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine - and DON'T SMOKE while pouring gasoline

6. When Refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine - and DON'T SMOKE while pouring gasoline

7. When pruning trees, be careful not to let metal ladders or trimmers contact overhead wires.



# Learn to Be Prepared for Disasters

## Saturday June 13, 2015

Locations throughout Central VA  
Sign Up at [www.SurvivorDay.com](http://www.SurvivorDay.com)  
or dial 2-1-1

Check in starts  
at 8 am  
Class runs from  
9 to noon



## FREE Survivor Kit

One per household  
(Must complete training)



Individuals with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations should contact Kathy Robins, Senior Planner, at the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission at 804-323-2033 or by email at [krobins@richmondregional.org](mailto:krobins@richmondregional.org) at least 10 business days prior to the event. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

### Charles City

Government Center Building  
10900 Courthouse Rd  
Charles City VA 23030

### Essex

County Admin Bldg  
202 South Church Lane  
Tappahannock VA 22560

### Henrico

Henrico County  
Training Center  
7701 E. Parham Rd  
Henrico VA 23294

### Powhatan

Powhatan Village Building  
3910 Old Buckingham Rd  
Powhatan VA 23139

### Chesterfield

Eanes-Pittman Public Safety  
Training Center  
6610 Public Safety Way  
Chesterfield VA 23832

### Goochland

Fire-Rescue Station #5  
2710 Fairgrounds Rd  
Goochland VA 23063

### Hopewell

Hopewell City Hall - Council  
Chambers  
300 North Main St  
Hopewell VA 23860

### Prince George

J.E.J. Moore Middle School  
11455 Prince George Drive  
Disputanta VA 23842

### Colonial Heights

Colonial Heights  
Technical Center  
3451 Conduit Rd  
Colonial Heights VA 23834

### Hanover

County Board Room  
7516 County Complex Rd  
Hanover VA 23069

### New Kent

New Kent High School  
7365 Egypt Rd  
New Kent VA 23124

### Richmond

Main Library  
101 E. Franklin St  
Richmond VA 23219



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## Virginia American Water Schedules Annual Flushing and Treatment Change for Hopewell, Fort Lee and Four Prince George County Subdivisions

HOPEWELL, VA. – Virginia American Water said today hydrant flushing will begin in the City of Hopewell next week on April 27 as part of its annual maintenance program. In addition, the company will conduct flushing in the Prince George County subdivisions of Birchett Estates, Cedar Creek, Cedar Creek West and Stratford Woods starting June 22, and at Fort Lee starting July 1. The company's annual maintenance program helps improve water service by flushing, or cleaning, mineral deposits and sediment from water mains.

The work, which will be performed Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., will take approximately eight weeks in Hopewell, one week in Prince George County and two weeks at Fort Lee. During the flushing work, crews will open the fire hydrants and allow them to flow freely for a short period of time. The annual flushing program is being performed in conjunction with a routine change in the form of chlorine used in the water treatment process, which began last week.

Because of the treatment process change, customers will likely notice a stronger chlorine taste and odor in their drinking water. Customers who are especially sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine should keep an open container of drink-

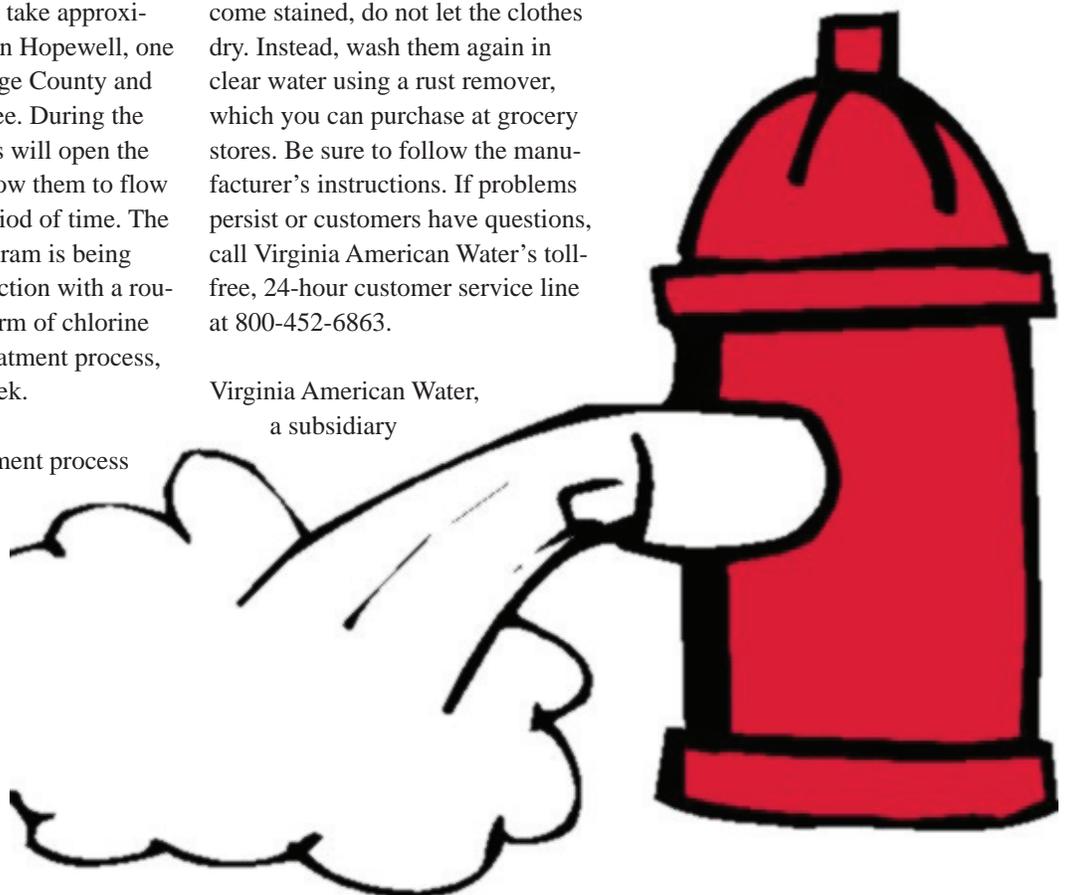
ing water in their refrigerators. This will enable the chlorine to dissipate, reducing the chlorine taste.

No interruptions in water service will occur as a result of the work. Virginia American Water advises that when crews are flushing nearby, customers might experience a drop in water pressure or some discoloration of their water.

If water is discolored, customers should let the cold water run to clear before using it again and refrain from doing laundry during that time. Before doing laundry, check for discolored water. If you have already started the laundry and clothes become stained, do not let the clothes dry. Instead, wash them again in clear water using a rust remover, which you can purchase at grocery stores. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. If problems persist or customers have questions, call Virginia American Water's toll-free, 24-hour customer service line at 800-452-6863.

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