



# City E-Currents

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## Mayor's Corner



Brenda S. Pelham

To the citizens of Hopewell, I bring you greetings from the Mayor's office. I want to acknowledge and thank all of our local staff and emergency personnel who either worked over past few days preparing for an emergency or who was on call during Hurricane Joaquin and the recent severe weather event. You are our local first responders in an emergency and I cannot say enough about you, your mission and being ready and prepared for any emergency. Thank you and keep up the great work!

I want to acknowledge Mark Haley, City Manager, Charlie Dane, Assistant City Manager for their leadership role in the movie "Imperium" and film star Daniel Radcliffe of "Harry Potter and the Virginia Film Office."

I also want to thank all of our citizens, business owners and others for being patient during street closures, barricades and detours during filming throughout the City. Congratulations to those fortunate enough to be called as an extra in the movie production. I'm sure it was a once in a lifetime experience. This movie will be a big boost to the City's economy.

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## Holiday Closings

Veterans Day is observed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. All federal, state and local government offices will be closed in honor of our veterans.

The Thanksgiving Holiday will be celebrated on Thursday, November 26, 2015. However, in honor of this Holiday, all federal, state and local government offices will close Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 12:00 Noon and stay closed all day Thursday, November 26th and all day Friday, November 26, 2015.

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I want to say a few words regarding Halloween, it is an exciting time of the year especially for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are a few safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind
- Trick-or-Treaters.
- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.

- Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Carry a cellphone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

## What's New? New City Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance No. 2015-26

Sec. 22-99. Parking inoperable motor vehicle more than forty-eight hours.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or cause to be left any inoperable motor vehicle for more than 48 hours in any public street or city-owned parking lot. As used in this section, "inoperable motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is not in operating condition; or does not display a valid license plate or an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days. If the person fails to remove or cause to be removed the vehicle within 24 hours after any police officer notifies or attempts to notify the person to do so, the vehicle shall be deemed abandoned. Notice pursuant to this subsection shall first be attempted in person to the owner of the vehicle. After giving or attempting to give in-person notice, the officer shall post in a conspicuous place on the vehicle a decal (1) indicating that the vehicle is in violation of this section 22-99 and (2) stating that failure to comply with this section may result in the removal and disposal of the vehicle, at its owner's expense. After 24 hours of posting the notice:

- (1) The city or its agent may remove the vehicle;
- (2) In the event the city or its agent removes the vehicle, the city or its agent may dispose of the vehicle after giving additional notice, of disposal of the vehicle, to the vehicle's owner

of record;

(3) The cost of removal and disposal shall be chargeable to the owner of the vehicle and may be collected by the city as taxes and levies are collected.

(b) When the city or its agent removes a vehicle under this section, the city or its agent shall, within 10 business days, by registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, notify the owner of record of the vehicle and all persons of record having security interests in the vehicle, that it has been removed. The notice shall (1) state the year, make, model, and serial number of the vehicle; (2) set forth the location of the facility where it is being held; (3) inform the owner and any persons of record having security interests of their right to reclaim it within 10 days after the date of the notice, after payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges, resulting from removing the vehicle; and (4) state that the failure of the owner or persons of record having security interests to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided shall constitute (a) a waiver of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle, and (b) consent to the sale of the vehicle.

(c) If records of the department of motor vehicles contain no address for the owner or no address of any person shown by the department's records to have a security interest, or if the identity and addresses of the owner and any persons having security interests cannot be determined with reasonable

certainty, notice by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the vehicle was abandoned shall be sufficient to meet all requirements of notice pursuant to this section. Notice by publication may contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles. Notice by publication shall be within the time, and shall have the same contents, required by this section for notice by mail.

(d) If a vehicle is not reclaimed as provided above, the city or its agent shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Virginia Code § 46.2-617 (Sale of vehicle without certificate of title), sell it or cause it to be sold. The purchaser of the vehicle shall take title free of all liens and claims of ownership of others, shall receive a sales receipt, and shall be entitled to apply to and receive from the department of motor vehicles a certificate of title and registration card for the vehicle. The sales receipt shall be sufficient title only for purposes of transferring the vehicle to a third party for demolition, wrecking, or dismantling, and in that case no further titling of the vehicle shall be necessary. From the proceeds of the sale, the city or its agent shall reimburse itself for the expenses of the sale, the cost of towing, preserving, and storing the vehicle which resulted from removing the vehicle, and all notice and publication costs incurred pursuant to this section. Any remainder from the proceeds of a sale shall be held for the owner of the vehicle or any person having a security inter-

est in it, for 90 days, and then be deposited with the treasurer of, and become the property of, the city.

Sec. 25-54. Open storage of inoperable motor vehicles in residential or commercial districts. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to keep, except within a fully-enclosed building or structure, or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential or commercial purposes any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, as such are defined Virginia Code § 46.2-100, which is inoperable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a property owner may keep up to two inoperable motor vehicles outside of a fully-enclosed building or structure, provided that each vehicle is shielded or screened from view, as such terms are defined below. This section 25-54 shall not apply to a licensed business regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer, auto repair shop, service station, or scrap processor.

(1) As used in this section, "inoperable motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is not in operating condition; or does not display a valid license plate or an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days.

(2) As used in this section, "shielded or screened from view" means not visible by



Chief John Keohane, Police Chief, City of Hopewell and Laura Baxley, Police Officer. Officer Baxley was recently sworn in as a new Police Officer, City of Hopewell



The Hopewell Bureau of Fire and John Randolph Medical Center raised \$18,978 in support of Muscular Dystrophy.

### 2015 Neighborhood Community Walk



Councilor Jasmine Gore, Ward 4, Mark Haley, City Manager and other City officials participates in a September 2015 Neighborhood Community Walk



Councilor's Gore Neighborhood Walk

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someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located. Placing an inoperable motor vehicle within an area completely enclosed by either a solid, rigid, opaque fence composed of standard fencing materials or a landscaped arrangement of non-deciduous trees, sufficient in height, spacing, density, and circumference to ensure precluding visibility of the vehicle by someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the vehicle is located shall constitute shielding or screening from view the inoperable vehicle in compliance with the requirements of this section. The placing, draping, or securing of a tarpaulin or other non-rigid cover over or around an inoperable motor vehicle shall not be sufficient to comply with the requirements of this section.

(b) It is further provided that:

(1) The owners of property zoned for residential or commercial purposes shall within 10 days of notice from the city or its agent, remove therefrom any inoperable motor vehicles that are not kept within a fully-enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view;

(2) Notice pursuant to this subsection shall first be attempted in person to the owner of the premises upon which the vehicle is located and, if different, to the owner of the vehicle. After giving or attempting to give in-person notice, the city or its agent shall post in a conspicuous place on the vehicle and in a conspicuous place elsewhere on the premises a decal (a) indicating that the vehicle is in violation of this section 25-54, (b) reasonably describing the vehicle, and (c) stating that failure to comply with the requirements of this section may result in the removal and disposal of the vehicle, at the expense of the owner of the vehicle and, if different, the owner of the premises;

(3) The city or its agent may remove inoperable motor vehicles, whenever the owner of the premises or of the vehicle, after the above notice, has failed to remove or cause to be removed any such vehicle;

(4) In the event the city or its agent removes an inoperable motor vehicle after notice of removal as set forth above, the city or its agent may dispose of the vehicle after giving additional notice to the owner of the premises upon which the vehicle was located and, if different, the owner of record of the vehicle, through registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, no more than 10 business days after the removal of the vehicle. The notice shall (a) describe the year, make, model, and serial number of the vehicle, (b) set forth the location of

the facility where the vehicle is being held, (c) inform the owner of the owner's right to reclaim the vehicle within 10 days after the date of such notice upon payment of the cost of removal, (d) state that the failure of the owner to exercise the owner's right to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided may result in its disposal, and (e) state that the owner of the vehicle and, if different, the owner of the premises, may be liable for the cost of removal and disposal of the vehicle;

(5) Whenever any inoperable motor vehicle is not reclaimed by its owner by payment of the cost of removal within the time specified in the above-described notice, the vehicle may be disposed of;

(6) If an inoperable motor vehicle is not reclaimed as provided above, the city or its agent shall sell the vehicle or cause it to be sold. From the proceeds of the sale, the city or its agent shall reimburse itself for the expenses of sale, and the cost of towing, preserving, and storing which resulted from removing the vehicle. Any remainder from the sale proceeds shall be held for the owner of the vehicle or any persons having security interests in it, for 90 days, and then be deposited with the treasurer of, and become property of, the city;

(7) The cost of any such removal and disposal shall be chargeable to the owner of the vehicle and, if different, of the premises from which the vehicle was removed, and may be collected by the city as taxes and levies are collected; and

(8) Every cost authorized by this section with which the owner of the premises from which the vehicle was removed shall have been assessed shall constitute a lien against the real property, which lien shall continue until actual payment of such cost shall have been made to the city. (c) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this section may be issued a summons and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a civil penalty not exceeding \$200.00 for the first violation and \$500.00 for additional violations. Each day that a violation of this section continues shall be a separate offense. The total amount of the civil penalties and the frequency of the offenses shall not, however, exceed the limitations set forth in Virginia Code § 15.2-2209 (Civil penalties for violations of zoning ordinance).

(d) In the event that three civil penalties are imposed on the same defendant for the same or similar violation, not arising from the same sets of operative facts, within a 24-month period, each subsequent violation shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor. This ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the date of its adoption by the City Council.



## FALL - CLEAN UP

**SAT., OCT. 17, 2015 - SAT., OCT. 24**

It's that time of year again for Hopewell, "Fall Clean-Up Week"! Keep Hopewell Beautiful has scheduled Fall Citywide Clean-up Week from Saturday, October 17 to Saturday, October 24, 2014. Hours of operation during "Fall Clean-Up Week" at the Citizen Convenience Center are 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to participate in this effort by cleaning up around their homes and along their streets. During this week, Hopewell residents may dispose of trash (these are not the items normally placed in a toter on a weekly basis) at no charge at the Citizen Convenience Center located behind Fire Station #1 at 200 South Hopewell Street (near the Department of Public Works). There will be the usual \$10.25 fee for the removal of Freon to dispose of appliances. The following items will not be accepted: concrete, masonry, garbage (items normally placed in toters), paint of any kind, batteries, automobile motors, and hazardous waste materials. Tires are limited to four (4) per person, and they must be separated from the rim. Firestone Tire located in the Cavalier Square Shopping Center will accept tires and batteries during Fall Clean-Up Week. Help make your neighborhood and City beautiful. "Fall Clean-Up" activities apply to Hopewell residents only.

For additional information contact:  
 Department of Neighborhood Assistance &  
 Planning  
 300 North Main Street, Suite 300  
 Hopewell, VA 23860  
 (804) 541-2220

Register your clean up event on the Keep Hopewell Beautiful Facebook Page. Take pictures of the event and upload.

## City of Hopewell to celebrate 100th Year Anniversary

The City of Hopewell recently formed the 100th Year Anniversary Committee. The purpose of the committee is to commemorate and celebrate the 100th Year Anniversary (Birthday) of the City of Hopewell. The City was incorporated on July 1, 1916.

Our mission is to develop and hold various events and activities beginning early next year to achieve goals and objectives determined by the committee. Therefore, an alarm is going out to individuals, businesses, social and civic clubs, faith-based organizations, and other community leaders, asking them to serve on this important committee.

Out of the full committee, several subcommittees were formed. They are as follows: (1) Historical, Lunch and Lecture Committee (2) Events & Celebration Committee (3) Hall of Fame Committee or Recognition Committee (4) Communication, Promotions, Marketing and Sponsorship Committee and (5) Budget Committee.

John Randolph Medical Center recently celebrated its 100th year anniversary and passed the torch to the City of Hopewell. Fort Lee Military Installation will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 2017, the City of Hopewell will pass its torch to Fort Lee.

If you are interested in serving on the committee or becoming a sponsor, please contact Mr. Bragg, Director, Intergovernmental & Public Affairs at (804) 541-2270 or via email at [info@hopewellva.gov](mailto:info@hopewellva.gov)

## Hopewell Police to Begin Body Camera Program

Hopewell Police Department has started to issue body-worn cameras to its officers. The department recently purchased 67 TASER AXON body cameras; enough for every officer. The program should be fully implemented by October 1, 2015. Axon cameras have proven to enhance public trust, protect officers from false claims, improve civilian behavior, decrease litigation, and make communities safer.



TASER's AXON cameras are small, yet highly visible, and can be attached securely to the officer's uniform shirt. The video automatically uploads via a docking station to EVIDENCE.com, a cloud-based storage and management system, where it can be easily accessed for review. EVIDENCE.com automates the upload process to ensure security and integrity while keeping officers in the field rather than sitting at computers.

"We developed this program with accountability as a priority. Equipping our officers with body cameras demonstrates our continuing commitment to earn the public's trust," said Chief John Keohane.

# The City of Hopewell Commits to End Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015

August 2015, the City of Hopewell joined First Lady Michelle Obama in committing to end veteran homelessness in Hopewell by the end of 2015. With today's announcement of the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, Hopewell joins a growing number of communities across the country making the pledge.

The City of Hopewell will work with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), and the National League of Cities to leverage federal resources and develop a local strategy to make sure every veteran in the community has access to stable housing and the supportive services

they need to stay off the street. As of 2014 a number of city departments and community organizations have made strides to eliminate homeless in its entirety throughout the City of Hopewell. Department Heads and senior staff from Police, Recreation and Parks, Neighborhood Assistance and Planning, Social Services, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Sheriff's Dept., as well as the Assistant City Manager, Appomattox Library Director and School Superintendent have been collaborating with representatives from the faith based community such as OC3 and a number of nonprofit service organizations have come together to provide solutions to end homelessness within the City of

Hopewell.

Since 2010, when the federal government launched Opening Doors, a strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, there has been a 33 percent reduction in homelessness among veterans. This reduction has been achieved through a partnership between the Obama Administration, local governments, non-profits, and the private sector – making the elimination of veteran homelessness an achievable goal.

To learn more about the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, visit [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/veteran\\_information/mayors\\_challenge/](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/veteran_information/mayors_challenge/).



## City of Hopewell LEAF DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Department of Public Works • 300 N. Main Street • Hopewell, Virginia 23860 • Tel: (804) 541-2294

The City of Hopewell provides residents the following leaf disposal options:

**Leaf Vacuuming** – City crews will collect leaves from the residence side of drainage ditches and curbs that are accessible to collection vehicles. A nominal collection fee is charged.

(1) Residents may use leaf collection services up to three times each year during the months of November, December, and January.

(2) Service charges are:

	Seniors (62 and over) or Handicapped	Other Residents
1 <sup>st</sup> Pickup	No cost	\$10.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pickups	\$5.25	\$20.50

(3) Call 541-2294 to schedule a pickup. Payments must be received before service is provided. Payments can be made at either:

Office Location	Mailing Address
103 S. Hopewell Street Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Department of Public Works Attention: Leaf Collection Program 300 N. Main Street Hopewell, VA 23860
When paying by mail please include name, address, day time telephone number, documents showing age or handicap status, if appropriate, and the appropriate service fee. <b>Do not send cash.</b> Customers will be contacted to schedule a pickup date. Receipts showing the pickup date will be returned by mail.	

(4) Senior's and handicapped individuals who previously registered for Leaf Vacuuming services should call 541-2294 to schedule appointments. All others will need to provide documentation of age or handicap when scheduling appointments.

(5) Leaves must be adjacent to the street and accessible to City crews. They may not be placed inside fences, ditch lines, gutters, unopened or unserviceable, alleys, or in the street. Do not mix limbs and other debris with leaves. Violators may be cited.

(6) Leaf vacuuming appointments should be scheduled before leaves are raked to minimize scattering potential.

(7) Five service areas have been established to provide equitable coverage throughout the city.

Residential Refuse Collection - Container First Services will pickup bagged leaves as part of normal refuse collection services. Bags must be strong enough to contain the contents without spilling when handled by refuse collection workers.

The total number of bags disposed of each week may not exceed a normal pickup truck load. (8' x 4' x 4') There is no additional charge for this service.

Citizen's Convenience Center – Residents may dispose of leaves and other yard waste at no cost. Operating hours are 12:30 to 3:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 8:00 to 4:30 on Saturdays.

## The British Were Here

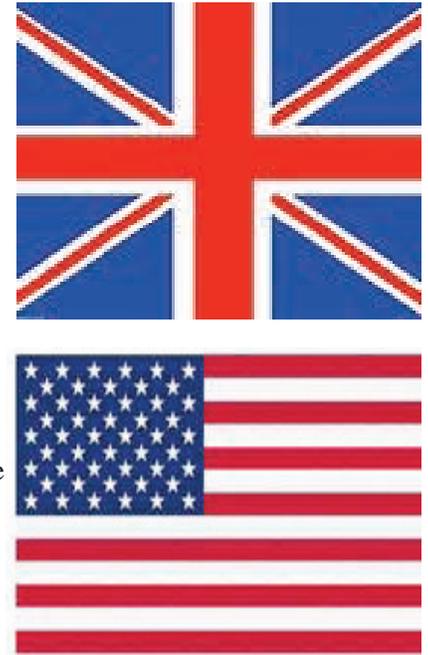
### *A Twinned Sister City*

A delegation from Ashford Kent, United Kingdom, the Friends of Hopewell arrived in the City of Hopewell on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 and will depart on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. This is the 21st year of British exchange program with the Hopewell Twinning Association. A small delegation of eight families will be staying with Hopewell families who serve as sponsors during their stay. The families are part of the Hopewell Twinning Agreement between the cities of Hopewell, Virginia, U.S.A., and Ashford Kent, U.K. which was officially signed on August 26, 1999.

The Mayors of both cities pledged to fortify the relationship between the two communities and endorse a global alliance, accord and appreciation. A delegation from Hopewell will visit Ashford next year.

The purpose of the twinning relationship is to promote international friendship, cultural exchanges, historical, music, harmony and understanding. Ashford is located on the Great Stour River about 60 miles south of central London, Ashford has a population of 74,000. Like Hopewell, the British town has a manufacturing base which includes chemicals, cosmetics, fertilizers, glass fibers, rubber, foam products and plastic pipes.

Ashford is also the birth place of Captain Francis Eppes, a founding father of Hopewell. Receiving a land grant from the King of England in 1635, Eppes and his family immigrated to the New World and established Appomattox Plantation at the confluences of the James and Appomattox Rivers in Virginia. Ken Emerson, current president of the Hopewell Twinning Association, has been a member since 2008. He describes his involvement as a very enjoyable relationship with the members of "Friends of Hopewell," the Ashford Twinning Association.



## City of Hopewell Awarded Medals Recognizing Achievements in Addressing Childhood Obesity through Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties

The National League of Cities (NLC) recognized the City of Hopewell in concert with Hopewell public schools for recent completion of key health and wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC). LMCTC is a major component of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive Let's Move! initiative, which is dedicated to solving the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation. LMCTC calls upon local elected officials to adopt sustainable and holistic policies that improve communities' access to healthy affordable food and opportunities for physical activity through five goal areas.

"We congratulate and commend the City of Hopewell for your efforts to improve the health of your community's children and families," said NLC President Chris Coleman, mayor of Saint Paul, Minn. "Through the leadership and dedication of local elected officials in cities, towns and counties across the country, we are beginning to see a measurable decrease in obesity rates and a cultural shift towards health."

Three medals were awarded to the City of Hopewell for action taken to improve access to healthy affordable food and increase opportunities for physical activity. These medals were awarded because of the City of Hopewell's achievements in:

Goal I: Start Early, Start Smart, for having an active inter-agency collaboration on early care and education programs.

Goal III: Smart Servings for Students, for having at least 60% of public schools participating in the School Breakfast Program.

Goal IV: Model Food Service, for identifying all food vendors and contractors for municipally- or county-owned or operated venues that serve food, along with the dates when their contracts can be amended or renegotiated.

NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans and the City of Hopewell was recognized out of these 19,000.

## LEGACY BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE EXTENDED

The City of Hopewell's Economic Development Authority (EDA) while working diligently to bring new businesses to Hopewell, is also focusing on and ensuring opportunities for existing businesses in the City.

Debbie Randolph, Chair of the EDA stated, "The EDA is committed to helping our existing businesses with their continued success. Through our business retention efforts, we are proud to implement City Council's idea for a matching grant improvement program. It is with great pleasure that the EDA in conjunction

with City staff, started the Legacy Business Grant Program."

This new Legacy Business Grant Program launched in September. It is a matching grant program designed to provide assistance to businesses that have been in operation for at least 5 years within the City of Hopewell and that need help to make physical improvements to their building.

Applications and guidelines for this program can be obtained from the City's Neighborhood Assistance and

Planning (Development) Department on the 3rd floor in City Hall or downloaded from the City website at [www.hopewellva.gov](http://www.hopewellva.gov)

Applications deadline has been extended until October 15, 2015. Awards will be made on November 15, 2015.

For more information visit the Department of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning on the 3rd floor of City Hall, or call the office at (804) 541-2220.

### Legacy Business Grant Program (LBGP) Guidelines

#### Introduction:

In the interest of furthering the economic prosperity of our City and our business owners, the Hopewell City Council would like to test a commercial business grant program aimed at improving the business property (or building). City Council has appropriated a total of \$20,000 for this pilot program.

#### Who is Eligible:

1. Any business located in one of the designated Business Zones (B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4)
2. The business must have been in operation for a minimum of one (1) year from the time applications are submitted.
3. Business owner does not have to own the property or the building the business is run from. If property is being rented the business owner is required to have written approval from the property owner submitted with the grant application.
4. Business defined as retail (e.g. grocery store, discount store, furniture store, auto parts, restaurant, etc.) or service (accountant, attorney, banking, transportation, etc.).

#### General Program Guidelines:

1. This is a competitive grant process. Applications will be reviewed, and selections made by, the CBGP Committee that will consist of 1 Staff member, 2 local business people, 1 Chamber of Commerce member, 1 EDA Committee member, and the City Attorney.
2. Application must come from the business owner, but the applicant may either own or rent the property where the business is located. If renting the property, landlord approval must be granted.
3. Proposals will be rated for their ability to improve economic development for the City. Funds will be allocated toward ideas that meet the grant criteria until the annual fund limit is met.
4. Requests must be no less than \$500 and not exceed \$10,000.
5. The business must pre-pay the expense and receive reimbursement upon completion of the awarded grant amount work, certification of work completion by staff, and receiving documentation proving payment made for supplies and/or labor.
6. The applicant must meet or have a plan to meet minimum building and Life Safety Codes.

7. All Hopewell City taxes (Machine and Tool tax, Personal Property tax, etc.) must be current.
8. No funds will be provided to government owned properties, to tenants in government owned properties, or non-profit organizations.
9. An applicant must gain all applicable building and trade permits before commencing work. These permits can be obtained in Room 321 (3rd floor) of the Municipal Building located at 300 North Main Street.
10. Any work requiring a building permit or other trade permit such as plumbing or electrical must be completed by a licensed contractor.
11. The applicant can complete work that does not require a building permit, such as painting. The grant will cover the cost of materials but not labor.
12. Work must be completed within twelve (12) months from notification of selection. Upon review and approval by the CBGP Committee, the business will receive reimbursement at the approved grant amount.

#### Program Design Parameters:

1. Improvement is defined as "permanent". The improvement should stay with the structure that is located in the City. Examples given, but not limited to, air ventilation system (HVAC & Cooking), lighting, booths affixed to the floor, flooring, painting, windows, counters, walls (or repair of walls), etc. Small list of fixes excluded, but not limited to, tables, chairs, removable floor covering, landscaping, and signage.
2. Improvements can be for either inside or outside.

#### Program Application Requirements:

Grant application must include all of the following documentation.

1. Completed program application form.
2. Abbreviated business plan which should include:
  - a. Narrative description of the business.
  - b. Evidence of business insurance.
  - c. Narrative description of how the requested improvements will aid in improving business for the applicant's company.
3. Narrative description of improvements that will be performed if grant is awarded.

# Convocation 2015

On Monday, August 24, 2015 Hopewell City Schools kicked off the new year with a wonderfully inspiring Convocation ceremony. Held in the auditorium of Hopewell High School, a “sea” of employees wearing red, white and blue were initially greeted at the front doors by a fabulous Drum Line from members of the HHS band. Upon entering the building, beautifully decorated throughout in a patriotic theme, employees were given a PRIDE lapel pin, a PRIDE bracelet and a small American flag with the theme “P.R.I.D.E (Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence)-Let it Start in ME!” inscribed. HHS Cheerleaders escorted individuals and groups of employees into the auditorium and to their school/department special seating.

HCPS was very grateful to host a number of special invited guests to this important event. Attendees included: a Virginia Senator, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor of Hopewell, Several City Council members, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Clerk, Commonwealth Attorney, Director of Recreation and Parks, the Executive Director of the John Randolph Foun-



ation, the Director of Social Services, the City Finance Director, and a host of additional invested community partners. With over 700 individuals in attendance, the event proved to accomplish its four goals: 1. Create an environment of pride as Americans, Virginians and Hopewell community members dedicated to making a difference in our school system; 2. Inspire a collective investment in the well being of ALL of our children; 3. Build upon our individual power of one to “start a movement” to become courageous leaders and “lone nut first followers” of our important work; and 4. Let our “movement” start in each and every one of us!

The program highlights included a spectacular rendition of The National

Anthem by Director of Finance, Mrs. Monique Barnes; Remarks from our School Board Chair, Assistant Superintendent, Mayor, Teacher of the Year and our Interim Superintendent. Patriotic music selections were performed by a Mass Student Chorus and a newly formed Staff Chorale, and the unveiling of our recently produced PRIDE video was shared with all attendees. The program concluded with all singing “God Bless America” AND group line dancing in the gymnasium symbolizing our commitment to STARTING A MOVEMENT in Hopewell City Schools! After enjoying a delicious, catered lunch for all attendees, employees were released to return to work for the afternoon. A wonderful way to begin our year together!



Hopewell City Public Schools is pleased to announce that through a partnership with John Tyler Community College, Hopewell High School is participating in the Tyler

Early College Academy. The Tyler Early College Academy is open to rising 9th graders and will allow students to earn dual enrollment credits towards an Associate’s Degree

while taking high school credit courses at the same time. Hopewell has 44 freshmen enrolled in the program for the 2015-2016 school year.

# Meet and Greet - Byron Davis



On August 19, 2015, Patrick Copeland Elementary School held a "Meet and Greet" to introduce its new Principal, Mr. Bryon Davis.

Mr. Davis is a graduate of James Madison University where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in

Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies, with a minor in Primary Education. His graduate coursework, from Virginia Commonwealth University, culminated with a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership.

Mr. Davis began his career

in education as an elementary classroom teacher with Fairfax County, where he taught for six years. From there, he moved to Henrico County where he worked in the capacity of Math Coach. Most recently, Mr. Davis has been serving as an elementary assistant principal for the Isle of Wight Public Schools.

While in Isle of Wight, Mr. Davis was nominated for the division's Instructional Leadership Award. Mr. Davis was noted as being an excellent communicator who goes above and beyond to guide teachers through challenging situations by providing professional development opportunities.

Mr. Davis, his wife and two young children have recently moved to the area. We are very excited to have him join our Leadership Team.

## School Supplies for Hopewell City Public Schools

On the evening of August 25, 2015, Hopewell City Public Schools received a large donation of school supplies from area churches for our elementary schools. The combined donation of school supplies is estimated at approximately \$5,235. Cindy Partin, Nancy Stafford and Johnny Partin, members of the Family of God Church in Chesterfield County, headed the supply drive. Other participating churches included Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield, West Hopewell Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Hopewell,

Charity Korean American Baptist Church of Hopewell, First Christian Church of Hopewell and Liberty Baptist Church of Hopewell.

In addition to the donations received from the area churches, Hopewell City Public Schools also received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from The John Randolph Foundation and school supplies from the following organizations: Tri Cities Outreach Men's Ministries at Fort Lee, The Woman's Club of Hopewell, ACF Environmental of Richmond, First United Methodist Church, and Sam's Club in Colonial

Heights and in Newport News.

On behalf of the parents, students and staff, Hopewell City Public Schools thanks these organizations for their generous contributions and support. These churches and organizations are commended for their interest in and concern for our schools and students. The cooperative, self-sacrificing efforts of the churches, in conjunction with the business community who also contributed school supplies, brings school personnel, members of the community and businesses together for a common purpose.

## Hopewell City Public School welcomes sixty-one new teachers

Hopewell City Public School staff rallied together to welcome sixty-one new teachers to Hopewell City Public Schools during the week of August 17-20. New teachers were trained through presentations including updates from curriculum, student services, English as a Second Language, accountability, energy management, technology, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) of Virginia. New teachers were introduced to the city with a two hour bus tour of the community. In addition, the division's Skills for Effective Teaching coaches conducted a day-long training on effective teaching strategies and classroom management. Through the generous donations of two community organizations, the Hopewell Retired Teachers Association and the Opti-Mrs. Club, a New Teacher Shower/ Ice Cream Social was held where all teachers were allowed to select numerous items to assist with preparing their classrooms. In as much as this week is a kick off to the new year, teachers will continue to receive support from a multi layered division support system throughout the year.



# Hopewell Recreation and Parks Plans Special Events

## Please save the dates for these exciting, family-friendly opportunities this fall!

### CITY POINT 5K

The City Point 5K attracts participants from all across central Virginia and beyond! In its 19th year, the race will continue to provide runners, walkers and joggers with breathtaking views of the Appomattox River on a course that travels through downtown Hopewell and historic City Point. This year's event features a new start/finish location on City Point Road in front of the Hopewell Community Center. The race route has been slightly modified from previous years but still offers a flat, out-and-back course that is easy to navigate. Along the route, participants will see notable sites such as the Ashford Civic Plaza, the Beacon Theatre, Union Fort, Appomattox Manor, St. Dennis Chapel, and much more! A variety of entertainment and several water stations will be positioned along the course.

Each competitor's time will be tracked via chip timing. Medals and prizes will be awarded immediately following the conclusion of the race.

Saturday, October 31.

Check-in: 7-9:30 a.m.

Hopewell Community Center gymnasium.

Race start: 10 a.m.

Adults (18+): \$20

Kids (17-): Free

Online Registration

Register in person at the Hopewell Community Center.

Registration Form 2015 City Point 5K

### KIDS FUN RUN

This year's race is being presented by the John Randolph Foundation and will take place prior to the City Point 5K. The Kids Fun Run encourages children ages 6-11 to compete in a one-mile race as the final leg of a training program that promotes running as a means for staying healthy and active. Registration will be handled through the physical education department of local elementary schools. If your child's school is not participating, please register the morning of the event.

Saturday, October 31.

Check-in: 7-8:30 a.m.

Race start: 9 a.m.

Free.

Participants should check-in with their PE teachers at the Hopewell Community Center gymnasium the morning of the race.

### HOPEWELL HEAL FEST

The Hopewell HEAL Fest is a special event focusing on a variety of activities and resources that promote Healthy Eating and Active Living. A variety of physical activities will be available in and around the Hopewell Community Center. Demonstrations will include fitness programs, sports, and much more! There will also be resources promoting a variety of different healthy foods and healthy eating information. Participants will be required to complete a liability waiver before taking part in some of the physical activities. Liability waivers must be completed by a parent/guardian for children ages 17 and under.

### HOPEWELL HEAL FEST continued

Saturday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hopewell Community Center.

Free and open to the public.

Interested vendors should contact Serita Jennings at (804) 541-2353 or at [sjennings@hopewellva.gov](mailto:sjennings@hopewellva.gov).

### HOPEWELL HAUNTS AT CRYSTAL LAKE

Friday, October 30, 6-8:30 p.m.

Crystal Lake Park.

The event will feature a haunted trail, haunted hayride, costume contest, music, concessions, games, and plenty of tricks and treats! Free and open to the public.

### HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hopewell City Marina.

Join us at the marina for holiday fun on the water! Primary viewing location is the Hopewell City Marina where participants can enjoy holiday tunes, hear parade announcements, purchase concessions or just stay warm by the fire. Free and open to the public.

### LIGHT UP THE NIGHT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 6, 4-8 p.m.

Ashford Civic Plaza and Downtown Hopewell.

The Hopewell Jaycees, Hopewell Downtown Partnership, The Beacon Theatre, and Hopewell Public Schools have teamed up again with Recreation and Parks to truly Light Up the Night! The annual Christmas parade will begin at 4 p.m. at Cavalier Square shopping center and make its way downtown to the Ashford Civic Plaza. Primary viewing locations are the Ashford Civic Plaza and the Hopewell Community Center. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. or immediately following the parade. Santa Claus and his special guests will illuminate the city's impressive 36-foot Christmas tree. A variety of entertainment will be available throughout the downtown area, including free horse and carriage rides. Finish the evening with concerts in the Beacon Theatre featuring Hopewell High School and the Appomattox Regional Governor's School music groups. The event is free and open to the public.

To learn more about all the programs being offered this fall by the Recreation and Parks Department and for more details on the events listed above, please visit [www.hopewellva.gov/recreation-and-parks](http://www.hopewellva.gov/recreation-and-parks) or call (804) 541-2353.

## EVENTS

Final details for the upcoming Canoemobile days, October 30 and 31, at Hopewell City Park - as follows:

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 - TWO SESSIONS**

**FRIDAY SESSION ONE:** 9am - 11:30AM

100 4th grade students from Hopewell and Petersburg

9:00 - 9:30 - All 100 participate in Welcome

9:30 - 10:30 - Group A (50 students) do canoes

Group B (50 students) do on-land activities

10:30 - 11:30 - Group B on canoes

Group A on-land activities

On-land activity groups will be divided into three groups of about 15 each to rotate through 20 minute activities.

Activity 1 - Water Quality Testing - Lorne

Activity 2 - Watershed and Treatment Model - Christian

Activity 3 - National Parks Recycling - Pam Goddard

**FRIDAY SESSION TWO** - 12:30 - 3PM; 50 Middle School students from Petersburg

12:30 - 1:00 - All 50 participate in Welcome

1:00 - 2:00 - Group A (25 students) do canoes

Group B (25 students) do on-land activities

2:00 - 3:00 - Group B on canoes

Group A on-land activities

On-land activity groups will be divided into three groups of about 9 each to rotate through 20 minute activities.

Activity 1 - Water Quality Testing - Lorne

Activity 2 - Watershed and Treatment Model - Christian

Activity 3 - National Parks Recycling - Pam Goddard

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - COMMUNITY DAY, 12 NOON - 4PM**

Open to all members of the community for walk-up access. The canoes will be available at the City Park put-in area for rides. Each ride activity is about an hour including paddling and safety instructions.

We would like to offer the additional on-land activities if you are available for all or part of that day. I'm also going to check with Susan for DGIF activities and Albert for VSU activities for this day. We are also inviting businesses to be there with candy and/or other giveaways.

Christian - Would you be able/willing to provide water or other giveaways from American Water on Saturday? (We're thinking maybe the water that didn't get used at Paddle-Battle)

Lorne - Any giveaways you have would be welcome also!

THANKS!!!





## The Beacon Theatre Schedule

<http://thebeacontheatreva.com/schedule-2/>  
**PH: (804) 446- 3457**

- Friday, October 16, 2015 - Dailey & Vincent, doors open at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00-\$50.00.
- Thursday, October 22, 2015 - Bette Davis Ain't for Sissies (A One Woman Show Written by and Starring Jessica Sherr), doors open at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$16.50-\$40.00.
- Sunday, November 1, 2015 - Letters Home (Performed by The Griffin Theatre Company). There will be two shows for this event: First performance is at 2:30 P.M. and the Second performance is at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$10.00 - \$30.00.
- Friday, November 6, 2015 – “Remember When Rock Was Young” This is a new date, moved from Saturday, November 7, 2015 - starring Almost Elton John & The Rocket Band, Saturday, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00-\$50.00.
- Thursday, November 19, 2015 – The Yardbirds with special guest Skip Castro, doors open at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00 - \$50.00.
- Friday, November 20, 2015 – George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$30.00 - \$75.00. Pay at the door \$80.00.
- Saturday, November 21, 2015 - Blackfoot featuring Rickey Medlocke, doors open at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$25.00 - \$65.00.
- Thursday, December 3, 2015 – The Black Lillies & The Steeldrivers, doors open at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00 - \$50.00.
- Friday, December 4, 2015 – Jonny Lang, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$35.00 - \$75.00.
- Saturday, December 5, 2015 - Merry Christmas Darling: Carpenters' Christmas starring Michelle Berting Brett with special guest, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00 - \$55.00.
- Friday, December 11, 2015 – Joe Diffie, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00 - \$55.00.
- Saturday, December 12, 2015 – Pat McGee Band Reunion for Adopt-a-Family, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$20.00-\$45.00.
- Saturday, December 19, 2015 - Mallory Lewis & Lamb Chop, doors open at 6:00 P.M. Tickets range from \$16.50-\$40.00.
- Thursday, January 7, 2015 – Travis Tritt, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Tickets range from \$30.00 - \$100.00. Orchestra Pit: No longer available.



HEALTH



Workplace Wellness  
Screenings

Wednesday,  
October 21  
11:00am -  
3:00pm

City of Hopewell  
Community Center  
100 W. City Point Rd.  
Hopewell, VA 23860

## City of Hopewell Health Screenings

The City of Hopewell and HCA Virginia are partnering to provide free health screenings on Wednesday, October 21. Join us to receive health assessments and screenings including blood pressure, body mass index, cholesterol and blood glucose. Review your results with a healthcare professional to identify the next steps for your best health!

**October 21, 2015**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Make your appointment today by logging onto:**  
**<http://tinyurl.com/hopewellscreening>**

To protect the privacy of those screened, all personal screening information is kept confidential.



## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same.

We have made a lot of progress but still have a long way to go and need your help!

The best way to fight breast cancer is to have a plan that helps you detect the disease in its early stages. Create your Early Detection Plan to receive reminders to do breast self-exams,

and schedule your clinical breast exams and mammograms based on your age and health history.

When breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 100% according to the American Cancer Society.



## Walking to Trim Your Waistline

**Walking:** Trim your waistline, improve your health

By Mayo Clinic Staff

Ready to reap the benefits of walking? Here's how to get started — and stay motivated.

### Know the benefits

Physical activity doesn't need to be complicated. Something as simple as a daily brisk walk can help you live a healthier life. For example, regular brisk walking can help you:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Prevent or manage various conditions, including heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes
- Strengthen your bones
- Lift your mood
- Improve your balance and coordination

The faster, farther and more frequently you walk, the greater the benefits.

Consider your technique

Turning your normal walk into a fitness stride requires good posture and purposeful movements. Ideally, here's how you'll look when you're walking:

- Your head is up. You're looking forward, not at the ground.
- Your neck, shoulders and back are relaxed, not stiffly upright.
- You're swinging your arms freely with a slight bend in your elbows. A little pumping with your arms is OK.
- Your stomach muscles are slightly tightened and your back is straight, not arched forward or backward.
- You're walking smoothly, rolling your foot from heel to toe.

Plan your routine

As you start your walking routine, remember to:

- Get the right gear. Choose shoes with proper arch support, a firm heel and thick flexible soles to cushion feet and absorb shock. If you walk outdoors when it's dark, wear bright colors/reflective tape for visibility.
- Choose your course carefully. If

you'll be walking outdoors, avoid paths with cracked sidewalks, potholes, low-hanging limbs or uneven turf.

- Warm up. Walk slowly for five to 10 minutes to warm up your muscles and prepare your body for exercise.
- Cool down. At the end of your walk, walk slowly for five to 10 minutes to help your muscles cool down.
- Stretch. After you cool down, gently stretch your muscles. If you'd rather stretch before you walk, remember to warm up first.

### Set realistic goals

For most healthy adults, the Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least two hours and 30 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or one hour and 15 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity — preferably spread throughout the week — and strength training exercises at least twice a week.

As a general goal, aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day. If you can't set aside that much time, try two 15-minute sessions or three 10-minute sessions throughout the day.

Remember, though, it's OK to start slowly — especially if you haven't been exercising regularly. You might start with five minutes a day the first week, and then increase your time by five minutes each week until you reach at least 30 minutes.

### Track your progress

Keeping a record of how many steps you take, the distance you walk and how long it takes can help you see where you started from and serve as a source of inspiration. Just think how good you'll feel when you see how many miles you've walked each week, month or year.

Record these numbers in a walking journal or log them in a spreadsheet or a physical activity app. Another option is to use an electronic device — such as a pedometer — to calculate steps

and distance.

### Stay motivated

Starting a walking program takes initiative. Sticking with it takes commitment. To stay motivated:

- Set yourself up for success. Start with a simple goal, such as, "I'll take a 10-minute walk during my lunch break." When your 10-minute walk becomes a habit, set a new goal, such as, "I'll walk for 20 minutes after work." Soon you could be reaching for goals that once seemed impossible.
- Make walking enjoyable. If you don't enjoy solitary walks, ask a friend or neighbor to join you. If you're invigorated by groups, join a health club.
- Vary your routine. If you walk outdoors, plan several different routes for variety. If you're walking alone, be sure to tell someone which route you're taking.
- Take missed days in stride. If you find yourself skipping your daily walks, don't give up. Remind yourself how good you feel when you include physical activity in your daily routine — and then get back on track. Once you take that first step, you're on the way to an important destination — better health.

Source: Mayo Clinic

[www.commonhealth.virginia.gov](http://www.commonhealth.virginia.gov)

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# THE SHAKEOUT DRILL

What do I have to do to participate in the ShakeOut?

Where is the ShakeOut being held?

What will happen on October 15?

The ShakeOut Drill is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on October 15, 2015. This means that wherever you are at that moment—at home, at work, at school, anywhere—you should Drop, Cover, and Hold On as if there were a major earthquake occurring at that very moment, and stay in this position for at least 60 seconds. There will not be any freeway closures, power outages, or other simulated effects of the hypothetical earthquake, unless your local government or utility company specifically notifies you about something of this nature. The ShakeOut is not something you need to leave work to participate in—in fact, participating at work is encouraged! Businesses, organizations, schools, and government agencies can register and have their employees practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On or have a more extensive emergency drill.

The main goal of the ShakeOut is to get Southeasterners prepared for major earthquakes, so use the ShakeOut as an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake.

Anyone in the Southeast can participate, from a single individual at their home to a major company at the office. Talk to your coworkers, neighbors and friends about the ShakeOut and encourage their participation. Sign up for free at [www.shakeout.org/southeast/register](http://www.shakeout.org/southeast/register) to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.

How long does the ShakeOut last?

Most people will practice how they will Drop, Cover, and Hold On during a large earthquake, which only takes about one minute. Some organizations conduct more extensive drills, which may take an hour or even all day. How to participate is your choice.

What is the date of next year's ShakeOut?

The SouthEast ShakeOut will be held on the Third Thursday of October.

I've heard about alternate ways of staying safe during an earthquake, like the "Triangle of Life" concept. What should I do?

The safest thing to do during an earthquake is "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," as described at <http://www.earthquakecountry.info/dropcoverholdon>. This special report describes how the "Triangle of Life" is promoted with greatly exaggerated or wrong information, and is potentially very dangerous.

I want to put up posters or other advertising relating to the ShakeOut. How can I order some?

For posters, flyers, web banners, and other promotional

items you can print or use, and for text of articles you may reprint in your newsletter or website, visit [www.shakeout.org/southeast/resources](http://www.shakeout.org/southeast/resources).

Is an earthquake going to hit the Southeast on October 15?

The ShakeOut is a DRILL planned for October 15, 2015 (and the third Thursday of October each year). We are not predicting an earthquake to occur, though because many areas of the Southeast are seismically active region it's not impossible.

Who can participate in the ShakeOut?

Everyone! We want every person who works, lives, and plays in the Southeast to participate in the drill. You can register just your family or your school, business, or organization. The best way to ShakeOut is to personalize the experience for oneself. If you will be at work at 10:15 a.m. on October 15, 2015, have your entire office practice what they would do in an earthquake. If you are at school, have your class drill. Make a plan with your family. Designate an out-of-area contact. Imagine a real earthquake and how you would actually react to it! Check out [www.shakeout.org/southeast/register](http://www.shakeout.org/southeast/register) and register to participate.

How can I teach my kids to prepare?

Visit the ShakeOut guide for families. Teach your kids to Drop, Cover, and Hold On. You can also play the 'Earthquake Game' where when anyone says "earthquake!" everyone has to pretend an earthquake is happening and practice their response. Teach your children that they should go under a table and hold on if one is near. If they are in a room without a table, crouch against an interior wall, away from windows. Find an "earthquake-safe" location in every room of the house so they don't try to run during an earthquake.

Will you be utilizing ham radio?

At what frequency will you be broadcasting?

If you are in the ham radio community, the real question is, what will YOU be doing? What can you organize for your community? We ask that everyone interested in participating in the ShakeOut use every tool available to them to get the word out about earthquake safety and to take the steps they would take during an earthquake as a part of the drill.

I want to reprint information found on the ShakeOut website. May I do this?

Yes, you may. However, we do ask that you send us what you're interested in reprinting if you are interested in republishing information to a large audience, so that we can make sure that nothing is taken out of context or misrepresented. Email your request to [shakeout@cusec.org](mailto:shakeout@cusec.org).

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