



City E-Currents

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Mayor's Corner

As Christmas nears, we reflect on the tremendous good will found throughout our community. The thoughtfulness and compassion of so many citizens in Hopewell shine year round and are especially bright during this most joyful season.

This time of year provides a warm feeling of cheer as we gather with family and friends. It is a time for giving, a time for celebration, a time for contemplation, and a time to serve others.

Our city is filled with the Christmas spirit — just look around the downtown area especially... Ashford Civic Plaza, the community Christmas tree beam at the front entrance of City Hall and decorations and holiday treats are in abundance.



Brenda S. Pelham

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City Manager

On behalf of City Council and City Administration, I'd like to wish everyone the best for the Christmas and New Year period, and look forward to working with all of you in 2016.

The Holiday Season is a great time to catch up with family and friends, and to celebrate and share the joy of giving. Please remember those in our community who are less fortunate, and to extend goodwill whenever we can. This Christmas, we encourage everyone to support local charitable organizations and to give where you can and show kindness to strangers.

As we reign in the New Year, let us also celebrate the successes of the old. The Hopewell Community should take great pride in the accomplishments of 2015. Let's take a



Mark A. Haley

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Despite the many challenges faced by council, I can still state that it has been a good year overall and the City is improving and growth and prosperity is on the horizon. Having said that, there are still members of our community who could use a helping hand this holiday season. Therefore, I ask you to open your hearts, minds and wallets and do something for someone less fortunate who could use a true blessing.

This kind and selfless generosity embodies the true meaning of the season. The greatest gift we can exchange is

service to others. I sincerely thank each of you for allowing me to serve you. It is truly an honor.

As Mayor and on behalf of the entire City of Hopewell, we look forward to working together with you to build an even stronger, safer and more compassionate and prosperous community.

May the spirit of the season be with you and your loved ones, and may you have many blessings in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!
Mayor Brenda Pelham

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look back and celebrate several of these accomplishments:

- December 11-12, 2015, coordinated a Strategic Planning Advance for City Council which will establish priorities for many years to come. Once the plan is finalized more information will be forthcoming in future issues of E-Currents
- On December 6, 2015, the City unveiled its new 100th Year Anniversary Logo;
- In November 2015, we held a Community Kick-Off meeting for the Hopewell Comprehensive Plan;
- Completed demolition of 600 E. Broadway and 700 North 21st Ave;
- Began construction of phase 2 nitrogen reduction project; and began construction on upgrade of air pollution control for sewage sludge incinerator;
- The City was designated as a USA 2015 Playful City, one of only 5 in the state; recycled over 1,042 tons of waste; experienced 4 Major snow events; worked with Virginia American Water after fuel spill in river passing out water to citizens at Hopewell High School and Carter G. Woodson Middle School;
- New roofing installed on buildings at Mathis Park, Atwater Park, Carter Woodson and 3 ½ Street Playground; purchased new radios and body cameras for Police Department; moving forward

with Police Station and Fire Station designs; established a Storm Water Utility Fee Program; violent crime is down 12%- historic low numbers in aggravated assaults and robberies through three quarters of the year.

- Moving forward on new website redesign and social networking presence to enhance communication between the City and the public.
- Coordinated a strategic planning advance for City Council which will establish priorities for many years to come. Once the plan is finished more information will be forthcoming in future issues of E-Currents.

We are very much looking forward to 2016. The year is set to be a big one for our City, with several community initiatives and projects scheduled to ensure that we, as a community, move forward as a successful and sustainable City.

It is very encouraging to see Council, staff and many organizations already working together to make this happen. And, as always, there will also be plenty of community events to enjoy!

Merry Christmas to you and yours – and Happy New Year!
Mark Haley

Happy Holidays from the Commissioner of Revenue office

With the new year approaching, we would like to inform you of some changes that may affect you, and remind you of upcoming events.

- Beginning January 1, 2016, the city ABC license will be issued for a 12-month period beginning January 1 and expiring December 31 of the same year. Renewals will be accepted beginning January 2 and must be received on or before March 1. The renewals will be mailed when the business licenses renewal applications are mailed.
- The City Business License Inspector will be out

checking licenses over the next few months. Please have them readily available.

- E-file of federal and state taxes will begin January 16.
- Tax relief applications and vouchers will be mailed in December. Please have them returned to our office on or before April 1.

Thank you for letting us serve you in 2015. We look forward to providing you the utmost service in 2016. Happy New Year.

City of Hopewell 100th Year Anniversary Scheduled Events



January 18, 2015
9:00-12:00
Martin Luther King Jr., Service Day Project
City of Hopewell

February 27, 2016
3:00 p.m.
Black History Month Program
City of Hopewell

March 4 & 11, 2016
TBD
Concert-Petersburg Symphony and HHS
Beacon Theatre

March 29, 2016
8:00-12:00
Fine Arts Festival- Hopewell High School
Hopewell High School

April 23, 2016
TBD
Fireman's Parade
Downtown

May-Sep 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Rockin' on the River Concerts
Hopewell City Marina

May 14, 2016
TBD
Craft Beer Festival
Broadway Street

May 18 – Sept. 7, 2016
TBD
Lecture Series
Weston Manor

May-June 2016
TBD
Concert Series
Weston Manor

June 18, 2016
8:00-4:00 p.m.
Juneteenth Celebration
Appomattox Manor

June 25, 2016
TBD
Butts on Broadway
Broadway Street

July 2, 2016
TBD
Festival- Three events on the River
Appomattox River

July 2, 2016
3:00 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-
Proclamation
City Hall

July 2, 2016
TBD
Fireworks
Appomattox River

September 17, 2016
4:00-7:00 p.m.
100 Years of Classic Cars (car show)
Downtown

September 24, 2016
9:00-11:30 a.m.
FOLAR Paddle Battle
Appomattox River

October 29, 2016
6-8:30 p.m.
Hopewell Haunts and Fall Festival
Crystal Lake Park

October 30, 2016
9:00-12:00
City Point 5K, Fun Run and HEAL Fest
Community Center

December 3, 2016
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Holiday Boat Parade
Hopewell City Marina

December 4, 2016
4:00-8:00 p.m.
Light Up the Night
Ashford Civic Plaza

Carter G. Woodson students go on a City tour

Special needs students toured City Hall Police Department, the Library, Courts Facility and the Beacon Theatre from Carter G. Woodson Middle School along with their teachers.



Chief John Keohane and CPT. Grey Taylor brief students and present them with a police officer patch.



Special Needs students from Carter G. Woodson Middle School enter the City of Hopewell Courts Facility on a tour.



Students are briefed by Police Chief John Keohane and CPT. Greg Taylor.



Mayor Brenda Pelham, requested the tour and assisted with the coordination.

Hopewell Citizens' Survey 2015

What is a comprehensive plan?

A comprehensive plan is a local government's guide to community physical, social, and economic development. Comprehensive plans are not meant to serve as land use regulations in themselves; instead, they provide a rational basis for local land use decisions with a twenty-year vision for future planning and community decisions.

We want to hear your vision for the future of the City. It is important that everyone's voice is heard in this process and that the plan is a representation of all people in the City. A Comprehensive Plan is holistic in nature and looks at all aspects of our City. The following topics will be covered.

1. Community Vision
2. Community Demographic & Health Profile
3. Arts, Culture, History & Education
4. Economic Development
5. Land Use & Community Design
6. Natural Systems & Environmental Health
7. Neighborhoods & Housing
8. Transportation
9. Parks, Recreation & Active Living
10. Public Facilities & Services
11. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

You or your organization can participate in this planning process in several ways. First, you can take the Community Survey. The survey was established to learn your opinion on the priorities and goals of the City as well

get feedback on the issues above. Surveys can be filled out on the City's website at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopewell2026> and hard copies will be located at the Hopewell Library, the Community Center, and City Hall. You can also request a copy of the survey by calling (804) 541-2220.

All completed surveys must be submitted by Monday, January 4, 2016. Completed hard copies can be returned to either of the three survey stations mentioned above.

We are excited about this planning process and hope you will make spread the word and make every effort to attend the meetings/workshops.

For more information please contact the Department of Neighborhood Assistance & Planning at (804) 541-2220.

What is a Citizen survey?

A citizen survey is a kind of opinion poll which typically asks the residents of a specific jurisdiction for their perspectives on local issues, such as the quality of life in the community, their level of satisfaction with local government, or their political leanings. Such a survey can be conducted by mail, telephone, Internet, or in person.

We need to hear from citizens of Hopewell. This Survey is an opportunity for citizens to share their opinions on the future growth and development of the City over the next 10-20 years. It will be used by City staff and the Planning Commission to update and work through the City's Comprehensive Plan. Citizens may access the survey on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopewell2026>.

Deadline extended to January 4, 2016.

Selection of New Superintendent

The Hopewell City School Board is pleased to announce its unanimous selection of Dr. Melody Hackney as the 14th Superintendent for Hopewell City Public Schools.

Hackney is no stranger to Hopewell, as she has served as the division's Interim Superintendent since July 1, 2015. Dr. Hackney brings thirty-two years of experience in the field of education to the position. Her broad scope of experience includes four years as a Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and ten years of successful leadership as Superintendent of Charlotte County Schools. In addition, Dr. Hackney has served as a special education teacher, a Director of Disability Services, a building principal, a Coordinator of Alternative Education Services, and a Director of Instruction. Dr. Hackney is also committed to serving future education leaders in her current capacity as adjunct professor for the Curry Graduate School of Education at the University of Virginia. She earned her doctorate degree from the University of Virginia and holds two graduate degrees from Shenandoah University and National-Louis University.

"We believe that Dr. Hackney will successfully lead our school division through the steps necessary to continue to build upon our existing strengths as well as provide excellent leadership to the areas of improvement we

need," said Christopher Reber, School Board Chairman. "Her energy and enthusiasm as well as her passion and commitment to Hopewell are evidenced already by the significant relationships she has forged in the community," Reber said.

Dr. Hackney was one of three finalists from a highly competitive applicant pool of 35 candidates representing 19 states. One third of this impressive group included individuals with superintendent experience. The School Board was very pleased with the exceptionally strong applicant pool for this important position.

"I am so grateful to have been led to Hopewell. I believe nothing happens by accident and I have grown to appreciate this community and its dedication to the education of its children so much. I am honored to have been selected to serve as Superintendent of Schools and look forward to serving this great city for many years to come," Hackney said.

Dr. Hackney and her husband Donn are the proud parents of two adult children, Ben and Vivian. We congratulate Dr. Hackney and extend a warm welcome and best wishes to her entire family.

Dr. Hackney will begin serving in her new capacity on January 4, 2016.

The Hopewell Police Department's 2015 Officer of The Year



Presented on November 13th, 2015; VFW Post 637, Hopewell

Officer Jacquita Allen of Alpha Platoon, 2nd Squad (Nights) was chosen as the 2015 Officer of the Year. Officer Allen is a thorough, motivated and willing team member. She never complains or questions an order from a subordinate or supervisor, all while contributing a great deal to the over-all mission of the Uniformed Patrol Division (UPD) for which she is assigned. Some of the most notable statistics are her self-initiated calls for service (3,377), arrests (206), field contacts (105), written reports (164) and DUI's (10). Officer Jacquita Allen was recognized for going above the established standard on a consistent basis and being a model Officer for which others should strive to emulate. Officer Allen is the kind of Officer that shines bright light on the Hopewell Police Department.

Mayor Brenda Pelham Ward # 6 issues a Proclamation for National Adoption Awareness Month



Mayor Brenda Pelham congratulates Ray Spicer, Director, Department of Social Services along with the Armstrong family regarding their second successful adoption.

Officers recognized at annual awards ceremony

Hopewell police officers were recognized at their annual awards ceremony on December 10 for their work on major crimes, community outreach, and even saving the lives of two people who overdosed on heroin. Officer Jacquita Allen was recognized as Hopewell Police Department's officer of the year for her outstanding accomplishments in 2015. Also, several Excellent Police Duty and Unit Citation awards were given to many officers for their hard work, dedication, and tireless efforts this year. Leanne Eckstein, received a Service to Law Enforcement Award for her many hours of work as a Police Volunteer.

During this ceremony, the Hopewell Police Department was recognized by DMV, the Virginia Highway Safety Office – Click It or Ticket campaign for Highest Seat Belt use award and Most improved seat belt use award for the City of Hopewell. We appreciate our officers and are very proud of their hard work.



Christmas Tree Recycling Available at the City's Citizen Convenience Center

The Hopewell Convenience Center will accept Christmas Trees from area residents. Citizens have two options for disposal of Christmas trees, they can take the undecorated tree to the Citizens Convenience Center or leave the tree by trash carts for collection.

If you have a problem with your tree not being picked up please contact the Trash Hotline at (804) 425-0500 and they will arrange pick up.

Please be sure to remove all tinsels, bulbs, wire and bolts from the tree before taking it to the center. The Citizens Convenience Center is located at 507 Station Street next to the Animal Shelter.

Hours of operation

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday,
from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For inquiries, please call (804) 541-2294.



Sewer, Trash, and Storm Water Payment Collection Procedures to take effect January 1, 2016

The waste water treatment and trash collection services that the City provides its citizens plays a vital role in protecting our community, our environmental and our public health. The City's mission is to provide our citizens an efficient and economical solution to their sewer and trash collections requirements. As a result of these efforts, citizens of Hopewell enjoy the lowest rates for waste water services in the Richmond region. In order to maintain this level of service, we need all residents to participate in keeping our rates competitive by submitting payment for services. Currently, the City of Hopewell is experiencing an usually large number of non-payments for sewer, trash pickup, and recently, the new storm water service fee. In order to ensure that payments are received, the City is beginning a campaign to collect all current and past due service fees. These new collections process and procedures are outlined below.

- If the bill is not paid by the due date, a 10% late penalty fee will be added to the next bill.
- The next bill will contain a past due/water shut off notice along with the current and past due charges. If this bill is not paid in full by its due date, a water shut off request will be processed and the bill will be sent to a

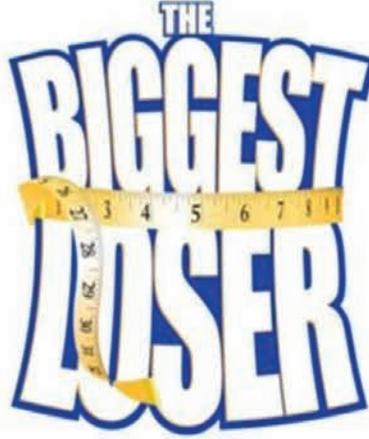
collection agency. (Note: if you had a delinquent water bill which resulted in water services being disconnected, this action could result in a second termination of water services.)

- A water disconnect fee of \$30 will be charged to the account as well as a \$30 water reconnect fee once payment has been received.
- The water will not be reconnected until all City services and late penalty fees are paid in full.
- Failure to pay the balance or to respond to the water shut off notice will result in continued collection efforts. Interest, late penalty fees, collection agency costs, and attorney's fees may be added to the original penalty.
- The collection agency fee is 10.95% of the delinquent bill value.
- All late payments will be applied to the delinquent fees first.

The City of Hopewell appreciates your timely payment response and is proud to be your wastewater, solid waste, and storm water service provider. For additional information concerning these collection procedures please call customer service at 804-477-8336.

The 2016 City of Hopewell Biggest Loser Competition

*Have you ever found yourself sitting on your couch, eating potato chips; watching **The Biggest Loser** and thinking, "Gee...if I had the chance, I could be **The Biggest Loser.**" Well, now is your chance...*



As a way to promote a healthier lifestyle, the Wellness Committee is sponsoring another Biggest Loser Contest! The competition will start on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016** and run through **April 13, 2016**. This contest is full of fun and excitement to get your body and mind moving! Many of us need the motivation that comes with friendly competition! The ultimate goal of this competition is to promote healthy living by making good nutritional choices and getting regular exercise.

Here's how you win.....The competition will be approximately 12 weeks – with official weigh-ins every 2 weeks – only Dorothy Gerard & Michele Corneau will have access to the weighs, and it will be kept in the **strictest of confidence!**

Here's when it starts.....The competition "Kick-off" and initial weigh-in will be at **7:30am – 3:30pm** at the Public Works Conference Room on **January 20, 2016**.

Here is how you participate....4 people to a team or individuals accepted. (Open to all City of Hopewell employees (full-time and part-time)

50 Wellness points awarded for each person participation

Prizes given for the following:

Team Competition – highest percentage of weight loss

Individual Competition – highest percentage of weight loss (Male & Female)

If you have a team or would like to participate individually, please respond to this email by **January 8, 2016** or notified Dorothy Gerard if interested in participating in the Biggest Loser Contest. 541-2294

Please post this flyer around.

Good luck and more details will follow!

Hopewell farmers market grows in first year

By Caitlin Davis, senior staff writer
The Hopewell News

HOPEWELL — From May to November, Hopewell's downtown held a farmer's market almost every weekend, with vendors selling everything from plants and vegetables to baked goods and other locally produced products. This Saturday will mark the last market and will be a Harvest Festival to celebrate the success of the first season.

Evan Kaufman, executive director of the Hopewell Downtown Partnership, said this year's market was a success. Though it took a while to get some traction, he said, it helped to build a happier and healthier Hopewell.

"It's not just a market for the sake of a market," he said. "One of our objectives is building a healthier Hopewell community, part of our healthy Hopewell initiative. It goes back to our overall strategy of revitalizing downtown which is part of bringing people back to the street and being aware of the space that really belongs to the community."

There was an outpouring of support from the community as the market drew in over \$5,000 in sponsorships. Kaufman was also pleased with the economic impact for downtown. The market saw \$30,000 in total sales, equating to \$450 per hour.

Though there was a large amount of foot traffic on East Broadway, between 2 and 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Kaufman said the committee, comprised of Rita Joyner, Kathy Ash, Courtney Bujakowski, Mary French Elder and Andrew Sherr, is going to meet and take an overall look at the location and the time of the market and any possible changes for next season.

"For next season, we're looking at how the time and day worked out this year and we might be making some changes to that to make it more accessible to more people," Kaufman said.

After word of the market spread, Kaufman said the number of vendors increased with each passing week. With this, Kaufman said, the market will be able to sustain a larger amount of vendors at the start of the season next year. "We've kind of established ourselves and people know that we are a successful market where they can vend and make money," he said.

There were a total of 48 different vendors for the market this season. Despite the large amount of participation from local vendors, Kaufman wants to take a look at the number of vendors selling similar products. He said this is to avoid competition at the market, which could cause many to not see large numbers in sales.

"I think we had maybe too many vendors of



a particular type of product and that kind of hurts everybody because nobody's able to do really well to sustain themselves," he said. Kaufman also wants to examine the possibility of an increase of prepared foods at the market, noting the food trucks experienced difficulty in sales due to the time of day of the market, saying the time was after lunch and before dinner, at times when visitors to the market may not be as hungry.

To help create that healthy Hopewell, the market began accepting EBT/SNAP benefits. A couple months into the market, Kaufman said, the state provided the market with a free wireless machine that could accept the benefits, after the partnership applied to the state.

Once the benefits were accepted, Kaufman said the visitors to the market were provided with tokens to purchase any qualifying products. For the next market season, Kaufman said, the partnership is planning to do more marketing for the EBT/SNAP benefits.

"And that way the money stays in Hopewell and the people are getting some very fresh, local foods that are healthy for them," he said.

With the continued growth of the downtown, Kaufman said the market is planning on partnering with the new, proposed businesses. He said this partnership will not only bring more attention to the downtown area but it will also bring more foot traffic to the local businesses.

This Saturday marks the final market, which will be the "Harvest Festival" for the season and Kaufman said it will be like the "fireworks at the end of a performance." He said there are already 30 vendors lined up for the market. He said there will be a large amount of children's activities, live music, and beer will also be sold at the market. "It's just going to make downtown come alive that day with just a lot of activities for really anybody," Kaufman said.

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Delegate-Elect Aird poses with Ms. Craft's 2nd grade class at Patrick Copeland Elementary School

Delegate Riley Ingram and Delegate-Elect Lashrecse Aird visit Hopewell Schools

November is "VSBA Take Your Legislator to School" Month. In an effort to promote a closer relationship between public education and the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia School Board Association urges each school division in the commonwealth to invite at least one of their legislators to visit their schools. Hopewell City Public Schools were honored to have Delegate Riley Ingram and Delegate-Elect Lashrecse Aird visit students on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Delegate Ingram represents Virginia's 62nd District. He has served in the Virginia House of Delegates since 1992. He serves as Chairman for the House Counties, Cities and Towns Committee and Chairman of the Appropriations Committee's Capital Outlay Subcommittee. Delegate Ingram also sits on two other Appropriations Subcommittees -- Compensation and Retirement; and the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. He is also a committee member of Privileges and Elections.

Delegate-Elect Aird represents Virginia's 63rd District. She is Executive Assistant to the President and Board Liaison at Richard Bland College of William & Mary and previously served as Chief of Staff to Senator Rosalyn R. Dance, former 63rd District Delegate. Aird is Chair of the Petersburg Democratic Committee, Chair of the 16th Senate District Nominating Committee, and the Petersburg Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Chair of the Political Awareness and Involvement Committee. Additionally, she is Chair of the University Relations Committee for The Ladies in Red Chapter of the Virginia State University Alumni Association.

During the Delegates' visit, they visited classes at each of the city's schools. Students were able to ask the delegates questions ranging from how did you decide to become a delegate to what are your views on Syrian refugees being allowed into the United States and Virginia. The Delegates read to Head Start students at Woodlawn Learning Center and participated in a mock election.

Hopewell City Public Schools extends thanks to Delegate Riley and Delegate-Elect Aird for sharing their expertise with our students. Also, a special thanks to Mrs. Jan Butterworth, Supervisor of English, History, and Foreign Language for coordinating this event.



Delegate Ingram speaks to students

RECREATION AND PARKS PARTNERS WITH COUNCILOR GORE FOR MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL

More than fifty young men and women, ages 13-18, came to the Hopewell Community Center on November 14 to compete in the Department's third installment of the Midnight Basketball program. The program is held from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. and promotes positive activity in a safe place for the City's youth. The participants competed in a free throw contest, three point shooting contest, agility challenge and three-on-three tournament. Half way through the event, participants and volunteers paused for pizza and a positive message presented by guest speakers. Some speakers talked about the importance of making positive choices, others talked about all the opportunities and resources available to youth, and some spoke of past trials and tribulations that sparked a positive change in their lives. The program is popular in urban areas across the nation for creating a positive, structured outlet for teenagers while focusing on interaction between adults and teens. Councilor Jasmine Gore has sponsored the event twice and assisted with garnering support through volunteerism and



donations. The program is held with very little cost to the city, due to the support of donors and local businesses. More than 30 volunteers assisted with the November 14 event and all prizes and food were donated. The Recreation and Parks Department is planning another Midnight Basketball program to be held in March. The Department would also like to thank the Hopewell Fire Department, Hopewell Police Department, the Virginia State SLOT Program, and the many other volunteers that helped make the event such a huge success!

FIRST-EVER HOPEWELL HAUNTS BRINGS LARGE CROWDS

On Friday, October 30, the Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department transformed Mathis Park and Crystal Lake Park into the creepiest places in town! The first-ever Hopewell Haunts at Crystal Lake featured a haunted walking trail, a haunted hayride, concessions, a costume contest, and plenty of tricks and treats for everyone! An estimated crowd of 2,500 attended the event with some families coming from as far away as Midlothian and Dinwiddie. Although the lines were long, attendees enjoyed both the trail and the hayride and didn't mind the wait. Due to the success of this year's event, the Department is planning several ways to expand the event to decrease wait times and to allow for an even larger crowd in 2016. Stay tuned for more information!

PARK IMPROVEMENTS BY HOPEWELL COGENERATION AND HONEYWELL

Two of the City's industrial partners stepped up to the plate to make improvements at two parks. Staff from the Hopewell Cogeneration Facility provided \$4,300 for improvements at City Park, which included extending the fishing pier inland for easier access, repairing the footbridge, and installing a paver floor in the picnic shelter. Volunteers from Hopewell Cogeneration also spent four hours on site trimming brush, removing trash and making other necessary improvements. Staff from both the Hopewell and Enon Honeywell plants also worked hard to improve Atwater Park and Soccer Complex. Through a partnership with Rebuilding Together-Tri Cities, Honeywell volunteers installed a variety of new shrubbery in key areas at Atwater Park and Soccer Complex. More than 30 volunteers battled the rain and mud to get the project completed. Both park sites have greatly benefited from the improvement efforts made by both groups. The Recreation and Parks Department would like to thank Honeywell and the Hopewell Cogeneration Facility for all of their help with these two sites.



HOPEWELL GREEN GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE

The City of Hopewell is a participant of the Go Green Virginia initiative sponsored by the Virginia Municipal League, which encourages local governments to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions through environmentally conscious policies. Part of the initiative is the Green Government Challenge. As a part of the challenge, local governments complete a checklist of action items required to be recognized as a Green Government. One of the action items was to poll employees on ways

that the city could reduce energy consumption. Many suggestions were submitted and will be evaluated for future action.

As a result of this poll and many other action items, the City of Hopewell has been recognized as a certified Green Government! The Go Green Committee would like to thank Ray, Mala, Trina, Tiffany and Marie for submitting such great ideas!



The Beacon Theatre Schedule

<http://thebeacontheatreva.com/schedule-2/>

Call (804) 446-3457 or myticketstobuy.com

- Thursday, January 7, 2016
Travis Tritt. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Friday, January 15, 2016
Tracy Lawrence with guest TBA
Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Saturday, January 23, 2016
Brian Owens sings Marvin Gaye
Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Sunday, January 24, 2016
The Wailers, with guest TBA
Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Friday, February 5, 2016
Sierra Hull featuring Ethan Jodziewics & Justin Moses with guest Sam Lewis
Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Thursday, February 18, 2016
The Outlaws with guest TBA. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Saturday, February 20, 2016
Neil Simon Festival's: Driving Miss Daisy starring Clarence Gilyard, Jr.,
and Sheree Walker. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Don Williams with guest TBA. Doors open at 6 P.M.
- Saturday, February 27, 2016
Illusionist Rick Thomas. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.
- Sunday, March 13, 2016
An Acoustic Evening with Al Stewart. Doors open at 6 P.M.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCILORS?

Mayor Brenda S. Pelham	Ward # 6	PH: (804) 720-8619
Vice Mayor Christina J. Luman-Bailey	Ward # 1	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Arlene Holloway	Ward # 2	PH: (804) 926-0695
Councilor Anthony Zevgolis	Ward # 3	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Jasmine E. Gore	Ward # 4	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Wayne Walton	Ward # 5	PH: (804) 541-2249
Councilor Jackie M. Shornak	Ward # 7	PH: (804) 541-2249

CITY DEPARTMENT

City Manager
 Assistant City Manager
 City Attorney
 City Clerk
 Comprehensive Services Act
 Economic Development
 Engineering
 Finance
 Fire Chief
 Healthy Families
 Human Resources
 Information Systems
 Intergovernmental & Public Affairs
 Director of Neighborhood
 Assistance & Planning
 Police
 Public Works
 Purchasing
 Real Estate Assessor
 Recreation
 Director of Regional Wastewater
 Treatment Facility
 Risk Management
 Emergency Services
 School Superintendent
 Social Services
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