



City E-Currents

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Mayor's Corner



Brenda S. Pelham

My Fellow Citizens:

It's an exciting time in our City. It is difficult to believe the fall season is upon us. The school system recently held their 2016 Convocation ceremony to officially kick-off the new school year. It was wonderful to hear about the exciting curriculum that Dr. Melody Hackney and the Hopewell City Public School Board members have planned for the 4,000 plus students that will be entering the school house on Tuesday, September 5, 2016.

Our City is in full swing with various events and activities as we continue our 100th Year Anniversary Celebration. The City celebrated in grand fashion on July 2, 2016 the official Proclamation Ceremony downtown with various elected and community partners presenting letters and proclamations to the City honoring this historic event.

We were honored to have MG Darrell K. Williams, Commander, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee as our guest speaker. Mrs. Suzette Jackson, Chief Executive Officer, John Randolph Medical Center took part in the ceremony by passing the 100th Anniversary Celebration Baton to the City of Hopewell as they celebrated 100 years in 2015. In return, was honored to pass the baton to MG Williams for Ft. Lee's 100th Year Celebration that begins in 2017. A special thanks to Mark Haley, City Manager and Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager for leading, organizing and coordinating the many pieces required to plan, organize, and execute such elaborate and detailed events.

After the official ceremony, the featured group that performed was the well renowned Commodores. Other groups on the program included the 392nd

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City Manager



Mark A. Haley

I want to take this opportunity to remind citizens about Fall Cleanup. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to (1) Trim small trees and pruning (2) Clean your gutters (3) Remove leaves from your yard (4) keep curbs, alleys and storm drains clear of leaves to prevent flooding (5) Clean your grill (6) Clean and store your tools and (7) make your home more energy efficient and (8) General routine cleanup and overall yard maintenance. Remember, the City ordinance requires grass to be no more than 10 inches. After cutting, the grass should be discarded into proper receptacles. It is against City ordinance to blow grass in any public right of way, this includes sidewalks and streets. Grass in the streets causes inlets to clog thus affecting the city's stormwater management system and litters the City streets making them unattractive.

The City of Hopewell's leaf Disposal program is another resource provided by the City. For example 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 charges. Residents may use leaf collection services up to three times a year during the months of November December and January. Services charged are 1st Pickup for seniors (62 and over or handicapped- FREE. For other city residents \$10.25. For the 2nd and 3rd Pickups... seniors and handicapped citizens the cost will be \$5.25 and for other residents \$20.50. For additional information regarding the City's Leaf Collection/Disposal program

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Army Band, Zack Artis and the Red Neck Pool Party. The City concluded the evening with fireworks and other festivities. In addition, I would like to thank all of our City personnel and partner agencies for their hard work, dedication and support rendered throughout the year.

I'm so proud that our City was able to host the exclusive screening for Liongate premiere film "Imperium" starring Daniel Radcliffe and Toni Collette. This event included a Hollywood style, Red Carpet program that was enjoyed by over 600 cast members, city staff, and citizens. A very special thanks to Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager, for spearheading this major, historic event.

I would like to remind citizens that our 100th Year Anniversary Commemorative Brick Project is still actively seeking brick purchases. If you wish to purchase a brick for yourself, family member, and/or a friend; you may obtain details by visiting the City's website at www.hopewellva.gov , click on the brick Icon for instructions, or you may call the City Manager's Office at (804) 541-2243. ADD--All bricks can be imprinted 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' the person you have chosen to honor/memorialize.

Finally, on the economic development front, the

Boathouse restaurant is coming to our City. This will be an added attraction and I'm hopeful it will spear more positive, economic development downtown. I also want to welcome the Greedy Spoon, a seafood restaurant off Broadway, and Pops BBQ, formally the Courthouse Café across from City Hall. Additionally, we were honor to take part in the official, ribbon cutting program for the Green Plains Renewable Energy Plant this month. This facility has already integrated into the fabric of the city and region. Green Plains will not only bring an economic impact to our local community, but that economic impact will be felt nationally and internationally as well.

Please know that your elected and appointed City officials, the City staff, and all of the volunteers throughout the City are working diligently to provide input to the revitalization of our City and double our efforts to place Hopewell on a positive, sustainable path for years to come. Hopewell exemplifies the brand "Hopewell Means Business and it is a "Well of Hope" for every neighborhood within our boundaries.

Brenda Pelham

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please call our public Works Department at (804) 541-2294.

Here's a few tips that the professionals use to ensure a successful fall cleanup effort- and to get a head start on next year's growing season.

- Rake those leaves. Once the snow flies, an unraked layer of leaves can get matted down over the turf and smother it all winter long. Raking or using a mulching mower in the fall helps avoid dead patches in the spring. But don't worry about getting every last leaf, especially in the garden. They help insulate plants, and as they decompose, they provide valuable nutrients.
- Feed the grass. Fertilizing in the fall is like a day at the spa for your lawn. Using a slow-release fertilizer allows the grass to soak up nutrients and - just as important - spend the cool days and nights of autumn recovering from summer heat and stress. And building a healthy, rejuvenated lawn is one of the best ways to protect against heat, cold, drought, insects and other stresses.
- Weed all about it. Weeding in the fall is probably the most valuable thing you can do to prepare for spring, and it's one that many people overlook. The good news: Pulling weeds used to be a backbreaking chore, but tools like the Weed Hound have come a long way from the tiny weeding forks of "the good old days." There's no reason to get down on your hands and knees and gouge at the turf. All you do is place the tool over the weed, step lightly on the footrest, and pull.
- Pick up the poop. When the snow melts next spring, the last thing you want to see on your lawn is pet waste. Fall is the perfect time to get out there and clean up Rover's little leftovers. Don't look forward to getting on your hands and knees? Hire a neighborhood kid to do the dirty work, or invest in a long-handled pooper scooper.
- Remove thatch build-up. A build-up of aboveground roots called thatch prevents sunlight, oxygen and moisture from getting to the nutrient-hungry soil below. But it's easy to remove, especially if you don't wait until it overwhelms the yard. Just go at the yard with a dethatching rake in early fall, or for an easier - but more expensive - option, rent a power dethatcher.

- Aerate. Heavy use throughout the summer can cause soil to become compacted. Perforating your lawn with small holes helps reduce compaction and lets water, air and fertilizer get down to the soil, which strengthens the grass plant's root structure. For smaller yards, a manual aerating tool that removes plugs from the turf while you step should be just fine. If you've got a larger yard, consider renting a power aerator.
- Water trees and shrubs. Dehydration during the colder months is an all-too-common cause of tree damage, but it's easily preventable. To sustain them over the long winter, it's important to give trees a drink before putting them to bed. After they go fully dormant - but before the ground freezes - use a soaker hose or root irrigator to water them thoroughly.
- Clean out your garden. Fruits and vegetables left in the garden can rot all winter long, and provide a comfy home for insect eggs. Gross? Not as gross as they'll be in the spring. Now's the time to get rid of diseased plants, too, but keep them out of the compost pile so the problem doesn't spread to the rest of your garden next year.
- Plant spring bulbs. Fall is not all about closing up shop. It's also the perfect time to plant spring flowering bulbs like daffodils and tulips. But pay attention to the weather in your area; planting too early can cause bulbs to sprout before winter, and planting them too late can mean their roots don't have enough time to develop before the ground freezes.
- Give your tools a tune-up. When it comes time to put away the backyard tools for the season, don't just shove them into the garage or shed. Spend a few minutes wiping them down and removing debris and dirt, then apply a light layer of oil to keep them from rusting over the winter. That way they'll be all set to go again come spring.

Old Man Winter may be on his way, but with a little work now, you can lay the groundwork for a happy, healthy yard that's ready to thrive next season. Thank you for keeping our City clean!

Fort Lee Military Community Covenant signing



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham, City of Hopewell signs the Fort Lee Military Community Covenant on August 18, 2016.



MG Darrell K. Williams, Commander, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee speaks at the Military Community Covenant signing ceremony August 18, 2016. pic2



Military Community Covenant Mayor Brenda Pelham and other community leaders signed on Fort Lee.

THANK YOU

The City Manager and I are so proud of all that staff has done in preparation for our big 100th Birthday Celebration tomorrow. This has been a monumental undertaking and we think you have all performed extremely well under an existing heavy load of normal duties and all the additional duties this event has created. This event has been thoroughly planned, the city has been tremendously spruced up, the landscaping and grounds maintenance looks fantastic, and employees have stepped up in many roles above and beyond their normal duties. We all should be proud of what we have done as I believe the city looks as nice and inviting as ever. Thanks to every department for the roles you have played in this and we hope each of you get to enjoy at least some of the events of the weekend. The City Manager has promised an employee celebration later this year to reward and thank all of you. God Bless all of you, God Bless this wonderful City, and God Bless the USA on this weekend of celebration. Be safe this weekend!

Charles Dane, Assistant City Manager

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY continued

Proclamations Presented...



Mayor Brenda S. Pelham presents a Juneteenth Proclamation to Rebecca Rose, Washing Cultural Foundation, Inc.



Southside VA Association of Realtors President-elect Steve Overgard with Police Chief John Keohane and Carmen Martin, Director SVAR.



Vice Mayor Christina J. Luman-Bailey presents a Proclamation to Jeanie Grandstaff and employees of the Hopewell Water Renewal Commission.

Ms. Renia Coles- Director of Human Resources

Renia Coles was born in Lynchburg, Virginia and raised in scenic Amherst County, Virginia. She received her Bachelor of Science degree and Masters of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. Ms. Coles brings a wealth of human resources experience from several years of human resources experience with various state

government agencies and universities.

Ms. Coles enjoys participating in community service events and spending time with family. Ms. Coles is a member of the Richmond Society for Human Resources Management and the International Public Management Association for Human Resources.

YES YOU CAN!



Good Afternoon Everyone!

This is Shalania Coleman, a single mother of three children and a Piper Square resident for almost 6 years. As of August 12, 2016, Shalania is a Certified Medical Assistant with her Associate's degree. She passed her state boards in July and officially graduated from Chester Career College last Friday. Shalania joined FSS two years ago and when asked if she had ever thought about continuing her education, her response was: "Oh God, No way! I can't go back to school. I have kids."

All Shalania needed to hear was YES YOU CAN! More great news I'd like to share is she was also hired full-time in March by Pulmonary Critical Care & Associates which is the doctors' office she completed her externship requirement.

Sometimes all it takes is having just one person believe in you in order to set and accomplish your goals. Having the ability to witness the transformation that occurs as these women shift from carrying visible paralyzing fears of not making it into believing in their capabilities to succeed, is why I love what I do.

We all have the ability to make a difference in every individual's life that crosses our path on any given day. However, this is a conscious split-second decision we must make to do so. It is easy to let our own lives interfere with making a difference in someone else's but in order to see more HRHA residents progress just as Shalania has, we must leave our daily frustrations behind and choose to be empowering! Have a great day people!

Jennifer Campbell
Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator
Hopewell Redevelopment and
Housing Authority

The Hopewell Downtown Partnership receives \$30,000 grant from The Cameron Foundation

Hopewell VA -The Hopewell Downtown Partnership has received a \$30,000 grant from The Cameron Foundation to help expand the capacity of its organization. The Downtown Partnership is a non-profit organization working to revitalize downtown Hopewell utilizing the trademarked four-point Main Street approach. It currently operates with one paid executive director, a part-time Farmer's Market Manager, a volunteer Board of Directors, and volunteer committees.

Since becoming a designated Main street organization in late 2012, the organization has been instrumental towards the revival of Hopewell's historic downtown district. The organization has helped rehabilitate numerous downtown properties, recruit and help start new businesses, and plan and coordinate a number of festivals

and events including the signature "Get your Butts to Broadway," and Hopewell Farmer's Market.

Two of its largest projects are about to come to fruition this year with the opening of Fat Babz doughnut shop, Expat Pizzeria, and the Guncotton Coffee and Art Gallery. These projects are taking place in what were once dilapidated historic buildings and are now receiving over a million dollars in private investment to be adapted into new businesses that will serve a community need.

"The Downtown Partnership plays an important role in attracting and connecting businesses in the heart of Hopewell. This capacity-building support from The Cameron Foundation adds momentum to the Hopewell Downtown Partnership's work in revitalizing the city's historic downtown

area and also contributes to our investments in fostering an economically vital region," says J. Todd Graham, President of The Cameron Foundation.

With the Cameron grant, the Downtown Partnership will add a staff person to help boost the organization's activities. "An additional staff member will help us expand our economic development, fundraising, and promotional efforts," says Brandon Butterworth, Board President of the Downtown Partnership.

The organization plans to start the hiring process in September and select a candidate by mid- to late October. To follow the Hopewell Downtown Partnership and/or apply for the position, you can follow it on Facebook or check its website at www.hopewell-downtown.com.

Law Enforcement Torch Run



I want to thank everyone who participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 10th, 2016. The route was different this year so I thank you for accepting the change in a positive manor. Next year we plan on running our own route through the City of Hopewell.

J. M. Barchanowicz, Detective
Investigations Division
Hopewell Police Department

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-27

AN ORDINANCE TO SET PRICES FOR SELLING BURIAL LOTS IN THE APPOMATTOX CEMETERY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REPURCHASE BURIAL LOTS IN THE CEMETERY

WHEREAS, the City of Hopewell, Virginia (the "City"), owns and operates Appomattox Cemetery (the "Cemetery") and;

WHEREAS, the City desires to modify its rate structure for the sale and repurchase of burial lots in the Cemetery and;

WHEREAS, the City wants to deter any hoarding of burial lots in the Cemetery, no more than six contiguous lots can be purchased without approval by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a fee to recoup costs that are associated with the administrative operations of the Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL, that:

The price to be charged Hopewell residents for the sale of lots in the Cemetery is hereby set at \$500 for a single lot, and \$250 for a single half-sized lot intended for cremains and infants. The City Manager is authorized to determine residency status.

The price to be charged non-residents of the City for the purchase of burial lots in the Cemetery is hereby set at \$2,000 for a single lot, and \$1,000 for a single, half-sized lot intended for cremains and infants.

The charge for administrative services is set at \$100 per event, for the following services: Marking a burial site and marker location, switching lot locations within the Cemetery, giving a lot as a gift, or selling lots back to the City.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to offer to re-purchase unused burial lots in the Cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$500 per lot.



Ross A. Kearney III

Ross A. Kearney III Hopewell City Clerk

9-8-2015

DATE



THE HOPEWELL DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES 2016 NATIONAL MAIN STREET ACCREDITATION



Hopewell, VA – The Hopewell Downtown Partnership has been designated as an accredited Main Street America™ program for meeting rigorous performance standards set by the National Main Street Center. Each year, the National Main Street Center and its Coordinating Program partners announce the list of accredited Main Street America programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach®.

“Once again, we are thrilled to recognize this year’s nationally accredited Main Street America communities for their outstanding work,” says Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center. “We are experiencing an exciting era for America’s cities and towns, with a growing recognition of the importance of strong local enterprise, distinctive character, engaged residents, and sense of place. These are things that Main Street America programs have been working to protect and advance for years, strengthening the economic, social, and cultural fabric of communities across the country.”

The organization’s performance is annually evaluated by Virginia Main Street, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that

meet ten performance standards. The Hopewell Downtown Partnership has been selected again for designation because of its comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts which include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

Over the last four years, the Hopewell Downtown Partnership has helped spur over \$2.5 Million of public and private investment in downtown Hopewell. Their work has included numerous façade and building rehabs, events and festivals, and several new business openings. Two of the larger



Photos are of the Renovations taking place at 238 and 246 E. Broadway Ave., Hopewell

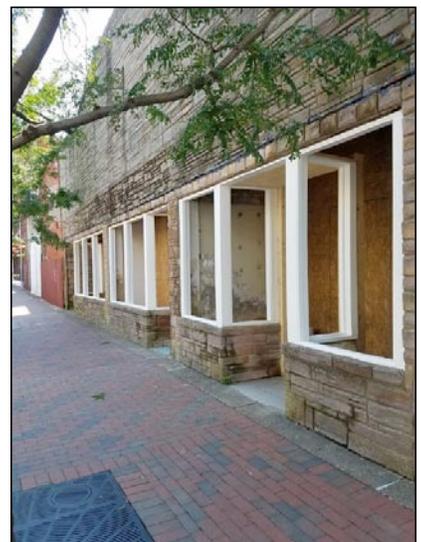
projects that the organization helped facilitate are now under construction and expected to open this fall/winter.

These projects include the rehabilitation of two prominent historic buildings that were on the verge of dereliction. It includes a vacant 5,000 sqft, three-bay perma-stone building from 1918, that is being converted into a pizzeria and doughnut shop by prominent developer Dave McCormack and a 6,000 sqft, two story brick building from 1919, that once housed the Hopewell Furniture Company and

a car dealership. That space is being converted into a coffee shop and art gallery by local community action group CAPUP.

“Both of these projects represent a major milestone for downtown as these buildings were considered ‘White Elephants,’ the most challenging projects because of the buildings size and poor condition,” says Evan Kaufman, Executive Director of the Downtown Partnership. “These projects took several years to come to fruition and we are thankful that the community will now be able to enjoy a great adaptive re-use of these historic buildings.”

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 35 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,000 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$65.6 billion in new public and private investment, generated 556,960 net new jobs and 126,476 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 260,000 buildings. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

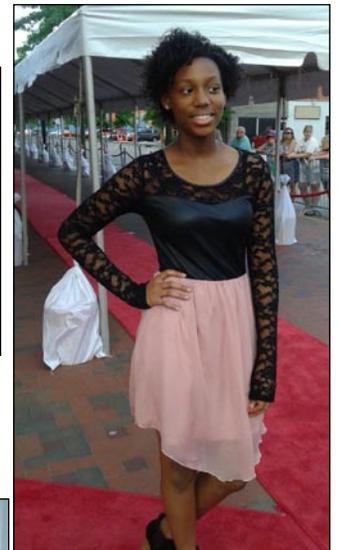


DEPARTMENT/AGENCY continued



Imperium star, Daniel Radcliffe, could not attend the red carpet event due to other filming obligations, but recorded a special message for those who attended.

Photos from the movie screening "Imperium" and red carpet event August 17th 2016 at the Beacon Theater



Cintas Cleans Up Former Dry Cleaning Operation in Hopewell



Cincinnati, OH — Cintas Corporation (NASDAQ: CTAS) today announced that it is working to clean up a former Metropolitan Uniform Services dry cleaning facility in Hopewell, VA. The property was acquired by Cintas and served as a laundry facility for several years. Cintas continues to grow in the area and recently relocated to a larger facility in Chesterfield. Prior to listing the land for sale, the company is cleaning up the dry cleaning contamination created by the previous owner.

“Our engineering team, along with our contractors are working proactively to remediate the site,” stated Michelle Goret, Cintas Vice President of Corporate Communications. “Cintas is committed to being a good citizen in the communities in which we do business and we’re working with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, as part of their Voluntary Remediation program.”

The sophisticated cleanup process involves large augers and a steam injection system that is used to drill into impacted soils in order to collect and eliminate the contaminants. During the drilling process, steam and chlorinated solvents are captured, condensed, and passed through granular activated carbon in order to remove any contaminants from the exhaust before being released.

Remediation work will be ongoing for the month of July and work hours will be between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Several on-site generators will run during those hours and noise

will be equivalent to a typical construction site. A large red crane and other heavy machinery will be visible at the site until the cleanup is complete. Occasionally, clean steam will be released into the atmosphere in order to test the boiler system.

The northbound shoulder of South 15th Avenue between Atlantic Street and Buren Street will be blocked during the week of July 5th. Northbound access will not be blocked, but lane size will be restricted. The site cleanup is expected to be completed in early August 2016.

For specific questions concerning site activities, please contact Bill Hayden at Virginia DEQ at (804) 698-4447.

About Cintas:

Cintas Corporation helps more than 900,000 businesses of all types and sizes get Ready™ to open their doors with confidence every day by providing a wide range of products and services that enhance our customers’ image and help keep their facilities and employees clean, safe and looking their best. With products and services including uniforms, floor care, restroom supplies, first aid and safety products, fire extinguishers and testing, and safety and compliance training, Cintas helps customers get Ready for the Workday™. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Cintas is a publicly held company traded over the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol CTAS and is a component of the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index.

What’s H2O Renewal?

The Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility changed its name to Hopewell Water Renewal. The City Council voted last fall to change the name beginning July 1, 2016. The new name provides a true description of what the plant really does. No longer does the plant just treat dirty water. The water is actually reclaimed to go back into the James River to improve water quality and to be available for other uses. The City is proud of its investment in improving the environment and the health of the river.

Jeanie Grandstaff, Director
Hopewell Water Renewal



KIPPAX PLACE APARTMENTS

Hopewell, VA

Acquisition/Rehabilitation



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Plans call for the substantial rehabilitation of all units at Kippax Place Apartments in historic Hopewell, Va., resulting in 60 efficiencies, 36 one-bedroom units, and four two-bedroom units. The proposed acquisition and rehabilitation will include new flooring, roofing, windows, mechanical systems, interior doors, appliances, casework, and kitchen and bathroom fixtures. In addition, 10 units will be reconfigured to be fully accessible, meeting Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Universal Design

standards. Two units will be designed to serve residents who are hearing and/or sight impaired. The facility will also be designed and built to meet EarthCraft Virginia Platinum standards to improve the comfort, health, and efficiency of each apartment.

Residents will also benefit from upgrades to the community room, laundry facilities, and leasing office.

CONSTRUCTION

Owner: CHP

Developer: CHP Development

Architect: CHP Design Studio

General Contractor: CHP Construction

Size: 100 apartments

Resident Characteristics: Units rented to individuals earning at or below 50% of the Area Median Income

Completion Date: June 2017

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Estimated one-time benefits to local economy from construction:

- Total value of construction, excluding land: \$8,300,749
- Local business income: \$1,020,770
- Local wages and salaries: \$4,348,622
- Total local income from construction: \$5,369,393
- Taxes and fees from construction: \$636,088
- Local jobs in construction and other industries: 65

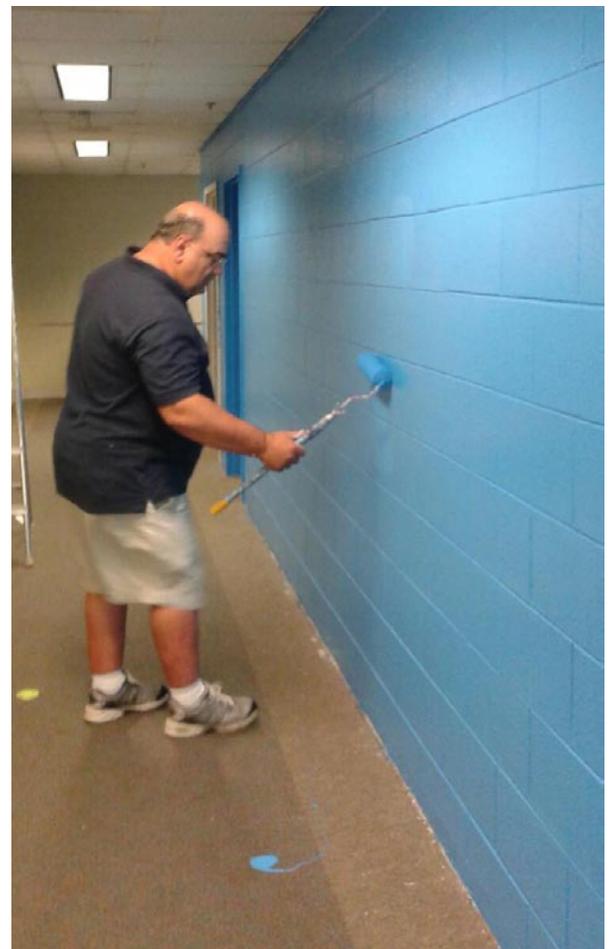
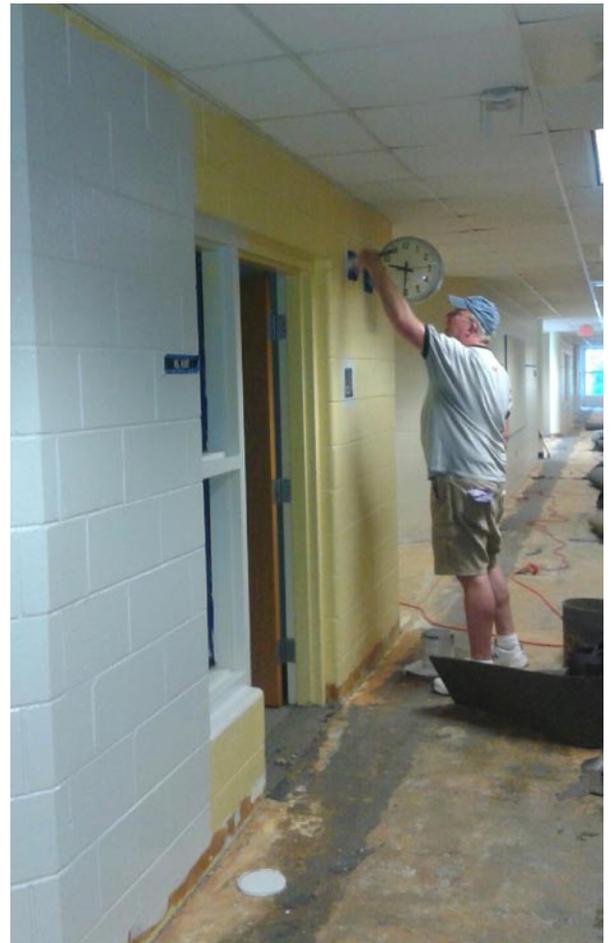
FUNDING

- 9% LIHTC equity
- Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) SPARC loan
- Federal Home Loan Bank - AHP
- Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) - HOME funds
- Hopewell Housing & Redevelopment Authority seller's note
- BB&T construction loan

Total Costs: \$14,430,198

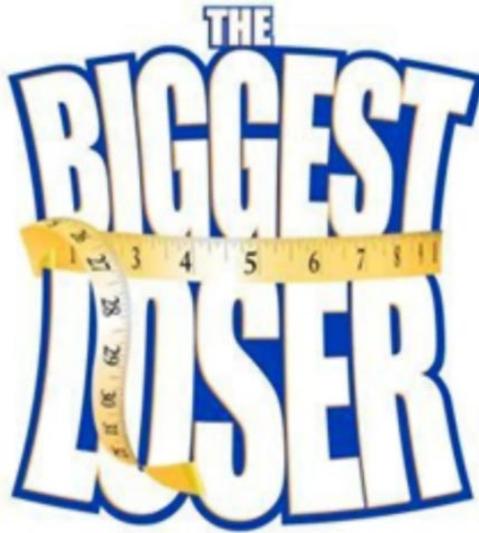
Volunteers paint walls at school

Ed Watson, City of Hopewell, Director, Public Works Department paints a wall at DuPont Elementary School. Ed was a member of Mark Haley, City Manager, City of Hopewell special projects team who volunteered their time and talent to paint walls at the school. Other members of the team included John Keohane, Police Chief, Hopewell Police Department, Renia Coles, Director, Human Resources Department and Herbert Bragg, Director of Intergovernmental & Public Affairs.



The 2016 City of Hopewell (FALL) 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 TUESDAY, September 6, 2016 and run through November 16, 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 10 weeks – with official weigh-ins every 2 weeks – only Dorothy Gerard 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 September 6, 2016.

Here is how you participate....must have 5 people for a team or individuals are accepted. (Open to all City of Hopewell employees (full-time and part-time)

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 September 2, 2016 or notified Dorothy Gerard if interested in participating in the Biggest Loser Contest. 541-2294

Good luck and more details will follow!

EVENTS continued

"The premiere afternoon market, on the Appomattox River"



EVERY SATURDAY
2PM-5PM

Over 30
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produce • meat • seafood • baked goods •
 honey • and other artisanal goods

PLUS! live music • outdoor games • crafts for kids

New Location!

206 Appomattox St
 Hopewell, VA 23860

BEHIND THE HOPEWELL LIBRARY OVERLOOKING THE APPOMATTOX RIVER

Visit hopewelldowntown.com/market for
 a list of products and more information

EBT/SNAP Accepted!

A project by the



Title Sponsor:



3RD ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

HOPEWELL POLICE VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

7:00 AM—1:00PM

311 CAVALIER SQUARE HOPEWELL

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 804-731-4274 OR

EMAIL: CHERIEBLACK5@GMAIL.COM

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK "HOPEWELL POLICE VOLUNTEERS"

CHECK-IN TIME IS 6:00AM

TWO PARKING LOT SPACES (INDIVIDUALS)—\$10.00

TWO PARKING LOT SPACES (FOOD VENDORS)-\$15.00

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HOPEWELL POLICE VOLUNTEERS WITH PURCHASING NEW UNIFORMS

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STUFF!

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YOUR
SPACE
NOW!

Historic Hopewell Foundation 2016 Lunch & Lecture Series

All programs start at noon and are free and open to the public. Programs are held at the ARLS Hopewell Library. For more information please call HHF at 804-458-4682.*

Sept. 07 – Jim Kaeser/Sallie-Rives McCrea
Charles Gillette: Seeing the Life of Things
(Interpreter of the Southern Garden)

Sept. 14 – Jean Langford
I Remember When...A Look at 100 Years of
Hopewell History

12:00 PM—1:00 PM - ARLS Hopewell Library
209 East Cawson Street, Hopewell VA 23860
Bring a bag lunch and HHF will supply drink and dessert!
Information: 804-458-4682 / www.historichopewell.org

**Please note that opinions expressed by the presenters do not necessarily reflect those of HHF.*

Wonder City
WINE AND CIGAR
FESTIVAL

LIVE BANDS
WINE TASTING
FAMILY
FRIENDLY

Sunday, November 6
12pm - 5pm

FESTIVAL PARK
205 APPOMATTOX ST
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Nature-Based Play Area Coming to City of Hopewell, Virginia Will Make Outdoor Learning Fun

City Park's nature-based play area will promote natural play and environmental stewardship

[Hopewell, VA. July 27, 2016] – The City of Hopewell, Virginia has been selected as a Building Better Communities grant recipient from the American Water Charitable Foundation and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The City of Hopewell is one of two communities awarded this grant in 2016.

Community parks like City Park are vital resources, connecting children to nature. Nature-based play areas foster an appreciation for environmental stewardship, while providing opportunities for physical activity. In Hopewell, community members will benefit from the new play space through increased opportunities for active play as well as increased opportunities to connect with the natural environment. The new play space will improve the overall appearance of the park and allow users to better enjoy the riverfront in downtown Hopewell.

“City Park is a valued asset for the City of Hopewell because of its location on the Appomattox River and the many opportunities for varied recreation” said Aaron Reidmiller, director of Hopewell Recreation and Parks. “It is our intention to design a play space play space like no other in the central Virginia region and to improve the overall experience for park patrons.”

Through the Building Better Communities grant program, Hopewell Recreation and Parks will construct two separate play areas that incorporate natural materials and nature-inspired play opportunities. Addition-

ally, improvements will be made to the existing park trails, footbridge, and interpretive signage. The newly improved park space will serve as the trailhead for the proposed Appomattox Riverwalk, a trail that will connect City Park with the Hopewell City Marina along the shoreline of the river. The improved play space will incorporate features that promote imaginative play, like a giant imitation osprey nest overlooking the river. Another unique design element will be a water feature that incorporates a replica mill house and water wheel, educating visitors on the power of water and some of the industrial history of the Appomattox River.

“Creating an experience with nature and natural elements that is both fun and educational is a recipe for creating a life-long appreciation for the environment,” said Barbara Tulipane, president and CEO of NRPA. “This is always a goal for community parks and recreation, and for these three communities having the support of the American Water Charitable Foundation to create new nature-based experiences will elevate their ability to give more people the chance to interact with nature in a unique and memorable way.”

“We are excited to give these three communities an opportunity to foster a greater sense of appreciation for the environment in a fun and engaging way,” said Debra Vernon, Manager, Corporate Responsibility and President of the American Water Charitable Foundation. “The projects will not only benefit the children and families in these communities, but they will also encourage the continued viability of and appreciation for our nation’s water resources. The Building Better Communities program supports American Water’s core values of community stewardship and environmental sustainability, and aligns with areas of importance to the company’s employees, including child welfare

and education.”

For more information about the Building Better Communities program, visit <http://www.nrpa.org/buildingbettercommunities>.

The City of Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department offers a variety of recreational opportunities designed to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the community. Through dedicated services and resource management, the department provides a healthy, friendly and safe environment for recreational and leisure activities. The Department manages twenty parks and playground facilities throughout the city and offers a variety of activities, programs and events through the year. For more information, please visit www.hopewellva.gov/recreation-and-parks.

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of more than 50,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit www.NRPA.org. For digital access to NRPA’s flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit www.parksandrecreation.org.

The American Water Charitable Foundation was established in 2010 with a founding contribution from American Water, the American Water Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides a formal way to demonstrate the company’s ongoing commitment to being a good neighbor, citizen, and contributor to the communities where American Water and its employees live, work and operate. The Foundation helps support American Water employee-identified nonprofit endeavors.

American Water was founded in 1886, American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs approximately 6,600 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 14 million people in more than 40 states and parts of Canada. More information can be found at www.amwater.com.

What to know about ZIKA

ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE

What is Zika virus infection?

Zika virus infection is a viral disease primarily spread to people through bites of infected mosquitoes, but sexual transmission has also been documented. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on infected persons. Zika virus is transmitted primarily by *Aedes aegypti* (Yellow fever mosquito). *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquito) can also spread the virus.

Where does Zika virus occur?

Outbreaks of Zika virus infection have occurred in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Central America, South America, the Caribbean and Mexico. For a map, see <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>. Because the mosquitoes that spread the virus are found around the world, it is likely that outbreaks will spread to new countries. There has not been any reported mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus in the continental U.S. For a map of where the mosquitoes that could spread Zika virus are located in the U.S., see <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/vector/range.html>.

Who gets Zika virus infection?

Anyone traveling to an area where Zika virus is found can become infected. Infections have been reported in travelers returning to the U.S. from affected areas. Those who do not travel to affected areas are not currently at risk of becoming infected because local spread by mosquitoes in the continental U.S. has not been reported.

What are the symptoms of Zika virus infections?

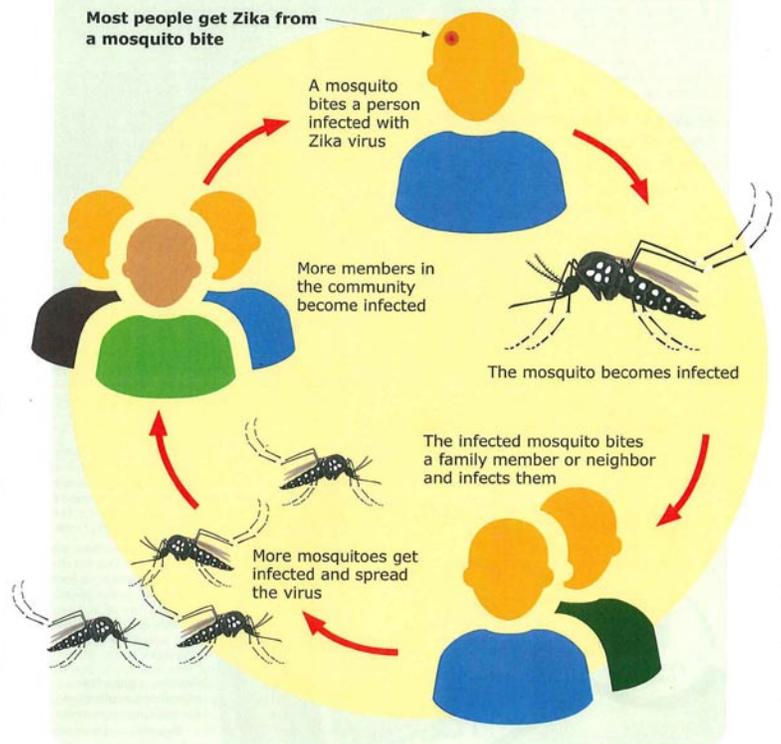
About 80% of people who are infected do not become sick. For the 20% who do become sick, the most common symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild and the symptoms typically last several days to a week.

How soon do symptoms occur?

Evidence from case reports and experience from related flavivirus infections indicate that the incubation period for Zika virus disease is likely 3–14 days. This

How Zika spreads

During the first week of infection, Zika virus can be found in a person's blood and can pass from an infected person to a mosquito through mosquito bites. An infected mosquito can then spread the virus to other people. To help prevent others from getting sick, strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during illness.



means that symptoms are likely to occur from 3 to 14 days after exposure to Zika virus.

How dangerous is Zika virus infection?

Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have concluded, after careful review of existing evidence, that Zika virus is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects. Microcephaly describes a baby or child with a smaller than normal brain and head. Increasing evidence from a number of recently published studies and a careful evaluation using established scientific criteria supports these conclusions. It does not mean, however, that all women who have Zika virus infection during pregnancy will have babies with problems. In other past Zika virus outbreaks, there have been reports of neurologic syndromes, such as Guillain-Barre Syndrome, in a small number of patients. Studies are still underway to learn more about health conditions associated with Zika virus and the effects of Zika virus infection during pregnancy.

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What special precautions should pregnant women take to prevent Zika virus?

The role of Zika virus infections during pregnancy is being studied. Out of an abundance of caution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that pregnant women avoid traveling to countries with ongoing Zika virus infections. If pregnant women need to travel to a country with Zika virus, it is recommended they take the following steps to avoid mosquito bites:

- Choose an EPA-registered insect repellent and use according to the product label. Use the repellent day and night because the mosquito species that transmit Zika virus are daytime biters
- that will also enter buildings and bite at night
- Use permethrin-treated clothing
- Cover exposed skin by wearing long sleeves, pants, and hats
- Sleep indoors in rooms screened windows or air-conditioning, or use a bed net if you sleep in
- an room that is exposed to the outdoors

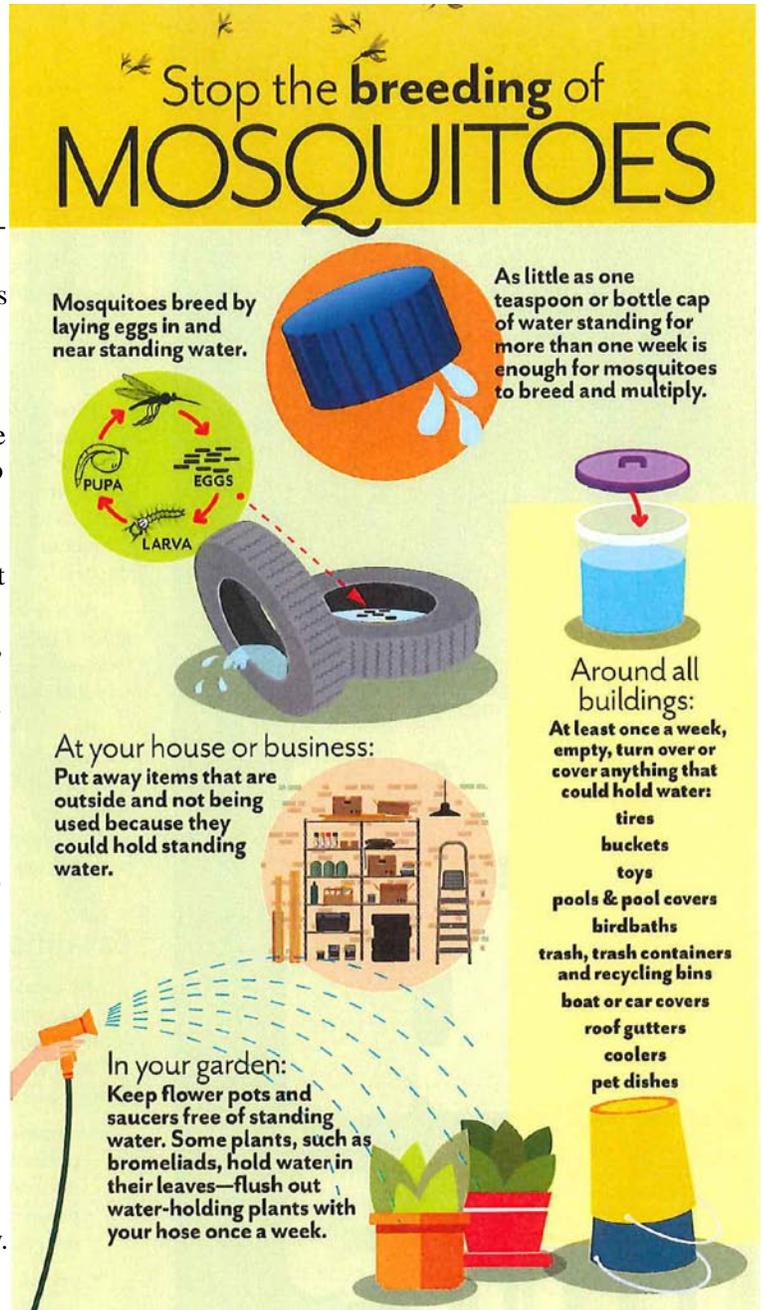
What is the treatment for Zika virus infection?

There is no specific treatment for Zika virus infection. Healthcare providers primarily provide supportive care to relieve symptoms. This may include rest, fluids, and use of over-the-counter medicine. Infected people should also stay indoors or wear protective clothing and mosquito repellent for the first week after they begin to feel sick. This will help prevent mosquitoes from biting them and potentially spreading the virus to others in the community. How can a Zika virus infection be prevented?

There is no vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection. Infections can be prevented by avoiding mosquito bites. This includes wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks, using insect repellent or permethrin-treated clothing (especially during the daytime when mosquitos are active), using air conditioning or window/door screens to keep mosquitos outside, and eliminating standing water from containers in yards (including bird baths, flower pots, buckets) to stop mosquito breeding.

What should I do if I think I have Zika virus infection?

If you have symptoms of Zika virus infection and have been to an affected area in the past two weeks,



contact your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider may test your blood for Zika virus and other similar mosquito-borne illnesses.

Where can I get more information?

For additional information, please visit the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>. You may also call your local health department. A directory of local health departments can be found at: www.vdh.virginia.gov/local-health-districts/. If you have questions about mosquito control programs, you may also contact the see the Virginia Mosquito Control Association: <http://www.mosquito-va.org>.

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