

TREASURER'S CITIZEN UPDATE #3

Meet the newest member of the Hopewell Treasurer's Office, Joe Bizzell. He is a licensed CPA who brings almost 20 years of accounting experience to his work for the City. Joe will be balancing the city's cash and investment accounts, preparing the Treasurer's reporting for the CAFR [Consolidated Annual Financial Report], assisting with preparations for the annual audit, and performing MUNIS related special projects. **Currently, he works three days per week for Hopewell.**

Joe's experience includes work for the Capital Region Airport Commission (Richmond International Airport) and several Non-Profit Organizations. Significantly, all of these entities operate using fund-based accounting systems, just as Hopewell (and all other local governments) is required to use. In addition, Joe has worked for a wide range of private businesses, including companies in healthcare, rental real estate management, manufacturing, and construction. Prior to his employment in the Treasurer's Office, Joe was involved in claims processing in connection with the BP Deepwater Horizon class action economic loss settlement.



Joe Bizzell, CPA

Joe also operates a small private practice, focused primarily on business accounting and bookkeeping. Joe has a passion for accuracy and correctness in his work, and strives to improve the value of reporting by improving efficiency and systems, whenever possible. **He shares Treasurer Joan Gosier's commitment to ethics, transparency, full disclosure, and service to the citizens of Hopewell.**

Joe is a native and life-long resident of Virginia, having lived most of it in Henrico County. He holds Bachelor's degrees from both VCU and Lynchburg College (in Accounting and Life Sciences, respectively). Joe and his wife Bev have been married almost 17 years, and have one son.

When not working, Joe dabbles in writing and photography. He loves the mountains and the beach. He serves as a Deacon at his church, and currently acts as Secretary for the Board of Deacons.

Please join me in welcoming Joe to the *TEAM!

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