

CITY COUNCIL CONNECTIONS



September 10, 2019
Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM	MOTION	MADE BY	SECOND	VOTE
Agenda	Amend agenda to remove item R-4 and bring it back after the work session, to be held October 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.	Bennett	Partin	Pelham - y Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton - y
Consent Agenda	Motion to move the proclamation and make it item R-1, move the I Love Hopewell initiative to R-4, and make the Pending List items R-5 – all remaining items to shift up or down respectively	Pelham	Gore	Pelham - y Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton - y
R-2 – Homeless Shelter	Select the option to operate City Shelter seasonally, using a contractor to service the Shelter	Partin	Denton	Pelham – y (abstain) Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton – y
R-3 – Annual Report for City Council Boards and Commissions	Approve the Council boards and commissions making annual reports to Council, and for the Clerk to create a master calendar of the presentations, and for the Clerk to send Council information if any Board is unable to present	Pelham	Bennett	Pelham - y Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton – y



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R-4 – CEO Consortium Agreement	To approve the Agreement as written and to approve Mayor Gore to act on behalf of the City	Pelham	Gore	Pelham - y Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton - y
R-4 I Love Hopewell Showcase	To approve the continuation of the I Love Hopewell Showcase initiative and for Mayor Gore to report back to Council with more definitive information on costs, and that new City funding needed to do projects or initiatives would come back to Council for approval.	Pelham	Bennett	Pelham - y Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton - y
R-5 City Council Pending List	City Council finalized the Pending List and provided the City Manager with the top 6 pending requests to fulfill. The Manager will present on the status of the items at the 1 st Oct. Regular Meeting.	Approved by consensus		
Extend Meeting	To extend the meeting long enough to complete the review of the Pending List and to complete the report out to Staff about Council's discussions in Closed Session	Pelham	Partin	Pelham - y Bennett - y Randolph - y Holloway - y Partin - y Gore - y Denton - y
Council Intern	City Council intern to be paid from Contingency Fund	Approved by consensus		



MAYOR JASMINE GORE- WARD 4 HIGHLIGHT



Ward 4 Meeting

Thursday – September 19, 2019

Ward 4 Meeting to receive updates about the City overall, and Ward 4 specific stats.

- Recreation and Parks
- Code/Development
- Public Works/Engineering/Stormwater
- Police Department
- Finance
- Social Services/Opioid Task Force
- Fire Department
- City Administration
- Economic Development
- *Hopewell Public Schools Invited

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Regular City Council Meeting - Tuesday, September 24th @ 7:30 p.m.

Special City Council Meeting - Wednesday, September 25th @ 6:30 p.m.

- FY15-17 Audit Findings and Material Weaknesses – This meeting has been called for City Council to develop a corrective action plan for the audit results.

City Council Work Session - Wednesday, October 2nd

- City Finance Policies – This meeting has been called for City Council to discuss and vote on the draft procurement and overarching City finance policies.

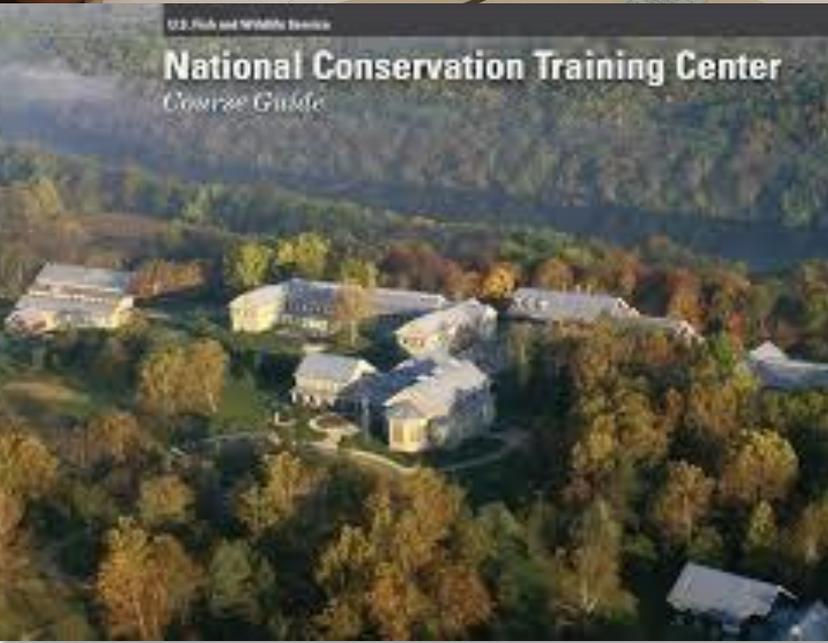


MAYOR JASMINE GORE- WARD 4 HIGHLIGHT



Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) *to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council*

September 6, 2019 Governor Ralph Northam reappointed Ms. Gore to serve on LGAC. LGAC is comprised of elected officials from states that share the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The purpose of the LGAC is to advise the Executive Council on how to effectively implement projects and engage the support of local governments to achieve the goals of the Bay Agreement. The Executive Council consists of the governors of the six watershed states, the mayor of the District of Columbia, the chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission and the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Members from the Virginia Delegation appointed Ms. Gore to serve as a Vice Chair for LGAC, which acts as the Chair for the Virginia Delegation.



LGAC met at the National Conservation Training Center in West Virginia for our Quarterly Meeting. Primary meeting topics included:

- State of the Chesapeake Bay Report
- Phase III Watershed Implementation Planning
- Green Workforce Development
- Virginia Delegation planned upcoming meeting with Governor, Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Update on Federal and State grant opportunities for climate resiliency
- Planned the upcoming Virginia Outreach events

The City of Hopewell is located at the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers. The Susquehanna, Potomac, Rappahannock, York and James rivers are the five largest rivers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed



MAYOR JASMINE GORE- WARD 4 HIGHLIGHT



Decision Maker Experience Boat Trip on the James

Ms. Gore participated in the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's River Tour of the James River with other elected officials and individuals that support the climate resiliency.

The tour included discussion about:

- The ecosystem of the James River
- Overfishing and current legislative requests
- Wildlife and plant life in the James River
- The Chesapeake Bay's education Program
- Eagles and Sturgeon resurgence
- Diversity in the James River and invasive species
- Stormwater runoff and the impacts of farming
- Upcoming legislative requests and advocacy
- Water turbidity and water quality



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https://www.cbf.org/join-us/education-program/](https://www.cbf.org/join-us/education-program/)



MAYOR JASMINE GORE- WARD 4 HIGHLIGHT



I ♥ Hopewell Showcase

Wonder City Mobile Mural

- Stop by Hopewell High School to take a selfie with the Phoenix Wings!

I Love Hopewell Video Contest – 9/3 thru 9/20

- Submit Videos Online: <https://hopewellva.wixsite.com/videocontest>

S'mores & Stories- 9/26 @ 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ Hopewell High Track

- Join neighbors to roast s'mores and tell the history of Hopewell

Night in the Sky - 9/21 @ 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. @ River Walk/City Park

- Use telescopes to view the Saturn, Jupiter, a Nepula and the Milky Way!

Special Thank You to local artist Brandon Hobbs for painting the mural and Nanny Adventures RVA for donating the supplies. The Phoenix mural symbolizes the strength to Hopewell after the “Great Fire” and the resurgence the City is undergoing in revitalization.



Join the “I Love Hopewell” Citizen Group to participate in planning and volunteering for the community showcase. This initiative was create to promote positivity and pride within he City of Hopewell. The overall goal is to highlight different groups and aspects within our community to be inclusive. Events are planned to support the youth, elderly, disabled, military, families and more.

Sign up by contacting Ms. Patrice Shelton at pshelton@hopewellva.gov



VICE MAYOR PATIENCE BENNETT- WARD 7 HIGHLIGHT



“Unconditional Selfless Christian Service at the point of Need!”
This is the underlying motto of the Liberty Chapel Gospel Service (LCGS) at Fort Lee, Virginia.

The LCGS Men’s Ministry, in concert with the Fort Lee Tri-Cities Men’s Ministry Outreach, has been on a mission for the past 8 plus years through the auspices of highly productive Community Garden.



On 11 May 2019, the LCGS Men’s Ministry, ICW the Fort Lee Tri-Cities Men’s Ministry Outreach, hosted its annual spring garden planting kickoff with roughly 30 personnel (youth and adults) in attendance and actively participating in this exceptional teambuilding event. Specifically, this event took place in Hopewell, VA at the Woodlawn Learning Center Complex surrounding area (1100 Dinwiddie Avenue). The garden, approximately one acre in size, serves as a diverse vegetable garden ranging in various plant types – including tomatoes, squash (various types), cucumbers, eggplants, onions, okra, an assortment of peppers, peas, beans, etc.;

Key aspects of community garden consisted of garden planning/coordination, seedbed preparation, and actual planting. Subsequent phases consisted of garden maintenance and sustainment prior to actual harvesting which is in its final stages. Within the coming weeks, the Ministry Outreach Team will begin its requisite preparation tasks for the annual fall garden.



VICE MAYOR PATIENCE BENNETT- WARD 7 HIGHLIGHT



Of equally profound importance is the contributions and support of various Hopewell community leaders and the Hopewell Public Schools and the Community at large. It truly is a Team Effort!

Lastly, but not least, this event continues to emphasize and promotes educational awareness among our youth and adults alike. Home gardening in sectors of our Nation has become a lost art. In order to further promote our youth's enthusiasm and positive engagement with this event, all participating youth will be afforded an opportunity to visit the Virginia State Fair later this year and experience some of the important features, products, and opportunities that reside in the Agriculture Arena – the backbone of the United States of America!

We salute the organization members: Marshall Jones, Carl Hall, Paul Wilson, Keith Young, Jerry Jones, Wendell Fletcher, Wade Watkins, Belinda Johnson, Marshall Ford, Kraus Johnson, Winthrop Laroche, Thomas Emery, and youth members Joel Whiting, Derrel Jones, and Tre-jon Jones.





VICE MAYOR PATIENCE BENNETT- WARD 7 HIGHLIGHT





Thanks to our own Rec and Parks Department and the military volunteers from Fort Lee for starting to clear the debris from the Union Fort on Appomattox.





COUNCILOR RANDOLPH- WARD 1 HIGHLIGHT

The City of Hopewell is purchasing the Masonic Lodge on Prince Henry Ave. to be used as a part of the tourism in historic City Point. The structure will need renovations and the City Planner is working on historic building grants to help with the cost of renovations. The City is also working on the Historic Preservation Committee getting back up and running.

- Masonic Lodge





COUNCILOR HOLLOWAY- WARD 2 HIGHLIGHT



KING'S COURT PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
5:30 PM



The [National Recreation and Park Association](#) (NRPA), announced the recipients of its 2019 [Meet Me at the Park](#) Play Spaces grants. The City of Hopewell's Kings Court Playground was selected as one of 25 communities receiving \$30,000 grants

Part of a \$1 million donation by The Walt Disney Company, this grant funding supports projects that increase access to play spaces in local parks for children and families, and provides NRPA with resources to help promote the benefits of play to local communities across the United States.



COUNCILOR HOLLOWAY- WARD 2 HIGHLIGHT

CITY OF HOPEWELL * 300 N. MAIN ST. * HOPEWELL, VA 23860

WARD 2 and WARD 6 MEETING NOTICE



**Join Councilor Arlene Holloway and
Councilor Brenda Pelham as they host a
Ward 2 and Ward 6 Meeting**

**September 30, 2019
6:00 PM**

**Sunlight-Williams Elks Lodge
1505 High Avenue
HOPEWELL, VA 23860**

[Councilor Holloway or Councilor Pelham](#)

Inquiries: 541-2249



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for a community
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COUNCILOR PARTIN – WARD 3 HIGHLIGHT

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

1. Participated in the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s River Tour of the James River and talked about stormwater runoff & water quality issues in the region.
2. Hosted a tour of Downtown Hopewell and City Park for the Hopewell High School Class of 1979 40th Class Reunion.
3. Attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Hopewell’s Newest Business, Fantastic Finds, at 226 S. 15 Ave.
4. Attended the Ground-Breaking Ceremony for King’s Court Park on Waverly Street.
5. Participated in a Rules and Procedure Workshop held by our City Attorney.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:

1. Tuesday, September 24th City Council Meeting
2. Wednesday, September 25th Special City Council Meeting on the Material Weaknesses of the 2015, 2016, and 2017 CAFRs
3. Wednesday, October 2nd City Council Work Session on the new proposed City Procurement and Purchasing Policy



Contact Information

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If you would like to be on my email notification list to receive crime stats, city updates, and community event information, please send me an email to partinward3@gmail.com, and I will happily add you!



COUNCILOR PELHAM- WARD 6 HIGHLIGHT

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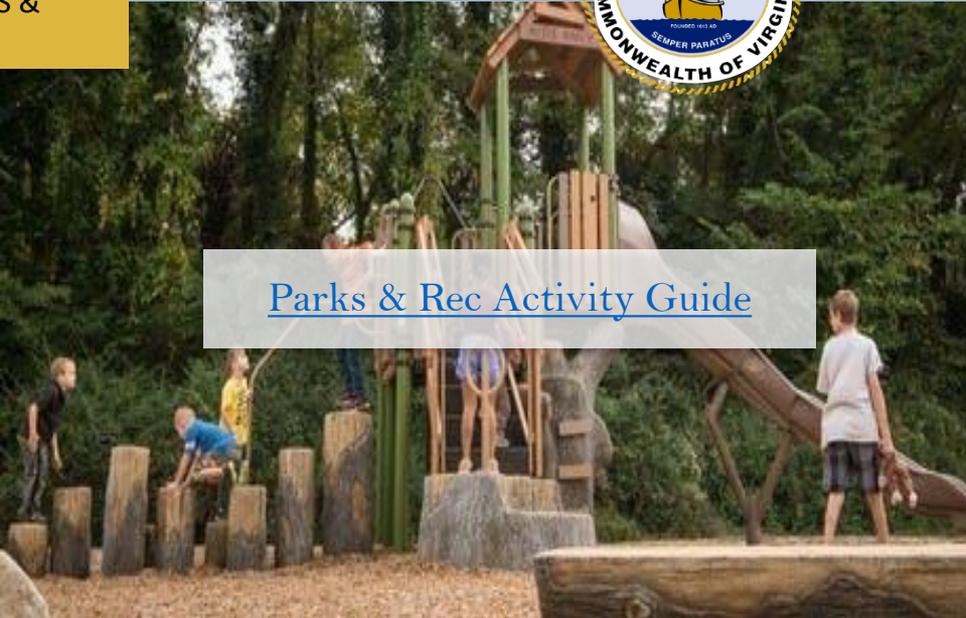
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Hopewell, VA

Historic Snapshot #ILoveHopewell

September 11th - September 18th



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Weekly E-Newsletter

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