



City Manager's Weekly Update

August 21, 2020

CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Hopewell Voter Registrar's Office Relocates



John M. Altman, Jr.
City Manager

Each week, the City Manager prepares an update for City Council and citizens that addresses the status of major City projects, news, special events, and other matters of interest as well as City-wide accomplishments in the performance of our services to our citizens of Hopewell.

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Hopewell, VA –The Hopewell Voter Registrar's office will relocate from 245 E. Broadway to 106 N. Main Street on Friday, August 21, 2020. The entrance to the Registrar's office is located at the rear of the building.

Voting in-person for the November 3, 2020 General Election will start on September 18, 2020 at the new location.

"The old location was too small to accommodate no excuse absentee, increasing number of mail-in ballots, storage of new election equipment, and COVID-19 social distancing compliance for Board members and staff," said Norman Shelton, Hopewell Voter Registrar. For inquiries please call (804) 541-2232.

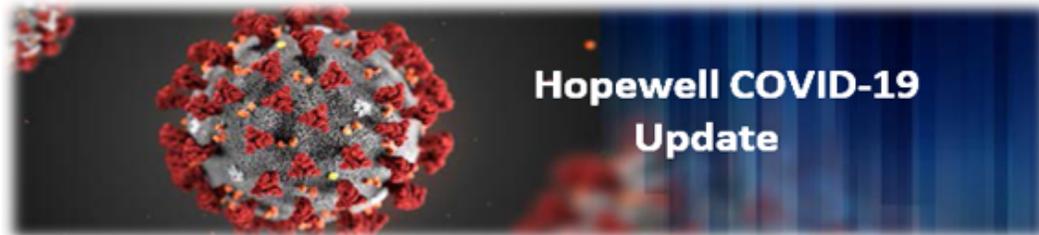




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COVID-19 COMMUNITY NEWS

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COVID-19 UPDATES: <https://hopewellva.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-and-resources/>

	<u>Total Testing Encounters</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Hospitalizations</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>7-day Positivity Rate</u>
Statewide	1,535,931 (16,695↑)	109,882 (863↑)	8,998 (73↑)	2,427 (17↑)	6.8% (0.1↓)
Crater Health District	31,493 (231↑)	2,823 (40↑)	235 (1↑)	76	7.1% (1.5↓)
Hopewell	n/a	322 (5↑)	28	6	n/a

- **The COVID-19 Hotline (541-2391) remains available to our citizens Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.** We have received a total of 870 calls to-date.
- Our DMV Select Office is located in the former Dispatch area of City Hall. DMV Select services are available by appointment only by scheduling online through the City's website: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/b99xpe2x/>.
- The Department of Development's Permit Office is open and temporarily located in the former Dispatch area of City Hall as well where citizens can conduct building permit activities in person.
- The City of Hopewell will reopen to our citizens on September 8 by appointment. City staff continues to be available to assist you by phone or e-mail. We appreciate your patience while we work to finalize modifications to our facilities and train staff on new protocols to ensure the safety of our citizens and employees. Be safe and stay well!
- The City of Hopewell's Small Business Recovery Program is still accepting applications! Find more information here: <https://hopewellva.gov/economic-development-office/small-business-recovery-program-application/>.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & SERVICES

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Important Phone Numbers

Call CVWMA's Trash Hotline for inquiries or to report a missed collection



Trash Hotline
804-452-0500



CITY OF HOPEWELL INFORMATION

PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES: 911
FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY):
 804-541-2288
POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY):
 804-541-2222
FAQ HOTLINE: 804-541-2391
CITY MANAGER: 804-541-2243
CITY CLERK: 804-541-2408
COMMISSIONER OF THE
REVENUE: 804-541-2237
DEVELOPMENT: 804-541-2220
PUBLIC WORKS: 804-541-2295
REAL ESTATE: 804-541-2234
RECREATION: 804-541-2353
TREASURER: 804-541-2240

NOTIFICATIONS

- **CodeRed Emergency Alerts**
- **Nixle Public Safety Information**
- **NextDoor Neighborhood Info**

Visit www.hopewellva.gov or call 804-541-2288 (CodeRed) or 804-541-2222 (Nixle & NextDoor) to sign up.

CITIZEN INFORMATION

Public meeting notices and other pertinent city information is distributed to citizens included on the FOIA list via email. Contact the City Clerk's office at 804-541-2408 or cityclerk@hopewellva.gov to be added to the FOIA list.



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HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 26



EVENTS!

[BINGO at Omega Bar & Grill](#)

Monday, August 24th from 7-10pm.

Play for lots of prizes to include merchandise, gift certificates, free food and more! No cost to play, BINGO is free for all Omega Bar & Grill customers!

[Singo at Paddy's Irish Pub](#)

Wednesday, August 26th from 7-9pm. Free to play.

Bingo with a beat! Second Wednesdays of the month! Come eat, drink and win prizes!

[Appomattox Regional Library's YouTube Channel](#)

Have you subscribed to the library's YouTube Channel? Many of your favorite in person programs have gone digital! Baby and Me, Yoga for Beginners and so much more! Check it out & subscribe.



New Hours at the Hopewell Quick Lunch!

The Hopewell Quick Lunch is now open 7am-2:30pm Monday-Friday and serving breakfast all day! The Hopewell Quick Lunch offers daily specials, check out their Facebook page for more information. Make sure to stop by for their bologna burger or one of their famous hot dogs all the way!

[MORE INFO](#)



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Daily Specials

Omega Bar & Grill:

- Taco Tuesday: Enjoy \$1.50 tacos or taco egg rolls of your choice!
- Seafood Thursday: \$7.99 specials to include 1/2 pound of steamed shrimp and more!

[MORE INFO](#)

Paddy's Irish Pub

- Tuesday Specials: \$1 off house margaritas and Kelly's Chicken Sandwich! \$.50 off Corona. All day.
- Wine Wednesday: \$1 off glasses of wine all day!
- Beer & Pint Thursday: Get a classic burger or Cheeseburger and a pint of beer for \$12! Extended Happy Hour until 9pm.
- Friday: \$1 off Fish & Chips all day, live music every Friday night!

[MORE INFO](#)

Roja

- Happy Hour until 730pm everyday
- Wine Wednesday: \$4 Sangria
- Thirsty Thursday: happy hour until 9pm
- Fish Friday

[MORE INFO](#)



Live Music

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

- Grits and Gravy at Omega Bar & Grill at 7pm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

- Kenzie Kincaid Trio at Omega Bar & Grill at 7pm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st

- Rich Moore at Paddy's Irish Pub at 7pm.
- Shades of Grey at Omega Bar & Grill at 8pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd

- Smoke & Wine Band at Omega Bar & Grill at 8pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

- JNM Band at Omega Bar & Grill from 3-7pm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

- Keith Horne & Jay Camacho at Omega Bar & Grill at 7pm.



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HOPEWELL TREASURER'S OFFICE

300 North Main Street

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(804) 541-2240

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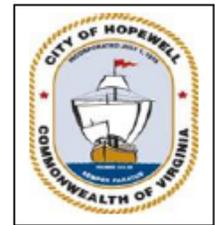
TOPIC: City Treasurer Functions

Subject: Overview of City Treasurer, Constitutional Office

Author: Joan E. Gosier, City Treasurer and Joe Bizzell, Deputy Treasurer

Time Duration: 2 hours

Citizen's Information & Feedback Opportunity



Overview: Provide participants with an understanding of the sources of funding for the City of Hopewell

Objectives: Participants will get an overview of "Citizen Self Service/Online Payments"

Topics include:

1. Citizen Self Service
 - Real Estate Bills
 - QPublic
 - Personal Property Bills
2. Online Payments
 - Paymentus/Fees
 - Debit Cards/ Credit Cards
3. Real Estate Change of Address Request Form
4. Customer Service

Materials: Provide Treasurer's Office handout, Business Cards, Survey on our Performance, Results from Last Survey

Conclusion: Create a dialogue and exchange of ideas to increase median household income and improve Hopewell citizen's economic outlook.

Please join us at the Simply Unique at 106 S 15th Ave on Saturday 08/29/2020 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. by emailing Treasurer@hopewellva.gov. LIMITED SEATING!!!





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HUMAN RESOURCES

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Welcome to the City of Hopewell!



Daphene Dudley
Treasurer's Office



Lilybell Quinones
General District Court



Megan Forren – Police Department



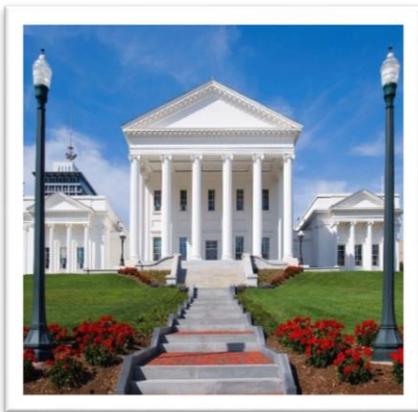
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Governor Northam Proposes Voter Protection Measures Ahead of November General Election

~ Additional budget amendments address evictions, broadband, historical sites, and dam safety ~



Governor Ralph Northam announced proposals to expand access to voting for the November 3rd General Election amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The measures were unveiled by the Governor during a virtual Joint Meeting of the House Appropriations, House Finance, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and will be considered by legislators during the special General Assembly session set to begin this afternoon.

“As we continue to navigate this pandemic, we must take additional steps to make it easier to vote, not harder,” said **Governor Northam**. “With these measures, we will protect public health and ensure Virginians can safely exercise their right to vote in the November election. Whether you put your ballot in the mail or vote in-person, voting will be safe and secure in our Commonwealth.”

Governor Northam is putting forward three proposals aimed at addressing challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensuring all Virginians have safe and fair access to the ballot box for the November 3rd General Election.

- **Prepaid postage:** Governor Northam's proposed budget sets aside \$2 million for prepaid return postage on all absentee ballots sent out for the November 3rd General Election.



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- **Drop off boxes and drop off locations:** The Governor's proposal includes language expressly permitting localities to use drop boxes or implement drop off locations for Virginians who choose to vote absentee, under security standards to be set by the Virginia Department of Elections.
- **Absentee cure process:** This measure will ensure Virginians' voting rights are protected by allowing them to fix an error on their absentee ballot. Currently, Virginians who make an error are not able to fix that error and therefore their ballot may be discarded. Many Virginians will be voting absentee for the first time this November, and this language will help ensure Virginians' votes are counted.

The Governor's proposed budget also includes funding for measures to reform policing; teach a more accurate version of Virginia history; expand safe, affordable housing; increase access to high-speed broadband; provide resources for urgent dam safety; and support Virginia's public Historically Black Colleges and Universities



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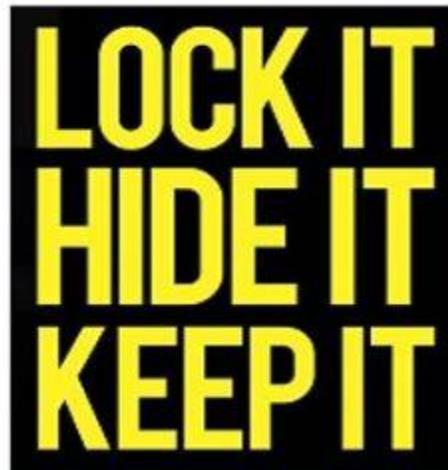


PUBLIC SAFETY

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HOPEWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF AN AUTO-RELATED PROPERTY CRIME



Safety Tips

- Always lock your vehicle
- Hide valuables from plain sight if you must keep them in the vehicle
- Remove anything of value if at all possible
- Don't leave keys in your vehicle

MOST FREQUENT ITEMS STOLEN FROM VEHICLES:

- FIREARMS
- MEDICATION
- PURSES/WALLETS
- MONEY
- GPS, STEREOS
- DOCUMENTS/MAIL
- CELL PHONES / CHARGERS



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 Hopewell, VA 23860
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www.hopewellva.gov/police/



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Employees of the Month



On August 18th, Employees of the Month (EOM) awards were presented to Sgt. Terry, Detective Grant and Detective Fitzsimons (pictured), as well as Officer Martin and Officer Drahms, who were selected as June's Employees of the Month.

Congratulations



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Assistance with Traffic Control for Public Safety



On August 15th, members of the Police Department assisted with traffic control of several flooded roadways throughout the City as a result of severe storms that impacted the area.



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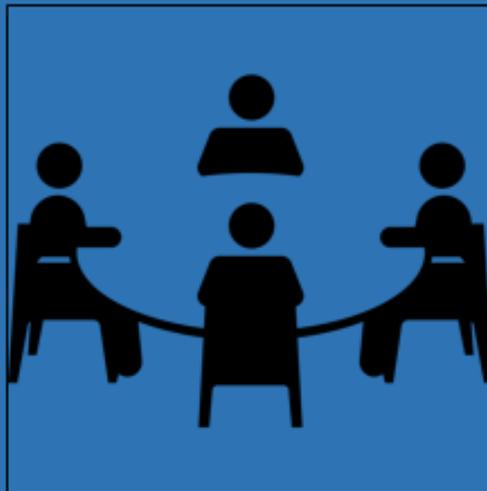
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Police Chief's Advisory Board

On August 13th, the Hopewell Police Department's Chief's Advisory Committee (CAC) held a "Listening Session" at the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Albert Lee Mills Post# 10387 (206 Winston Churchill Dr.).

Approximately 15 citizens, several members of the CAC, Chief Afzal and Deputy Chief Bartley were in attendance.

The group discussed a wide variety of issues affecting the city's residents from mental health and opioid addiction to youth mentoring programs.





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RECREATION & PARKS

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Citywide PPE Distribution



Employees from Recreation & Parks, Development, and Fire & Rescue have been distributing PPE kits to each household in the city throughout the week. Crews are expected to be finished with the project on Wednesday, August 26 (weather permitting). Please note that workers are unable to leave kits at homes that have No Trespassing/Private Property signage, animals off leash, or other obstructions to the property. If you think crews have been in your neighborhood and you did not receive a kit or if you need face coverings for additional family members, please contact Hopewell Recreation and Parks by phone at (804) 541-2353 or by email at recandparks@hopewellva.gov.

Members of City Council hit the streets with Recreation and Parks employees to assist with delivering PPE kits to households across the city. Crews will continue working into next week with the remaining neighborhoods, mostly located in Ward 4. Keep an eye out for employees with bright yellow shirts working in your neighborhood in the coming days!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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Upcoming City Council Meeting:

September 8, 2020 – Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

(These meetings will be held electronically)

CITIZENS CAN WATCH THE MEETING VIA:

Hopewell City Council Live <https://hopewellva.gov/city-council-live/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzz-V2cGfrfyebxDeQ4_x7A



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