



A Newsletter from the Town of Tappahannock

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAPPAHANNOCK?



At the 2023 Council Retreat held in January, Council identified the following rank-ordered goals for the next three to five years:

1. Beautification of the Town, including clean-up of blight
2. Develop Town-owned property
3. Employee salaries, hiring the right number of staff, and right personnel for positions
4. Create an Economic Development Strategy
5. Enhanced revenues (on-going)
6. Enhanced communications with the public (residents and businesses) about Town projects and Town initiatives
7. Address water and sewer infrastructure

CHA Engineers will attend the March 2023 Council meeting to provide updates on the downtown sewer system rehab project. The Town will know by March the status of its application for additional funding from DEQ for this project. Construction is expected to begin Summer 2023.

The Town finished upgrading the remaining meters. Staff is working with the software company on launching the customer portal. The goal is for the portal to be ready for spring. Staff will host public engagement forums to show customers the beneficial features of the new portal.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 PM

Monday, March 13, 2023, Town Council Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 PM

Monday, April 10, 2023, Town Council Meeting 7 PM

Meeting Location: Town Office, 915 Church Lane,

Tappahannock, VA 22560.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES

Meals Tax & Lodging Tax: The 20th of Every Month

If the 20th falls on a weekend, the due date is automatically moved to the next business day

Utility Bills: Thursday, March 30, 2023

TOWN OF TAPPAHANNOCK NAMED RECEIPIENT OF MULTIPLE GRANTS

The Town of Tappahannock is pleased to announce that the Town is a recipient of \$511,300 in grant funding that will supplement multiple projects within the Town.

The Town, in partnership with Ross-Simpson Properties, received a \$250,000 grant award from the Virginia DHCD, 2022 Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) Awarded Projects. These funds will support the renovation of historic Emerson's Ordinary, a tavern dating back to 1710 and considered one of the oldest surviving ordinaries in Virginia.

The Town received a \$261,300 grant award from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) Development Grant. These funds will support the development of an industrial park located at 540 Airport Road; formerly known as the 'old airport.'





The Town of Tappahannock welcomed Britishians TV hosts, Marco Biagioli and Erica Marlargo, in late December. Marco and Erica selected the Town of Tappahannock to be featured on one episode of their 2023 season. This season will be aired on Amazon Prime Video, and Roku TV internationally.

NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO TOWN



Wawa has a tentative opening date of Thursday March 30th, 2023.



ModWash has a tentative opening date of the third quarter of this year.



If you have a concern regarding the state-maintained highways, be sure to notify VDOT at 1-800-367-7623 or <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>

Contact Virginia 811 before you start your project. Allow required time for marking. Respect and protect the marks. Excavate carefully.



Call 811 or 1-800-552-7001

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE WITH YOUR UPDATED PHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CUSTOMER PORTAL.

(804) 443-3336



Registration for the Tappahannock Farmer's Market is

O P E N!!

The Farmer's Market is every 3rd Saturday of each

month beginning April and continuing through October.

Visit the website below to register:

Tappahannockmainstreet.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Tappahannock Main Street
- Tappahannock Art Gallery
- Essex County Museum & Historical Society
- Tappahannock/Essex County Animal Shelter



Essex County Parks and Recreation in partnership with Essex County Public Schools is offering a structured after school enrichment program. The purpose of the program is to enhance learning and provide a safe and secure environment where each child can reach their individual potential. The students bring a snack, do their homework, and then play games. Staff is there to help the children with their homework if they need it. The program is held at the Tappahannock Elementary School throughout most of the school year. The cost is \$40.00 per week and runs from after school (3:15) until 6:00 pm.

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