



*The Town Office will be closed on
November 10, November 22,
November 23 & November 24.*

A Newsletter from the Town of Tappahannock

For information on closing and delays – tune into local news stations and follow us on social media.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAPPAHANNOCK?



Central Park construction is expected to begin on October 30th when contractors are set to mobilize and locate on site. More updates will be available in the coming weeks so please stay tuned by checking our website and social media.

The Town is still waiting for a start date for Phase 1 Downtown Sewer Improvements Project. Work will begin on Queen Street then divert to the rest of the project area. We apologize in advance for any disturbances or traffic inconveniences this may cause. Once a preliminary schedule is set, this will be posted online and shared on Facebook.

The Town was awarded a grant from the Virginia Department of Health for mapping its water. The total grant award is \$250,000. Our utility engineers at CHA Companies were a big reason for our award and will be mapping our system for us.

Town staff has been working on new decorative street signs that would consolidate having 3 separate signs to one single more attractive sign. The first phase of this would focus on the downtown area, then phase in the rest of town. A preliminary example sign is displayed behind the Town Hall for viewing. Please send your feedback and comments to Connie Dalton, Community Development Director and Zoning Administrator at cdalton@tappahannock-va.gov.

REAL ESTATE TAX REMINDER

Real Estate tax bills were mailed out on Wednesday, 10/18/2023. If you are a homeowner residing in Town of Tappahannock limits, you will receive a Real Estate tax bill from the Town of Tappahannock. If your mortgage lender is responsible for paying your Real Estate taxes, you will not receive a bill. Please contact the Town office at (804) 443-3336 to ensure that we have the correct mailing address on file.

PROPOSED NEW STREET SIGNAGE

The Town Council prioritized beautification of the Town during their 2023 Retreat. To reduce the visual clutter from the numerous street signs throughout Town, a proposal was requested from Signature Streetscapes for new street signs. A two-phase approach is proposed. Signage has been designed for the downtown area, and for a Phase II for the remainder of the Town. The proposal was presented to the Town Council on October 10, 2023 and a full-size sample has been installed on Town Hall property to allow for a full review of materials utilized, clarity of the sign (day vs night), and any other considerations by the Council and the community. Input from the community is requested.

In addition to input on the general design of the signage specific input is requested for the preference for a white or blue Historic Downtown component. Please feel free to email your comments, questions, or concerns to the Town: cdalton@tappahannock-va.gov

CENTRAL PARK'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

An exciting milestone for our community, the Town of Tappahannock is thrilled to announce the official groundbreaking ceremony for our new park project. This marks a significant step toward enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

This groundbreaking event took place at Central Park located at 234 Virginia Street on Monday, October 16th. Residents were encouraged to join local officials, community leaders, and fellow neighbors in celebrating the beginning of this transformative project. The groundbreaking ceremony marks the beginning of construction, with the park's completion expected in March 2024.



UTILITY CUSTOMER PORTAL

Access your water usage information and configure notification preferences easily and securely from the *Get My Meter Info* web portal and integrated smart phone apps.

Ensure the town office has a valid phone number and email address on file to ensure an easy sign-up process.



DREDGING AT HOSKINS CREEK

Residents can expect additional activity at Hoskins Creek within the next few months as dredging has been scheduled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure appropriate channel depth.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN TAPPAHANNOCK DATES



October 29, 2023, 4 pm -7 pm

Prince Street



December 2, 2023, from 11 am – 4 pm

Prince Street

IMPORTANT DUE DATES

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

Utility Bills

11/30/2023

01/31/2023

Personal Property & Real Estate

12/05/2023

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

11/01/2023 Planning Commission Meeting

Town Hall 7 PM

11/13/2023 Town Council Meeting

Town Hall 7 PM

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



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/>.

LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

The Town has ordered a new leaf vacuum and will announce the leaf pickup schedule within the next few weeks. The leaf pickup schedule will be announced on our social media pages and local news stations once it is available.

GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

Commercial: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Residential: Tuesday & Friday

Recycle for Residents: Thursday

Cardboard for Commercial: Tuesday

For questions regarding this service, please contact the town office (804) 443-3336.

Reminder: If you need Town assistance after hours, please contact the Essex County Sheriff's Office at (804) 443-3347.