

# South Norfolk Updates

December 18, 2012

## Hot Projects

### CASCADE BOULEVARD PARK

Public Works: The field light poles and fixtures are due to arrive on Dec 21. Field surveying (i.e. layout of the light poles) is complete. Trenching and installation of the electric conduit lines to the pole positions is complete. The electric distribution panel installation is now complete. Project is 12% complete.

### CONSOLVO PARK

Parks and Recreation: The earthwork required to expand the parking lot is currently in progress.

Public Works: Erosion control fencing and tree protection have been installed. The existing pavement and curbs have been removed. Project is 6% complete.

### DERELICT STRUCTURES

No update.

### POINDEXTER STREET

No update.

### SOUTH NORFOLK LIBRARY/JOHNSON PARK

Planning: A rezoning and street closure application for the South Norfolk Library/Johnson Park sites will be placed on the January 10, 2013 Planning Commission Public Hearing agenda. The proposed street closure application would close a paper alley that bisects the two sites. The proposed rezoning would change the zoning of the sites from R-SFA Residential District and B-2 Business District to B-5 Business District and C-2 Conservation/ Recreation. The library and park sites would later be subdivided to create two new parcels.

Public Works: MGT has installed and tested all the under-slab plumbing on the ground floor. City inspectors are checking the work as it progresses. The plumbing subcontractor has begun to install hangers and pipes in the ceiling of the first floor. Project is 5% complete.

## Project Updates

### UTILITY-RELATED PAVEMENT REPAIRS

Public Utilities: Public Utilities is finding and fixing cave-ins associated with sanitary sewer leaks. The following areas have completed repairs, waiting paving: 914 Edgewood Ave and 1320 Chesapeake Ave.

### ELIZABETH RIVER BOAT LANDING AND PARK

Parks and Recreation: The park and boat ramp remain closed. A meeting was held with Parks and Recreation staff, Engineering, Development and Permits, and the contractor to discuss the restoration of the park and the required components to complete the park entrance.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We are continuing to work on a website and Economic Development Opportunity Assessment for South Norfolk, to identify new and redevelopment opportunities for commercial property.

# Fire Department Updates

## TOWN HALL MEETING- RESPONSES

At the December 4, 2012 South Norfolk Town Hall Meeting citizens questioned the City's Open Air Burning Policy. A resident on Decatur Street has been visited by the Fire Department more than 50 times because they are and continue to burn trash.

As a result of this concern, the City's Fire Prevention Division pulled the data for burning complaint responses to the area. December 6, 2012 a Deputy Fire Marshal met the citizens concerning the open burning complaints and was provided addresses where the burning is believed to be taking place. The Fire Department has responded to one particular address 12 times because of citizen complaints or unauthorized burning during the time frame from May 2011 to the present. Each response found the resident in compliance with the City's Open Air Burning Policy but because the response was due to a smoke complaint, the fires were extinguished. The resident was provided a copy of the Burning Policy and the requirement that they wait 24 hours before re-starting the burning.

The Deputy Fire Marshal met also met with another citizen that was burning trash and provided him with information regarding the Fire Department's responses to his residence and the complaints that had been received from neighbors. Due to the number of complaints and responses to the residence, he was asked not to conduct any further burning. The citizen indicated he would cooperate with the request and discontinue the burning at his residence.

A review of responses to the Rogers Street address did not reveal any responses due to complaints of burning/smoke. This resident was not contacted.

Also at the December 4, 2012 South Norfolk Town Hall Meeting, a citizen raised a concern regarding the aisle ways in the Dollar General Store located at 1435 Bainbridge Boulevard being a fire/safety hazard. He stated that the aisles were narrow and often blocked.

As a result of his concern, a Deputy Fire Marshal visited the store December 6, 2012 and met with the Assistant Manager. During his visit, it was noted that several aisles were partially blocked. The Assistant Manager was instructed to clear the blocked aisles immediately and provided information regarding the provisions of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and penalties that could be imposed for non-compliance.

On Thursday, December 13, a Deputy Fire Marshal re-inspected the Dollar General Store and again found aisles blocked with goods being delivered. According to the Store Manager, the store receives deliveries every Thursday morning which contributes to the aisles being blocked. The DFM explained to the Store Manager that a complaint had been received regarding the blocked aisles and again requested that the aisles be cleared. A Notice of Violation was also issued to the Manager. A re-inspection was held on Friday, December 14, 2012.

