

South Norfolk Updates

October 30, 2012

Hot Projects

CASCADE BOULEVARD PARK

No change.

CONSOLVO PARK

No change.

DERELICT STRUCTURES

Development and Permits: In response to the concerns by the South Norfolk Watch, concern about crime on B Street and its connection to the number of vacant structures, D&P initiated an investigation of the area, resulting in the initiation of five new Derelict Structure service requests.

#12-00213594 – 303 B Street

#12-00212991 – 309 B Street

#12-00212989 – 305 B Street

#12-00212996 – 611 B Street

#12-00212994 – 609 B Street

Notices will be issued and pursued through the legally required periods until resolutions are achieved. The existing Derelict Structure service request regarding 603 B Street, #11-0008422, which has been open, actively pursued since February 2011, and has moved into court proceedings. The Court has granted a continuance until November 28, 2012.

In addition to the current action taken on individual structures, the City and State Codes are being reviewed for proposals that could broaden the definition of a dangerous structure and provide definitive resolution for Derelict Structures.

POINDEXTER STREET

Public Works:

- Final paving is complete.
- Dominion Power is installing streetlights over the next couple of weeks.
- Stamped crosswalks will be installed by mid-November.
- Project is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving, with the exception of the installation of street lights. This installation may be delayed as a result of Dominion Power's need to divert resources to respond to Hurricane Sandy.

SOUTH NORFOLK LIBRARY

No change.

Project Updates

BANK OF AMERICA SITE

The City has purchased the Bank of America site located at 901 Liberty Street. The sale closed on October 25, 2012.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Bureau of Community Programs: Developed a public communication on the Partial Residential Tax Abatement Program for distribution to the community. A flyer was mailed to over 700 households in the South Norfolk Historic District.

FIRE STATION ONE

Fire: On October 24, 2012 at approximately 0848 hours, a residence located at 2213 Ardmore Avenue suffered significant fire damage to its interior structure. While no one was at when the fire occurred, many pets (17 to include dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, and an iguana) died as a result of the fire. Cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

Week of October 14 through October 20 – Engine 1, South Norfolk Fire Station responded to 47 incidents; Medic 1 from the same station responded to 48 incidents.

SOUTH NORFOLK JORDAN BRIDGE and ELIZABETH RIVER PARK

Parks and Recreation: The department provided bleachers and the show mobile for the grand opening weekend activities of the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge on October 26-27. The department worked with Lane Construction and the Figg Engineering Group with debris and trash collection and removal, grass cutting and edging, and turf grading to make the Elizabeth River Park and Boat Ramp property presentable for the event.

An extra segment of the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge was donated to the City by the contractor and temporarily placed in the Park on October 25. The segment will be permanently displayed in the park, parallel to the shoreline, and is scheduled to be utilized as a stage for community activities.

The department had a display tent at the community opening event and hosted a variety of children's activities and corn hole play.

SOUTH NORFOLK HISTORIC DISTRICT

Planning: The information brochures on the new metal roof hardship process for residents in the South Norfolk Historic District were mailed out October 26. Approximately 700 brochures were mailed. An information flyer on the tax abatement program available to district residents was also included in the mailing.

An information item on the metal roof hardship process was submitted to the City Manager's Office this week for the weekly real Time Update to City Council.

At the October 23 City Council meeting, the 6 vacancies for the South Norfolk Revitalization Commission were continued to the November 13 City Council Meeting (nominations were made on October 9 and interviews held on October 16).

UTILITY-RELATED PAVEMENT REPAIRS

Public Utilities: Public Utilities is working to restore utility cuts in concrete streets within the South Norfolk Historic District and fixing cave-ins associated with sanitary sewer leaks. There are 2 cave-ins scheduled to be repaired. The schedule is as follows barring inclement weather or emergencies: 2013 Rodgers St. on October 30 to be completed on November 1 and 2901 Rodgers St. to begin on November 5 to be completed on November 7. There are 10 locations being managed; they will be repaired if they become unsafe or nonoperational. They are as follows: Bainbridge Blvd. at Park Ave; 2701 Bainbridge Blvd.; 904 Avalon Ave.; 2700 Block of Bainbridge Blvd.; Westwood Ave. and Avalon Ave.; 1333 Chesapeake Ave.; 2913 Rodgers St.; 2901 Rodgers St.; 2020 Portlock Rd.; Faye St. between Omar St. and Mark St.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE / RE-DISINFECTION OF SOUTH NORFOLK AREA

Public Utilities: Public Utilities completed the maintenance of the water distribution system by changing disinfection from chloramines to chlorine. The method of disinfection was converted back to chloramines on October 22. Maintenance began on October 18 and lasted through October 22.

End of Report

