

# South Norfolk Updates

November 6, 2012

## Hot Projects

### CASCADE BOULEVARD PARK

Parks and Recreation / Public Works: The contract for Branham Electric has been awarded. A Notice to Proceed is expected on or around November 6. It allows 90 days until substantial completion.

### CONSOLVO PARK

Parks and Recreation / Public Works: The award was made to Conrad Brothers as the low bidder. The return of bonds, insurance, and signed contracts is pending. The Notice to Proceed is expected on or around November 13. It allows 90 days until substantial completion. Since this particular project will be implemented during the winter months, the completion date may be delayed a couple of weeks if the City experiences any significant adverse weather conditions.

### DERELICT STRUCTURES

No update.

### POINDEXTER STREET

No update.

### SOUTH NORFOLK LIBRARY

Public Works: The City issued a "Notice to Proceed" to the construction contractor. Construction time for the work will be 6 months and is scheduled to be complete by the end of May 2013. After construction is complete, the library may need additional time to move into the facility, set-up furniture, books, equipment, computers, security systems and other necessary items to operate the library. The opening date will be determined at a later date.

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### SOUTH NORFOLK UPDATES

Bureau of Community Programs: A "South Norfolk Updates" page has been added to the Bureau's website with links to the weekly South Norfolk Update reports.

<http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Government/City-Departments/Departments/Bureau-of-Community-Programs/neighborhood-coord/south-norfolk-updates.htm>

## **UTILITY-RELATED PAVEMENT REPAIRS**

Public Utilities: Public Utilities is working to restore utility cuts in concrete streets within the South Norfolk Historic District and finding and fixing cave-ins associated with sanitary sewer leaks. A cave-in at 5008 Neal Street required emergency repair due to the Hurricane Sandy. An emergency cave-in repair in the 1600 block of Jackson Street is underway and the completion date is unknown. The revised schedule is as follows barring inclement weather or emergencies; 2013 Rodgers St. on October 31 to be completed on November 2 and 2901 Rodgers St. to begin on November 6 to be completed on November 8. 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: The switch back to chloramines was made on October 22; however, the area remains on the Chesapeake water source at this time because the City of Norfolk has not completed their chlorine/chloramine switch.

## **SOUTH NORFOLK STREETLIGHTS**

Public Works: City Council participated in night time streetlight assessment of the entire South Norfolk Borough on November 1, 2012. Public Works is reviewing the observations from the tour and will be presenting a report at the November 13 City Council Work Session.

## **ELIZABETH RIVER PARK**

Parks and Recreation: The Elizabeth River Park and Boat Ramp remain closed due to excessive high water from Tropical Storm Sandy and poor conditions of the roadway and entrance areas. Lane Construction will continue to work with City staff to attempt to get the facility back open as soon as possible.



## **THE NINERS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB'S VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**

The Niners Senior Citizens' Annual Veterans Day program, under the auspices of Chesapeake Parks and Recreation, was held on November 1 at South Norfolk Community Center. The purpose of this event is to honor past and present military veterans and active duty personnel. The seniors prepared a delicious meal to a group of over 200 including the USO and Military Vets from the Hampton VA Hospitals. The program included a candlelight vigil to fallen soldiers and a rose ceremony where active duty presented a rose to the veterans, and in turn the veterans presented a rose to the active duty personnel. The guest speaker for the day was George Lutz. Mr. Lutz's son, Antonio, lost his life at age 25 in Afghanistan. In honor of his son, Mr. Lutz created the Honor and Remember Flag which has been adopted by several states—Virginia was the first state to adopt the flag. Mr. Lutz has visited every state in the United States advocating for all citizens to honor and remember their active duty veterans and fallen soldiers. Kathy Williams of the Parks and Recreation staff sang the National Anthem.

