



SPOTLIGHT

SOUTH NORFOLK TOWN MEETING

December 4, 2018

22nd Street Bridge Replacement

The 22nd Street Bridge provides a vital link between the South Norfolk area of Chesapeake and the Berkley-Campostella section of Norfolk, permitting traffic to cross over a busy Norfolk Southern Railroad thoroughfare. The existing bridge, which was originally constructed in 1937, was closed to motorists and pedestrians

for safety purposes on Aug. 1, 2018, based on structural deficiencies and diminished structural capacity.



The City of Chesapeake is set to demolish the existing bridge, then construct a new a two-lane, 450-foot-long bridge featuring pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle lanes travelling in both directions. The project also includes traffic signal improvements at the intersections with Liberty Street and Berkley Avenue, as well as the installation of new storm drains. These new drains will connect drainage to the east of the railroad to a new regional storm water management basin, and drainage on the west of the railroad to an existing storm system that runs northwest along Liberty Street.

Construction of the new bridge is slated to begin in January of 2019, with a target completion date of April 2020. In total, the project budget is approximately \$19.9 million.

For more information and status updates on the 22nd Street Bridge replacement project, visit <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/Public-Works-Department/Active-Public-Works-Projects/active-transportation-street-projects/22nd-street-bridge.htm>.

South Norfolk Memorial Library

On October 26, 2018, there was an incident at the South Norfolk library branch when an SUV crashed into the building at approximately 4:15 am. Members of Facilities Maintenance, Library staff, Risk Management, and Condo staff were immediately on hand to assess damage and begin repairs.

The Library closed for cleaning through November 6, and reopened to the public on November 7, 2018. As a result of the accident some positive changes have happened at the library including rearranging the fiction area and combining the computer stations, introduced two “bring your own device” study carrels to increase the amount of collaborative space for tutoring. Library staff also rearranged the Teen Area and added comfortable seating. The entire repair and renovation is slated to be complete on December 17. After that, staff will introduce a charging station as well.



Noteworthy Projects:

There are many other noteworthy projects and initiatives happening in South Norfolk!

- The South Norfolk Municipal Facility was approved to house city departments to provide better service to our South Norfolk residents. The Gateway Site is the preferred site for the project, with the 22nd Street Site selected as the location for a standalone fire station at a later time.
- The Chesapeake Land Bank Authority (CLBA) and South Norfolk Residential Rehabilitation Grants were approved by City Council and are moving forward.

The South Norfolk Civic League
Monday, December 10, 2018

6 pm

South Norfolk Community Center

ForkKids

Help Us Help Homeless Families

For Kids will present the final project plans and give an update on the project at this meeting!