

# South Norfolk Updates

January 15, 2013

## Hot Projects

### CASCADE BOULEVARD PARK

Parks and Recreation: All the light poles and fixtures have been installed. Work continues on the connection phase to include final wiring and circuit installation.



Public Works: Trenching and installation of the electric conduit lines to the pole positions is complete. Poles were installed on Jan 8-10. The electric distribution panel installation is complete. Virginia Power has installed connections and they are 'hot'. We expect the final electrical inspection early in the week of Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Project is 85% complete.

### CONSOLVO PARK

Parks and Recreation: The pedestrian crossway light system has been installed and grading continues on the practice fields and parking lot.



Public Works: Erosion control fencing and tree protection have been installed. The existing pavement and curbs have been removed. Grading of the parking lot is nearly complete. Light poles and fixtures are due to arrive January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Project is 15% complete.

### **DERELICT STRUCTURES**

City Attorney: City attorney's office and Development and Permits are drafting notices, appeal forms and advertising forms for implementation. At the January 22 City Council meeting, Development and Permits will be asking Council to approve staff positions to implement the program.

### **POINDEXTER STREET**

Public Works is exploring options to adjust the median at the entrance to Poindexter St.

### **SOUTH NORFOLK LIBRARY/JOHNSON PARK REZONING AND STREET CLOSURE**

Public Works: Electric and data floor boxes are installed. Contractor expects to start the concrete floor slab installation the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>. Second floor framing for soffits and walls is underway. Project is 9% complete. Construction is behind schedule; however, the City has requested that the contractor review their completion date.

Planning: On January 9, 2013, the Chesapeake Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed rezoning (R-12-28) and street closure (STC-12-03) applications for the South Norfolk Library/Johnson Park. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the applications. These applications will be considered by City Council on February 19, 2013. If approved by the City Council, the rezoning application will rezone the subject parcels from B-2 General Business District (0.257 acres) and RSFA Residential District (2.878 acres), to C-2 Conservation/Recreation District (1.749 acres) and B-5 Urban Business District (1.386 acres). In addition, the street closure application will close a paper alley that bisects the site. Once approved, the site will be subdivided into the park site to the rear, and the commercial property along Poindexter Street.

## **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: 1320 Chesapeake Ave; waiting paving: 914 Edgewood Ave. There are several locations being managed; they will be repaired if they become unsafe or nonoperational. They are as follows: Bainbridge Blvd. at Park Ave; 2701 Bainbridge Ave., 904 Avalon Ave.; 2700 Blk of Bainbridge Blvd.; Westwood Ave. and Avalon Ave.; 1333 Chesapeake Ave.; 2020 Portlock Rd.; Faye St. between Omar St. and Mark St.

### **SOUTH NORFOLK STREETLIGHTS**

Public Works: All projects in design. Dominion Power staff collecting field data and researching easement needs in order to complete design effort. City staff expects to receive the first of the cost estimates later this month and will provide written authorization to Dominion Power within a few days of receipt of the estimate. Overall effort will be broken into several "mini projects" so work can be authorized and completed as resources allow; actual installations should begin in February and should be completed later this summer. Those requiring easement acquisitions will likely be the last improvements to be made. All known outages have been reported. 113 outages; 89 repaired; 10 pending; 14 required other repair work to be done beyond just bulb or fixture replacement (i.e. - bad underground).

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Staff recently traveled to New York and met with several building developers and tenant representatives. Upon returning, Staff continued to communicate with the representatives and advised them of the investment and development potential within the South Norfolk corridor. With the completion of projects like the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge, the Poindexter Streetscape, and the Dunkin' Donuts currently under construction, the interest in South Norfolk has increased. Staff has been contacted by several national retail chains which have shown interest in the Poindexter Street, Liberty Street, and Campostella Road corridors. There is the possibility that some potential retail opportunities could take place within 30 to 60 days. Economic Development is developing a South Norfolk website and digital package as marketing tools for South Norfolk.

### **ATLANTIC AVENUE PARK**

Parks and Recreation: Restoration has been completed on the decorative, protective speed bollards located within the park.



### **ELIZABETH RIVER BOAT LANDING AND PARK**

Parks and Recreation: Asphalt paving of the entrance to the park and the adjacent roadway has begun. Additional work on the entrance road into the park and adjacent turf grading continues. Park and boat ramp remain closed.



(turn over for last update)

**22<sup>ND</sup> STREET BRIDGE/ WILSON STREET BRIDGE**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge/ Wilson Street Bridge will be on the January 29 agenda for City Council's Strategic Planning session.



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