

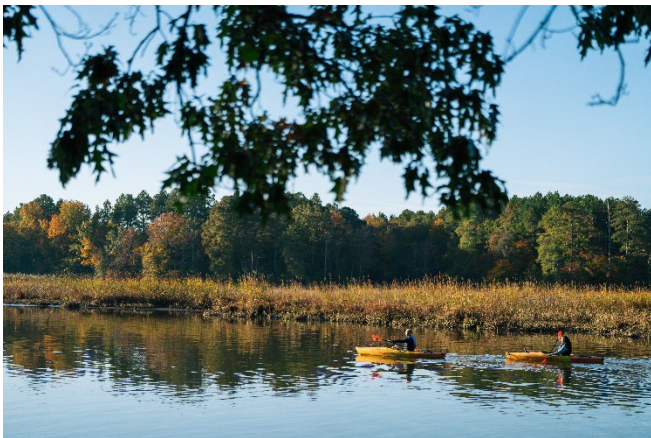


The town office will be closed May 27th, 2024.

A Newsletter from the Town of Tappahannock

For information on closing and delays – tune into local news stations and follow us on social media.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAPPAHANNOCK?



- Town staff has started the Water Utility Mapping project. The new meters have proven to be beneficial in more ways than one. The GPS location for these meters will serve as a base for the map. In addition, many of the Town’s old files have been scanned and will be converted to GIS format.
- The Chief of Police advertisement is posted on the Town’s website under the employment opportunities section. Applications will be received until February 16th at 2pm.
- Hoskins Creek Project Update: Staff met with VDOT to discuss the construction of the new entrance and road design to the property. Shoreline restoration design has been finalized and is being reviewed by permitting agencies. Staff anticipates construction to begin for both phases this fall.
- New seasonal banners have been purchased for display in combination with the current town banners, highlighting spring, summer, and fall seasons.
- Town staff met with TRC Engineers to review the news set of plans for the Old Airport Development. TRC Engineers are in communication with the Essex County School Board staff and engineers, collaborating on the vehicle maintenance facility expansion and limited access road.

SEWER REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION DOWNTOWN

Attention residents and visitors of Tappahannock, starting from February 12th through late summer, the downtown area is anticipated to experience traffic delays and a new flow of traffic due to sewer infrastructure replacement. This temporary adjustment is part of ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing the town's old infrastructure. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience during this period of improvement. For more detailed information and updates on the project, please visit the town's official website. Your understanding and cooperation are vital as we work towards creating a more efficient and vibrant downtown experience for everyone.

2023 FUNDING RECAP

- In partnership with Ross-Simpson Properties, Tappahannock was a recipient of a \$250,000 grant from the Virginia DHCD, 2022 Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF). These funds supported the renovation of historic Emerson’s Ordinary, a tavern dating back to 1710 and considered one of the oldest surviving ordinaries in Virginia.
- In April of 2023, the Town was awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the Boating Infrastructure (BIG) Grant. These funds will support the development of a new waterfront park, Hoskins Creek Park. Located along Highway 17 this grant will go towards the development of concrete docks for direct water access, a fueling station, and public restrooms.
- The Town was awarded \$261,000 in VEDP Virginia Business Ready Sites Program funding. These funds will go towards engineering and designing of Town owned property for future light industrial use.
- The Police Department was awarded an ARPA grant in the amount of \$212,000 which was used to purchase new vehicles and associated equipment.
- The Police Department was awarded a DMV Selective Enforcement grant in the amount of \$10,400 which was used for overtime traffic enforcement and a RADAR unit.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES

Meals Tax & Lodging Tax: The 20th of Every Month

Utility Bills

Billing Period: 12/15/2023-02/14/2024

Due Date: 03/30/2024

Cut-Off Date: 04/10/2024

Billing Period: 02/15/2024-04/14/2024

Due Date: 05/30/2024

Cut-Off Date: 06/12/2024

Billing Period: 04/15/2024-06/14/2024

Due Date: 07/30/2024

Cut-Off Date: 08/07/2024

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

03/06/2024 Planning Commission Meeting

Town Hall 7 PM

03/11/2024 Town Council Meeting

Town Hall 7 PM

04/03/2024 Planning Commission Meeting

Town Hall 7 PM

04/08/2024 Town Council Meeting

Town Hall 7 PM

CENTRAL PARK UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the contractors have successfully staged at Central Park and have commenced the installation of water and sewer lines for the eagerly awaited splashpad. The initial phase of this project is now underway, paving the way for additional work in the upcoming weeks. As we witness the transformation taking place, we anticipate the completion of Central Park's by early summer.

2024 HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK TOUR

Embark on a journey through time as the much-anticipated 2024 Historic Garden Week Tour commences on April 26 in Tappahannock/Essex County. The enchanting tour, running from 10 am to 4 pm, will showcase the splendor of four private homes and the venerable Essex Inn. Immerse yourself in the rich history and beauty of this picturesque region, where each garden and home tell us a unique story. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this extraordinary event celebrating the charm and heritage of Tappahannock/Essex County.

For more information visit:

<https://www.vagardenweek.org/tours/middle-peninsula/>

Contact Virginia 811 before you start your project. Allow required time for marking. Respect and protect the marks. Excavate carefully.



Call 811 or 1-800-552-7001



If you have a concern regarding the state-maintained highways, be sure to notify VDOT at 1-800-367-7623 or <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

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