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# A NEWSLETTER FROM THE TOWN OF TAPPAHANNOCK

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## What's Happening in Tappahannock?

We are excited to share that Virginia Munciple League visited Tappahannock in December, and both an article and podcast have now been published! The podcast, titled "Talking Tappahannock", explores how this small town is achieving big things. In the episode, Mayor Roy Gladding and Town Manager Eric Pollitt discuss how Tappahannock is honoring its past while planning for the future. They dive into recent property acquisitions and funding successes that have helped turn long-awaited projects into reality. Additionally, the article, also called "Talking Tappahannock", is an 8-page feature by Rob Bullington, and it's proudly featured on the cover of Virginia Town & City Magazine. Go to [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org) to check it out.



Tappahannock is now part of Virginia's River Realm, a regional destination highlighting the beauty, history, and charm of waterfront communities. Visit our page to explore local attractions, dining, events, and outdoor adventures that make Tappahannock a must-visit spot! Check it out at [virginiasriverrealm.com](http://virginiasriverrealm.com)



Stay up to date on all things Tappahannock—from upcoming events to local news—by following us on social media and visiting our website. Whether you're looking for festivals, markets, or community gatherings, there's always something happening in town. Plan your visit and stay connected by checking out [VisitTappahannock.com](http://VisitTappahannock.com) and following us on Facebook and Instagram!

### Town Hall Meeting: Public Input on Downtown Tappahannock Zoning Changes

The Town of Tappahannock is planning to host a Town Hall Meeting on April 2, 2025, at 6 PM at 915 S Church Ln. to gather public input on proposed changes to the ordinance for the CC-1 Zoning District, also known as Downtown Tappahannock. This meeting will be held prior to the Planning Commission's regular monthly meeting. The goal of these updates is to enact regulations that support the goals and visions of the previously adopted Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Revitalization Plan. These plans aim to preserve the character and charm of our downtown while encouraging sustainable growth and development. Community members, business owners, and residents are encouraged to attend and share their feedback on how we can best protect and enhance this vital part of our town. Your voice is essential in shaping the future of Downtown Tappahannock!

### 2025 Business Licenses

The deadline to submit your 2025 Business License application has been extended to Monday, March 3, 2025. Payments made after this date will incur a 10% penalty. If you own or operate a business in Tappahannock, a license is required. You can obtain it at the Tappahannock Municipal Building, 915 Church Lane, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## Important Due Dates

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

Utility Bills  
Billing Period: 12/15/2024 - 02/14/2025  
Due Date: 03/30/2025  
Cut-Off Date: 04/09/2025

Billing Period: 02/15/2025 - 04/14/2025  
Due Date: 05/30/2025  
Cut-Off Date: 06/11/2025

## Upcoming Public Meetings

Upcoming Planning Commission and Town Council meetings will be held at Town Hall, starting at 7 PM:

### Planning Commission Meetings:

March 5, 2025  
April 2, 2025

### Town Council Meetings:

March 10, 2025  
April 14, 2025

## Join the Tappahannock Planning Commission!

The Town of Tappahannock is looking for a dedicated volunteer to join the Planning Commission and play a key role in shaping the future of our community. The Planning Commission helps guide land use decisions, development policies, and long-term planning efforts to ensure responsible growth and preservation. If you are passionate about Tappahannock's future and want to make a difference, we encourage you to apply!

Applications can be found on the Town website under the Planning Commission page. Completed applications and questions can be emailed to [jknighton@tappahannock-va.gov](mailto:jknighton@tappahannock-va.gov)

## Never Miss a Payment Again — Sign Up for Auto-Draft!

Would you like to have your utility bill auto-deducted from your bank account? Well, we have good news regarding just that!

Please visit [online@edmundsgovpay.com/Tappahannock](https://online@edmundsgovpay.com/Tappahannock) if you would like to set up this payment option for your utility account. At this time, we can only accept debit/credit cards through this module.

Select "**New Users: Click Here to Register**" and follow the prompts. [Please also contact the town office to ensure your email address is on your utility account.](#)

Once your account is set up, you will receive an email notification prior to the payment being processed. Expect this to occur a week before the bill is due.

The email will contain the payment date, payment amount, fee, and confirmation number. Scheduled payments may be canceled through your login account or by contacting the town office. If you have questions, please give us a call.

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