

Southampton News in a Nutshell



Recycling News

Southampton County is partnering with Franklin to kick off a revised recycling program this Spring. In late March-early April, current curbside recycling customers in Southampton County will receive new 95-gallon wheeled recycling bins. Franklin recycling customers will keep their current bins.

In Southampton County, curbside recycling is available in Courtland,

Newsoms, Edgehill, Boykins, and Scottswood. Approximately 250 households participate in the curbside recycling program now. The new bins will be delivered to those with a pick-up schedule and a complete list of the items that can be recycled. Items on the list will include various types of glass, metal, paper, and plastics, and phone books. All County residents



at the following refuse collection stations: Boykins, Capron, Courtland, Ivor, Joyners Bridge, Sedley, and Southampton Meadows.

The County will seek to expand the program this summer, looking to add customers in Sedley and Ivor. Watch for information about the expansion.

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Watch for School Zones

School zone flashing lights help protect our students as they enter and leave school each day. Please remember to watch your speed when you are near our schools and the school zone lights are flashing.

Portrait of America Road Tour

The 2010 Census Road Tour is coming to the Southampton County area Thursday, April 8 from 6PM till 8PM. Look for the tour, including a 40' van and trailer, to explain what the Census is and why it's important. There will be Census staff to answer questions and interactive experiences for all.



NEWS THAT COUNTS

Forms for the 2010 Census will arrive in your mailbox in mid-March, and **Census Day is April 1, 2010.** You are asked to complete the short, 10-question survey and return

it as soon as possible. The 2010 Census will be one of the shortest and simplest in U.S. history. It will ask 10 basic questions including:

- Name
- Gender
- Age/date of birth
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Household relationship
- Whether you own or rent your home

The Census does **not** ask bank, salary or income information, citizenship or immigration status, or Social Security numbers. Information is available at:

www.2010census.gov

Keep Southampton Beautiful

A letter from the County Litter Control Council:

We'd like to take this opportunity to ask for your help in keeping the County clean and saving money in the process. Trash disposal is expensive for the County, and the costs, as well as the negative impacts on the environment, will only increase.

To help control litter in the County, we ask that you consider ways to help:

- Keep a litter bag in your vehicle.
- Pick up trash in the immediate vicinity of your home and property.
- Report incidents of illegal dumping to the Sheriff's Office. Eliminating dumping from those outside the County will help contain our disposal costs.

Please remember Southampton County is our home and we need to keep it safe, clean,

and healthy, not only for ourselves but for our children and grandchildren. A wise farmer once said, "You can go out anytime and buy a new car, but they are not making any more land." We need to take care of our County, and your help is needed. Please feel free to contact the Litter Control Council through the County's Department of Community Development. John Jenkins in that office welcomes your questions and concerns. He can be reached at (757)653-3011.

Quick Notes

Southampton County Board of Supervisors 2010 Meeting Schedule

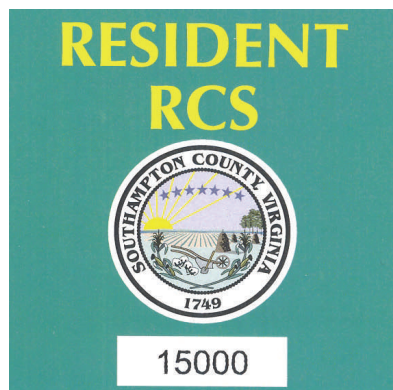
6:00PM	8:30AM
Jan 25	Feb 22
Mar 22	April 26
May 24	June 28
July 26	Aug 23
Sept 27	Oct 25
Nov 22	Dec 20

FY 2010-2011 Budget

Southampton County budget preparation season has begun. Public review and comment is sought throughout the process. The first chance citizens have to comment on the budget will be at the March 22 Board of Supervisors meeting. Public comment begins at 7PM. The Board of Supervisors will hold work sessions in April, and a public hearing on the draft budget is planned for 7PM on May 17.

Refuse Collection Station (RCS) Decals

Decals have been mailed to County residents, example below, for the refuse collection stations (trash sites). These decals are the primary way attendants verify residency when citizens use the sites. The decals are not to be replaced annually but will remain on the vehicle indefinitely. If the vehicle is replaced, a new decal for the new vehicle will be issued. Look for your decal (s) beginning the first week of March.



Food and Beverage Tax

A November referendum allowed the Board of Supervisors to impose a 4% local tax (not including the incorporated towns of Boykins, Branchville, Capron, Courtland, Ivor and Newsoms) on prepared food and beverages. A public hearing was held on February 22, 2010 to receive public comments. The ordinance approving the tax was adopted and the tax will go into effect July 1, 2010. This tax affects only prepared foods and beverages, including food served in a restaurant, sold at the delicatessen counter at the grocery store or a convenience store, or provided by a caterer. It does not include food sold in conjunction with events such as church dinners or community organization fundraisers.

If your community group has an event you'd like included in the community calendar on the County's web page, please go to www.southamptoncounty.org/comnews.asp to let the webmaster know.