

Southampton County News



Welcome to the Southampton County News

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This is the first edition of a new service Southampton County is providing to its citizens—a newsletter insert with your utility bill. This will be a quarterly feature that will provide you and your family news and information you can use each day.

Have you looked at Southampton County's website lately? The website address is www.southamptoncounty.org. On

this site you'll find information about:

- H1N1 flu
- Code Red Alert System
- Agendas and Minutes from the Board of Supervisor meetings
- Municipal codes on the Building and Zoning department page
- Southampton County schools

- Blackwater Regional Library System and Walter Cecil Rawls Library in Courtland.
- 2009-2010 Annual Budget

Computers with Internet access and free Wi-Fi are available at the Rawls Library in Courtland. Currently, library hours are 9-5 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9-8 Wednesday, 9-12 Saturday.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) News

Submit **all** new plats to Southampton County for forwarding to VDOT, instead of directly to VDOT.



Blackwater River

Blackwater River Scenic River Update

The Blackwater River is a wonderful gem in our backyard to be honored, cherished, and protected. Southampton worked with Isle of Wight, Franklin, and Suffolk to ask the Vir-

ginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to evaluate the Blackwater to determine if it qualifies for inclusion in the Scenic Rivers program. Resolutions of support were adopted by the lo-

calities. Currently, local officials are contacting state legislators who will take the proposed designation to the General Assembly. It is anticipated that the Blackwater will be designated as a state Scenic

River in 2010, the 40th Anniversary of the Scenic River Program. The southern portion of the Notoway River in the County will be studied next year. For more information, call Lynn Crump at 804-586-5054.

County Happenings

Summer Youth Program

This summer, Southampton County took part in the 2009 Summer Youth Work Experience Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the stimulus package. Thirteen young County residents were given a meaningful opportunity to learn first hand about the world of work through experiences in the Social Services Department, Courtland Community Center, the Rawls Library, Building

Maintenance, Animal Control, Public Works, Public Utilities and the County Administration office, as well as taking part in work readiness training provided by the library. The participants worked 35 hours a week through the summer until school began. One participant has been retained on a part-time basis in the Social Services Department and one has found work with another business. Congratulations to all of the participants and thank you to their mentors.

Annual License Decals

At the August Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board agreed to eliminate the decals issued with the payment of the annual vehicle license tax. The tax will be included in the annual personal property tax. The decal permitted County residents to use the citizen refuse collection sites. Separate Refuse Collection Station (RCS) decals will be forwarded to County residents beginning in 2010.

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia The Center for Aging

I-Ride information

Discount tokens are available for I-Ride. Tokens cost \$1 each, but you can purchase 11 for \$10 – that's one free ride for every 10 you buy. Tokens may be purchased at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and the Senior Services office in Franklin. The Courtland/Southampton route map and schedule can be found at www.ssseva.org. There's also a new stop at Southampton Meadows. For information call

Important Medicare Dates

October—Prepare and Compare

November 15—Enrollment Begins

December 31—Enrollment Ends

516-8556.

Medicare information

Get the most out of your Medicare. Open enrollment for Medicare Part D begins November 15. MedCare Access Specialist Ann Okeefe will be

at the Walter C. Rawls Library on Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 24, and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10 a.m. or call her at 328-4217. She can assist you and answer any questions you may have.

A special The Senior Advocate Medicare *Alert* with important dates and information is available at www.ssseva.org.

Name the Newsletter

"Southampton County News" is a pretty dull name. If you can think of a better name, please call :

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or send an email to

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It's Time To Be Counted.

The 2010 census questionnaire is coming.
Look for it. Fill it out. Mail it back. Help your community.

April 1, 2010, is Census Day. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to your home in March. The 2010 Census is safe, easy and important. Your participation is vital to your community. Census numbers are used to reapportion congressional seats, redraw legislative districts and distribute over \$400 billion in federal funds yearly. All personal census information is confidential by federal law. Take time to be counted!

It's In Our Hands
www.2010census.gov

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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 webmas-