

Southampton News in a Nutshell



Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the National Fire Protection Association's 2010 theme is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With". This year's campaign is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms. Please keep these tips in mind as you prepare your home for autumn:

- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half
- Each year over 3,000 people die

- in US home fires
- In 2003-2006, roughly two-thirds of home fires occurred in homes with no smoke alarm or no working smoke alarm
- Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and injuries
- Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths

Spend a few minutes this month keeping your home and family safe from fire by replac-

ing the batteries in your smoke alarms. *Reproduced from NFPA's Fire Prevention Week website, www.firepreventionweek.org, © 2010 NFPA*

In case of an emergency, it's important that your address is clearly visible. The Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad makes and sells reflective 911 address signs. The signs are \$15 per sign, and they can be installed for an additional \$5. Call (757) 653-9221 for information.

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It's Back to School time

Now that our students are back in school, please be especially aware when you drive in school zones or near school buses. It's the responsibility of all of us to help keep our children safe as they travel between school and home. Your attention is appreciated.



Sebrell Rural Historic District

The VA Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) is reviewing an application to name approximately 16.5 square miles as the Sebrell Rural Historic District. The district is in a triangle bordered by the Nottoway River, the Assamoosick Swamp, and Old Hickory Road.

This area contains the

remnants of the 18th century town of Barn Tavern and early 20th century Sebrell. The district also contains portions of two villages granted to the Nottoway Indian Tribes in the Nottoway Act of 1705.

A public meeting was held to discuss the proposed district and to gather public

comments. Residents received information about what a rural historic district designation means for the community, including potential tax benefits for qualified renovations.

State Rural Historic District designations are honorary and carry no requirements to get approval of renovations

or demolitions. Listing of the district would appear in tourism guides, and markers may be installed.

If the district is approved by the VDHR Board, the nomination will be sent to the National Park Service for potential inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Nottoway River Scenic River designation

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation conducted an evaluation of the Nottoway River from Carys Bridge to its confluence with the Blackwater River in North Carolina, a distance of 33 miles. The Department has found that this segment of the river qualifies as an extension of the Scenic River designation already in place for the northern section of the river. The Board of Supervisors will review a resolution of support to seek the designation. If the General Assembly approves the designation, 72.5 total

miles of the Nottoway River will be included in the Scenic Rivers program.



Nottoway River at Carys Bridge

The Scenic Rivers program identifies, recognizes, and provides a level of protection to

those rivers whose scenic beauty, historic importance, recreational value, and natural characteristics make them resources of particular importance to the citizens of Virginia. The designation encourages protection and preservation of the river, requires Federal and state agencies to consider the impacts on the river in any permitting process review, and gives riparian property owners, local citizens and local governments a greater voice in the review of government projects that will impact the river.

Quick Notes

Town of Boykins

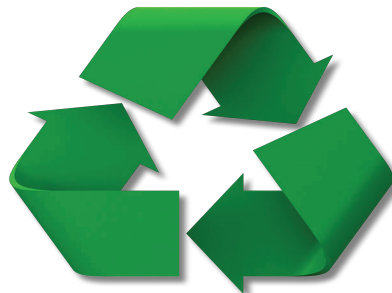
The Town of Boykins has a new website, <http://www.townofboykinsva.com/>. At this site you'll find a calendar of events in Boykins, as well as contact information and Town news.

Prescription Discount Cards

The Prescription Discount Card program is now available for Southampton County residents. Since May, the average savings Southampton County residents realized by using the card was 19.86% off the retail price. The cards are available to all County residents, and can be picked up at the County Administration building, are available on line at the County's website, <http://www.southamptoncounty.org>, or are available by calling toll-free 1-877-321-2652.

Recycling News

The County's twice-monthly curbside recycling program in Courtland, Boykins, Newsoms, and the Scottswood/Cypress Manor subdivisions is growing. Through June, almost 400 homes participated in the service. In the first three months of the retooled recycling program, over 28,000 pounds of recyclables were collected and kept from the County's waste stream, helping reduce the County's waste disposal costs. If you live in one of these areas and would like to participate in the County's curbside recycling program, please call (757)653-3015. Each full blue recycling



bin lowers the County's costs for solid waste disposal by approximately \$5-\$8.

Recycling bins that accept a wide range of materials are being installed at all of the County's refuse collections sites. They are currently located at the following refuse collection sites: Boykins, Capron, Courtland, Drewryville, Ivor, Joyner's Bridge, Newsoms, Sedley, and Southampton Meadows. There are also recycling bins at the Shands Shopping Center in Courtland. You are encouraged to take advantage of either the curbside or the collection site recycling program.

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.