

**UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND EVENTS**

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 am Senior Staff meeting (Boardroom) 7 pm School Board meeting (NKHS)	2 6:30 pm Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting (OCH)	3	4	5 4 pm FONK CDA meeting (Boardroom)	6
7	8 9 am Finance Committee meeting 6 pm Board of Supervisors meeting (Boardroom)	9 9 am CDBG Plum Point Management Team meeting (Boardroom) 4 pm Historic Commission meeting (Boardroom)	10 6:30 pm Parks & Rec Advisory Commission meeting (Boardroom)	11	12 12 noon Semi-annual Board of Supervisors/Senior Staff meeting (Fire Station 1)	13 10 am Pruning Clinic (New Kent Extension Office)
14	15 8:30 a.m. Senior Staff meeting (Boardroom) 6:30 pm Planning Commission meeting (Boardroom)	16	17 8:30 am Social Services Advisory Board meeting (Health & Human Svcs Bldg) 6 pm Airport Adv. Commission meeting (NK Airport)	18 8:30 am Economic Development Authority meeting (Boardroom)	19	20 Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Quinton Park)
21 2 pm Historic Commission's Lecture Series "The Battle of Eltham's Landing (NKMS)	22	23	24	25 8:30 a.m. Grow Sales Seminar (New Kent Extension office)	26	27
28	29	30	31 3 pm Board of Supervisors work session (Boardroom)			

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5 7 pm School Board meeting (NKHS)	6 6:30 pm Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting (OCH)	7 1 pm Transportation Safety Commission meeting (Fire Station 1)	8	9	10
11	12 12 pm DSS Senior Fair (Prov United Meth Church) 6 pm Board of Supervisor's meeting (Boardroom)	13	14	15	16	17

Changes/additions noted in red
2010 meeting schedules and agendas can be accessed at <http://www.co.new-kent.va.us/monthlycal/monthlycal.php>

Board Meeting Highlights

At its work session on February 24, the Board of Supervisors:

- Adopted a resolution in support of Senate Bill 513 which would allow Historic Horse Racing at Colonial Downs
- Adopted a resolution supporting a freeze in the Local Composite Index used to determine funding for schools
- Received an update from staff regarding amendments needed to the Agricultural and Forestal District ordinance
- Received an update on an application for purchase of development rights from Mr. Michael Henry
- Reviewed proposed changes to the Farms of New Kent PUD ordinance

NOTABLE NEWS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Administration

- Continuing to meet with departments and agencies on FY11 budget requests
- Toured the historic school property with the General Services Director
- Hand-delivered copies of Board's resolution in support of historic horse racing bill to the General Assembly
- Continuing to meet with the Budget Team

Airport

- Attended Virginia Aviation Board meeting
- Participated in Virginia Airport Operators Council Board of Directors conference call
- Attended Virginia Airport Operators Council meeting - selected to represent general aviation airports on the Virginia Department of Aviation's Program Manual Review Committee
- Worked with NK Fire Marshal to close out annual inspection
- Received DEQ verification that airport underground fuel storage tanks are compliant with financial responsibility requirements.

Economic Development

- Gave a presentation to a macro economics class at Bryant & Stratton Community College on the Economic Development Career field and trends in our economy.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Capital Region Workforce Partnership.
- Attended the 2010 Wine Festival Committee meeting to plan for this year's event.
- Working on the development of a New Kent Visitors Guide, Golf Brochure, and Community Calendar to promote tourism in New Kent.
- Local Businesses can register for the New Kent Business Directory at www.newkentbusinessdirectory.com to complete the free registration form.
- From March 19 through April 19 the New Kent Visitors and Commerce Center will also serve as a Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) for the 2010 Census. The Questionnaire Assistance Center will have Census Staff on-site at designated times to answer general questions about the census, and to provide assistance in completing questionnaires for those who bring in census questionnaires they received at home.

Financial Services

- Received \$3,500 from the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Smart, Safe & Sober Grant
- Received \$600 from the Department of Conservation & Recreation for the Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant
- Working with Fire-Rescue on FEMA SAFER Grant Reimbursement
- Maximus is scheduled to be on-site March 4-5, 2010 to conduct field work for the Cost Allocation Plan.
- Departmental budget meetings will be finished February 26
- February 26, 2010 payroll: 260 direct deposits \$215,157.56; 43 checks \$38,863.46; 13 deduction checks \$95,645.23.

General Registrar

- It appears likely that the General Assembly will submit four State Constitutional Amendments for voter approval at this November's election. Summaries are listed below (full texts are at <http://leg1.state.va.us>). Official explanations will be approved by the State and posted online later at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>.
 - Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); Revenue Stabilization Fund. Increases the permissible size of the Fund by 50 percent; i.e., from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues derived from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years. (HB147/HJ34; SB362/SJ81)
 - Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); property tax exemptions. Requires the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. (HB149/HJ33; SB31/SJ13)
 - Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); property tax exemptions. Allows the General Assembly to authorize localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled. The Constitution presently requires a showing that the homeowners granted property tax relief bear an extraordinary tax burden on the property in relation to their income or financial worth as provided by the General Assembly by state law. (HB16/HJ11; SB 547/SJ 97)
 - Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); property tax exemptions. Allows the General Assembly to authorize localities to exempt or partially exempt certain energy and resource efficient equipment, facilities, or devices from real or personal property taxes. The present Constitution allows exemptions for pollution abatement and solar energy equipment. (SB113/SJ25)

General Services

Parks and Recreation

- Highlights in programs this week include Indoor Soccer Tournament on Sunday, February 28; extension of youth basketball season due to inclement weather earlier in the month; and monthly program sessions continue.
- Upcoming special programs include a Wildlife Photography Seminar on March 13 and new sessions of monthly programs now registering.
- The Annual Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 11 am – 1 pm at Quinton Park. Volunteers, sponsors and participants needed. Contact Kim Turner for more information.
- Staff participated as liaison for the County at the New Kent Fair Association Meeting on Monday, February 22.
- Staff presented to the Martha Dandridge Women's Club on Tuesday, February 23.
- Staff held a Hershey Track and Field meeting on Wednesday, February 24. New Kent is hosting a local meet and is the District Host for 2010.
- Staff reviewed status of capital projects and future development. Staff reviewed current operating budget and plans for the remainder of FY10.

Information Technology

- Created delinquent tax bills on the forms printer for the Treasurer's Office.
- Continue making improvements to the Internet mapping site. The site has been updated with 2009 photography and 2010 assessment data.
- Working on switching our anti-malware (anti-virus, anti-spyware, etc.) software vendor and installing the new product on all of our systems.

Public Utilities

- Attended the monthly progress meeting on the construction of the Parham Landing WWTP Upgrade. The work is progressing despite of record amounts of precipitation. While the contractor has lost 23 days due to precipitation, they don't anticipate meeting preset deadlines for nutrient removal as required by the Chesapeake Bay Act.

Social Services

- Two Treatment Foster Care (TFC) placements were successfully negotiated to a lower level of care by the CSA Coordinator.
- Met with Budget Management Team to discuss the Office of Comprehensive Services' proposed budget for FY11.
- Attended the regional Office Manager's meeting and the Administrative Handbook Committee meeting.