



## CRHA News and Recent Developments

### October 2021



Greetings!

*October 2021*

Please join me in welcoming newly appointed Executive Director, John Kownack to CRHA. The CRHA Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, October 27th and approved the selection of John Kownack as the new Executive Director for CRHA.

John currently serves as the Director of Business Development for Hampton Roads Ventures, which is a tax credit investment firm, and previously served as the Executive Director of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority from 2015 to 2020. Before becoming the Executive Director of NRHA, he held various positions at NRHA, including Chief Community Development Officer, Chief Housing Reinvention Officer, Director of Residential Rehabilitation, and Director of Program Services. Prior to joining NRHA in 2001, John worked several years for the City of Norfolk in the Department of Finance and in the Department of Human Services. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the College of William & Mary. John will start in his new position on November 8th.

And, in honor of Thanksgiving, "What if, today, we were just grateful for EVERYTHING?"...Charlie Brown  
*Have a safe and happy November!*

*Giving thanks with a grateful heart,*

*Nancy Tarkenton, Interim Executive Director*



### Chesapeake Police Department's Core Values:

- **Community Service** – "Through a partnership with the people and businesses in our community, we are committed to enhancing public safety, reducing the fear of crime, solving community problems that affect public safety, and realizing that we are part of the community."
- **Integrity** – "We are committed to adherence to high moral and ethical principles and character, honesty, doing what is legally and morally right, and setting the example."
- **Professionalism** – "As a Department, we strive to maintain a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction through compliance to policies, standards of conduct and behavior, knowledge of duties, and continual self-improvement."
- **Respect** – "It is the fundamental duty of each member of the Department to demonstrate empathy, compassion, concern and courtesy for victims of crime and to treat all members of the community, to include those who violate the law, with fairness and tactfulness."

## Citizen's Online Reporting

Did you know that the Chesapeake Police Department has an on-line reporting option? Please follow the link [Citizen's Online Reporting \(cityofchesapeake.net\)](https://cityofchesapeake.net) to learn more!

If it is an Emergency or Crime in Progress, please call 9-1-1.



For most police calls when there is not an offender on scene, PLEASE use the Citizens Online Police Reporting System to Reduce the Risk of Exposure to citizens and officers to COVID-19

## Join the Chesapeake Police Department

### Do you have what it takes?

\*\*\*NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS\*\*\*

[Join the Chesapeake Police Department! \(cityofchesapeake.net\)](http://cityofchesapeake.net)

#### Finding Happiness



A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The professor then mixed all the balloons. The students were then given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we'll find ours too."

#### RECENT EVENTS

##### Peaceful Village Harvest Fest

Many thanks to Anthem HealthKeepers VA for sponsoring the Fall Harvest Day in Peaceful Village on October 7<sup>th</sup> with food and fellowship, music, a bounce house, and a really novel 360° Video Booth. And thank you to participating vendors and partners including Neighborhood, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Wagner Macula & Retina Center, Chesapeake Police, Chesapeake Public Library, Phoenix Twirl, III & Me Entertainment, DJ Corey P, Baby Care Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, and JenCare Senior Medical Center for helping make the event so memorable and fun for the kids.

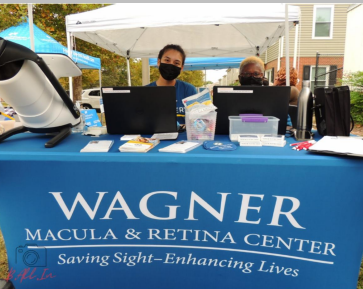


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Several CRHA staff and family volunteered for Don Carey's REECH Foundation camp Saturday, October 23rd at the TCC Chesapeake Campus. They offered football drills combines with "Power Skills" training outside (trust, respect, perseverance, goal setting, leadership, etc.) and inside they had vendors set up to share "STEAM" (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) organizations and careers. The camp ended with a liquid nitrogen presentation, using roses and balloons and made ice cream on the spot for all the kids. That was a highlight right up there with the drum band and the football drills.



[Visit our website](#)

#### Upcoming Holiday Closings

Tuesday, November 2nd- Election Day  
Thursday, November 11th - Veteran's Day  
Wednesday, November 24th - Closing at noon  
Thursday-Friday, November 25 & 26th - Thanksgiving

[Upcoming Events in the Community](#)



CHESAPEAKE POLICE DEPT.  
LEAGUE OF ADVOCATES  
PRESENTS

TALENT  
SHOW

JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL

TRUNK  
or  
TREAT

FUMC

FOOD, FUN GAMES & PRIZES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

AT 4:00 PM TIL 8:00 PM

CUFFEE CENTER PARKING LOT

2019 WINDY ROAD CHESAPEAKE, VA 23324

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT LISA AT 757-546-0296

ForkKids

BEYOND THE BELL

\*AFTERSCHOOL FOR MS \*

SIGN UP NOW!



WE  
ARE  
HERE  
TO  
HELP!



Register QR Code Here!

HOURS:  
5-7  
Monday-Friday  
Landmark Center  
1001 Poindexter St

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A HOMEWORK STATION, STEM PROJECT BASED LEARNING STATION, ART, NEXTGEN CAREER EXPLORATION AND FRIDAY MAKERSPACE CLUB! DINNER PROVIDED .  
ContactAngela for more information or to registryour student.  
agraciani@forkkids.org/ 757.622.6400 ext 171



## Vote Nov. 2

- On Virginia ballots: governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state delegates, local races & referendums
- Visit [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org), LWV's nonpartisan voters' guide, to view your ballot and candidates' position statements

## Vote by mail, early in person, or Election Day

### Important deadlines to make sure your vote is counted:

- Register to vote or update registration until **Oct. 12**
- Request mail-in ballot until **Oct. 22**
  - Requested ballots will be mailed beginning **Sept. 17**
- Vote early at your [registrar](#) or satellite office **Sept. 17 - Oct. 30**
- Return ballot by mail or in person to your registrar by **7 p.m. Nov. 2**
  - Drop boxes for mail-in ballots will be at registrar, satellite and polling places
  - Mailed ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 2 and received by noon Nov. 5
- Vote in person at your polling place **6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 2**

Visit [vote.elections.virginia.gov](https://vote.elections.virginia.gov) to register, request mail-in ballot, find your registrar, polling place, accepted ID's & more

Need help? Call (800) 552-9745



**Voting is Power**

## COMMISSIONERS' CORNER



Regular meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except November) at the CRHA Central Office located at 1468 S. Military Highway in Chesapeake, VA 23320.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm

[Welcome to CRHA](#)

## HELPFUL NEWS & INFORMATION



[Jobs Plus Initiative](#)



[Rent Relief Assistance](#)



[Virginia Tenant and Landlord Resources](#)

Technology



CRHA is proud to announce the purchase and distribution of forty (40) tablets and ten (10) hotspots to CRHA residents. Training will be provided for those seniors (and other residents) who may need assistance with the initial

Virtual Heal Series

News from the Governor



For the latest news from Governor Ralph Northam, visit the link below:

[Virginia Governor Ralph](#)

setup.

[ConnectHome sends free high-speed internet to low-income families - YouTube](#)

Health Education and Literacy with Optima Health

Join us for interactive bingo every class!  
Register by visiting [www.optimahealth.com/TidewaterHeal](http://www.optimahealth.com/TidewaterHeal)

What

Eight lessons about health topics such as: Dealing with Emergencies, Medicines, Healthy Eating and more.  
\*Attendance to all 8 classes is encouraged, but not required

When

Every Thursday starting July 22<sup>nd</sup> (with the exception of holidays)  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Where

Online via WebEx (class link and material distribution information will be sent via email after registration)



Optima Health

Ongoing Health Literacy Classes  
[Optima Health \(optimahealthplans.com\)](http://OptimaHealth.com)



CRHA, in partnership with the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, offers healthy and nutritious meals monthly at the four CRHA communities. Geneva Square and Peaceful Village locations are serviced the 4th Wednesday of each month and Broadlawn Park & MacDonald Manor on the 3rd Wednesday.

Children's food boxes and fresh produce are provided for families.



[Buying a Home | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

[Northam - September](#)