



**HCCC News**  
**May 21, 2018**

**KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE**

**GOOD TO DO & KNOW!**

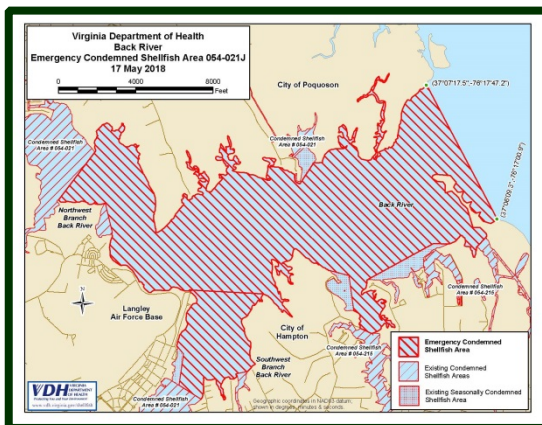
**It's Time for Clean the Bay Day!** Every year as the temperatures rise, so does the need to remind everyone to keep our Bay clean, and that's what Clean the Bay Day does. Not only does participating in the event actually clean the Bay, but it also raises awareness among people throughout our area. We have lots of places for you to clean up! Please sign up for Clean the Bay Day in Hampton at [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov).

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**YARDS Contest Nominations NEEDED!** We need some great nominations! When you see a beautiful yard, or if you know of someone who landscapes organically or has a wildlife habitat on their property, please send a nomination via our web link at <https://hampton.gov/FormCenter/Hampton-Boards-Commissions-Committees-5/YARDS-Contest-Nomination-Form-53>, email at [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov), or by phone at 727-1130. All we need is the Hampton street address; we'll take care of the rest. For more information, contact [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

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**Just in case you didn't hear!** There was a sewage spill on the Back River and from May 17 to June 7 you can't eat shellfish from the area. Make sure your friends and neighbors know, because it's possible they could get sick from eating shellfish from this area.



***The VERY Last Chance for a Rain Barrel Workshop!*** Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 - 11am, HCCC Office, 1296 Thomas Street. Learn how and why to make a rain barrel, take yours home, and then make some more! \$50 registration fee covers barrel and fittings. Register at <https://va-hampton2.civicplus.com/FormCenter/Hampton-Boards-Commissions-Committees-5/Rain-Barrel-Workshop-Registration-127>.

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***Hampton Seafood Appreciation Tour was a great success!*** The seafood tour that took place on May 11 was a great first-time event, and with the cooperation of the sites visited, will be offered again (*and hopefully again!*) Because of the small space available for tour participants in some of the sites, Hampton Waterways Restoration Project members who planned the tour couldn't fit in as many people as they wanted to include, but those who went were very pleased with the sites and the information. HWRP looks for offering the tour again so more people can see how important clean water is to a subject dear to our hearts, our

seafood, and to our economy! HWRP has lots of interesting projects related to our waterways and their well-being. If you're interested in being on their email list, let us know at [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

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***HCCC and HWRP were at the Waterwalk Grand Opening, May 12, and HWRP was at the Sunset Boating Center Open House the Same Afternoon, AND there was a Rain Barrel Workshop!***

Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> was a busy day for Clean City folks, who managed to be in three places at once! Thanks to Claire Neubert, Jamie Osso, Ashley the Art Teacher, Ryan Adams, Ashley Haines, Mara Yoko, and Darius Swift and his cousin for helping out at Waterwalk. Thanks Claire, Jamie, and Loye Spencer for adding on the Sunset Boating Center Open House. Thanks also to the Master Gardeners who helped with the Rain Barrel Workshop!

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***Visit a Hampton Waterways Restoration Project Oyster Gardening Demonstration*** at one or both of two local marinas! The schedule is designed to make it easy for you to come whenever you can! Register for a tour or to help oyster garden at [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov). Small groups are welcome!

**May 24, Sunset Creek Boating Center, 4337 Kecoughtan Rd**  
**June 1, Dandy Haven Marina, 374 Dandy Haven Rd**

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**Big Bethel Road Community Cleanup, May 25, 3pm!** Please come out to help us on Friday, May 25, 3pm. We expected to be rained out on the 18<sup>th</sup>, so we postponed. We sure could use your help on the 25th! The more volunteers we have the more we can clean up! Sign up at [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

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**World Environment Day, June 5:** “Beat Plastic Pollution” is the theme for World Environment Day 2018. It’s a day to think about one of the great environmental challenges of our time. “The theme invites us all to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife – and our own health.” How will you celebrate **World Environment Day**? One thing you could do is make sure you pick up at least one piece of plastic litter!

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**Litter & Recycling Awareness Committee, June 7,** 11:30am, Mama Rosa’s Restaurant, 617 E Mercury Blvd. For more information, [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

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**RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 9! Be a Rock Star! Build Your Own Rock!** If you have ever wondered, considered or pondered how to build a rock, then look no further.

You won’t want to miss this one day class that will teach you the how-to in design, construction, and carving your very own rock!

In just 8 hours on June 9, 2018, we will take you through the basic steps of free forming, construction, and painting. You will learn about the different types of materials

needed, what is available, and the techniques and methods used to build your rock.

**When:** June 9, 2018 - 9am

**Where:** 11 Wallace Road in Hampton

**What You Will need:** Work gloves, safety glasses, linesman pliers and a sense of humor.

**What You Will leave with:** Your work gloves, safety glasses, linesman pliers, a free formed wire covered rock, blisters and a lot of silly pictures! In addition, a materials list will be provided that will cover the basic items needed to build a rock.

**Cost:** \$110 if registered by May 1, \$120 afterwards. Lunch, snacks and water included. Preregistration is required, class limited to 10 participants. *Payment by cash or check only.*

**Note:** A \$50 donation will be made to the Hampton Clean City Commission for every participant to help HCCC continue their work to make our city a better place for all of us!

**Contact:** Wendy Iles 757-775-5610 or [thechickenspinner@gmail.com](mailto:thechickenspinner@gmail.com)

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**YARDS Contest Judging, June 11, 8:30am, HCCC Office, 1296 Thomas Street.** For more information, [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

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**Full Commission Meeting, June 12, 3:30pm, HCCC Office, 1296 Thomas Street.** For more information, [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov).

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**Water Quality Monitoring, June 13, 1pm, Back River and Elizabeth Lake.** Contact Cris at [causink@hampton.gov](mailto:causink@hampton.gov) or 727-5811, or Claire Neubert at [dcneubert@hotmail.com](mailto:dcneubert@hotmail.com).

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**One Love CommUNITY Cleanup, May 12!** Fifteen volunteers from One Love CommUNITY cleaned up their spot at River Street Park and removed four bags of trash and 350 cigarettes from the park. Those cigarettes were very important to remove because River Street Park is right on the water, and those things could have done a lot of polluting and damage to water animals. THANK YOU, One Love CommUNITY!

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**The JBLE 36<sup>th</sup> IS Cleanup, May 12!** Eleven volunteers from 36<sup>th</sup> IS cleaned up Burbank Elementary School. They removed 13 bags of litter and small debris, including 38 cigarettes, and about 200 pounds of large debris. THANKS 36<sup>th</sup> IS!

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**NAVY MARMC Cleanup, May 18!** The Navy Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center (MARMC) cleaned up Grandview Beach. Ten volunteers cleaned up 10 bags of trash between rain showers. THANKS MARMC!

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**Aberdeen Park Needs to be Adopted!** Aberdeen Park in historic Aberdeen Gardens is having a litter problem, and it needs your help! Unfortunately, some of the visitors to the park are littering, and some visitors are not cleaning up after the litter bugs. We need someone with a caring heart and dedication to the park to clean it up and keep it clean. Is that someone you? Contact Debbie at [hccc@hampton.gov](mailto:hccc@hampton.gov) to sign up for this important spot.