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Neighborhood Leaders Attend 2003 NUSA Conference

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Over Memorial Day weekend, several neighborhood leaders (including youth neighborhood leaders) and city staff, traveled 12 hours by bus to attend the 2003 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The conference offered an opportunity for diverse groups of people and organizations to share their ideas, values and experiences to build stronger communities. For a sample of those experiences from youth, city staff, neighborhood leaders, and award recipients who attended continue reading on page 4.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This issue features a very special area of Hampton that most of us call Fox Hill. In addition to the many interesting and unique things that you will learn about this district of the city (District 5), you will read that one of the registered neighborhood organizations in this district is the Fox Hill Historical Society. Neighborhood organization registration is a way for neighborhood serving organizations to sign on as official partners in the neighborhood initiative.

Why have a Historical Society as a registered neighborhood?

At first glance, a historical society registering as a neighborhood organization seems odd, doesn't it? Actually, this is a good illustration of the Hampton Neighborhood Initiative principle of "no one size fits all." This means that we need to be flexible enough to meet the unique needs of individual neighborhoods, since what may work in one neighborhood may not be at all useful in another.

In this case, the Fox Hill Historical Society actually has the characteristics of a viable neighborhood organization even though they do not call themselves a neighborhood organization or civic league. They are working to do the very things that the Neighborhood Initiative promotes and supports. Their niche is history, but their purpose is to preserve something special about their area of the city. They network and partner with others and outreach to and include all interested persons ("all are welcome" is boldly printed on their community flyers).

I find it perfectly appropriate that an area so rich in history would organize itself around this asset. And I appreciate that the Neighborhood Commission recognized this when they approved their registration. But mostly I am excited to have the Fox Hill Historical Society as a partner in making our neighborhoods places we proudly call home.

Joan Kennedy
Director

Registered Neighborhood Organizations

- Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association
- Buckroe Civic Association
- Downtown Hampton Development Partnership
- Elizabeth Lake Estates Civic Association
- Farmington Civic Association
- Fox Hill Athletic Association
- Fox Hill Historical Society
- Grandview Island Improvement League
- Newtown Improvement & Civic Club
- Northampton Civic League
- Olde Hampton Community Association
- Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association
- Old North Hampton Community Organization
- Pasture Point Neighborhood Association
- Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch
- Phoebus Civic Association
- Phoebus Improvement League
- Rosalee Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Sussex at Hampton Neighborhood Association
- Tyler/Seldendale Community Improvement Task Force
- Wythe-Phenix Improvement Association
- Wythe Coalition

HAMPTON NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

REGISTER NOW! Only one session will be held instead of two. We are now accepting applications for the fall session. Limited space available. We are also offering neighborhood organizations an opportunity to sponsor sessions in their neighborhood. Call Sheila Williams at 727-6460 for more details.

REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD

Celebrating History and Legacy: The Fox Hill Historical Society

By: David Routten and Sydney Mason

History plays an important role in our lives today. It fills us with a sense of longing to know about the past. It connects us to our ancestors. It reminds us of a time and place of simplicity. It ultimately teaches us about our lives.

About two years ago, Katie Lee Evans Arredondo, a native of Fox Hill, felt a burning need to know more about from where she came and keep her late father's memory close to her heart. Katie, her cousin Judy Clark Riss, Ann Behm and Brenda Thomas Watson came together to compare notes and research each had collected over the years. After a couple of these meetings, family and friends encouraged them to form the Fox Hill Historical Society (FHHS).

The FHHS was formed in October 2001 and membership has grown to approximately 65 members today. Katie serves as President, Judy as Vice President, Brenda as Treasurer, and Rosemarie Arredondo Kidd as Secretary. They meet on the second Saturday of every month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. At each meeting they not only talk about Historical Society business, but they usually have a guest speaker scheduled to talk about a variety of historical or genealogical topics.

The Historical Society exists "*to research, record and preserve the heritage and history of the community known as Fox Hill*" and "*to honor and remember those who have gone before us that called this once small fishing village home.*" The three working committees that help to carry out their mission are the Historical Committee, Genealogical Committee and the Cemetery Committee.

The Historical Committee researches, collects and preserves the history of Fox Hill, from its beginnings to the present day. The Genealogical Committee researches, collects and preserves the history of the people and families of Fox Hill. This committee researches early settlers and their lifestyles, today's inhabitants, the make-up of family units, and the economic structure as well as the origin of families that called Fox Hill home. The Cemetery Committee researches and seeks ways to preserve the burial grounds of the previous inhabitants of Fox Hill. The work of this committee has fostered partnerships with other area groups who seek to preserve and honor those who have gone on before them.

The Historical Society is rapidly branching out through our city, state and nation. They participate in the Virginia Gene Web Project which serves as a resource to history and genealogical researchers and provides documentation and preservation of the history of Virginia.

They have also assisted in the procurement of the Hampton History Museum exhibits with the Society's pictures and artifacts relating to Fox Hill.

The Fox Hill Historical Society has played an important role in unifying neighbors through researching history and genealogy.

For more information about the Fox Hill Historical Society, contact Katie Arredondo at 757-851-3631 or e-mail her at history@foxhill.us.

Sharing a Vision *(continued from front page)*

MICHELLE SIMPSON
Director of Inspiring Minds,
Neighborhood Activist,
Winner of 2003 NUSA
Notable Award

I went to my first NUSA conference not really knowing what to expect. Although I am currently active in my neighborhood and my community, I was questioning if the difference I desired to make was big enough. I try to make a difference by giving my time and energy. At times I felt as though I wasn't getting anywhere. Well NUSA changed my thinking and my tank has been refueled! Attending the NUSA Conference resulted in a motivational awakening for me and reinforced not only why I am involved but why I want to stay involved.

It was phenomenal to see so many people representing many different states, cultures, communities and neighborhoods. All of whom took almost a week off to learn how to make where they live the best it can be. I didn't know there were so many people across the globe who really cared. It opened my eyes to the fact that even though Hampton is unique in a lot of what we do, there are others also pressing on to make a difference. Attending the workshops and listening to the variety of speakers gave me a different outlook on the necessity of our neighborhood work and the contribution we all need to make. We do what we do here in Hampton to make our city the best it can be and I could see at the conference that other cities were duplicating these efforts across the country. Not only are we doing good for our communities, but the entire world. I left NUSA with the conviction that the contributions we are able to make here in Hampton, however small or large, are not optional even though we as citizens are volunteers. What we do in our communities is essential to the survival of our children, the elderly, our families and the world at large. I realized that the days when I didn't feel like my own contribution mattered or made a difference were over. Thank you Hampton for the opportunity to not only attend the conference but to make a difference in my neighborhood, my city and the world.

CHARLES FELDER
Neighborhood Office

The first thing that struck me with regard to my first Neighborhood Conference was the level of planning involved. From hotel reservations to the allocation of lapel pins, each task was executed with meticulous precision by the planners involved.

As a first-time attendee, I had no point of reference and no real expectations except that I would probably have a miserable twelve hour bus ride to Chattanooga (which I did ***not*** have, by the way). I was inspired by the large number of people who gathered with the central purpose of learning ways to better their surroundings and to celebrate the concept of the neighborhood.

Through observation and discussion with other conference attendees, I came away from NUSA 2003 with a renewed sense that as there is strength in unity, and that strength, when effectively channeled, can result in thriving neighborhoods which are at the heart of every great city.

2003 NUSA Conference

This was my second year attending the NUSA Conference, and I was just as thrilled and awed as last time. To be amongst hundreds of people who feel the same way about bettering their neighborhoods, and improving where they live is energizing and inspiring.

The best moment of all, both years, is seeing Hampton shine. The Aberdeen Museum winning first place for Neighborhood Improvement and then NUSA Neighborhood of the Year last year. Then this year, seeing Michelle Simpson win a NUSA Notable, and the SS Buckroe Playground receiving recognition with third place for Neighborhood Improvement. There's no better feeling than having your city and its people be recognized for caring about where they live and taking an active role in improving their surroundings. Congratulations Hampton!

AMY HOBBS
Neighborhood Commissioner

The 2003 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee was not a trip to be looked upon as only fun, it was a learning experience. Outside of going to Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board (NYAB) meetings and other meetings of that sort, the conference gave youth a chance to experience other projects, concerns, and resolutions that neighborhood groups from all over the country were also practicing. Youth had a choice of which workshops they wanted to attend which were about various situations and projects. For example, on my Youth Track, I had planned to attend a session on Caring Preventative Resources-A Healthy Vision for Neighborhoods. This workshop was basically concerned with how a community would be strengthened by public education on HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, other sexually transmitted diseases, and other high-risk health issues among teenagers. The workshop also emphasized that acknowledgement of these problems would offer hope for teenagers going through life-threatening situations.

The youth were able to attend several neighborhood activities to get a feel of different communities in Chattanooga such as a "National Block Party", Habitat for Humanity and Neighborhood Tours. The Neighborhood Tours were extremely educational by demonstrating how communities accept people of different races and ethnic groups and include them in various activities; the customs of some neighborhoods, and the different ways neighborhoods get together to make their community even stronger.

DAKIDA N. BRANDON
Neighborhood Youth Leader

The NUSA Conference impacted my view of our neighborhoods in Hampton by leading me to the fact that there is more to strengthening our communities than just attending a neighborhood meeting, or coming to one project. It involves caring, showing appreciation, helping throughout a neighborhood project, and bringing everyone into a plan. Not only did the conference impact my view, it showed me that I did have a role in representing my community. I had a role, in that, I am part of my community and with my voice and/or my presence, I can make a difference. With all of the information and influences that we youth experienced during the conference, we will use the vision that we shared to make our neighborhoods better. But, most importantly, seeing individuals from different neighborhoods around the USA attending the conference, we as youth can now say that we desire to play a role in our communities, working to improve and strengthen our communities, and sharing a VISION!

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Inside District 5

This area of the city became known in the 1600's and progressed to become part of Elizabeth City County until the early 1950's. Livelihood in District 5 came from boat-building, fishing the rivers & Chesapeake Bay, and farming until the late 1920's. Residents then began working at Newport News Shipbuilding, local military installations, and NASA during and after World War II. The area experienced significant growth after World War II which continues today.

District 5 includes the Harris Creek Peninsula and Fox Hill, and contains one third of Hampton's remaining vacant acreage. Although over 1,200 acres are currently undeveloped, environmental constraints – primarily tidal wetlands – impede their development. Almost half of the area is developed residentially, with 98% of that being single-family development which vary from small subdivisions to multi-acre lots. Housing values and incomes are high, which is expected in an area with high owner-occupancy and single-family rates.

The district is bounded by Back River, Fox Hill Road, Salt Pond Road, E. Little Back River Road, Harris Creek Road, Gosnold Hope Park, and the Chesapeake Bay.

REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOODS:

Grandview Island Improvement League

Fox Hill Athletic Association

Fox Hill Historical Society

NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDED PROJECTS

Matching Grants
4 projects
for a total of $13,205

Neighborhood Month Grants
4 projects
for a total of $2,709

Neighborhood Improvement Fund Grants
3 projects
for a total of $21,818

ASSETS:

- Asbury Elementary School & Playground
- Phillips Elementary School and Recreation Fields
- Fox Hill Private School
- Grundland Park
- Fox Hill Athletic Association
- Fox Hill Historical Society
- Fox Hill Fire Station
- Grandview Nature Preserve
- 1200 acres undeveloped land
- The Residents!

Call **727-6460** for more information on how your neighborhood can become registered.

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GOAL AS COMMISSIONER: *"Being a Hampton native, I have a strong desire to enhance Hampton neighborhoods through community action and want to assist in organizing advocacy groups for solving neighborhood issues."*

FACILITATOR: Sydney Mason

Neighborhood Office • 727-6460 • smason@hampton.gov

district 5

Partnerships...

Asbury Elementary School ★ Fire

Neighborhood School & Firemen Help to Ignite Fire for Learning

by Sydney Mason

Many stories of community partnerships have been highlighted in previous issues of Neighborhood Link, but there are few that have sparked community-wide interest and participation like the partnership between Asbury Elementary School and the Fox Hill Fire Station.

Asbury Elementary School and the Fox Hill Fire Station were both established in the early 1900's. Even though both buildings have undergone changes physically, the institutions themselves have remained firmly rooted.

These organizations are not only engaged in a partnership with each other, they have engaged the Fox Hill community in relationship-building, mentoring and education. Lt. John Dowd of the Fox Hill Fire Station says, "We are an integral part of this community. Citizens know that we are not only a place to learn information for critical situations, but are also a resource to the community. This is a cohesive, long-standing, family-oriented neighborhood and the partnership between Asbury Elementary and the Fire Department is invaluable.

The firemen are a welcome presence at the school. John Caggiano, Principal of Asbury Elementary says, "The students are always excited to see the firemen come to the school and give them their undivided attention, whether they are teaching a lesson or just socializing over lunch. Firemen teach the students about fire prevention, give demonstrations with fire trucks and equipment, the Fire Trailer, and lead walking field trips to the Fire Station for tours.

The firemen enjoy spending their lunchtime with the students at Asbury. "This is a time to build relationships with the students", says Ben Poole, an 18-year veteran with the Hampton Fire Department. Lt. Dowd, who mesmerizes students with his magic tricks adds, "We talk about what's on the mind of students, they learn a little about us, we learn a little about them and they may even see a little magic."

Volunteerism at the school is "unbelievable", says John Caggiano. "There is not a day that volunteers in some capacity, are not all around this building." People living in the Fox Hill community feel a great affection for Asbury Elementary School and the firemen at the Fire Station.

The partnership between the Fire Station and Asbury Elementary School has expanded and sparked involvement on the part of the Fox Hill community in other partnerships. Asbury received recognition from the Hampton Council of PTA's during the 2002-2003 school year for having the highest PTA membership in the City of Hampton. Their PTA membership topped out at 112%, which indicates that not all who joined the PTA

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LEADERSHIP CORNER:
The Importance of Planning

By Graham Currin

How many times have you walked into a meeting that started off late, was completely disorganized, and left you feeling angry at the leader and at the waste of time? If so, it was probably because he or she was using the "no-plan" plan.

It's been said that, "those who fail to plan, plan to fail." If you are in any kind of leadership position you have probably come across this saying. That's because planning is one of the most basic parts of leadership.

Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.

Planning is a sign of professionalism, ability, and confidence. It tells the people around you that you value their time and want to put their skills to work in a quick and orderly fashion. In addition, it makes your job easier and keeps you from looking incompetent.

A favorite mentor of mine put it this way. "There is no such thing as an unplanned high performance event," according to business consultant and professor Ted Bloomer.

This means that you may be good enough to wing a meeting here or there, but they will not all be successful. Moreover, nearly all of them will leave out an important item that needed to be discussed because you were distracted by facilitating or thinking about the next thing to say.

Now that you see the need to plan, what are some tips?

First, do NOT give into the temptation of holding everyone for the entire allotted time once your agenda is through. I've actually heard a group leader admit that he was out of topics and said he would "make up stuff" for the remaining time.

Do remember to always leave time for extra things that come up. This way you will get everyone out on time, or even better, be able to reward them by breaking early.

Do try to anticipate some of the needs of group members and other problems that arise. There are enough unknown problems out there as it is, but if you can plan for everything that is within your control, then crisis situations will be cut down and people will be more forgiving. However as with any good tip, it should be used in moderation.

"Contingency planning can go on forever, draining time and attention from far more essential activities," says Harvard leadership Scholar John Kotter. "Planning works best not as a substitute for direction setting, but as a complement to it."

Furthermore, should the group get bogged down on one topic you can suggest holding off on the issue in favor of getting at all of the business at hand. This way your group is more likely to leave with a sense of accomplishment.

The key to good, consistent leadership is taking the time to itemize your business in an agenda and prepare for several concerns that may arise in any given situation. This keeps things moving along and everyone reasonably happy.

These are just a few planning tips. Depending on the situation you may want to set ground rules, ask for topics, or address old concerns. If you are really lost, asking a friend or your predecessor for advice or an old agenda is not a bad idea either. Stick to these tips while keeping your plan flexible and no matter what the situation, you should come out on top.

The Hampton Neighborhood Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center. 6 p.m.

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WHAT'S NEW IN NEIGHBORHOODS?

New Community Center will open Fall 2003!

by Art Thatcher & Tammy Flynn

This fall will be cause for celebration as we open the City's seventh community/neighborhood facility, the West Hampton Community Center. The 24,000 square foot, state of the art facility is in the final phase of a three-year process and the latest example of the community and city coming together in collaboration to positively affect the quality of life for our citizens.

West Hampton Community Center will feature an air conditioned gymnasium dedicated to former Recreation Director Charlie Badger and includes a basketball court, 2 volleyball courts, and an 8 foot perimeter-walking path. The Center has a fitness room with free weights, machines and cardiovascular equipment; a multipurpose room for a variety of fitness, wellness and enrichment activities; a community room will offer space for birthday parties, receptions, community meetings, classes and other activities. The center will also be home to Hampton's first indoor climbing wall. The wall is a 9 meter by 9 meter rock surface wall with 9 possible top rope routes that will accommodate 6 climbers at a time. The wall is perfect for the experienced climber as well as first-timers.

The distinguishing feature of the building is the full glass front entrance that opens into an airy lobby and a café style gathering place. The lounge area will have tables, comfortable couches and overstuffed chairs and is a wonderful space for meetings, spending time with friends, viewing your favorite show on the large screen TV, or watching the participants on the rock wall.

Recently District 10 neighborhood leaders and Parks and Recreation representatives toured the site to see first hand the new facility (pictured at right—lower photo); Roosevelt Wilson, Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association; Art Thatcher, Superintendent of Hampton Parks and Recreation; Lee Croswell, Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch; Joe Holland, District 10 Neighborhood Commissioner; and Scott Canady, Recreation Manager for the new center; all of whom have played a key role in the project making the process a true community effort.

Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association President Roosevelt Wilson, who spear-headed the project lives by the following rule, "in unity there is strength, and with commitment and work, we can achieve." And achieve they have. Applying this philosophy has resulted in another successful neighborhood driven project in District 10. The Community Center happened because of a neighborhood's vision, establishing community priorities and the hard work of neighborhood leaders, citizens young and old, and staff from Hampton Parks and Recreation.

Shared Vision *(continued from page 5)*

JIM WILSON
Parks and Recreation Superintendent

On May 22, 2003, I had my first opportunity to attend a NUSA Conference. I attended for two main reasons; one, I was a member of the presentation team who presented the S.S. Buckroe Playground project which was up for the National Neighborhood of the Year Award; and two, to learn how neighborhoods and city government work together outside the City of Hampton.

As I attended the workshops and tours, I discovered a very educational experience. It was great to interact with volunteers, staff, government and church leaders to see how different teams work together to improve their community and neighborhoods.

This was my first opportunity to attend a conference to observe volunteers from my city working with other cities and their neighborhood leaders. This kind of interaction benefits the City of Hampton in the long run. Volunteers are rewarded for all their hard work and they will come back to the city recharged with new ideas as to how to make things better. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to attend because it reaffirmed my belief of how essential the role of Parks and Recreation is in improving neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Star: Partnerships *(continued from page 7)*

have children or have children that attend the school. Also, recently, the community had a fund-raising drive for a family at the school whose two children will have brain surgery this summer. The fund-raiser generated $5,000 for that family.

We salute Asbury Elementary and the Fox Hill Fire Station for your innovative approach to engage in a community partnership and inspiring the community around you to do the same. We pronounce you a "Neighborhood Star" for you embody all of what makes Hampton an all-America City. Thank you for your vision and for all your efforts in helping our youth and their families to be the best they can be.

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HAMPTON Yard of the Month WINNERS

The Hampton Clean City Commission is pleased to announce the winners of the July Yards Are Really Distinctive Showplaces (YARDS) Contest.

- **MARIE HARE** (Watkins Drive), whose yard includes plants sculpted into the shape of a rabbit and a "flower bed" planted in an old bed frame
- **MELANIE PAUL**, whose yard is a registered wildlife habitat and includes a pond
- **JAN MORISON** (Burgh Westra Drive), whose low maintenance yard has great curb appeal and a variety of perennial plants.

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Congratulations to the winners!

To nominate a beautiful yard in Hampton call the Clean City Commission at 727-6394 or visit http://www.hampton.gov/hccc/yards.html

Aug/Sept 2003

NEIGHBORHOODS...
The Heart of Virginia
Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference
September 26-27, 2003

Come Play in the Bay at Buckroe

HOT DOG DIP

September 5-6, 2003
Briar Queen Pool • 10am – 2pm

Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association
THIRD SATURDAY of every month, 10 a.m.
Aberdeen Elementary School
Roosevelt Wilson, 826-9174

Buckroe Civic Association
SECOND TUESDAY of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Buckroe Fire Station
Bill Ernst, 850-1145

Downtown Hampton Development Partnership (DHDP)
FOURTH THURSDAY of every month, 8:30 a.m.
DHDP Board Room, 756 Settlers Landing Rd.
Steve Hussell, 722-1271

Easthampton Neighborhood Association
SECOND TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Easthampton United Methodist Church
Charlie Fullman, 722-0837

Elizabeth Lake Estates Civic Association
THIRD TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Members Homes
Al Morison, 851-6390/ Mike Avery 850-2149

Farmington Civic Association
FOURTH MONDAY in February, April, June, August, October & December, 7:30 p.m.
Northampton Community Center
Oreta Watkins,826-6166

Fox Hill Mutual Homes
THIRD WEDNESDAY of every month, 6 p.m.
200 Ranalet Drive
Billy Moore, 722-6417

Greater Wythe Area Planning Team
FIRST TUESDAY of every month, 7-9 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
727-6460

Howe Farms Homeowners Association
SECOND SUNDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Meets at rotating homes
P.G. Minetti, 850-3634

Newtown Improvement & Civic Club
LAST MONDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Little England Chapel
Glen Hughes, 722-9396

Olde Hampton Community Association
SECOND TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Olde Hampton Community Center
Sadie Brown, 722-2447

Old Northampton Community Association
SECOND SATURDAY of every month, 10 a.m.
Y.H. Thomas Community Center
Albert Simpson, 723-4986

Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association
LAST TUESDAY of every month, 7 p.m.
Wythe Elementary School
Neil Chetney, 380-6721

Park Place Community Awareness Association
THIRD SATURDAY in March, June, September, & December, 3 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Deanna Sheppard, 827-9204

Phoebus Civic Association
THIRD MONDAY of every month, 6:30 p.m.
Keith's Dockside Restaurant
Ronnie Staton, 851-8186

Pine Cone Harbor Condo Association
SECOND MONDAY of every month, 6:30 p.m.
206 Dockside Drive
Jackie Holman, 722-9994

Rosalee Gardens
SECOND TUESDAY of February, April, June, August, October & December, 7 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Willie Press, 723-7604

Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch
THIRD TUESDAY of January, March, July, August & September, 7 pm.
Hampton High School Cafeteria
Bud Hehle, 838-5584

Sussex at Hampton
THIRD THURSDAY in August, October, December, February, April & June, 6:30 p.m.
3829 Roadsview Avenue
Becky Harris, 726-2185

Tidemill/Machen Civic Association
THIRD MONDAY of the month (January is fourth Monday), 6:30 p.m.
No meetings June-August
Machen Elementary School
Joanne Nisley, 766-0037

Wythe Coalition
FOURTH TUESDAY in September, November, February, & April, 7 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Hazel Nazareth, 723-7893

Wythe Empowering Minds
EVERY MONDAY of the month, 5-6 p.m.
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Shawn O'Keefe, 838-2330

Wythe Phenix Improvement Association
SECOND TUESDAY of January, March, May, July, September & November
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
Andre' McCloud, 247-6758

Hampton to Host Statewide Neighborhood Conference

On behalf of the 2003 Statewide Planning Committee, the Neighborhood Commission and Neighborhood Office are honored and excited to announce the 4th annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference to be hosted in Hampton, September 26-27, 2003. The conference will be held at the Hampton Holiday Inn & Conference Center.

Hampton is celebrating its 10th year anniversary of the Neighborhood Initiative and hosting the Statewide Conference is a great opportunity to highlight its success. The Statewide Planning Committee have worked diligently for the past eight months to bring you a combination of workshops, seminars, events and activities to make your participation both productive and enjoyable.

Neighborhood Leaders (youth & adults), city staff, non-profits, faith communities and businesses from across the State are joining together to make the 4th annual conference a great success as we pursue our common goal of building stronger neighborhoods on a statewide level.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with many aspects of the conference. For more information and/or to volunteer, please call Shellae Blackwell, Neighborhood Office at 727-6460.

Hampton's own **MICHELLE SIMPSON**, Executive Director of Inspiring Minds, pictured above receiving Neighborhoods USA Notable Award in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is one of the keynote speakers featured at the Virginia Statewide Neighborhoods Conference.

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