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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

International Coastal Cleanup Begins, Now—Oct 31. Site leaders and cleanup volunteers needed—help clean up the Chesapeake Bay in our own back yard! Sign up at causink@hampton.gov

Annual Community Improvement & Litter Index, Sep 10, 8:30—4, evaluate 58 locations in Hampton for litter and other indices. **NEED 9 VOLUNTEERS!** Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov

Art in the Park Display & Litter-Free Event, Saturday, Sep 13, 10—6, staff display, clean up litter throughout the festival. Contact causink@hampton.gov or call 727-1158

Floyd Thompson Drive Cleanup, Friday, Sep 19, 3pm—4:30pm. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov

International Coastal Cleanup, Saturday Sep 20, 10 –Noon, causink@hampton.gov

Clean & Green Business Community Awareness Day, Thursday, Sep 25, 10am—Noon. Need display volunteers and ushers to guide visitors to room. hccc@hampton.gov

Schools Appearance Index, Oct 4, 9am—5pm, evaluate public schools in Hampton for litter and other factors. **NEED 5—9 VOLUNTEERS**

Pembroke Avenue Railway Cleanup, Oct 17, 3pm—4:30pm, cleaning up the railway along Pembroke Avenue. Sign up at hccc@hampton.gov.

Nominate a Person or Group for a

CLEAN CITY AWARD No Later Than Monday the 8th!

Recognize someone who works hard to make Hampton's environment better!

Go to: <http://va-hampton.civicplus.com/FormCenter/Hampton-Boards-Commissions--Committees-5/Hampton-Clean-City-Commission-Award-Nomi-68> or go to www.hampton.gov/hccc and look for the link on **Quick Links**

THANK YOU!

USS Enterprise CPO Selects, for spiffing up the athletic storage area at Phoebus High School—painting, moving furniture, and more!! The storage area looks great, and you really helped the folks at Phoebus!

Alcoa Howmet for inviting HCCC to participate in the Green Fair on September 6th. And thank you Kinesha Allen and Cary Koronas for volunteering to staff the booth!

Bay Days International Coastal Cleanup Volunteers for coming out on a Saturday to clean up the Hampton River during Bay Days!



Adopt-A-Spot Volunteers

Adopt-A-Spot volunteers make our city cleaner and more beautiful. We send a special thank you to the nearly 200 groups that keep our public areas—streets, public facilities, beaches, waterways, parks, and schools—clean!

There are too many to list in this newsletter, but we will be doing a special edition in October listing all the participants who have cleaned up in the past year and featuring those who want to share their story with us.

Adopt-A-Spot groups! Send us a photo and a brief statement of where you clean up, why you clean up, and if you've had an interesting experience in the process, and we'll feature you!

Tree Planting Volunteers

HCCC staff and volunteers are working on some tree plantings for the fall. If you'd like to be part of a tree planting team, be sure to let us know by emailing hccc@hampton.gov. When we're ready with our plans, we'll be asking for some help!

A man doesn't plant a tree for himself. He plants it for posterity.—Alexander Smith



What Can One Little Cigarette Butt Do?

One little cigarette butt can do PLENTY!

First of all, it's never just one little cigarette butt. In Fiscal Year 2014, HCCC volunteers picked up 155,826 butts. That's enough to fill about 155 gallon jugs in terms of volume, and since each one pollutes 2 gallons of water, volunteer efforts saved nearly 312,000 gallons of water. (*Clean Virginia Waterways*)

The average American family of four uses 400 gallons of water per day. (*EPA*) That's 780 days of clean water for one household... And what about the ones that got away...

Cigarette litter causes fires in mulch and grass. In very dry areas, cigarette litter fires can devastate communities and habitat. (*Clean Virginia Waterways*) 72,400 smoking-material fires in 2011 were mostly outdoor fires (60,200 fires in trash, vegetation and other outdoor combustibles). (*Nat'l Fire Protection Assn*)

Cigarette litter piles up at intersections, making our city look like an ash tray...