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**H.O.P.E.
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS
NETWORKING
EVENT**



**VB CHAMPIONS OF
H.O.P.E.**
HELPING OUR PEOPLE EXCEL

Mayor Bobby Dyer hosted the first H.O.P.E. networking event, an initiative in the FY24-25 Focused Action Plan to strengthen community unity and well-being.

One of the key focus areas of the Focused Action Plan is "Invigorate," underlining the desire to embrace comprehensive well-being by fostering a clean, inspiring and vibrant environment where people feel safe and have access to amenities and services that support a high quality of life. One initiative identified to help accomplish this goal is to "Strengthen community unity and well-being through the H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Excel) initiative."

On Feb. 29, residents came out in numbers to learn about a wide range of community services at the City's first H.O.P.E. Community Connections Networking event. Hosted by Mayor Dyer, the event connected individuals, businesses and organizations to create a strong network of support. When people who share a passion for strengthening the community are brought together under one roof, amazing things happen. Read more about the event and how to become a Champion of H.O.P.E.

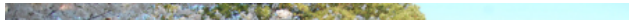
VB Champions of H.O.P.E.



Teen's Volunteer Work with the City's Active Transportation Committee Takes Him to New Places — College

Kamar Wilson used his volunteer work helping to develop the VB Trail to earn a full scholarship to the University of Virginia.

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Take in the sights, sounds and smells of spring, March 23-30, while promoting the rich culture and beauty of Japanese music and art.

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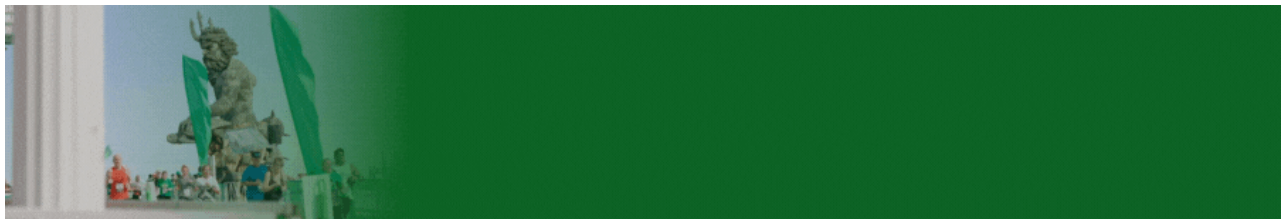




Mayor Bobby Dyer and City Manager Patrick Duhaney Delivered the Annual State of the City Address March 13

The event is the first in a series of five throughout the region sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chamber. The full text of the speech and a video recording are available online. The 2024 State of the City address is also scheduled to be rebroadcast on Cox Channel 48 and Verizon Channel 45, beginning Sunday, March 17.

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