

Regional Update

A Monthly Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia



October 2007

Lead Safe Work Practices Training Course Scheduled

The Eastern Shore Lead Safe Homes Program and the National Paint and Coatings Association are sponsoring a Lead Safe Work Practices Course, to be held at the Eastern Shore Community College on October 19, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Coffee and pastries will be available in the morning and afternoon and lunch will also be served.

This training class will be presented at ***no cost to attendees***. Those encouraged to participate include: home (or code) inspectors, contractors undertaking renovation, repainting, or remodeling work where lead-based paint may be encountered, maintenance workers, building supervisors and land-

lords, professional associations, state and local municipal agencies, community and social service organizations, and do-it-yourself homeowners.

The goal of this program is to teach attendees lead-safe work practices and the strategies for implementing them. Most homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint, so it is important that renovation, remodeling and repair activities use methods that reduce and control dust and debris created during work. Even a small amount of dust can pose a serious health risk to young children and their families.

This Course has been approved by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) for 1.0 Certification Main-

tenance (CM) Points, (Approval No. 05-2656); and is eligible for Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) Continuance of Certification (COC) Points. Attendees successfully completing the course will receive a completion certificate.

The Eastern Shore, with its disproportionate number of older (pre-1978) homes, many in poor condition, has one of the highest per capita rates of lead-poisoned children in the state. The ANPDC administers a Dept. of Housing and Community Development grant to reduce lead hazards in qualifying households with children under the age of six.

To register for the course, call (757)787-2936, ext 122 and ask for the Lead Safe Work Practices Workshop. For information about the course or the Eastern Shore Lead Safe Homes Program, call Patti Merritt at ext 119. Registration deadline is October 15.



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The Accomack-Northampton Housing and Redevelopment Corporation (A-NHRC) is sponsoring the Eastern Shore of Virginia Fair Housing Workshop, to be held on November 1, 2007 at the Shore Bank Financial Headquarters, located at 25020 Shore Parkway in Onley. The workshop will feature an informative and interactive three-hour seminar taught by “Mally” Dryden-Mason, Consumer Education Coordinator and Fair Housing Training Specialist from the Virginia Fair Housing Office. This seminar meets the requirements for real estate continuing education and fair housing certification. Issues to be covered include History of the Fair Housing Law, Exemptions and Amendments to the Fair Housing Law, The Protected and Unprotected Classes, Unlawful Housing Practices, Housing Covered by the Law, Advertising and Insurance under the Law, Occupancy Standards, Sexual Harassment, Reasonable Accommodations and Reasonable Modifications, Accessibility Guidelines, Discussion of Recent Case Law, and Rights and Responsibilities under the Fair Housing Law. Information and brochures will be available on the various programs ad-

ministered by the A-NHRC, the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, and the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority.

Populations who will benefit from the class include developers, builders, real estate agents & brokers, leasing agents, landlords, mortgage companies, insurance companies, appraisers, homeowner’s associations, housing-related grant recipients, and public housing authorities. Individuals who complete the class are eligible for Fair Housing Professional Certification or Real Estate continuing education/post-licensure credit requirements. For more information, call Patti Merritt at 757-787-2936, ext 119. To register for the workshop, call ext 122.



BROADBAND PROJECT NEWS

The Telecommunications Study for central Accomack County, Chincoteague/Wallops, and Exmore/Nassawadox was completed July 31. The full report and the maps that go with it have been posted for downloading or viewing at www.a-npdc.org/broadband.html. In addition to the study, you can use the website to see a demonstration of the difference in speed between dial-up, DSL, and true high-speed connections. Check it out!

If you are interested in knowing what the Broadband Management Team and the Education and Training Subcommittee have been working on, you can also view or download the minutes from the team meetings on the same webpage.

New developments: The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development recently offered planning funds for a telecommunications study from Nassawadox south to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. This project is getting underway and will round-out telecommunications planning coverage for our region.

The purpose of these plans is to assess the feasibility of building fiber distribution loops off the backbone. The first study recommends further planning for the Chincoteague/Wallops loop before going out for construction funding. It also recommends conducting a “Request for Interest” from last-mile service providers, developing a business plan, and completing a master telecommunications plan for the whole Eastern Shore. The master plan would coordinate build-out of the new backbone and the distribution loops and ensure that last-mile service providers are in place.

If you would like additional information, please contact Barbara Schwenk at 757-787-2936 x115 or bschwenk@a-npdc.org.

10th Annual Run For The Birds

The 10th annual Run For The Birds will be held on Saturday, October 6 at Kiptopeake State Park. The event is coordinated with the 15th annual Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival. The Birding & Wildlife Festival takes place October 5 - 7, and features guided tours, boat trips, hikes, exhibits, workshops, a silent auction/raffle, bird banding, and local food and art at the Historic Salt Grove. The keynote speaker is Ned Brinkley, author of "The Making of a Field Guide."



The Run for the Birds includes 5K and 10K Runs, a 5K Fun Walk and, for the first time, a 1 mile Run For The Little Birds. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. The Little Bird Run begins at 9 a.m., and the other events begin at 9:30 a.m. The registration fee on race day is \$20, which includes refreshments, a race bag, t-shirt, and free state park admission. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place male and female finishers and 1st and 2nd place age group finishers. The "Little Birds", age 12 and younger, will all receive finisher medals.

Join us for a run or walk on the beautiful trails of this coastal state park. For questions or late registration, call race committee chairmen Paul Berge at 757-787-2936 (toll free at 866-787-3001) or John Chandler at 757-331-2960.



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