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# Welcome To Hampton Roads





All of us at William E. Wood and Associates wish to extend to you a very warm welcome to the Hampton Roads area.

Enjoyed by residents for its great diversity, vibrancy, beauty, history, naturalness and friendliness, Hampton Roads is an easy place to live. . . filled with opportunity and pride. At William E. Wood, we are, in fact, very proud of “our community of communities” and appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this introduction to your new home.

We know this area well. Since 1972, our team of dedicated professionals has been in the business of helping people turn houses into homes. We’ve achieved the number one ranking in Hampton Roads by listening to and understanding our clients, as well as by maintaining our deeply rooted knowledge of the market.

For assistance with any real estate or relocation need, just call us: 800-446-8260 or check out our website at [www.williamewood.com](http://www.williamewood.com). We feel certain you’ll be pleased you did. After all, with more than 750 full time sales associates that are based from 22 locations throughout Hampton Roads, you can be confident we can find what you’re looking for.

We hope you enjoy getting to know Hampton Roads and that you will begin calling it “home” soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Thurmond".

Richard B. Thurmond  
President  
William E. Wood and Associates, Realtors



*The nearly 90-year old farm house in Virginia Beach is the birthplace of William E. Wood Jr., and now houses the corporate offices of the company that bears his name.*

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**R**ich in history, brimming with natural resources and full of economic, cultural and recreational opportunity, Hampton Roads is a diverse, friendly and easy-to-know community comprised of nine cities and two counties. It is the nation's 34th largest Metropolitan Statistical Area and includes Virginia's fastest growing city (Chesapeake), its most populous (Virginia Beach) and its largest (Suffolk).

Situated in southeastern Virginia where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean, Hampton Roads is divided between the "Southside" — Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Smithfield, Suffolk and Virginia Beach; and the "Peninsula" — Gloucester, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County and York County.

Within this beautiful region, where all four seasons take their place on the weather map, nearly any lifestyle is possible.

If, for example, you enjoy living near the water, for recreation or employment, there's the Chesapeake Bay, many rivers, countless lakes and inlets, and, of course, the Atlantic Ocean.

However, if you prefer the feel of a city where you can walk to work, shopping districts or to an outdoor concert, there's historic Ghent in Norfolk, Olde Town in Portsmouth and downtown Norfolk. Each area hosts townhomes, condominiums and single family homes.

Does rural interest you? Farms and tiny pockets of neighborhoods where animals and crops are common sites are scattered throughout Hampton Roads . . . especially in some cities like Suffolk and Chesapeake.

Want an easy pace and feel close to America's beginning? That's here, too, in Williamsburg and James City County, to name a few.

Do you like new homes? old homes? large yards? small yards? no yard? It's all

waiting for you in Hampton Roads.

Cultural events and museums, sporting leagues, pop entertainment, outdoor festivals and recreation (from fishing to surfing, beaching to strawberry picking) all contribute to this wonderfully unique place that 1.7 million people call home. Plus, with the countless tourist attractions here including the beach, Colonial Williamsburg and Nauticus, it's easy to entertain guests when they visit!

Within these pages we'll tell you more about each community and interesting information about the entire area so you'll get the flavor, as well as all of the details you need to know about moving . . . taxes, hook-ups, hospitals, schools, etc. And then, we hope you'll want to experience for yourself the wonders, the pleasantness and the ever evolving Hampton Roads.



# General Information

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## **Local, State and Federal Taxes**

Residents are taxed in either their city or county, as there is only one local taxing authority. Localities levy their own real estate, personal property and utility taxes, and all localities charge a 1% local sales tax in addition to the 4% tax imposed by the Commonwealth. The corporate income tax rate is 6%, while the maximum state income tax is 5.75%. Some localities have special restaurant, hotel and entertainment taxes. For more information, call 757-455-3810.

## **Voter Registration**

To vote in local, state and national elections, you must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and currently living in Virginia. If you will be 18 by the next general election, you may register when you are 17. Though you can register throughout the year, you must do so at least 29 days before any general or primary election and 14 days prior to any special election. To transfer your registration from another Virginia city or county, you must obtain a transfer registration form from the registrar or complete a new application from any public library or Department of Motor Vehicles in your new location. For more information, call the State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or online at [sbe.virginia.gov](http://sbe.virginia.gov).

## **Automobile Licensure Information**

As a new Virginia resident, within 30 days you must apply for a Virginia license and title, register for Virginia license plates and provide proof of insurance coverage. For more information, call the Department of Motor Vehicles at 866-368-5463 or online at [dmv.va.us](http://dmv.va.us).

## **Climate**

Hampton Roads is known for four mild, yet distinctive seasons. Many outdoor enthusiasts as well as businesses are attracted to the area because of moderate temperatures and precipitation. Area rainfall averages approximately 35 inches per year and average temperatures range from approximately 40 degrees during winter months to around 85 degrees during the summer. For hourly updated information about tides, weather and harbor forecasts, call 757-666-1212.

## **Sports and Recreation**

### **Professional Teams**

Enthusiastic fans add to the excitement of Hampton Roads' athletic teams.

- The Norfolk Tides, a triple-A baseball farm team for the New York Mets, play at the new and beautiful Harbor Park stadium, which is situated on downtown Norfolk's waterfront. 757-622-2222
- The Norfolk Admirals, a minor-league hockey team of the American Hockey League, has brought home two league

championships since they moved here in 1989. Their games offer spectators heart-stopping action and a loyal fan following. 757-640-1212

### **Recreation**

Mild climate, lots of water and a sports-minded mix of residents makes certain there are a multitude of recreation options available.

Golf, for example is one popular and very favorite activity. With many private and public courses, Hampton Roads offers plenty of challenging play and hosts annual PGA and LPGA tournaments. For those who like to fish, there are rivers, lakes, the bay and the ocean. Fishing piers and marinas also offer excursions to deeper waters.

Groups and clubs for those interested in running, boating, soccer, surfing, cycling, hiking, tennis and camping, also abound. Most sports, boat, surf and bike shops can put you in touch with the right group. Plus, there are many gyms, work-out clubs, recreation centers and pools that are sources for swim lessons, as well as numerous child and adult leagues.





## **Military**

The deep-water harbor, ship building and repair facilities are just a few of the reasons why Hampton Roads has served as a military center since the Revolutionary War. With all branches of the military represented here, Hampton Roads' central location on the U.S. east coast, its proximity to Washington, D.C. and its overall easy accessibility are still more reasons why approximately 81,000 service personnel and their families are stationed here.

Today, because of more relaxed security measures, tours of most of the area's military facilities are relatively easy to do. Yorktown, the site of Civil War Army of the Potomac fortifications, for example, is filled with history and artifacts. And, the world's largest Navy base is always exciting to see - especially when an aircraft carrier is at home.

A general overview of the area's bases is: **Air Force:** Langley Air Force Base in Hampton is home to the 1st Fighter Wing. **Navy:** with more than a dozen bases in Hampton Roads, Command Naval Base Norfolk supports the Atlantic fleet with the Naval Station and the Naval Air Station, an airport busier than Norfolk International. Located on the Norfolk-Virginia Beach line, is Little Creek Naval Amphibious

Base, and in Portsmouth is the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and the U.S. Naval Hospital. Virginia Beach is home to Naval Air Station, Oceana and the Fleet Combat Training Center at Dam Neck. **Army:** Fort Story is situated at the north end of Virginia Beach, and is affiliated with Fort Eustis, in Newport News, which is headquarters for the US Army Transportation Center. **Coast Guard:** The Fifth Coast Guard District is headquartered in Portsmouth and the Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic recently relocated to Norfolk from New York.

Through congressional action, there may be some reallocation of military funding and deployment in Hampton Roads, but one thing is certain: Hampton Roads will remain a vital part of the security of our nation for many years to come.

## **Colleges and Universities**

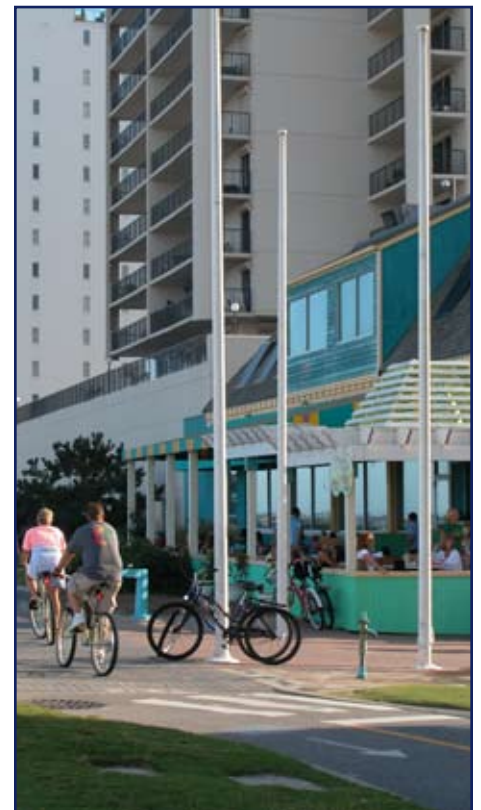
Educational opportunities earn high marks in Hampton Roads, where medical, law, four-year, two-year and certificate programs of higher learning are available. Many universities without local campuses regularly offer advanced degrees and certificates, while numerous accredited specialty schools offer degrees and certificates in subjects such as computers, where the emphasis

is on graduating with a job.

Christopher Newport University, originally the Newport News branch of the College of William and Mary, became a fully accredited, independent institution in 1977. CNU offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. 757-594-7015. [www.cnu.edu](http://www.cnu.edu)

The College of William and Mary, the second oldest college in America was founded in 1693. Offering undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees, the state-supported institution is best known for schools of business, education, law, marine science, American and international studies. 757-221-4000. [www.wm.edu](http://www.wm.edu).

One of three Virginia medical schools, Eastern Virginia Medical School cooperates with more than 20 local hospitals and clinics in training medical students and professionals. EVMS is perhaps best known for its affiliation with these programs: The Thomas R. Lee Center for Ocular Pharmacology, The Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, The Jones



Institute for Reproductive Medicine, The Strelitz Diabetes Institutes, the Center for Pediatric Research and the Virginia Prostate Center. 757-446-5600. [www.evms.edu](http://www.evms.edu)

Hampton University is a privately endowed nonprofit historically black university located in Hampton. The university is comprised of six schools and offers 38 bachelor's degree programs, fourteen master's degree programs and doctoral degrees in physics, physical therapy, pharmacy and nursing. 757-727-5000.

[www.hamptonu.edu](http://www.hamptonu.edu)

Norfolk State University is one of the country's largest historically black institutions. With educational centers in Virginia Beach and Portsmouth, this state-assisted university offers 45 bachelor's, 15 master's and a Ph.D. program in social work. NSU is currently focusing on areas of high-tech sciences and expanding more scientific research programs. 757-823-8600. [www.nsu.edu](http://www.nsu.edu)

Probably best known for its nationally ranked programs in oceanography, nuclear physics and physical therapy, Old Dominion University offers 65 bachelor's degrees, 66 master's degrees and 22 doctoral degrees in six colleges. In addition to Higher Education Centers in Virginia Beach, Hampton, Portsmouth and Northern Virginia, the university offers classes at more than 50 sites across Virginia and in several other states through its TELETECHNET distance learning program, the largest distance learning network of its kind in the country. The Old Dominion Monarchs sports team, including basketball, baseball and NCAA Champion field hockey, compete on NCAA Division I level as a member of the Colonial Athletic Association. 757-683-3000.

[www.odu.edu](http://www.odu.edu)

Regent University is the nation's

preeminent Christian graduate university offering master's and doctoral degrees from a Judeo-Christian perspective. Twenty-five degree programs are offered on the Virginia Beach campus. Students may pursue more than twenty programs online via the Regent University Worldwide Campus. Eight graduate fields include: business, communication and the arts, psychology and counseling, divinity, education, government, law and organizational leadership. 757-579-4000. [www.regent.edu](http://www.regent.edu)

Established in 1967, Thomas Nelson Community College provides students the opportunity to earn associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in many fields. This two-year, state-supported school specializes in college transfers and occupational training, offering custom designed instructional programs for Peninsula industries. 757-825-2700. [www.tncc.edu](http://www.tncc.edu)

Tidewater Community College has campuses in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. Offering associate degrees, certificates and diplomas in more than 100 academic and occupational/technical programs, this state-supported college specializes in meeting the needs of adult and working students. 757-822-1000. [www.tcc.edu](http://www.tcc.edu)

A private, four-year liberal arts college located on the Norfolk-

Virginia Beach line, Virginia Wesleyan College offers more than 30 areas of undergraduate study for resident and commuter students. It also has an adult studies program providing evening and weekend classes for the special needs of working students and students with children. 757-455-3200. [www.vwc.edu](http://www.vwc.edu)

## Transportation

It's easy to get into, out of and around Hampton Roads. The airports are accessible, the roadways are constantly being improved and new, modernized tunnels that connect the cities are nearly always under construction or being planned.

### Bus

- Hampton Roads Transit provides public transportation in the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach. It offers Handi-Ride for disabled services, tourist trolleys, Elizabeth River Ferry, Hampton School Service, and tours of the Naval Station Norfolk. 757-222-6100
- James City County Transit Company offers bus service throughout Williamsburg and James City County. 757-222-6000
- Greyhound Bus Service has stations in Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg,



providing passenger and express parcel services. 800-231-2222.

### **Car pool**

For more information on car and van pools, Park and Ride, Express HOV service or other transportation options throughout Hampton Roads, call 757-222-6000.

### **Airport**

- Norfolk International Airport is the region's largest airport offering jet and regional air service by 13 airlines. Providing nonstop, direct and connecting service to hundreds of cities worldwide, the airport also serves as a hub for air-cargo and express-mail shipping. To arrange travel plans, contact the airlines directly or your travel agent. For more information on Norfolk International Airport's services, call 757-857-3351 or 757-857-3200 (evenings and weekends). [www.takeorf.com](http://www.takeorf.com)
- Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport is served by USAir Express, United Express and AirTran airlines that offer more than 30 flights per day to approximately seven major airport hubs. To arrange travel plans, contact the airlines directly or your travel agent. For more information on Newport News Williamsburg International Airport's services, call 757-877-0221. [www.nnwairport.com](http://www.nnwairport.com)



- Williamsburg/Jamestown Airport is a general aviation airport serving corporate aircraft. For more information, call 757-229-9256. [www.williamsburgairport.com](http://www.williamsburgairport.com)

### **Train**

AmTrak offers stops in Williamsburg and Newport News, with connections to locations throughout the east coast. 800-872-7245. [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

### **Large and Private Employers**

Mild weather, convenience in delivery and shipping and the large presence of the military, makes Hampton Roads an ideal location for businesses. In recent years, 142 newly located and expanded companies in South Hampton Roads announced the creation of 7,758 jobs. International Paper announced a \$56 million capital investment in its paper manufacturing facility in Isle of Wight County. The second largest investment was Cox Communications' \$30 million expansion to its customer service center in Chesapeake.

More than 37 new companies chose to locate to South Hampton Roads over the last few years. Their activities will generate 3,251 jobs. Topping the list of new companies was SYSCO of Hampton Roads, Dendrite International, Great Bridge LLC and Cost Plus Inc.

One of Virginia's largest private employers, Newport News Shipbuilding employs about 17,000 workers and is one of the top ten defense companies and the premier shipbuilder in the United States. They design, build and maintain the most sophisticated ships in the world—nuclear powered aircraft carriers and submarines.

Other major Hampton Roads employers include Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (tourism), Norfolk Southern (railroad), Sentara Health System (health care), Smithfield Foods (meat products), Union Camp (paper), Dominion Enterprises (media).

### **Health Care**

Medical care in Hampton Roads is sophisticated, nurturing, and, in fact, often attracts national attention from physicians, patients and the media. Eastern Virginia Medical School, for example, encourages physicians to explore the newest medical technology and procedures; the Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine is internationally known for breakthrough genetic and reproductive advances which are available to couples locally as well as throughout the world; and the Strelitz Diabetes Institutes offers the latest in diabetes medical management, education and training to patients and physicians. Other well known specialties include plastic and reproductive surgery, urological surgery and heart, lung and liver transplantation.

Important to most, however, is the high quality of care available for daily or routine medical needs for everything from births to geriatrics. For the generally "healthy resident" a myriad of health care options exist including tertiary hospitals, a trauma center, urgent-care clinics, nursing homes, rehabilitation hospitals, assisted-living centers, psychiatric hospitals and diagnostic facilities.

### **Worship**

All major denominations and faiths are represented in Hampton Roads with either a religious center, place of worship or organization. The Jewish Community Center of Tidewater, for example, provides educational and family-oriented activities for the entire community, while YMCA's are located throughout Hampton Roads offering daycare and athletic facilities for members. Several religious radio and television stations, as well as publications are available throughout Hampton Roads. Check the Yellow Pages for more information and a listing of churches and synagogues.

### **Important medical information:**

Chesapeake General Hospital, Chesapeake	757-312-8121
Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, Norfolk	757-668-7000
Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center, Norfolk	757-889-5000
Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital, Newport News	757-886-6000
Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center, Portsmouth	757-398-2200
Sentara Obici Memorial Hospital, Suffolk	757-934-4000
Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News	757-594-2010
Riverside Rehabilitation Institute, Newport News	757-928-8000
Riverside Walter Reed Hospital, Gloucester	804-693-8800
Sentara Bayside Hospital, Virginia Beach	757-363-6100
Sentara CarePlex Hospital, Hampton	757-736-1000
Sentara Leigh Hospital, Virginia Beach	757-466-6000
Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk	757-388-3000
Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, Virginia Beach	757-395-8000
Sentara Williamsburg Regional Hospital, Williamsburg	757-984-6000
The American Red Cross	757-446-7700
<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>

series include the Norfolk Forum (757-627-8672), Tidewater Jewish Forum (757-489-1371) and Virginia Beach Forum (757-417-6570).

Chrysler Hall (757-664-6464) in Norfolk, The Sandler Center for Performing Arts in Virginia Beach, Willett Hall (757-393-5144) in Portsmouth, Phi Beta Kappa Hall (757-221-4000) on the campus of William & Mary in Williamsburg, and Ogden Hall (757-727-5213) in Hampton provide intimate settings for audiences to enjoy the symphony, Broadway shows, lectures and special performances by dance troupes and popular recording artists. Norfolk Scope (757-664-6464), the Hampton Coliseum (757-838-4203) and the Virginia Beach Convention Center (757-385-2000) host events which require lots of space and command large audiences such as sports, the circus, conventions and rock performances.

The Verizon Wireless Virginia Beach Amphitheater (757-368-3000) is a state of the art concert and entertainment venue for musical performances. Operated by Cellar Door Productions in conjunction with the City of Virginia Beach. The Sandler Center for Performing Arts (757-385-ARTS) features a state of the art venue in the heart of Virginia Beach. For more information about events and areas of interest, contact the visitors bureau in each city, the daily newspapers, or pick up one of the area's alternative papers for listings.

Also, many events sell tickets through Ticketmaster (757-671-8100). [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

The Virginia Arts Festival brings an imaginative and eclectic lineup of world-renowned performers, complemented by the region's own cultural stars, to the Virginia Waterfront. Incorporating every genre, the Festival stages events in seven cities within a 60-mile radius.

### **Cultural Activities, Theaters and Convention Halls**

There's rarely a weekend between September and May when at least one of the many arts groups is not performing in Hampton Roads. A wide variety of cultural centers, artistic organizations, events and activities are available to please the most discriminating tastes.

Internationally acclaimed, JoAnn Falletta conducts The Virginia Symphony (757-466-3060) which offers classical, pop, light classical, dance and children's series. The Virginia Stage Company (757-627-1234) features nationally known performers in classic, as well as contemporary productions (some, even that are pre-Broadway) in

the national historic landmark Wells Theater, a 1912 Beaux Arts building. The Virginia Opera (757-623-1223) features world-class performances with breathtaking scenery from classic operas to Broadway musicals in its home: the newly renovated Harrison Opera House. Norfolk's NorVa is the only rock club in Tidewater that brings in international and national headlining acts such as James Brown and Tracey Chapman (757-627-4547). Virginia Musical Theatre (757-340-5446) features live shows in various locations and the Hampton Arts Commission (757-722-ARTS) in Hampton, provides audiences with a mix of dance and music. Area lecture

### **Important phone numbers:**

Christian Service Center	757-216-6076
Jewish Community Center of South Hampton Roads	757-489-1371
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	757-588-1007
United Methodist Peninsula District	757-596-3476
YMCA of South Hampton Roads	757-624-9622
Islamic Association of Tidewater	757-423-8609

## Attractions

Hampton Roads is fortunate to have attractions in a myriad of forms — some take advantage of the area's history, others involve nature, while others are simply designed for fun. Though there are many more, these suggest a glimpse of the area's menu of "places of interest."

**Colonial Williamsburg's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center** (757-220-7670) offers a superb collection of folk art, including paintings, quilts, toys, weather vanes and portraits.

**Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge** is a calm place along the beach to walk or bike in Virginia Beach's Sandbridge section.

**Beaches** - Public beaches throughout the area on both the bay and ocean are available for swimming, windsurfing, sailing, fishing and just generally relaxing.

Located next to the Anheuser Busch brewery in Williamsburg is **Busch Gardens, The Old Country** (757-253-3350). This is 350 fun and beautiful acres of roller coasters, water rides, food, games and shows.

**Children's Museum of Virginia** (757-393-5258). This popular spot for those with younger children offers plenty of "hands on" exhibits and is located in Portsmouth.

**The Chrysler Museum** (757-664-6200) is perhaps best known for its

8,000-piece glass collection including more than 200 pieces of art glass, vases, lamps and bowls by Louis Comfort Tiffany. With a 30,000-piece collection featuring works by Gauguin, Matisse and Renoir, the Chrysler Museum is constantly presenting traveling exhibits, lectures and films. It is located in Norfolk.

**Colonial Williamsburg** (800-HISTORY) takes visitors back to colonial times with plenty of working artisans, authentic tavern dining, antiquated, as well as more modern shopping and a living history lesson. Williamsburg offers a fun learning experience for everyone.

**The d'Art Center** (757-625-4211), located in Norfolk, offers visitors the opportunity to visit the studios of 30 working artists.

Located in Colonial Williamsburg, the **DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery** (757-220-7554) is filled with classic examples of furniture, textiles, china and art.

**General Douglas MacArthur Memorial** (757-441-2965). This museum in downtown Norfolk filled with General MacArthur's memorabilia, offers a personal perspective of this nation at war.

**Jamestown** - The site of the first settlers landing in America. (888-593-4682)

**The Mariners' Museum** (757-596-2222) in Newport News features

an outstanding collection of maritime artifacts, paintings, ships' figureheads and model ships to help visitors examine over 3,000 years of maritime history.

**Nauticus, The National Maritime Center**, (757-664-1001) a 120,000-sq. ft., multi-level maritime showcase permits visitors to "experience the power of the sea" through live, "hands on" and video exhibits. The Battleship Wisconsin is docked next to the facility and is open for tours.

**Norfolk Botanical Gardens** (757-441-5830). These serene, beautiful gardens on Lake Whitehurst feature beautiful displays of the area's flowers, especially azaleas and camellias. It is a popular setting for tours, picnics, weddings and other festive celebrations.

As Virginia Beach's only theme park, **Ocean Breeze Fun Park** (757-422-4444) offers lots of wet and dry fun, including Wild Water Rapids, MotorWorld, Shipwreck Golf Course and the Strike Zone Batting Cage.

Peninsula Fine Arts Center (757-596-8175) houses changing exhibits of contemporary artists and travelling museum collections in the newly expanded center.

**Courthouse Galleries** (757-393-8983) exhibits an assortment of art from displays of Russian icons to the drawings and designs of Frank Lloyd Wright. The center is located in the 1846 courthouse.

**First Landing State Park** (757-412-2300). Hike, walk, jog, ride or camp in this "almost mystical" park where spanish moss hangs from the trees over the trails.

**Town Point Park** (Festevents) (757-441-2345). Outdoor festivals and concerts (most of which are free) take place at Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk. Festival themes include Cajun, children, art, blues, jazz, barbecue, wine and many more.



**Hampton's Virginia Air & Space Center/Hampton Roads History Center** (757-727-0900), home of the official visitors center for the NASA Langley Research Center, offers exhibits on the history of space. Interactive displays about the planets and the space program, a variety of aircraft and spacecraft (including the Apollo 12 Command Capsule) and an IMAX® theater, provide an exciting educational experience.

Focusing on 20th-century art, **The Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia** (757-425-0000) features many well-known artists, as well as ongoing classes and a great setting for celebrations.

**The Virginia Living Museum** (757-595-1900) combines a nature center and observatory with zoo and planetarium. Housing native animals and plants in their natural habitat, the Newport News museum provides a living learning experience.

**The Virginia Aquarium** (757-385-3474) underwent a \$35 million expansion to include a live river otter habitat, an outdoor marsh bird aviary, a salt marsh preserve, an interactive micro-marsh, a 300,000 gallon open ocean aquarium and a 70,000 gallon sea turtle aquarium, among others. One of only three in the nation, the Museum's Family Channel IMAX® Theater offers children and adults a three-dimensional marine and nature film experience. Located in Virginia Beach.

**Virginia Zoological Park** (757-441-2374) in Norfolk is home to 350 animals including two Siberian tigers, elephants, rhinoceros, a reptile house and many primates, among others on 53 acres. The zoo is undergoing expansion. When complete, the zoo will have 15 new species and over 60 new animals including a giraffe, lion and zebra.

**Langley Speedway**, voted one of the top five weekly racing series tracks

in 1998, is the only track in Hampton Roads. Nascar fans enjoy late model and Grand Stock races.

## **Communications**

News and entertainment are readily available to Hampton Roads residents via three daily newspapers, four local television stations, more than 40 radio stations and a myriad of cable networks and speciality publications.

### **Publications**

#### **Dailies**

The Daily Press, Peninsula  
(757-247-4800)

The Virginian-Pilot, Southside  
(757-446-9000)

Suffolk News Herald, Suffolk  
(757-539-3437)

#### **Twice-Weekly**

Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg  
(757-220-1736)

#### **Tabloids**

These publications, which are usually free of cost, focus on specific audiences such as military personnel, parents, geographic locations, tourism, the arts, hispanic residents, business, etc. They are either mailed to their target audiences or available in free pick-up racks in locations such as grocery and music stores, restaurants and theater lobbies, among others.

#### **Magazines**

Virginia Business (757-625-4233) remains the primary monthly glossy magazine with a focus on business. It is distributed throughout the state.

### **Television**

Affiliates are:

CBS WTKR-TV, channel 3  
(757-446-1000)

ABC WVEC-TV, channel 13  
(757-625-1313)

NBC WAVY-TV, channel 10  
(757-393-1010)

PBS WHRO-TV, channel 15  
(757-889-9400)

FOX43 WVBT-TV, channel 14  
(757-393-4343)

CW WGNT-TV, channel 27  
(757-393-2501)

#### **Cable providers are:**

Cox Cable 757-222-1111  
(Southside),  
757-224-1111  
(Peninsula)

Charter Cable 888-438-2427  
(Suffolk)

Verizon FIOS 757-944-6222

They are joined by several independent stations and cable companies. Check local television listings in your daily newspaper for schedules.

