

## **Media Coverage October – December 2015**

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### **The Deadrise in Hampton is one of those places you'll be happy you discovered**

By: Shannon Godfrey-Johnson Virginian-Pilot correspondent

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The name alone is intriguing, as is the location. Located above the Old Point Comfort Marina in historic Fort Monroe, The Deadrise, the newest seafood restaurant in Hampton, overlooks the Chesapeake Bay and the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel.

Outside, the signs and decor are underwhelming. But make your way up the stairs to ample outdoor seating and inside to a small but cool restaurant, and you'll be happy you didn't judge.

My guest and I visited for lunch on a brisk fall day, so we opted for a table inside by the window. Pictures of deadrise boats decorate the walls, as do two chalkboards listing the food, wine and beer specials. The spot is small enough to feel intimate but open enough not to feel like you are sitting on top of your neighbors. The bar is a nice size – large, actually, for the size of the restaurant.

We were greeted with smiles and hellos, and were taken care of by Tammy, our server, who exemplified Southern charm.

The lunch menu, which includes specials, is simple, yet gives just enough choices. We chose She Crab Soup (\$10) to start – something I order at every restaurant that offers it, so I've got many in memory for comparison. This one is packed with crab and is on the thicker side and mild in flavor. It's a perfect start for lunch on a chilly day.

Next, our Seafood Burrito (\$15) and Chesapeake Seafood Basket (\$15.95) were served. "Wow!" was my response. There before me was an oversized burrito drizzled with enchilada sauce, cream fraiche and pico de gallo.

Cutting into it is a journey. Adding to the experience is the aroma of fresh shrimp, scallops, spices, black beans, rice, tomatoes and onions. Each ingredient is seasoned well separately, but together, treats your palette to a variety of flavors and textures. Each bite is as good as the first.

I was told that some diners finish the burrito in one sitting. Kudos to them. I was full after eating half, so I took the rest home for dinner.

The seafood platter offers a choice of fresh flounder, Carolina shrimp, seaside oysters or jumbo clam strips served with cottage fries, hush puppies and cole slaw that is served in a basket lined with paper that looks like an actual newspaper called "The Morning Catch." A witty touch.

Is it too much to ask to be able to choose them all – flounder, shrimp, oysters and clams? Bummer.

My guest chose the fried shrimp – fried to a light crunch – the batter and shrimp both full of flavor. The hush puppies looked overcooked but were moist on the inside and well-seasoned.

The cole slaw and fries were my favorite items in the basket. The Southern cole slaw has crispy cabbage and is creamy – a little sweet, a little tangy. The fries are hand-cut in large wedges, and sprinkled with pepper and sea salt. Large fries like this can easily be underdone or overcooked. Not these. They were cooked perfectly. I could eat them alone and be happy.

We ended our meal with the Southern Bourbon Pecan Pie (\$6). A thick slice of pie that is full of pecan, brown sugar and bourbon flavor. It is served with homemade whipped cream. A scoop of ice cream would have been nice, but it's so good as is that I didn't miss it. This is one darn good slice of pie. A great last impression.

The Deadrise is one of those spots you are happy to have discovered and know will be one of your go-to's. Plus, with dinner choices like Crab & Arugula Tortellini and Pan Seared Rockfish over a beef and oyster mushroom risotto, I must go back. Soon. Really soon.

**The spot:** The Deadrise (100 McNair Drive, Fort Monroe, Hampton)

**The vibe:** Fresh seafood and friendly staff with a view

**To try:** Seafood burrito

If you go

**Hours:**

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays-Mondays

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays

**Cost:** Starters, \$5-\$18; Salads, sandwiches, burgers and baskets, \$8-\$15.95; Entrees, \$15-\$26

Full bar available

Reservations? No

Kid-friendly? Yes

More info: [www.facebook.com/thedeadriseva](http://www.facebook.com/thedeadriseva)

<http://www.dailypress.com/news/opinion/feedback/dp-nws-feedback-1017-20151016-story.html>

### **New projects coming to Fort Monroe?**

Three new major projects could be coming to Fort Monroe, including a renovation to the Fort Monroe Theatre.

**Carol Trost Hetler:** Just a thought - put a casino on the property - what I'm reading, though (it) has merit, will not bring revenue to Hampton, let alone Fort Monroe or Phoebus! As much as I hate the expression - you all need to think outside the box!

**Kambeth Kelly Powell:** I would think the Hampton VA Medical center could use some of the space at Fort Monroe.

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## Hear chilling tales at Fort Monroe's annual Historic Ghost Tour

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Fort Monroe, Va.- Are you a history buff looking to get into the holiday spirit? Fort Monroe is the place for you!

On Friday October 24th, and Saturday October 25th, you can take part in Fort Monroe's 2nd annual Ghost Walk Tour.

The guided tours will begin at 6 p.m. and will run until 10 p.m. Tours will begin every 20 minutes and last about 60 minutes each. Space is limited however, you can purchase tickets in advance for \$15 or at the venue the night of for \$20.

It's the time of year when ghosts and ghouls are placed high on the popularity chart. You can hear chilling tales like no other as Fort Monroe introduces you to their very own ghosts.

Legend has it that there is a ghost by the name of The Lady in Blue, wandering around the residences near the YMCA. You can also hear the story of a little boy that died in 1933 who is seen by workers and residents in the home where he died.

For more information on this tour [click here](#) or contact 757-690-8061.



## Fort Monroe director pitches visitor center, theater projects

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Hampton

Big projects at Fort Monroe, meant for the 400-year commemoration of the arrival of Africans to America in 1619, should look beyond the 2019 celebration to venues that will enhance the property for years to come.

That was the message of Fort Monroe Authority Executive Director Glenn Oder as he pitched three major new projects to the authority's Board of Trustees Thursday.

For instance, he said the Fort Monroe National Monument needs a proper visitor's center.

The 106-year-old library building, located next to the Post Office building now used as the authority's offices, could become that welcoming point, but it will take some creative thinking, Oder said.

One big hurdle: quirks in the planning of an addition built on the back of the library mean the floors don't line up between the original building and the newer section.

"To say it is not handicapped-accessible is an understatement," Oder said.



One possible way around the accessibility issues – building an exterior glass tower with an elevator and bridges that connect the tower to each level of the building.

Oder's proposal would have large lobby space cleared out to welcome visitors and would provide space for the fort's archives, which now are little-accessed and sit under the fort's casemate.

Another big project Oder suggested is to renovate the Fort Monroe Theatre, widening the foyer, moving up the screen and adding offices and space in back for people to get equipment into the back-stage area.

The project most directly connected to the 2019 commemoration is an improvement to the fort's park. Oder's proposal would take a large swath of green space just north of the old fortress and turn it into a series of walkways leading to a centralized stage or performing arts center created from a renovated building, now known as Building 88 between Fenwick Road and Patton Street.



(Kaitlin McKeown/Daily Press)

Oder said this is where the actual 2019 ceremonies would take place.

He floated the idea of naming it "Arrival Park," but made clear that the goal would be to make the project and others reach beyond the goals of the 2019 commemoration.

The Fort Monroe Authority took no action on Oder's proposals Thursday and is still wrangling with issues surrounding the transfer of property, which belonged to the Army until the base closed in 2011.

Oder said progress was being made and another batch land transfer from the Army was expected sometime next year.

Efforts to sort out zoning for the properties and to get utilities routed to all the buildings continue, but staff said those too would likely be done in 2016.

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## **Opinion: City of Hampton suffers from a lack of ambition**

As Newport News focuses on economic concerns, Hampton suffers from a lack of ambition

Even though they share space on the Virginia Peninsula, the cities of Hampton and Newport News have a different way of doing things. The latest example of this can be seen in the list of legislative priorities each has prepared in advance of the 2016 [General Assembly](#) session.

In Newport News, city officials have compiled an ambitious package of economic development requests. Most notably, they want \$2.4 million in state funding to help land a \$1 billion electron ion collider for the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

They want \$49 million for a manufacturing center at Thomas Nelson Community College, an educational facility that can help train technicians to partner with area businesses. And they want \$18 million for the Enterprise Zone program, which would be \$6 million more than this year's allotment.

Hampton plans to back the manufacturing center request. And it wants the state to send money to the city in lieu of property taxes for the state-owned land of Fort Monroe. But city officials have made few other specific funding requests.

The balance of Hampton's priorities concern policy changes rather than pocketbook issues.

The city would like state lawmakers to allow localities the option to ban plastic grocery bags, for instance. And it would like to stop drivers from talking on a mobile phone by adding that provision to Virginia's distracted driving law.

On the Peninsula, no city has a higher unemployment rate than Hampton, at 5.5 percent in September. Only 12 of its 29 public schools won full accreditation under the state achievement standards. (Admittedly, Newport News fared worse by comparison.) And the city is struggling to build and maintain a healthy, sustainable employment base.

Yet, faced with that array of challenges, members of the City Council, presumably with the help of the city manager, will ask the General Assembly to ban those pesky plastic grocery sacks.

Hampton needs to aim high when asking for state help in developing the climate conducive to job creation. It should borrow ideas from other places (such as its neighbors, for instance) so that city funding on these initiatives can be strengthened, to broaden their effect.

Instead, the city appears content to nibble at the margins rather than trying to be bold. That's evident by the fact that Hampton asked the state to implement no-wake zone for cars and boats on flooded city streets rather than pounding the table for help to mitigate the flooding itself.



To be fair, we should mention that the two cities did have some overlapping economic requests, which is a positive. We would suggest they should seek more areas of agreement which provide mutual benefit.

Both want the state to leave untouched revenue generated by the Business, Professional and Occupational License tax and Machinery and Tools tax. They want a price floor established for the gas tax.

And Hampton wants the power to expedite the seizure of properties considered to be a detriment to public safety and the subject of frequent police calls. While we are skeptical of effort to expedite due process, especially when it comes to government encroachment of private property rights, we understand the city's thinking on this and support its effort here.

But, honestly Hampton, don't you deserve better than trying to root out the blight and get rid of the trash?

Sure, the city may not have Jefferson Lab, but it does have the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute, which could be the centerpiece of a health care economic sector with the help of additional targeted investment by the state.

It may not have the Tech Center, but there's a promising plan on the table to redevelop parts of downtown, transforming vacant space into places that attract residents, visitors and new businesses.

The city would also do well to build around the National Institute of Aerospace, which boasts a partnership with NASA Langley and has already helped develop commercial applications. It could grow the employment base, generating well-paying jobs and their associated tax revenue.

Hampton boasts a rich history and plenty of character, but its problems will persist without a more aggressive approach to getting what it needs to succeed.

The city already shares its geography with Newport News. It should borrow some of its best practices as well.

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## **Newport News, Hampton prepare pitches to General Assembly**

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In the upcoming legislative session, one of Newport News' top requests of the [General Assembly](#) is to provide \$2.4 million to Jefferson Lab to bolster its case as a site for a major federal research facility, while Hampton is seeking more cash in lieu of taxes from the Fort Monroe Authority.

The localities recently released their list of priorities for the next session, which begins in January.

Both are asking state lawmakers to reject legislation that would reduce or eliminate local government revenue sources from the BPOL and Machinery and Tools taxes

Jefferson Lab is competing with Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York to become the site of a \$1 billion ion collider that the U.S. Department of Energy may build.

The \$2.4 million Newport News would like lawmakers to contribute would fund a component for the collider that would help reduce risks with the Jefferson Lab's proposal, which would help its chances, according to the Newport News legislative priorities report.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo earlier this year pledged to add \$65 million to Brookhaven's budget. So far, Gov. Terry McAuliffe and the General Assembly have agreed to give \$4.2 million to Jefferson Lab.

Newport News is also asking the General Assembly for:

- \$48.8 million for the Advanced Integrated Manufacturing Center at Thomas Nelson Community College. The center would aim to help diversify employment and build a partnership with businesses to develop skilled manufacturing technicians.
- \$18 million a year statewide for the Enterprise Zone program – up from \$12 million this year. The program encourages new businesses by providing state grants and local tax relief. The city is one of the state's top zones, the report said. In the past two grant years, 45 businesses in the city received a total of more than \$2.3 million in zone grants.
- \$25 million a year statewide for the Commonwealth Opportunity Fund – another economic development tool that the city used to secure expansions at Continental Automotive Systems, High Liner Foods, Liebherr Mining Equipment, and Canon Virginia, the report said.
- \$2.5 million a year statewide for state aid to public libraries.

- \$50 million a year statewide for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, which helps localities reduce polluted runoff.

- Legislation to require a license to possess a firearm, which would ensure everyone who possesses a gun has undergone a background check, and close the "private sale loophole."

The city of Hampton's biggest request is for an increase in the "payment in lieu of taxes" or "PILOT" that the Fort Monroe Authority pays to the city annually. The idea, made law in 2011, was that because the state-owned properties on Fort Monroe aren't subject to city real estate taxes, the Fort Monroe Authority would make a lump-sum payment equal to what the city would have collected in real estate taxes on the properties since the city still provides services on a large scale to Fort Monroe.

However, the state later capped the PILOT amount at \$983,960. Hampton contends that assessments have jumped for the land and the city is entitled to hundreds of thousands more in annual payments.

The city is pushing the General Assembly to include \$911,889 to cover the difference between the payments and the assessments from the last two fiscal years and to include language in the upcoming budget guaranteeing the payment be at least \$1.3 million going forward.

Other than that request, Hampton is mostly asking lawmakers to take several policy stances that will ease the financial burden on localities.

The city is also pushing for a few laws that would provide new ways to tackle old problems:

Implementing no-wake zone for cars and boats on flooded city streets, enabling police to ticket drivers for pushing water into people's homes.

Adding talking on a hand-held cell phone to the existing distracted driving law. Under Hampton's pitch, hands-free calling would still be permitted.

Giving localities the ability to go after and "abate" properties that are the frequent subject of police calls for things like breach of the peace. Police Chief Terry Sult told the City Council that there are properties where gunshots are a regular occurrence, but because no one is injured and nobody at the house is willing to cooperate, nothing can be done. The proposed law would give the city a way to potentially seize properties with continuous problems like this.

Allow local governments to ban disposable plastic bags, like those used at grocery stores, to help limit pollution. This is something that has gained some traction in previous General Assemblies but never made it to law.

There is some overlap between the requests of the Peninsula's two largest cities.

Both localities are asking state lawmakers to:

- Reject legislation that would reduce or eliminate local government revenue sources from BPOL and Machinery and Tools taxes. Newport News collected about \$21.8 million in Machinery and Tools taxes and \$16.3 million in BPOL taxes last fiscal year, the report said. Two-thirds of businesses in the city pay a flat fee of either \$30 or \$60, based on their annual gross receipts.

- Set a price floor for regional gas taxes at 2.1 percent, which would stabilize Hampton Roads' dedicated transportation funding in the same way as the state-wide gas tax.

- Allow Virginia to join the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and create the Commonwealth Resiliency Fund to allow the state to manage cuts in carbon emission while providing revenue to address sea level rise and recurrent flooding.

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<http://whro.org/events/23486-race-let-s-talk-about-it-privilege-power-and-difference-nov-19>

Race: Let's Talk About It—Privilege, Power and Difference. This community engagement program was hosted by WHRO and held at their studio in Norfolk on November 19th. As community partner for the four part series, Glenn Oder welcomed the live audience to the program that evening. The next two programs will be hosted at the Fort Monroe Theatre on February 4, 2016 and April 5, 2016.

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### **Six holiday home tours to check out | DP List**

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Six holiday home tours to check out | DP List

This season, see some an array of historic and festive homes in one of various holiday home tours this weekend and throughout the month of December. Here are a few that are within the area.

### **56th Annual Christmas Homes Tour in Williamsburg**

The Green Spring Garden Club's 56th Annual Christmas Homes Tour is made up of six homes in and around the Colonial Williamsburg Revolutionary City — Coke-Garrett, Russell, Prentis, William Waters, Ludwell-Paradise and Grissell Hay Lodging houses — decorated in holiday florals. Open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$35, or \$10 for a tour of one home, and only available through the Green Spring Garden Club. Representatives will sell tickets at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center and at the Williamsburg Lodge from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Tickets also will be available at each house on the day of the tour. Only cash and checks accepted. [greenspringgardenclub.org](http://greenspringgardenclub.org).

### **Christmas in Smithfield Historic Homes Tour**

Three historic homes, James Robert Jones House, Cofer-Dashiell House and The Grove, are part of the tour, available 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The antique show at the Smithfield Center also is part of the event. Shuttles at the Smithfield Center will take attendees to homes and other downtown attractions. Tickets for antique show and daylight tours \$20 through Friday, \$25 Saturday and Sunday at the Smithfield Center. [christmasinsmithfield.com](http://christmasinsmithfield.com).

### **2015 Historic Urbanna Christmas House Tour**

Tour coastal homes, historic sites and holiday décor at homes in Urbanna and Kilmer's Point. Kick things off with a sneak preview from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday with a fashion show by Cyndy's Bynn, Lowe Tide & R.S. Bristow Store, luncheon and tour of Lansdowne. The \$45 ticket also includes a tour of all homes and historic sites from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets for the tour only, which includes seven homes and historic sites, are \$25. Shuttles leave from Urbanna United Methodist Church to tour homes. Parking, as well as boxed lunches, will be available at the church. For more information, call 804-758-2613 or visit [urbanna.com](http://urbanna.com).

### **A Candlelight Christmas in Charles City**

Take a progressive candle lit through three plantations in Charles City County along the James River, starting at Shirley Plantation, then Berkeley and Edgewood. Tours leave at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 10, 19 and 26. Tickets are \$42. To make reservations, which are required, call Edgewood at 804-829-2962.

### **26th Annual Christmas Open House at the Exchange in Gloucester**

Tour the Exchange, a historic Georgian-style manor built circa 1720 along the waterfront. Tours are noon-1 p.m., 1:30-2:30 p.m., 3-4 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets \$25. The event is the main fundraiser for the Ware River Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons, and proceeds go to the [Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters](#) and the Ronald McDonald House. Tickets are available at the Silver Box in Gloucester Courthouse, from any member of WRCKDS or by calling Sue Hewitt at 804-241-2757.

## **Mistletoe Homes Tour at Fort Monroe**

Fort Monroe's Mistletoe Homes Tour gives you the chance to walk through five historic homes, as well as attend open houses for the Casemate Museum, Chapel of the Centurion, St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Chamberlin and the YMCA. Attendees also will get to see the exteriors of other historic places decorated for the holidays. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 12, rain or shine. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online, over the phone or in person at the Fort Monroe Authority offices. Tickets are \$25 the day of the event.

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## **National parks seek to beat back the tide of climate change, sea level rise**

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With leaders from nearly 200 nations gathering to discuss climate change in Paris this week, the National Park Service continued to sound the alarm for what changing weather patterns and rising sea levels could mean for some of America's most revered recreational and heritage sites.

On the Peninsula, two national parks are battling the effects of sea level rise on a daily basis and steeling themselves against the next big storm that threatens to wipe chunks of America's history off the map.

A report by the National Parks Service, released in June, said more than \$40 billion worth of national park infrastructure and historical or cultural resources are at high risk for damage from sea level rise.

The study looked at the potential effects of a one-meter rise in sea level at 40 of the 118 national parks considered vulnerable. The report ranged from urban areas like San Francisco and New York City to remote locations like Cape Hatteras, where a famed historic lighthouse was moved in 1999 to save it from the encroaching waves that had eroded beaches there.

Neither of the Peninsula's national parks were involved in that study or a report released this week on efforts underway to address issues related to climate change at parks around the country, but the threats observed and lessons learned apply to both Fort Monroe and the area around Jamestown and Yorktown.



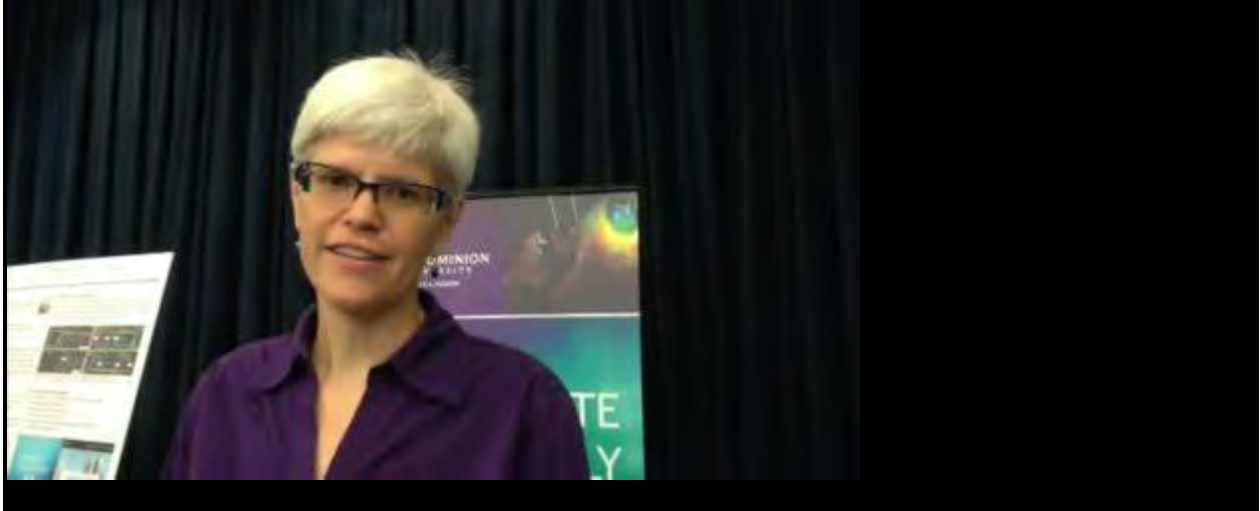


*Storm driven surf pound everything its path in this view of the seawall at Ft Monroe on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015. (Adrin Snider / Daily Press)*

Kirsten Talken-Spaulling, the superintendent at Fort Monroe National Monument, said the fort didn't end up in the set of 24 case studies released in September because it wasn't actually a park when the studies began — the fort was designated a national monument by President Barack Obama in 2011 and just officially was handed the parks land this August.

Fort Monroe is slated to be included in a second round of case studies starting soon.

John Hutcheson, the Fort Monroe Authority's operations director, said neither the park service nor the authority has done a sea level rise study. The authority has been looking for funding to do one. In the meantime, both have been involved in discussions about sea level rise through Old Dominion University and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission — a group Hutcheson says is "long on science and short on solutions."



*Michelle Covi is an Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University and an expert on climate change.*

"Someone needs to come up with some solutions other than moving people out and propping buildings up, because neither of those is reasonable for Fort Monroe. But neither is building an eight-foot seawall surrounding the property and blocking the public view of the water," Hutcheson said. "It may save the properties but it would certainly hurt our tourism."

The authority has been working from studies done by the Army in the wake of Hurricane Isabel — the storm that prompted the construction of the sea wall and breakwaters on the bay side of the fort. Hutcheson said they've survived several storms without major damage or incident, but the authority knows they need to come up with long-term solutions.

"One of the schools of thought is that hardened shorelines are not the right solution. That seems to fly in the face of creating higher seawalls to counter sea level rise," Hutcheson said. "There's still some kind of competing science here. ... It would certainly be more attractive to be walking next to salt grass and migratory birds but maybe that's not a long-term solution."

In the short term, Hutcheson said, addressing storm surge flooding is like a game of whack-a-mole.

The authority recently installed backflow stoppers to prevent rising tides from flowing up through stormwater outfalls that drain into the bay and Mill Creek. Now, storm surges push water up the boat ramp and into the fort.

"It's like putting your finger in the dike: you address one issue, but the water is still there and finds the weak spots," Hutcheson said.

Hurricane Isabel also raised red flags at Colonial Historical National Park, which includes the Jamestown settlement and the battlefield at Yorktown.

Catastrophic flooding inundated the basement of the visitor's center, which housed the park's collections and soaked more than 900,000 artifacts dating to the beginnings of America in 1607. Officials told the Daily Press at the time that they hadn't been prepared for such an event, which ultimately led to the condemnation of the visitor's center.

Architect Carlton Abbot designed the new visitor's center and the collections building that replaced the waterlogged original.

"When we designed the new visitor's center, we designed everything to be above the 500 year flood level," Abbot said. Both were built on high ground and above ground level to prevent a repeat of 2003.

They further elevated critical systems to keep artifacts intact.

"If you have a big flood like that, you have to have the heating and air conditioning systems, the generators, up above the water, because if you lose power, how do you preserve those collections?"

And it's not just major storms that are a worry at Jamestown. Colonial Historical National Park's head resource manager, Jonathan Connolly, said the site of the first English settlement in America is slowly being swallowed by the [James River](#).

"The sea level rise is going to affect Jamestown Island pretty significantly. The models don't tell us exactly when it will happen, but the models we look at are what will be affected with one foot of sea level rise or two feet or three feet," He said. "It's just going to be too much water to hold back. We've riprapped the shoreline in places to prevent erosion, but that's only going to last for so long."

Connolly said archeological sites scattered all over the island — from pre-contact Native American sites to those documenting early European settlement — are at risk of being flooded out.

"They will, at some point, become inundated if the models hold. ... As far as the archaeological sites go, there's no way to prevent (damage) as long as the sea level rises," Connolly said.

Colonial Historical National Park is set to start an in-depth climate change vulnerability study in the spring, focused primarily on Jamestown Island, to give the staff and preservationists a solid idea of what will be affected and at what rate. Connolly said it will help determine which sites will require full-scale excavation — essentially destroying the site before the water can get to it, while keeping the artifacts intact and gathering as much data as possible — and how long the parks service has to get them out of the ground.

This summer, staff at Colonial Historical National Park are also planning to install ground-well monitors to keep track of groundwater on Jamestown Island, which Connolly believes is also rising and threatening the island's archeological treasures.

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[HearSay from the Headlines](#)

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**HearSay from the Headlines**  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**

Join us for today's edition of HearSay from the Headlines, where we tackle the latest news headlines that have you talking. Today we'll get a checkup on the overall health of the Chesapeake Bay and explore how melting Arctic ice is impacting life in the waters off Virginia's coast. John Hutcheson, Deputy Executive Director was one of several guests on the program on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and commented on climate change and the impact on Fort Monroe. John's comments begin at the 37:10 mark in the program.

<http://www.virginiabusiness.com/companies/article/people-december-2015>

**People - December 2015**

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EASTERN VIRGINIA

**Phyllis A. Terrell**, named to the board of directors of the Virginia Tourism Authority. Terrell is director of communications, Fort Monroe Authority. *(News release)*

# MONSTER MASHUP

## National Park Service Northeast Region



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### From the RD's Desk

**A Continuing Legacy of Preservation through Partnerships:** The National Park Service has increasingly shifted from a position of trying to do everything on its own to empowering others through partnerships to help us do more. From the beginning, partnerships have been crucial to the NPS. Our founder and first Director, Stephen Mather, achieved the extraordinary accomplishment of establishing the NPS through the help of partners. Most notably, the support of the railroad industry was crucial in the development, financing and marketing of national parks.



Here in the Northeast Region we have made it a priority to forge strong, effective relationships. An excellent example of this can be found at one of our newest units, Fort Monroe National Monument. Established in 2011 as the 396th national park, Fort Monroe has grown deep roots in its community of Hampton, Virginia. This has been achieved in no small part through its partnership with the [Fort Monroe Authority](#). I'm pleased that our partner, Historian Robert Kelly of the Fort Monroe Authority's Casemate Museum, will introduce us to the park and its [continuing legacy of preservation](#).

### Employee Opportunities & News

**Who's on First:** Debbie Davis, NERO Management Assistant, has started a 90 day budget and administration detail at Edison. Congratulations Debbie! Here's the [coverage plan](#) during her absence.

**Dust Off Your Resume:** Yellowstone is recruiting for a [digital communications specialist](#). National



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Capital Region is looking for a [chief of Interpretation](#).

**Help Wanted:** See [what's new this week](#) including supervisory park ranger - interpretation at Manhattan Sites, architect or outdoor recreation planner at Statue of Liberty and revenue and business manager at Assateague.

**No Travel Ceiling Worries:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference *Past Forward* will be held in Washington DC from Nov 3 through Nov 6 and you can be a [virtual participant](#).

**Be an Agent of Change:** To commemorate Reconstruction and the Civil Rights movement, Little Rock Central High School NHS is hosting a [Social Conscience Gathering](#), November 20 - 22.

**It's That Time of Year:** Learn more about Individual Development Plans (IDP) and the [new IDP form](#). Also, apply now for an FY16 Fall [IDP Fulfillment Grant](#).

**Take it to the Next Level:** [Facility Manager Leaders Program](#) application period is now open.

**The Latest and Greatest Trainings:** [Facilitated Dialogue](#) at Cape Cod; Financial and Business Management System ([FBMS](#)) [Energy Training](#); Valley Forge is hosting a [Volunteer Manager/Coordinator Workshop](#); Openings are still available for [NPS Fundamentals -Residential](#).

**Frames of Reference:** Join the [History Program for an open house](#) November 2nd. Meet new program team members, learn about upcoming projects, and socialize with the NERO-Boston community.

## **Kudos Korner**

**Way to Go:** This week's [kudos](#) go to **Susan Gilmore** and the **NER Travel Helpdesk**, **Helen McKenna**, **Richard Chilcoat**, **John O'Keefe** and **Bill Machurat**.

**What an Exit:** US Park Ranger **Michael S. Croll** retires and receives Associate Director's [Outstanding Service Award](#).

**Pay it Forward:** Submit your kudos to [NER\\_MondayMashup@nps.gov](mailto:NER_MondayMashup@nps.gov).

## **Superintendent's Section**

**FY 2018 Servicewide Comprehensive Call Announcement:** See [WASO memo and guidance](#).

**New Partnership Fund Source:** Follow FY 2018 Servicewide Comprehensive Call [Program Guidance](#).

**Just Announced:** Review the [new Recreation Fee nationwide 20% criteria](#).

**Status of Operating Increases:** [Learn more](#).

**Review of Reference Manual 32 - Cooperation Associations:** [Due November 15th](#).



**Use of SF-182s:** All training requests must be submitted to Regional Employee Development Officer [Mariah Cisse for approval](#).

**Proposed NPS 2nd Quarter FY'16 Foreign Travel:** Submission of [One-page justification and cost information required](#).

**Contingency Funding/Regional Office Reserve Funding:** All [requests must be made through PMIS](#) by November 15th.

**Call for Host Parks for Every Kid in a Park Climate Change Youth Engagement Events:** [Due November 15th](#).

**Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carriers for Home-To-Work Transportation:** [Learn more](#).

**Congressional Friends of the NPS Centennial:** See the [October newsletter](#).

## Tips and Tools

**Engaging the Next Generation:** The [September/October PFMD Update](#) focuses on youth in our parks. Be sure to check it out. NER programs are featured throughout.

**New Supervisory Tool:** Get to know more about [Manager Advantage](#) and upcoming webinars.

**Drum Roll Please:** Announcing the [new Wild and Scenic Rivers Program website](#).

**Hot Off the Press:** Check out the inaugural issue of the [Mega-Region Exclusive \(MRE\)](#), a tool to connect the NER, NCR and SER fire programs and build a foundation externally with other divisions, fire programs in other agencies and cooperators/partners.

**Reality Check:** Telework can increase employee satisfaction, but [it's also lonely](#).

**NERO Staff Only:** Here's the Standard Operating Procedure [\(SOP\) for Receipts and Deposits - Physical Paper Checks](#).

**Facility Project Reviews Available:** The NER FMSS Network teams will review up to five facility projects per park. Contact [Krista O'Grady](#) at 540-999-3500 x 3757 or [Brian O'Neill](#) at 718-338-4620 x 276 for further information.

**Safety Tip of the Week:** Learn more about [construction work zone protocol](#).

## Centennial News

**Now Available:** [Commemorative centennial badges](#) are here!

**A "Scholastic" Collaboration:** National Parks of New York Harbor and Director Jarvis kick off [Every](#)

[Kid in a Park NYC](#) at Hamilton Grange.

**Seven Ways to Find Your Park:** Check out Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works' [cool newsletter](#).

**Speaking of Great Newsletters:** Here's the October edition of [NPS@100](#).

**Too Good to Miss:** Have a listen to "[Centennial](#)" New Bedford's Youth Ambassador Program (YAP!) anthem for the NPS100th anniversary.

**Cool Stuff to Check Out:** See the trailer for [National Parks Adventure](#), the upcoming 3-D IMAX film; the HitRecord [NPS coloring book project](#); the "[You Are the Parks](#)" program; and the REI new [Adventure Project National Park App](#).

**Upcoming Centennial Webinars:** [Visit the centennial site](#) to pre-register for the upcoming webinar *2016 Rose Parade*, on **November 12th** at 3pm.

**Standards for Success:** Every NER [Superintendent's EPAP now contains a centennial performance element](#). Coordinators have an essential role in its accomplishment.

**Did You Miss It?** The October NER centennial coordinators call that is. No worries - check out the [agenda and notes](#) packed with information. Calls are the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am.

Remember, for more information on centennial plans, check out the [NER google site's centennial page](#).

## Communication Matters

**Become a Social Butterfly:** Register now for [Social Media Training](#) November 19th and 20th in Philadelphia. If you can't make that one, [additional trainings are available](#).

**Pack Your Bags:** The Southeast Region is seeking candidates for a detail/temporary promotion to serve as [Assistant Regional Director \(ARD\) - Communications, Public Affairs Specialist](#).

**Need Your Social Media Support:** The 3rd Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy is this week. See how you can help followers [see the recovery through your eyes at the parks](#).

**Get Hip:** Learn the [10 hidden tips to make Snapchat better](#).

**All the World's is a Stage:** Here's some [tips for public speaking](#).

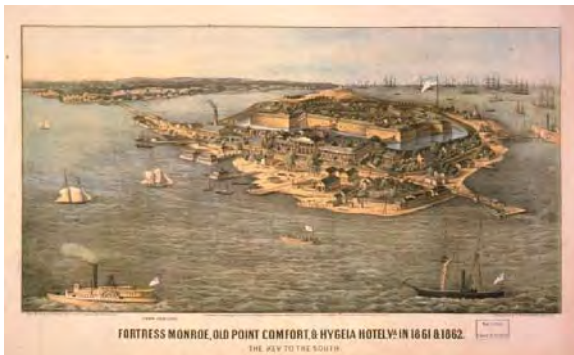
**Perchance You Will Enjoy:** See how [hipsters may be bringing back vintage language](#).

**Who's in the News?** Check out [INERcom](#), and click on [NER News Clips](#).

## From the Field

## Fort Monroe: A Continuing Legacy of Preservation

Originally fortified in 1609 to protect the Jamestown Colony, Old Point Comfort was recognized in 1817, by the United States government, as a significant site crucial to the defense of the Nation. By 1819, construction had commenced on what would become the largest stone fort in the history of the United States of America. The significance of Old Point Comfort in America's history goes well beyond the stone and masonry walls of the 19th-century fort. Native people utilized the natural resources of the site, long before English colonists entered the Chesapeake Bay. In 1619, the first Africans brought to the British North American colonies arrived as captives, along the shores of Old Point Comfort. Amid the onset of the American Civil War, three brave enslaved men, risked everything, to seek refuge at Fort Monroe. Classified as contraband property of war, and not returned to bondage, their courage inspired others to seek their own freedom. Before the Civil War concluded, over 10,000 black men, women, and children journeyed to what became known as Freedom's Fortress.



Fort Monroe uniquely represents the “arc of freedom,” for African-Americans in our Nation. The beginning, middle, and end of the wretched saga of slavery is personified at this very place. Following Fort Monroe's deactivation as an army post, the national significance of its history was immortalized by President Obama's creation of the Fort Monroe National Monument in 2011. In his proclamation, the President concluded that, “Old Point Comfort marks both

the beginning and end of slavery in our Nation.”

Thanks to ongoing preservation efforts, visitors currently experience the Casemate Museum collection, countless historic structures, and miles of beaches along the Chesapeake Bay. An historic structure report (HSR) of the Casemate Museum complex is currently proceeding as a partnership project between the Fort Monroe Authority and National Park Service. This HSR will guide future preservation initiatives to ensure continued interpretation of, and access to, the casemates. In addition to the museum, visitors experience vast, preserved landscapes that evoke the adventurous spirit of Captain John Smith, who was one of the first Europeans to explore Old Point Comfort, and its surroundings. Viewsheds of the Chesapeake Bay inspire visitors to imagine the arrival of the first Africans in 1619, and the journey of the first contrabands, as they courageously trekked across the treacherous waters of Hampton Roads. In addition to becoming one of the Nation's newest National Monuments, the entire site, including the 19th century fort, is preserved today as a National Historic Landmark District.



Now jointly managed by the National Park Service, and the Fort Monroe Authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the site continues to be preserved, and receive national recognition. The history and culture that President Obama poignantly acknowledged as worthy of national designation, is interpreted daily at the Casemate Museum, and through guided, and self-guided walking tours of the entire site.

### Junior Paleontological Rangers

In celebration of **National Fossil Day**, NERO and WASO staff visited a 5th grade classroom in State College, PA to present an hour-long session on fossils in national parks.



Fort McHenry Goes Digital: [AOL founder Steve Case](#) visits the park as part of *Startup Maryland* conference.



**Patterson Welcomes Our Newest Citizens:** With Great Falls as backdrop, [34 immigrants became Americans](#).



**Fall Fun:** Hampton recently hosted [Harvest Day](#)

For more news From the Field, visit [iNERcom](#) for news updates around the region every day.

What would you like to see in the Monday Mashup?  
If you have a submission for the next Monday Mashup, please send it to [NER\\_mondaymashup@nps.gov](mailto:NER_mondaymashup@nps.gov) by **COB Thursday**

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