



THE POCOMOKE PAPERS

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Stay Informed - Stay Connected



TRASH PICKUP REMINDERS

- **Bulk Pickups**
 - Wednesday, October 14 & 28
- **Columbus Day Route Adjustments**
 - No pick-up October 12
 - Monday Routes will resume Tuesday, October 13
 - Tuesday Routes will resume Wednesday, October 14

CITY HALL CLOSED

- Monday, October 12, 2026
 - In an emergency please call 911



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- **Drive-Thru Food Pantry**
Saturday, October 3
10 AM-While Supplies Last
First Baptist Church Pocomoke City
- **Downtown Fall Festival**
Saturday, October 10
11 AM-3 PM
Market & Willow Streets
- **Great Pumpkin Showcase**
Friday, October 23
5 PM-9 PM
Willow Street
- **Citywide Trick or Treating**
Saturday, October 31
5:30 PM - 8 PM

REGISTER
NOW!



CITY HALL MEETINGS

- Mayor & Council:
October 5 & 19: 6:30 PM
- Board of Zoning Appeals:
October 7: 6:30 PM (Canceled)
- Planning & Zoning:
October 22: 6:30 PM

CONTACT INFO

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

From Vision to Volume One

Back in April 2023, as I began my journey as Mayor of Pocomoke City, I had a vision for a new way to keep our community informed, connected, and engaged. I even had a name for it: The Pocomoke Papers.

More than three years later, it is truly special to finally see that vision come to life.

From the beginning, I imagined The Pocomoke Papers as more than another City newsletter. I wanted something that could help tell the story of Pocomoke through the people, places, businesses, organizations, events, and progress that make our city what it is. I wanted residents to have something they could read, share, keep, and look forward to receiving.

Today, you are reading our very first edition.

While social media has changed how we communicate, we know that not everyone receives their information the same way. The Pocomoke Papers gives us another opportunity to reach our residents, provide important City updates, celebrate accomplishments, highlight community resources, and make local government more accessible.

Most importantly, these pages should reflect you.

Pocomoke has a rich history, but our story is still being written every day. Good things are happening throughout our community, challenges we are working together to overcome, and people quietly making a difference who deserve recognition.

Something that started as an idea in April 2023 now has pages, stories, and a place in our community.

I could not be more excited to see where it goes from here.

Welcome to the first edition of The Pocomoke Papers.

Todd J. Nock

Mayor, Pocomoke City



Photo Courtesy of Snow Hill PD

Meet Pocomoke City's New Police Chief

Richard "Andy" McGee began his law enforcement career with the Pocomoke City Police Department in 1993. He later served with the Somerset and Worcester County sheriff's offices, holding leadership roles in patrol, K-9 operations, SWAT, training and emergency response. Since 2019, he has served as Snow Hill's Chief of Police. We look forward to welcoming Chief McGee back to Pocomoke City and working with him in this new role.

Bridge Closure Reminder

The Pocomoke River drawbridge remains closed through November 21. Motorists should follow the posted detour using MD 364, US 13, MD 250A, and US 13 Business.

Reimagine Pocomoke Initiative: A Mayor's Initiative

Reimagine Pocomoke is a new Mayor's Initiative focused on beautifying, revitalizing, and reimagining public spaces throughout Pocomoke City.

The initiative will work in coordination with the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), allowing beautification efforts to complement planned infrastructure improvements. As streets, sidewalks, public spaces, gateways, and other areas receive needed investment, Reimagine Pocomoke will help us think beyond basic repairs and consider how those spaces can become more attractive, welcoming, and reflective of our community.

The goal is simple: when we improve Pocomoke, let's improve it with intention.

This initiative will bring together the Mayor's Office, Beautification Commission, City staff, residents, businesses, and community partners to identify opportunities and help turn ideas into visible improvements.

Reimagine Pocomoke is about more than appearance. It is about community pride, economic development, quality of life, and creating a city that people are proud to call home.

The work starts now. Together, we're not just improving Pocomoke. We're reimagining it.





From Planning and Zoning

Planning a Project? Start With Us!

Are you considering improvements to your home, business, or property? Before beginning work, contact the Pocomoke City Planning and Zoning Department to determine whether your project requires a building or zoning permit.

New construction, additions, renovations, decks, sheds, fences, pools, signs, demolitions, and changes in property use may require approval. Because every project is different, reaching out early can help prevent unexpected delays, expenses, or changes after work has begun.

Permits help ensure that projects meet applicable safety, zoning, and construction requirements. Our goal is to help residents, businesses, and contractors understand the process and move their projects forward successfully.

You do not need to have every detail finalized before contacting us. If you are unsure whether you need a permit or where to begin, please ask—we are happy to help.

Contact the Pocomoke City Planning and Zoning Department at 410-957-1333 ext. 114 or ktrembley@pocomokemd.gov before getting started.



Did You Know?

The Mar-Va Theater will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2027! Since opening in 1927, the theater has remained a treasured part of downtown Pocomoke City and our community's cultural history.

Stay tuned as the Mar-Va prepares to celebrate a century of movies, performances, and memories.



Business & Development Spotlight

Spotlighting the people and projects shaping Pocomoke.



Create Your Own 3D Stained Glass Pumpkin

Get creative this fall at Wulfhause Productions in downtown Pocomoke with a hands-on 3D stained glass pumpkin workshop. Participants can learn the basics of stained glass while creating a seasonal piece to take home.

Wulfhause also offers additional stained-glass classes, handmade artwork, and locally crafted gifts.

Visit Wulfhause Productions at 142 Market Street or check their website for class details and registration.



Get Creative This Fall at Cypress Moon Art

Celebrate the season with a hands-on art experience at Cypress Moon Art in downtown Pocomoke. On October 16, guests can create their own decorative fall pumpkin during a guided workshop featuring a variety of design options.

The studio also offers a rotating lineup of art classes, creative workshops, and community events throughout the year.

Visit Cypress Moon Art at 143 Market Street and check their current schedule for registration details.



Drawbridge Villas Expands Homeownership Opportunities

Drawbridge Villas in Pocomoke City is offering newly constructed townhomes through the Uplift Homeownership Program. The homes feature three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 1,583 square feet of living space, a one-car garage, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and modern finishes.

Homes valued at approximately \$325,000 are available to qualified buyers for \$275,000, with the \$50,000 difference provided as a soft second mortgage that may be forgiven after five years. Eligible buyers may also be able to combine the program with available financing and down-payment assistance options, helping reduce upfront costs.

The program is designed to create additional pathways to homeownership in Pocomoke City. Eligibility requirements apply. For more information, contact the Davis Strategic Team of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva at 302-393-0169.



MOSAIC COUNSELING & WELLNESS:

Supporting Mental Health in Pocomoke

In recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10, Pocomoke City is partnering with Mosaic Counseling & Wellness to create a welcoming space for mental health awareness, education, resources, and community connection during the Downtown Fall Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Local mental health professionals, service providers, and community organizations are invited to participate by sharing resources, offering educational or interactive activities, and connecting residents with available support.

Mosaic Counseling & Wellness provides therapy for individuals, children, couples, and families, with services available at its Pocomoke office at 149 Market Street as well as through telehealth. Its clinicians offer a range of approaches tailored to individual needs, including cognitive behavioral therapy, play therapy, art therapy, and other evidence-based methods.

The goal of the October 10 outreach is simple: make conversations about mental health more approachable, reduce stigma, and help residents learn where support is available close to home.



October Health & Wellness Highlights



TidalHealth Mobile Mammography Calendar

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to encourage regular screening and early detection. TidalHealth's Mobile Mammography program brings 3D breast cancer screening directly into communities across Delmarva, helping reduce barriers to care and making routine mammograms more accessible. Appointments typically take about 15 minutes, most major insurance plans are accepted, and financial assistance is available for eligible patients. [TidalHealth](#) Learn more about upcoming Mobile Mammography locations and screening opportunities through TidalHealth.



Just Walk Maryland Day — Pocomoke City

Celebrate Just Walk Maryland Day on Wednesday, October 7, from 12:00–2:00 p.m. at Winter Quarters Golf Course, 355 Winter Quarters Drive. Join the community for a fun, family-friendly walk and enjoy a special community cornhole board decorating activity. Decorating supplies will be provided, and participants of all ages are welcome to help create boards that will remain at participating parks for future community use. The event is part of a countywide effort to encourage movement, connection, and healthy habits through simple activities that bring neighbors together. Registration is available through the Worcester County Health Department at worcesterhealth.org or by calling 410-632-1100 ext. 1108.



REGISTER NOW



Something's Always Happening in Pocomoke!

For the Kids

October 3- 1 PM

Sensory Walk at Milburn Landing State Park
For More Info Call 410-957-0878

October 6- 10:30 AM

Fall Story Time at Pocomoke Library

October 13- 10:30 AM

Playtime at the Park
Cypress Park

October 20 - 10:30 AM

Mini Makers Art Morning
Pocomoke Library

October 20 - 4 PM

Early Readers Book Club: Ember the Fire Dragon
Pocomoke Library

October 27 - 10:30 AM

Halloween Celebration Story Time
Pocomoke Library

October 31 - 10 AM

Halloween Happenings
Pocomoke Library

Health & Wellness

Yoga & Beer

Sundays at 1 PM @ Cypress Roots

Diabetes Support Group

October 15- 11 AM @ Pocomoke 50Plus

Mandala Sand Art

October 22 - 2 PM @ Pocomoke Library

Arts & Entertainment

October 3- 1 PM

Stained Glass Class

Wulfhause Productions

October 7- 6 PM

Feral Fibers: a Knit Night

Cypress Roots Brewing Co.

Stitch Circle

Cypress Moon Art

October 9- 6 PM

Ghosts of the Eastern Shore

Pocomoke Library

October 14 - 3 PM

Wax Candle Painting

Pocomoke Library

October 18 - 5 PM

Game Night at the Studio

Cypress Moon Art

Looking Ahead

October 14- 2 PM

Worcester County Job & Resources Fair
Pocomoke Community Center

October 17- 4 PM

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church

October 27 - 3 PM

SAT Prep & Materials
Pocomoke Library

October 21 - 6 PM

Feral Fibers: a Knit Night

Cypress Roots Brewing Co.

Stitch Circle

Cypress Moon Art

October 23 - 7 PM

Ghost Hunt at the Library

Pocomoke Library

October 30 - 7 PM

Rocky Horror Picture Show

The Mar-Va Theatre

October 30-31

Halloween Happenings

The Great Pocomoke Fair

October 31 - 2 PM

Spooky Saturday

Launchpad Arcade



Have an upcoming Pocomoke City event?

Submit details to arussell@pocomokemd.gov by the 20th.

Scan for the complete, up-to-date community calendar.

