

So Informed

from The Town of South Hill

Edition: October 2025

Upcoming Events

October

10/25: Autumn Jubilee in Centennial Park (South Hill Rev. Committee & Town of South Hill)

10/28: Candy Cruise (South Hill Chamber of Commerce)

10/31: Halloween (Townwide)

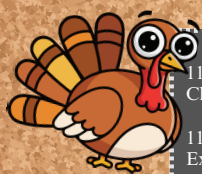


November

11/6: Job and Resource Fair (South Hill Chamber of Commerce)

11/15: Holiday Bazaar (The South Hill Exchange - Friends of the RT Arnold Public Library)

11/19: Seafood Festival (South Hill Chamber of Commerce)



December

12/5: Hometown Christmas (brought to you by The Town of South Hill)

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12/6: Christmas Extravaganza (The Colonial Center)

12/7: South Hill Christmas Parade

12/13: Christmas Extravaganza (The Colonial Center)

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Did You Know?



From Keli's Desk

Recently, Town Council adopted an ordinance allowing for civil penalties in place of criminal prosecution for certain property maintenance violations, as set forth in the Virginia Property Maintenance Code (VPMC). The VPMC, which is Part III of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, establishes the minimum maintenance standards for existing buildings and structures, including those related to unsafe conditions, sanitation, and building equipment.

Previously, violations of the code could lead to criminal prosecution—sometimes resulting in steep penalties and even mandatory jail time for repeated offenses. This approach often felt excessive for minor maintenance issues and placed unnecessary strain on both the courts and property owners.

The new ordinance establishes a civil penalty process, under which cases will be tried in civil court rather than in criminal court. This change allows issues to be resolved more efficiently and fairly while still ensuring due process. It also helps promote compliance through cooperation rather than punishment. Civil enforcement is typically faster, less costly, and more effective at achieving repairs without creating criminal records for property owners.

When the Town's Code Compliance Department is made aware of an unsafe structure, staff first work with property owners through conversation, email, and written communication to encourage voluntary repairs. Only when those efforts fail—and no progress is made—do formal notices of violation follow. If compliance is still not achieved, the new ordinance now allows the Town to pursue civil action rather than criminal charges.

This change reflects the Town's commitment to maintaining safe and stable structures while supporting property owners and protecting the interests of all our citizens.



Halloween Reminder

Halloween Reminders for South Hill Families

As Halloween approaches, we want to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time! Please take a moment to review the Town's ordinance below regarding Halloween activities scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2025:

Trick-or-Treating Guidelines:

- Age Limit: Trick-or-treating is for children 12 and under.
- End Time: Trick-or-treating ends at 9:00 p.m.

Costumes, Masks & Disguises:

- May be worn only by children 12 and under before 9:00 p.m.
- Permitted for those in theatrical productions or masquerade events.
- Allowed for medically necessary reasons.

Curfew for Minors:

A 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew is in effect, except for emergencies or when minors are directly supervised by a parent or guardian.

Safety on the Road:

Virginia law prohibits anyone under age 16 from riding in trailers or the bed of pickup trucks, whether open or covered.

Let's keep Halloween safe and fun for everyone! 🎃 🕒

New Website Launch

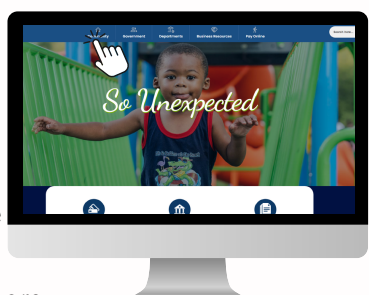
The Town of South Hill's website has a brand new look! 🌟

Now, it's easier than ever to learn more about our beautiful community, meet your Mayor and Town Councilors, and explore the departments that work together to keep South Hill safe, vibrant, and welcoming.

Looking to start a business? You'll find all the resources you need — plus, convenient ways to pay your utility bills and taxes online! On the homepage, you can check out the latest news, browse our updated calendar, find job postings, and see how to get involved in your community.

Visit SouthHillVA.org today to explore it all — and see what makes South Hill... *So Unexpected!*

SCAN TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE! ➡



Reminder

Bulky Waste Pickup Reminder! 🗑️

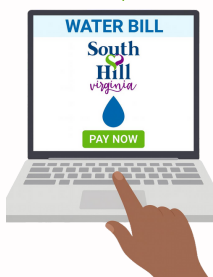
Bulky waste pickup takes place the third Wednesday of every month.

Please remember to place items at the curb — *not in the road.*

📞 To schedule your pickup, call 434-447-3191.



Pay your bill online!



Skip the trip and enjoy the convenience of paying from home.

Contact the Town of South Hill Finance Department today to enroll in e-bills and start managing your water bill online.

South Hill Town Council Meetings

November 10, 2025
December 8, 2025

Holiday Closings

November 11: Veterans Day
November 26: Closing at noon for Thanksgiving
November 27-28: Thanksgiving
December 24-26: Christmas

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