

The Hampton Roads Black Caucus is open to all people interested in helping make our country, and our commonwealth a better place to live for all people.

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HRBC Past Events:

CAUCUS CONNECTION (Newport News) The Hampton Road Black Caucus (HRBC) hosted its first **Caucus Connection** in Newport News, VA July 22, 2021.

CAUCUS CONNECTION (Suffolk)

The HRBC hosted the second Caucus Connection in Suffolk, at Ryan's Steaks and Cakes, 202 E. Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The introductions and presentations were moderated by HRBC President Roy Taylor.









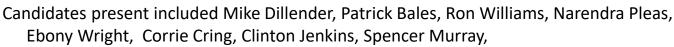




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CAUCUS CONNECTION (September 23rd)

Roger Brown Restaurant, 316 High Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The introductions and presentations were moderated by Ron Taylor, the HRBC President.









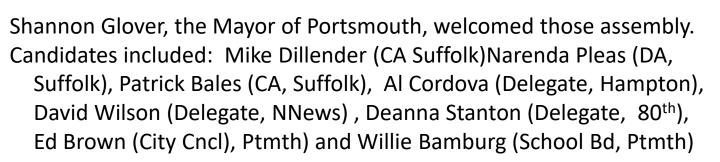
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HRBC UPCOMING EVENTS:

The HRBC is completing candidate questionnaires and will announce those candidates which the organization endorses in the first week of October. The candidates submit their answer to questions presented by the HRBC Board, then those answers are communicated with the membership who vote for the candidate of their choice.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS



The Breakfast is almost here. Get your ticket while you can. Don't get left out of the fun.

HRBC Upcoming Events (continued) :

The Community Action Team of the HRBC (continued from above)

The four areas are: **Transparency** (can the community view the progress of issues and decisions by elected officials), **Timeliness** (response to citizen correspondence), **Advocacy** (speaking to and advocating for community concerns), and **Flexibility** (welcoming of newly activated levels of citizen-led political activity).

The above will be accomplished through the use of CAT-Watchdogs (at least two per city) who will attend, monitor, and report on City Council and School Board Meetings. The CAT provides training and guidance. At present, several CAT Watchdogs are at work; however, HRBC still needs Watchdogs in Newport News, Norfolk, Hampton, Chesapeake, and Suffolk.

The CAT has begun developing a quarterly report card to "grade" seated politician's actions. Beginning in June, the HRBC Report Card will be available in March, June, September, and December. These reports will be available to the community via the HRBC website. The Report will grade politicians in four basic areas and 12 Key targets.

Several current members of the CAT attended the Caucus Connection in Newport News last month.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Mr. Seko Varner, CAT Team Chair, by emailing: <u>CATChairHRBC@gmail.com</u>.

TIME TO VOTE

Early voting has begun. If it will make your voting more reliable (nothing more frustrating than to discover on voting day that you are on a business trip or in meetings all day). You can find an early voting location by calling any candidate's office, the Board of Elections, the Office of the Clerk of Court, or looking on-line and asking your search engine "where and when can I vote early in (*your city*)?"

Remember! Vote early and often. Well . . . Vote early if it suits you.

Community Events of Interest:

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Coastal Virginia invites you to join us in the:

"Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month"

This Saturday October 2nd From noon to 4:00 pm

"Join us at Oceanview Park for a great family walk down Oceanview Avenue"

"There will be: Special food on Sale, Face Painting, a Cultural Show, and many more surprises!"

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month the Hispanic

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Chamber of Commerce of Coastal Virginia is helping organize and sponsor the first ever Hispanic Heritage Month Parade in Norfolk, VA. Food, face painting, raffles, and vendors will be available.

The Parade starts at Oceanview Park at 100W Oceanview Avenue at 12 noon. Come and help our neighbors celebrate their heritage!

It will be great fun!