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Pictured above: It's not a Rorschach Test, it's the SNJB and a vibrant purple and orange sunset sky reflected on the river. We appreciate local photographer Gregory Nardone for sharing it with us!

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Help us reach our goal of 500 pounds!

Nope, we're not trying to lose weight, but instead collect a healthy supply of canned and non-perishable foods during the 4th Annual Commuters Care Food Drive. During the month of February, every item donated earns a ticket in our drawing to win one of ten \$50.00 Virginia E-ZPass Reload Cards!

Donations are accepted every weekday at the [SNJB Local Operations Office](#) (9:30 am - 12:30 pm or 1:30 - 4:30 pm). All food donations benefit the Food Pantry at [Davis Social Ministry](#) in Portsmouth. For more event details, visit our [website](#).

Going for the GOLD again, with your votes!

The Golden Globes, the Grammys, the Oscars -- it's definitely awards season! We were thrilled to receive the gold in 2017 as the Best Place to Hike/Walk in Hampton Roads, and we're asking for your vote again this year! Online voting **begins February 8th** at the annual Readers' Choice Awards sponsored by Coastal Virginia magazine.

Please [click here to vote](#) for the SNJB Pedestrian Walkway, and help us hold on to the gold again this year! You can vote every day through March 30th in ten different categories.



Commuter Club driver rewards program hits the road with new mobile app



You're on the go, and now your Commuter Club points and rewards can go with you! No more coupons to print -- simply log in, shop and redeem your travel points from your smartphone.

Download the free Commuter Club app today, and shop a variety of rewards for dining out, home improvement projects, sports & fitness, automotive needs, family attractions and much more! Don't see your favorite business as a Commuter Club? [Email us](#) with your requests as new rewards are added often.



Bees relocated from the SNJB

Last spring, a colony of honeybees in search of a new home took up temporary residence on the north wall of the bridge. Thanks to an alert by one of our regular bicyclists, we were able to contact the Tidewater Beekeepers Association to assist with the proper collection and relocation of the colony to a new home. Comprised of nearly 5,000 bees and their queen, the SNJB swarm now lives in the Bee Yard in its own hive box safe from the elements.



If you're interested in learning more about preserving, protecting and raising bees, consider joining TBA and attending their [Beekeeping 101](#) class on March 3rd. Or simply make a donation to support their ongoing education and initiatives throughout the region.



Portsmouth Naval Annex earns top River Star Business award

Each year, the *Inside Business* River Star Hall of Fame recognizes one business that best exemplifies the spirit of the Elizabeth River Project's River Star Business program. This year's honoree, the Portsmouth Naval Annex, not only cares for naval personnel but also for the Elizabeth River with efforts including 6.5 acres of permeable pavement to reduce polluted runoff to the river.

The fan design pictured at left is an example of their efforts. Be part of the river revolution, and visit [www.ElizabethRiverProject.org](#) to discover all the ways your home and business can help restore our home river.



The new 64 Express Lanes are open with tolls assessed during peak weekday travel times (5:30 - 9 am and 2 - 7 pm). Vehicles with 2 or more people in the car travel for free with an **E-ZPass** Plus in HOV mode, and single drivers can enjoy the Express Lanes when they pay the current toll rate. Pick up an E-ZPass today at our office or any of the region's [retail locations](#)!

About the SNJB

The South Norfolk Jordan Bridge is a high-level, fixed span bridge that links Chesapeake and Portsmouth across the Elizabeth River's Southern Branch. Its soaring height eliminates bridge lifts and railroad crossings that stop traffic. Plus, the electronic collection system keeps traffic flowing smoothly without the need to stop at a toll booth. For more information about this privately-built and operated bridge, visit [www.SNJB.net](#).



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