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The inaugural **Newport News One City Marathon**, the incredible brainchild of Newport News City Manager, Jim Bourey, was held March 15, 2015.

The race, a Boston Marathon qualifier, covered the entire 26-mile length of Newport News, beginning with Newport News Park and ending at the iconic Victory Arch downtown.



Conceived as a way for the city to showcase its community pride and unity, as well as an opportunity to promote healthy living, the event attracted some 2,600 participants hailing from 24 states, including California and Oregon. The 2nd Annual Newport News One City Marathon will be held Sunday, March 13, 2016. So, get those sneakers on and join us as we take a tour of Newport News ... **marathon style!**



Looking for a new license plate that stands out?
The City of Newport News is currently in the process of making available through the DMV a custom City license plate.

In order for the project to move forward, a minimum of 350 pre-paid applications must be received by the DMV. The cost of the new plate is just \$10 for non-personalized plates and \$20 for personalized plates (this fee is for the plates only and does not include the annual registration fee).

Mayor Price and his wife, Valerie, were two of the first to sign up. According to the DMV, the entire process takes roughly nine months; however, the City is hoping to shorten this timeline. For more information you can go to www.nngov.com/DocumentCenter/View/5389, or email nnplate@nnva.gov, and you will receive an application and instructions.





A Taste of Newport News

Foodies are "eating" their way over to Newport News as they discover the incredible variety of ethnic, continental, traditional and fine dining this city has to offer. The following restaurants made the Top 5 restaurants out of 366 on TripAdvisor's website.

The next time you're in town, check them out!

- 1 **Sunrise Pizzeria** – www.sunrisepizzeria.us/newport-news
Cuisine: Italian, American, Indian, Mediterranean
"I come from New York where we know good pizza and this pizza is on par with them. GREAT!"
- 2 **Thaijindesu** – www.thaijindesu.com
Cuisine: Thai
"We have been eating at Thaijindesu since it opened in 2006 and it quickly became a family favorite."
- 3 **Saisaki** – www.saisakiasianbistro.com
Cuisine: Asian
"Amazing sushi! Among the best!"
- 4 **Circa 1918 Kitchen & Bar** - www.circa1918.com
Cuisine: American, Bar, Wine Bar, Gastropub
"Very nice upscale bistro in Newport News"
- 5 **Schlesinger's Steakhouse** - www.schlesingerssteaks.com
Cuisine: Steakhouse, Seafood
"Another Great Business Lunch"



The Virginia Living Museum is the "natural" choice for your meeting, reunion or convention event! Picnics, evening rentals & private planetarium shows are just a few ways we can customize your VLM experience! Call Jennifer at 757-534-7402 to discuss your group and all the options we have available!

Also, 2016 will be a great time to visit VLM as they kick off their 50th Anniversary, you won't want to miss it!

Newport News partnered with VTC in sales mission to Pennsylvania

In April, Newport News partnered with the cities of Alexandria, Loudoun, Fredericksburg, Norfolk, Hampton, and Virginia's Blue Ridge Roanoke Valley, Fairfax County and Virginia Tourism Corporation, to spread the "Love" of planning meetings and conferences in Virginia to planners in the Philadelphia area.

The city of "Brotherly Love" welcomed us with open arms as we sponsored the Pennsylvania Area Meeting Professionals International (PAMPI) educational program on April 15th.



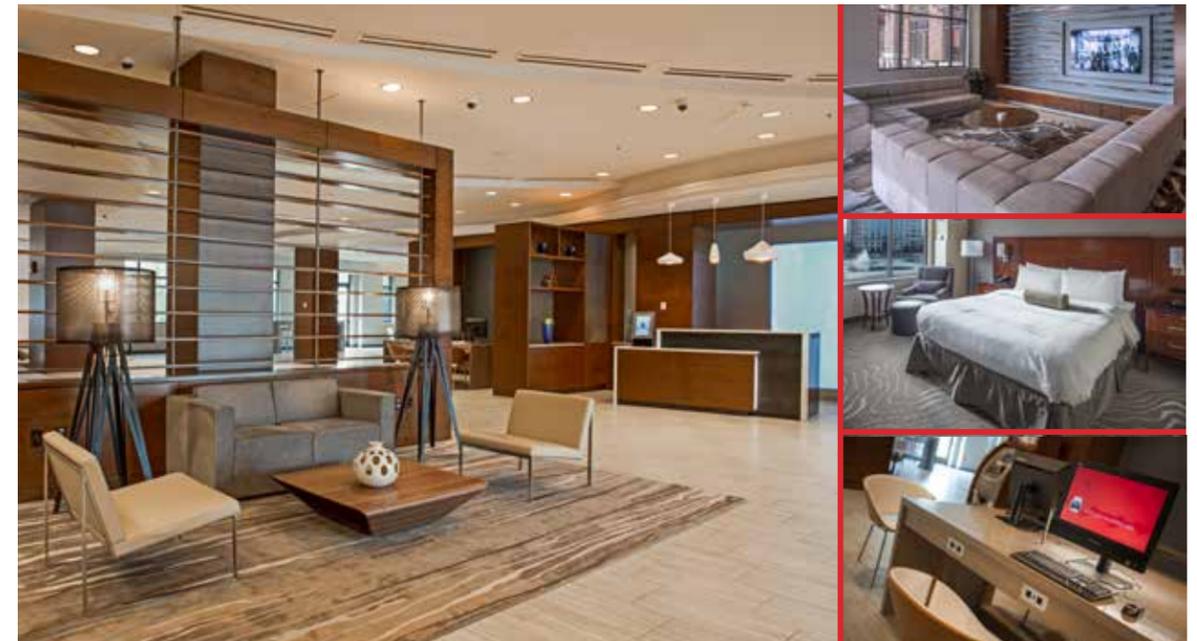
Silver Circle Award goes to Courtyard by Marriott Newport News!

We are extremely proud to announce that the Courtyard by Marriott Newport News has earned Marriott's Silver Circle Award for being in the Top 20% of the Courtyard Brand.

This award honors and validates their commitment to exceptional guest service and highest overall product providing outstanding customer service through Marriott's Guest Satisfaction Surveys.

Come experience their award winning guest satisfaction for yourself on your next trip to Newport News, Virginia!

The Newport News Marriott completes renovation



The Newport News Marriott just completed a renovation of its 256 guest rooms, including extensive upgrades to their presidential and junior suites. All guest rooms feature a flat-screen television, a wine cooler, coffee maker, high-speed Internet, and spectacular views of the surrounding City Center landscape.

The lobby has also been renovated and was opened up to give guests the freedom to enjoy food, beverage and time with friends and colleagues in a variety of seating and dining areas. The updates feature a beautiful new bar, lounge areas with flat-screen televisions, community gathering tables, and an outdoor patio overlooking the 5-acre fountain that is the centerpiece of City Center at Oyster Point. Convenient business center stations and mobile check-in are also available.

The Newport News Marriott hotel is part of a modern conference center that provides the latest technology for corporate events. The conference center can accommodate 1,600 guests, reception-style. Its grand ballroom is one of largest in Newport News, with seating for 880. The conference center has 25,217 square feet of total meeting space for corporate retreats. Planners have their choice of 23 meeting rooms, including 12 break-out rooms. Overlooking the impressive City Center fountain, this hotel is the ideal location for business, as it is found in trendy City Center at Oyster Point – the heart of business, shopping, and entertainment in Newport News.

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