



While each neighborhood is unique, all face very similar issues and challenges. From the basics of neighborhood organizing to addressing the complicated issues of public safety, unruly neighbors, or neighborhood blight, **Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc.** provides you with a great opportunity through the annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference to experience information-packed workshops, thought-provoking speakers, exhibitions and unparalleled networking opportunities to learn best practices from influential neighborhood advocates and professionals from across Virginia.

## All Youth Are Invited!

Youth are our future community leaders. And by participating in this year's conference **Youth Café**, young people, ages 13 to 18 years old, will interact with their peers to learn about civic outreach efforts being undertaken across Virginia and how they can participate in making a difference in their community. **Youth Café** workshops this year include:



\* **Community Policing-Opportunities and Challenges (Town Hall)** - to proactively develop solutions to underlying conditions contributing to public safety problems.

\* **Dress for Success in Your Everyday Life** - making significant changes that can have a positive impact how others view you .

\* **"You Matter" Inspired by 'Start with Hello'** - how to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other

\* **Portsmouth Sportsplex Facility Tour** - Tour Portsmouth's Sportsplex facility including the weight room, gym, multipurpose room, and boxing room. Try out the newly renovated recreation center by participating in a variety of activities.

## Conference Workshop Sessions

**Session I Workshop (Town Hall) - Friday, September 14 (9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.)**

**The State of Community Policing: It's Opportunities and Challenges**  
Police Chiefs from the cities of Portsmouth, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News and Chesapeake will discuss the opportunities and challenges facing Community Policing today in our fast paced world of an ever-changing society and technology.

## Session II Workshops - Friday, Sept. 22 (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

**SII-A Building a New Huntersville in Olde Huntersville - A Community on the Rise**  
Learn how the residents of Norfolk's Olde Huntersville neighborhood are leading the way into turning their neighborhood into a *Community on the Rise* with the implementation of their strategic action plan and collaboration efforts with city departments and community-based organizations.

**SII-B Re-up Bootcamp**  
Using the 3C's - communication, culture and connection, this interactive workshop will build resilience and provide participants with the tools to become better equipped to handle anything in their neighborhoods, their workplaces, and their lives.

**SII-C The American Dream: 40 Acres and a Mule; Reality or Truth?**  
This workshop will discuss the realities of gentrification and affordable housing and offer collaborative community solutions

**SII-D Success thru Communication**  
What's my Leadership Style? This management development and leadership style training identifies leadership style and helps leaders improve their ability to become effective leaders.

## Session III Workshops - Friday, September 15 (2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)

**SIII-A Rent Ready Norfolk**  
Creating a new paradigm in the American Dream that could be applicable to all neighborhoods, Rent Ready Norfolk is a strategy that includes landlords, property managers, and renters of all socio-economic backgrounds in the conversation about obtaining a home that is safe, livable and part of the larger community.

**SIII-B Your Neighbors -Your Opportunity for Positive Change - ABCD in Action!**  
Learn how to focus your efforts on discovering, mobilizing, and building upon the assets already found in your neighborhood to mobilize individuals, associations, and institutions into coming together to build upon these assets rather than to concentrate on their needs.

**SIII-C Enhancing Your Media Skills**  
This interactive workshop will allow participants to gain the skills necessary to successfully interact with media engagement campaigns. Participants will learn best practices for story placement, social media strategies, and prepare for media interviews by enhancing their media interview skills.

**SIII-D Empowerment through Knowledge - 50 Years Later, Fair Housing Remains the Best Kept Secret**  
In this energetic and enthusiastic 90-minute workshop, participants will learn about the hot topics currently trending in a law that was designed to protect EVERYONE from discrimination

when seeking housing because of your race, your color, your familial status (because you have children), your sex, your religion, your national origin, your handicap (physical or mental impairment), and in Virginia, if you are elderly (55 or older).

## Friday Evening 'On Your Own'

**Friday - September 14 (4:30 p.m. - until ? )**  
VSNC, Inc. invites participants to explore local restaurants and events taking place in Portsmouth! Or you can take the ferry & explore Norfolk's Waterside District - a gathering place where residents and visitors can hang out, dine and/or relax. The Waterside District features the best of national, regional & local restaurants, live music, festivals & more. **'Show Your Conference Badge'** to receive discounts on a variety of food and beverages.

## Session IV Workshops - Saturday, September 15 (9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)


**SIV-A (Mobile Workshop - Requires Walking) Walking Tour of Olde Towne Portsmouth**  
This walking tour will be led by historian Greg Eatroff and will highlight the history and architecture of Olde Towne Portsmouth. Olde Towne boasts the largest collection of period homes between Charleston, South Carolina and Alexandria, VA.

**SIV-B (Mobile Workshop) Portsmouth's Economic Development Story**  
Join Portsmouth Economic Development on a narrated economic development tour highlighting Portsmouth's success in economic, workforce, and infrastructure development as a catalyst to revitalize the City. The tour will include insight from Robert D. Moore, Director of Economic Development on what makes Portsmouth a thriving metropolis.


**SIV-C (Mobile Workshop- YOUTH only) Portsmouth Sportsplex Facility Tour**  
The Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services will provide a tour of the Sportsplex facility including the weight room, gymnasium, multipurpose room, and boxing room. Youth will have the opportunity to try out the newly renovated recreation center by participating in group activities such as: pickleball, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and more.

**SIV-E (On-Site Workshop) Elder Abuse and Neglect - Spotting the Signs and Getting Help**  
This workshop will focus on how to spot the signs of elder abuse and neglect within families, friends, and others in your community. The facilitators will discuss the types of abuse, who is being abused, the signs of abuse, how to help, caregiver stress and the long-term effects of abuse.

## Annual VSNC, Inc. Awards Luncheon

**Saturday, September 15 (12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.)**  
  
Each year, Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc. recognizes and honors neighborhood groups and individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to enhance the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Who will be the recipients of this year's awards? You will not want to miss this year's exciting Awards Program event!

## Hotel Reservations

  
**Contact:**  
**Renaissance Portsmouth - Norfolk Waterfront Hotel**  
425 Water Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23704  
**Phone: 1-888-839-1775**

**Be sure to mention "VA Statewide Neighborhood Conference" to receive the special reduced conference rate of \$129.00/night (+ taxes)**  
**Deadline to make your reservation is Tuesday, August 20, 2018**

## Conference Registration

Conference registration includes all conference workshops, meals, and activities. **Registration is non-refundable.**  
**Registration: \$85.00 for adults \$75.00 for youth (Ages 13-18)**

**Register ONLINE:**  
Submit and pay your conference registration fee online at [www.vsnc.org](http://www.vsnc.org).  
**Register by MAIL:**  
Complete and mail your Conference Registration Form with a check made payable to VSNC, Inc., to:  
VSNC, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6303  
Roanoke, Virginia 24017

\* Registrations must be received by (or postmarked by) **August 31, 2018** as none will be accepted after this date.  
\* **No on-site registration.**  
\* **Payment MUST accompany registration.**  
\* **Illegible or incomplete Registration Forms may delay or terminate your registration process.**

# REGISTRATION FORM

(Registration is non-refundable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the following:

\_\_\_ Welcome Breakfast . . . . . (Friday, Sept. 14th)

\_\_\_ Keynote Luncheon. . . . . (Friday, Sept. 14th)

\_\_\_ Networking Breakfast. . . . .(Saturday Sept 15th)

\_\_\_ Awards Luncheon. . . . .(Saturday Sept 15th)

\_\_\_ I will be attending the **Youth Café** (Ages 13-18)

## Workshop Sessions:

(Indicate desired workshop by marking workshop letter next to each choice)

**WORKSHOP SELECTIONS** **Friday, Sept. 14**  
**Session S1**  
**VSNC Town Hall** S1 - Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**WORKSHOP SELECTIONS** **Friday, Sept. 14**  
**Session SII**  
 1st Choice S2 - \_\_\_  
 2nd Choice S2 - \_\_\_

**WORKSHOP SELECTIONS** **Friday, Sept. 14**  
**Session SIII**  
 1st Choice S3 - \_\_\_  
 2nd Choice S3 - \_\_\_

**MOBILE or ON-SITE** **Saturday, Sept. 15**  
**WORKSHOP SELECTIONS** **Session SIV**  
 1st Choice S4 - \_\_\_  
 2nd Choice S4 - \_\_\_

# Conference Schedule

## Thursday, September 13, 2018

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Registration**

## Friday, September 14, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Visit Exhibits

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8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Welcome Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Break / Visit Exhibits

**Session 1**

9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Town Hall** (Adults & Youth)

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Break / Visit Exhibits

**Session 2**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Workshops & Youth Café

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Break / Visit Exhibits

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Keynote Luncheon**

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break / Visit Exhibits

**Session 3**

2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Workshops & Youth Café

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits & On Your Own

## Saturday, September 15, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. Visit Exhibits

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Registration**

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **Networking Breakfast**

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Break / Visit Exhibits

**Session 4**

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Mobile and on-site Workshops

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hotel Check-out / Visit Exhibits

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Awards Luncheon & Closing Ceremony**

Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc.  
 P. O. Box 6303  
 Roanoke, Virginia 24017

### Conference Keynote Speakers

**Friday Welcome Breakfast** **Friday Keynote Luncheon**



**Portsmouth Police Chief Harriet Tonya Chapman** currently serves as the Chief of Police for the Portsmouth Police Department, becoming Virginia's first African American female chief of a municipal police department. Her professional career in law enforcement spans over 29 years.



**Gianni Graham** is the founder of Dolls for Dolls Foundation, a nonprofit organization launched in 2015 to collect 1,000 Barbie brand dolls for homeless girls. But after news outlets shared her story, she hand-delivered 5,000 dolls to local homeless shelters and shipped others to people in other countries.

2018 Conference Steering Committee

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 Portsmouth, VA 23704  
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**Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018**

## Questions?

For more info call (540) 342-2763 or visit

[www.vsn.org](http://www.vsn.org)

