

Featured Events

Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
Empowering Parents Program
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the
Downing-Gross Cultural Arts
Center, 2410 Wickham Avenue.

Friday, February 28
Go RED for Women
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the
Downing-Gross Cultural Arts
Center, 2410 Wickham Avenue.

Thursdays until March 5
Youth Development
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
at Brooks Crossing Innovation
& Opportunity Center, 550 30th
Street, Suite 102.



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A Newsletter for the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood

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Brooks Crossing Innovation & Opportunity Center

What and where is BCIOC?

The Brooks Crossing Innovation and Opportunity Center [BCIOC] is located at 550 30th Street, Suite 102. This new facility is in the Marshall-Ridley Choice Neighborhood within the Southeast Community of Newport News. Open and free to all, BCIOC offers training and job seeking opportunities. It was created by the City of Newport News, Newport News Shipbuilding and Old Dominion University. BCIOC brings together shipyard workers, STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math] outreach and workforce development.



Images sources: Armada Hoffler Properties, Brooks Crossing Innovation Lab

Digital Innovation & Fabrication Lab

BCIOC is an instructional hub for STEM learning driven by team building and collaboration. Allowing opportunities for students and people of all ages, abilities, and disciplines to learn by designing creative solutions to real-world problems. It is the first and only lab of its kind in Virginia.



Interested in the classes? See the event calendar at bit.ly/BCIOC.

BCIOC Free Amenities

- Family-friendly “make & take” projects for all ages
- Summer camps and Saturday workshops
- Customized approaches for career awareness, skills development, wealth building, family support services and case management
- “Start Your Own Business” workshops, including designing ideas for future business ventures
- Teacher professional development programs
- Monthly machine training
- Student fabrication opportunities and more free amenities



Images: Youth participating in STEM activities. All ages are encouraged to use this neighborhood amenity.

Cover photos: Images of BCIOC and youth engaged in various activities at the center. These activities are designed to give youth hands-on experience with science, technology, engineering and mathematics [STEM]. Exposure to STEM at early ages open opportunities for youth to enter into these career fields as adults.




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Community Bulletin Board

Empowering Parents Program

Tuesdays in February, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Brooks Crossing Innovation Lab, 550 30th Street, Suite 102. This Literacy for Life class will help parents their children. Receive \$5 and a free book every session. Register at brookscrossing@odu.edu.

Business Classes for Kids

Saturdays in February, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, 2410 Wickham Avenue. Kids ages 6-12 are invited to join. \$12.50 per class or \$45 for all four classes. Contact, 247-8950 or bit.ly/kids-business.

Ridley Tenant Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 p.m., Lift and Connect Center, 618 18th Street. Join your fellow neighbors and Citizens Advisory Committee members to discuss the neighborhood and any upcoming events. Contact, 928-2620.

Make a 3D Printed Heart

Wednesday, February 12, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Brooks Crossing Innovation Lab, 550 30th Street, Suite 102. Participants will have a hands-on experience with a 3D printer. Training on how to use it will be provided. Register at brookscrossing@odu.edu.

Youth Development

Thursdays until March 5, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Brooks Crossing Innovation Lab, 550 30th Street, Suite 102. Youth are invited to attend "Pain on Paper", an event dedicated to helping young people express their emotions through writing. Contact, 247-8950.

Free GED Classes

Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Discovery STEM Academy, 1712 Chestnut Avenue. Call 928-6838, ext. 38900 or email jessica.morris@nn.k12.va.us.

Business class for Adults

Wednesday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Lift and Connect Center, 618 18th Street. Do you have a business idea? This event features one-on-one business development information and counseling. Contact, Ana Grace 759-5335.

Go RED for Women

Friday, February 28, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, 2410 Wickham Avenue. Event will include: fashion show, vision board, dress contest, hat contest and shoes contest. Contact, Teresa Jones 928-3681 or tjones@nnrha.org.



Community Snapshots



Images from left to right: 25 Mics - free open mic night at Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center. The late NNPD Officer Katherine "Katie" Thyne with the girls basketball team; she coached girls basketball at the Boys & Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula. A workshop held at BCIOC.