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**City of Hampton hosts Groundbreaking Ceremony for the
Hampton Virginia Aquaplex**

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex, an indoor aquatic center and outdoor splash park

WHEN: Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 10 a.m.

WHERE: 1908 Coliseum Dr. Hampton, Virginia 23666

Hampton, VA - The groundbreaking ceremony for the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex will be held Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 10 a.m. on-site at the new Center, 1908 Coliseum Drive. Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck along with other Hampton stakeholders will speak at the ceremony about the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex and its benefits to the community.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Public parking and a shuttle will be available at the Hampton Coliseum parking lot. The ceremony is expected to last approximately 45 minutes. Closed-toed shoes are recommended within the construction site. Masks are required at this event for those who have not yet been fully vaccinated, and some amount of socially distanced seating will be available at the site.

The Hampton Virginia Aquaplex, Virginia's largest competitive aquatic facility, is slated to open in Summer 2022. This new, 62,739 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility is designed to attract regional and national swim meets and tournaments. The Aquaplex will also accommodate local school swim teams and citizens with a 50-meter competition pool and 25-meter program pool. The facility will serve the local community with event rentals, fitness and certified "Learn to Swim" classes, and open-swim activities for all ages. The Aquaplex will also include an outdoor splash park with a leisure pool, lazy river pool and slides.

For more information about the groundbreaking ceremony, please call 757-722-1222 or visit the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex [website](#).

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Editor's note: Media parking will be available adjacent to the groundbreaking ceremony at 1908 Coliseum Drive

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.