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February brought a generous amount of inclement weather. Here is hoping for a warm March as we begin to usher in spring. We are always here to assist you with anything that you may need.

*** Be sure to report any maintenance concerns via the portal

*** Is your renters insurance up to date? Making sure can end up saving you in the event of an emergency.

*** Our Tenant to Buyer Program is in full effect. Find out what we can do for you

Top stories in this newsletter



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[Customers of Columbia Gas of Virginia to see bills dip](#)



Customers of Columbia Gas of Virginia will see their monthly bills drop in March because of what the company says are abundant and

reliable domestic supplies of natural gas. The Chesterfield-based energy supplier has more than 250,000 customers in suburban Richmond, central and Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads and elsewhere. The company said monthly bills will drop 8.8 percent starting March 2. That means a typical residential customer will pay about \$11 less per month, or a total bill of \$115.76. Columbia Gas is required by law to pass price increases and decreases on to customers. [Read More...](#)

[Hampton Roads market sees more homes sell in January](#)



The Hampton Roads real estate market started 2015 on a positive note.

The number of existing homes sold and the median price grew year-over-year in January, as did the number of active listings across the region, according to a report released by the Real Estate Information Network, the Virginia Beach-based multiple listing service for Hampton Roads. Pending sales rose significantly, according to the service, which suggests that "consumer confidence is up, and buyers are jumping into the market." Residential active listings rose 7.6 percent over January 2014 to 10,994 last month. All seven of [Read More](#)

[Federal policy change to help first-time homebuyers](#)



Uncle Sam wants to make it more affordable for Americans to buy their first home. The recent policy changes affect government-backed home loans

and could make it less costly for first-time buyers to come up with a down payment or to afford private mortgage insurance. The changes center on the Federal Housing Administration and mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Last week, the Obama administration announced that the premium that borrowers with an FHA-backed home loan must pay for mortgage insurance will be dropped to 0.85 percent from 1.35 percent by the end of this month. The move is estimated to save the average homebuyer \$900 a year. [Read More](#)

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PilotOnline.com's school report cards are updated annually with the latest information provided by the Virginia Board of Education. The data is released throughout the course of the school year, so

some data points may be from different year [Read More](#)

Tenant to Buyer



Program

We love our tenants. Our goal is to assist you through the course of your lease and beyond. Many people are renting as they prepare to purchase a home in the future. Our network can help you be ready when that time comes. Call us to find out how we can help.



Tenant Portal

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03/08 - Daylight Savings Time



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