

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? My community is located between 2 cities, Williamsburg and Richmond. We need to know about the "local" events in both places, and truly local events close by. But the cities are served by separate radio, television, and newspapers. There are local weekly newspapers which cover local events, but a daily source would be better.

How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?

We are typically ignored by the larger commercial media outlets. TV, radio, and print media have very limited coverage of county events.

What is the State of Noncommercial, Nonprofit, and Public Media?

Again, we are between two public broadcast areas. We are closer to Richmond, but the Norfolk-based public radio & television often come in better (they have a stronger signal). But as with print media, events and news in my community is not found in either market. We have a small weekly paper available, but it's not large enough to cover the news very well.

What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

I live in a newer development which has fiber-optic and cable internet access available. This is not true in the majority of New Kent County. Mobile service is tolerable, although the reported data speeds for PDAs and smart phones are quite overrated.