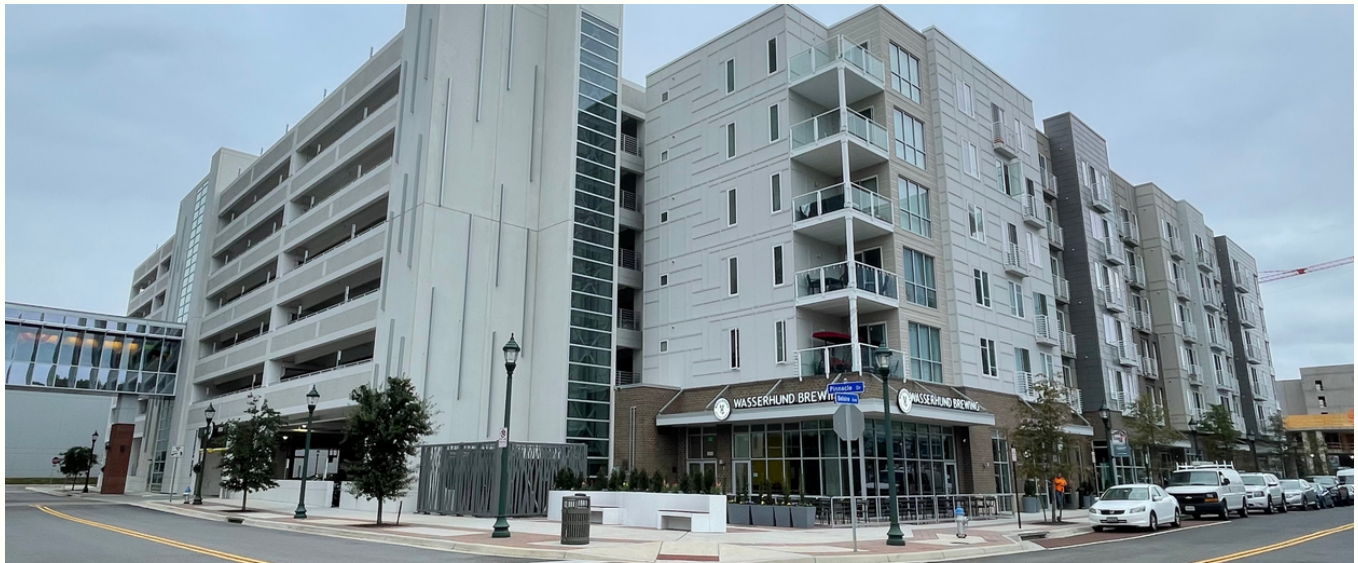




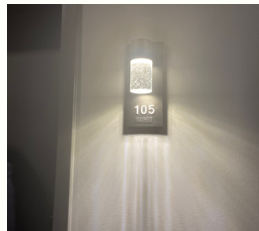
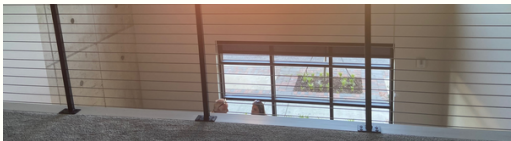
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Summit Pointe Tour

by Lisa Hall

Our April IFMAHR event gave us an inside look and tour of three properties located within Summit Pointe. Melanie Haller, Property Manager for Helix, Mosaic and Vista, along with support from Dollar Tree’s Bob Gant and Amy McDowell, provided an overview and inside look and tour of each property. I believe we were all impressed!

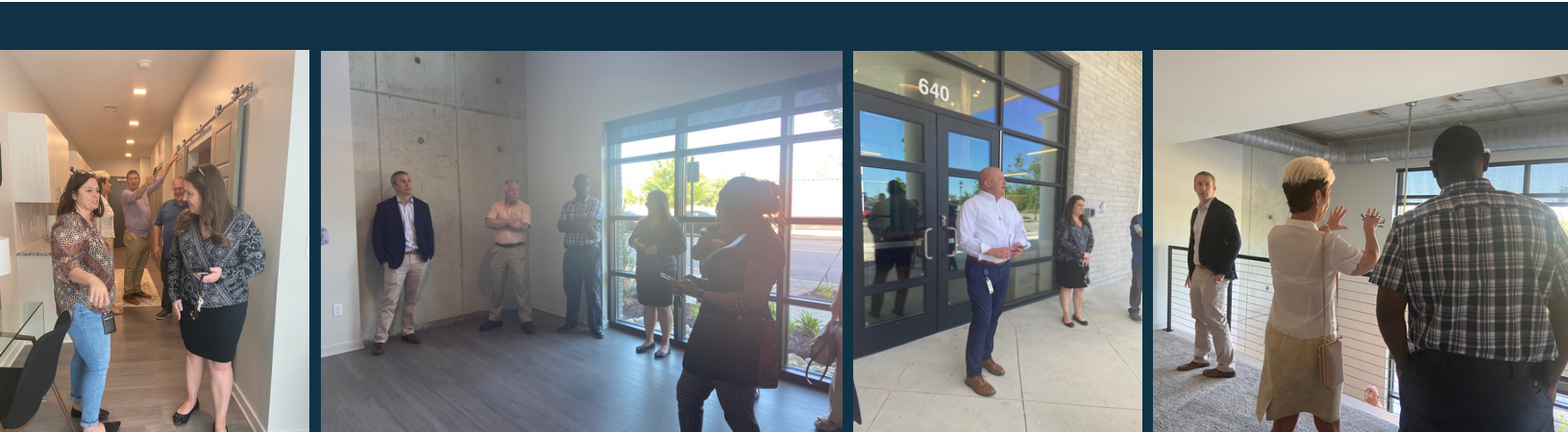


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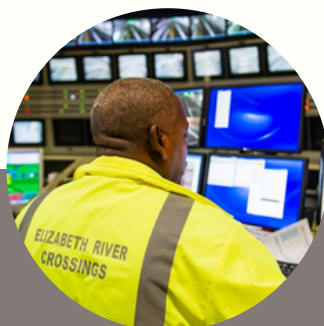
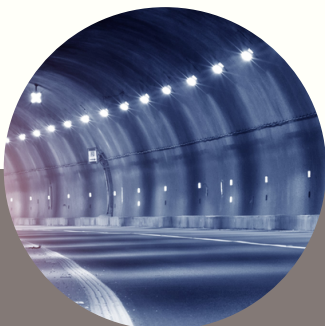
Summit Pointe Tour Continued

Anchored by Dollar Tree, Summit Pointe is an urban mixed-use center comprised of 69 acres and strategically positioned within the “dynamic Central Business District” of Chesapeake. In addition to Mosaic, Helix and Vista, the mixed-use center offers an array of restaurants, office space and fun spots to meet – like Wasserhund where we stopped in for appetizers and drinks following the tour. The economic growth and significant ongoing investment that is occurring in this area is amazing. A must see.



Facility Tour: Elizabeth River Crossings

On March 21, a select group of members of the Hampton Roads Chapter of IFMA attended a presentation and a behind-the-scenes tour with the folks at Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC). A private entity, who has been granted a lease to operate both the midtown and downtown tunnels, ERC maintains the tunnels and manages the flow of traffic through them. Whether planning for traffic congestion, normal maintenance, or storm events, ERC works around the clock to keep the tunnels open and the traffic flowing to get you where you need to be. Ryan McLane, Director of Operations and Maintenance, provided a presentation at the ERC headquarters in Portsmouth before providing a guided tour of one of the electrical support buildings at the tunnel entrance, one of the massive flood gates that seal the tunnel in the event of a flood, and the main control room for the two tunnels. Perhaps it was a lucky coincidence, but just as we approached the first tunnel on our tour, a tractor trailer violated the height restriction sensors placed upstream of the tunnel entrance. After passing the first signal and tripping the second, traffic was stopped from entering the tunnel, while the truck was stopped and rerouted. From the time the truck tripped the first sensor to the time that the truck was removed from the roadway could not have been more than twenty minutes, which is a testament to the focus and dedication of the ERC team. We appreciate Ryan and his group for pulling back the curtain a bit and letting us peek into the behind-the-scenes work that they do to keep us all moving. Next time you pass through the tunnels just remember that there is a team of folks helping to make sure your trip is as efficient and painless as possible. We thank Ryan and his team for their time and hospitality. I look forward to seeing all of you again at future IFMA events.





PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Spring has certainly sprung here in the Hampton Roads area. We've seen an uptick in traffic, construction, and pollen, so I'm sure it's here to stay! Our chapter has had an exciting year so far, with well attended tours at the Norfolk Airport, Elizabeth River Crossing and, most recently, at Summit Pointe. We are looking forward to two more events for the 2022-2023 IFMA year, a tour at CNU and our annual Golf Tournament. This year, we are partnering with Freekind, a local non-profit dedicated to providing survivors of human trafficking the support they need to recover from the trauma they've experienced. I hope that all of you will come out to support IFMA, support our annual scholarship fund for a rising Facilities Management Professional and support our chosen charity.

I'll also bring your attention to our 2023-2024 IFMA year. We will be planning events for the fall and next spring later this year in early summer. If you have a facility you'd like to spotlight or if you have an idea (and a connection) at a local facility we could all learn from, we would be excited to hear from you. Don't hesitate to reach out to me or to Amber Dexter, our wonderful administrator, at ifmahr@gmail.com.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank all of our awesome sponsors this year. We have been supported by milliCare at the Gold level, Warwick Mechanical Group at the Silver level, and Causey Contracting, Dunbar Security, ECS Mid-Atlantic, Ferguson, Independent Services of Virginia and OnPoint Building Services at the Bronze level. We appreciate their contributions and encourage all of our members to seek out their services when you have a corresponding need.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. As always, if there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to let me know.

See you soon!

Michael Sladki, P.E.
President IFMA-HR

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Freekind is dedicated to providing survivors of human trafficking the support they need to recover from the trauma they've experienced. More than that, we unleash the power of kindness to help restore the humanity stolen from them, offering grace to the most vulnerable in our communities as they regain their freedom, their sense of hope, and their sense of belonging.

Awareness

We offer general presentations and industry-specific training and educational resources to increase awareness, prevention, and advocacy in order to build a network of partnerships and collaborations within our community to fight human trafficking, together.

Prevention

We equip the next generation to protect themselves from exploitation and become advocates and leaders to end human trafficking by introducing the Prevention Project™ curriculum to middle and high schools, community-based youth service organizations, colleges and church groups.

Restoration

We empower adult survivors in our community, especially those who have been criminalized because of their trafficker. Through our Offramps program, we seek to minimize revictimization and reincarceration by giving survivors an alternative path forward to a life of freedom.

Join us to help unleash the power of kindness for local survivors of human trafficking.



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JAMES CASH PENNEY

SAVE THE DATES!!

Facility Management is a critical industry in our economy and we need to all stay connected, educated, and in touch with what is going on in our industry. Your local IFMA chapter is the best way to stay connected, so please put these dates on your calendar so you can stay connected.

- May 16th – Annual Golf Tournament
- June 6th – CNU Facility Tour



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