



SPOTLIGHT

DEEP CREEK TOWN MEETING

February 6, 2018

New Fire Station #8

The Fire Department is currently working on the design and engineering of a new fire station for Deep Creek. This facility will replace the current Fire Station #8 on George Washington Highway that opened in December 1960 and will be located off Moses Grandy Trail. The new facility has several improvements to help serve the community and its new design features will provide faster response times for the growing population across the Deep Creek borough.



Architectural Drawing of New Fire Station #8

The station includes a community meeting room which citizens can reserve for groups of up to 30 people to hold civic meetings in the community. The room will have tables and chairs along with audio/visual capabilities.

The station will have longer apparatus bays to accommodate the length and height of modern fire trucks and additional safety features for our firefighters. One feature is a decontamination room that will assist in isolating the carcinogenic products from fire and biohazards from emergency medical service calls from the firefighters' living areas. In addition, the firefighters will have individual bunk rooms, which is in accordance with fire department best practices.

The station will also have a natural gas power generator that will provide power during major events, such as flooding or hurricanes, enabling continuous emergency service to the community. (The present Fire Station #8 has to be evacuated during hurricanes because of tidal flooding.) The new station will also be able to house additional members including firefighters, police officers, and public works members, to support strike teams after a major incident like a hurricane.

The Fire Department is looking forward to opening the new facility and sharing it with the Deep Creek community.

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Deep Creek Bridge Replacement

The current bridge was built in 1934 and is owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It serves as the crossing of U.S. Route 17 Business over the Dismal Swamp Canal and is positioned on a regional hurricane evacuation route. This bridge has narrow lanes and during peak hours can cause crippling traffic to the Deep Creek Community.

The plan is to replace the existing 2-lane draw-bridge with a 144-foot long, 66-foot wide five-lane drawbridge generally along the existing alignment. Improvements will be phased to accommodate traffic during construction. Initially, a two-lane bridge will be constructed immediately south of the existing bridge, the existing bridge will then be demolished, and a new three-lane bridge will be

built in its place. The project also includes improvements to approaching roadways.

The federal and state funding has been secured and the right-of-way acquisition has started. The project is slated to be advertised for construction in July 2019 and the City will take over operation and maintenance of the bridge upon project completion.



For more information visit:

www.nao.usace.army.mil/About/Projects/AIWW-Deep-Creek-Bridge/

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

Mark your calendars! There are a number of special events happening in Deep Creek in the next several months including:

- **Dismal Swamp Stomp Running Festival – April 14, 2018** The 12th Annual Half Marathon, 5k, and Children’s Half-Mile Cub Run includes an asphalt course parallel to the Dismal Swamp Canal, part of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. This event is presented by Chesapeake Regional Medical Center in cooperation with Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism.
- **Paddle for the Border – May 5, 2018** Join paddlers along the Dismal Swamp Canal as they navigate their own canoes or kayaks from South Mills, North Carolina, to Chesapeake. Breakfast and a picnic lunch is provided with registration.
- **Bikefest Chesapeake – May 6, 2018** Sponsored by Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Family,

friends, and neighbors are cordially invited to come celebrate Bike Month at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail with the Chesapeake Bicycle/ Trails Advisory Committee, the Tidewater Bicycle Association (TBA), and Safe Routes to School Chesapeake. Bring your bike and enjoy 12+ miles of paved trails and great family-friendly bike activities including a bike rodeo, bike maintenance demos, and visit with a bike mechanic. Parking & restrooms available.

