



Chesapeake Recognized as One of the Best Cities for Millennials

The City of Chesapeake has been recognized as one of the top cities for millennials out of 500 cities reviewed, according to Millennial Personal Finance. The cities listed in the report are, “good starting places for any young adult looking to establish themselves.” Important factors that were taken into account included the unemployment rate, density of young adults, cost of living, future job growth, transportation costs, and crime and safety.

In addition to this accolade, Chesapeake was also selected as one of three Virginia cities ranked as hardest working in the nation. According to WalletHub’s 2017 ranking list, Chesapeake comes in at 26th, with Anchorage, Alaska, taking the top spot. The six metrics considered include the average number of hours worked in a workweek, labor-force participation rate, average commute time, number of workers with multiple jobs, annual volunteer hours per resident and average leisure time.

New Commissioner of the Revenue Sworn-In

During a Circuit Court ceremony on March 31, Frank King was sworn in as only the 4th Commissioner of the Revenue in Chesapeake’s 54 year history. King assumed the office from the Honorable Ray A. Conner, who retired after 34 years of service.

A Certified Public Account, King joined the City in 1988 as a business tax auditor. He was appointed Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue in 1997, a position he held until today’s swearing-in. King graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor’s degree in Commerce and Accounting, and holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary. King is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers, and the Virginia Association of Local Tax Auditors, among other professional organizations. His term as Commissioner of the Revenue runs until December 31, 2017.



Chesapeake Circuit Court Chief Judge Randall Smith (right) conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Frank King, with retiring Commissioner Ray Conner assisting.

Chesapeake in Running to Win \$20K for Northwest River Park

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney|ABC Television Group and ESPN, to revitalize parks across the U.S. for a third year. The city that receives the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant to improve a local park. Residents have the opportunity to nominate Chesapeake to receive the grant, which will be used to install outdoor fitness equipment at Northwest River Park.

By visiting NRPA.org/BeInspired, park supporters can vote for Chesapeake. Votes can be cast daily throughout April, with the highest vote total at the end of the



month receiving the grant funding. Everyone who votes will be entered into a drawing for a tablet outfitted for the outdoors.

“Supporting local parks is essential to the health and vitality of communities everywhere,” said Lori Robertson, NRPA Director of Conservation. “That’s why we are proud to collaborate with The Walt Disney Company to help fund critical park improvement projects in communities in need. We encourage everyone to join us in giving back to the places that shape so much of our lives by voting in this year’s Meet Me at the Park campaign.”



Vote For Chesapeake Parks - NRPA.org/BeInspired
VOTE DAILY THROUGHOUT APRIL

New Substation for City Dog and Cat Licenses Announced

Beginning April 1, citizens may purchase their dog and cat licenses and Dog Park memberships at the same time. The Chesapeake Visitor Center and the Parks, Recreation and Tourism’s Administrative Office is now a substation for dog and cat license. The center hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Budget Under City Council Review

Chesapeake City Manager, James E. Baker, has submitted his Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget to the City Council for their consideration. The budget totals just more than \$1 billion, which includes budget requests for the Chesapeake Public Schools. No new fees or tax increases are proposed in the City Manager’s budget.

City Council will receive input on the budget during two Public Hearings, April 25 and May 9. Both hearings will take place at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, during the regular City Council meetings. The budget can be viewed online at CityOfChesapeake.net/Budget or at any Chesapeake Public Library. The City Council is expected to vote on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget during their Tuesday, May 9, meeting.

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Right-Of-Way Mowing Season Has Begun

The Public Works Department has determined that, due to the mild winter, mowing along right-of-ways and roadways needed to begin earlier than normal this year.

The mowing contractors began work in early March and will continue throughout the season. Mowing cycles vary depending upon the particular area, with medians getting attention more frequently than shoulders, and so forth. Two contractors are handling mowing medians and shoulders. Sheriff's inmate crews and Public Works staff will supplement as needed. If you have questions or concerns about mowing in public areas, you can call 382-CITY to file a report.

Register Now for Chesapeake Alert

The recent severe weather provides a great reminder that residents, businesses, and those with interests in the City of Chesapeake should register for the Chesapeake Alert emergency notification system. Alerts are provided via landline telephone, cellular devices, e-mail, text message, or any combination the user chooses. Emergency alerts, such as severe weather warnings, are delivered automatically to those in the affected areas, and the City can also provide timely warnings for things like hazardous materials events and other public safety concerns.



Chesapeake Alert also provides a number of optional notification choices, allowing registrants to receive notices regarding Public Works, or Parks, Recreation & Tourism programs, among other choices. The types of messages and the delivery methods are up to the individual user's discretion.



To register for Chesapeake Alert, visit www.CityOfChesapeake.net/ChesapeakeAlert, or call the City's Customer Contact Center at 382-CITY weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8 10:00 a.m. The Crossings Western Branch Park	Dismal Swamp Stomp Running Festival Saturday, April 8 8:00 a.m. Dismal Swamp Canal Trail	Farmer's Market Ordinance Public Input Meeting Monday, April 10 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Russell Memorial Library
Advancing Women in Business Conference Wednesday, April 19 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chesapeake Conference Ctr.	Chesapeake State of the City Thursday, April 27 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Chesapeake Conference Ctr.	Chesapeake Master Gardeners Plant Sale April 28 - 29 Great Bridge Community Ctr.
