



# Real Time Updates

Chesapeake VIRGINIA

August 2013

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

## NEWS

### THE SARAH ZECCA AWARD

- The Youth Advisory Board was awarded the Sarah Zecca Award on May 31, 2013, by REACH (Reading Enriches All Children). The Sarah Zecca Award was created to honor the legacy that Sarah Zecca left behind to REACH. She was an avid supporter of the program and championed the mission to support the literacy needs of at-risk and homeless children. The City of Chesapeake Youth Advisory Board earned this award for all of the volunteer work and fundraising they did to help the REACH organization.



### CAT AND KITTEN ADOPTION SUITE DEDICATED TO DR. RUTH ANN MACQUEEN

- In recognition of the late Dr. Ruth Ann MacQueen's many years of devoted veterinary care to Chesapeake's animals and their owners, the City of Chesapeake dedicated the new Animal Services' cat and kitten adoption suite in her memory. Dr. MacQueen demonstrated daily her love of animals and exemplary service to the City.



### RUDY BEARS

- The Deep Creek Ruritan Club donated Rudy Bears to Police Officers who work out of the Third Precinct. The bears are given to young children who experience a traumatic event such as being involved in an automobile accident, victim/witness of a crime, etc. Thanks go out to the Deep Creek Ruritan Club for the kind donation.



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## EMPLOYEE INNOVATION AWARDS

- Employees deserve to be recognized for their hard work and contribution to the City of Chesapeake. The latest recipient of the Employee Innovation Award is Mario Wiggins from the Public Utilities Department. His skills and cost saving tactics have been a valuable asset and have saved the City thousands of dollars in contracted masonry work. Congratulations to Mario Wiggins!



## PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

- The Public Service Award program was designed to reinforce the City's mission and commitment to providing quality service to all citizens equitably, in a responsive and caring manner. Congratulations to the following employees:

Marvin Brickhouse (Public Utilities)  
Michele Throckmorton (Development and Permits)  
Thomas Bruns (Development and Permits)  
Jennifer Falk (Development and Permits)  
Patricia Morrow (Customer Contact Center)  
Malcolm Johnson (Parks and Rec)

## CHESAPEAKE R U READY?

- Recently, business and community leaders came together to discuss the important business of early education. Chesapeake R U Ready?, a collaborative partnership of early care and education professionals from the City, schools and community agencies, hosted the event. Steven Wright, Director of Economic Development, shared information about how businesses can benefit from getting involved with this organization. Wright emphasized how, in order to remain a City that attracts and retains quality businesses, we need to make sure we are setting our future workforce up for success by giving them quality education from an early age. Gary McCollum, Vice President of Cox Virginia, discussed the importance of staying competitive by preparing our children when they are most receptive to learning important skills for the workforce, like critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork. Mr. McCollum, a state advocate for early education, said that 90% of a child's brain is developed before a child walks through our schools doors - it is a fact that is too important to overlook.



## CELEBRATING FREEDOM

- The Celebrating Freedom event, which was held at City Park on July 3, was a huge success! The concert featured music from the Jim Newsome Quartet and Fort Monroe's TRADOC Army Band. There were strolling musicians, acrobats, door prize raffles and more. The celebration concluded with an illumination of fireworks. An estimated crowd of more than 6,000 turned out for the outdoor summer event.

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## PROJECTS

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### OAK GROVE ROAD/GREEN TREE ROAD ROUNDABOUT

- The VDOT Oak Grove Road/Green Tree Road Roundabout project will be completed the first week of August after surface paving, final grading and seeding, and installing permanent signs.

### MAST ARM TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT

- VDOT funded a project which will provide a new mast arm traffic signal at Military Highway and Old Greenbrier Road. The project will be completed by early August. Poles have been installed and signal activation will take place when power service is provided.

### DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project continues to make steady progress. A section of Bainbridge Boulevard has closed for three months for crews to prepare the roadway for its future use as a detour from Dominion Boulevard during the next phase of construction. The on-site concrete batch plant is in full operation.

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## OPERATIONS

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### SITE PLAN APPROVALS

- On July 26, 2013, all of the permits were issued for the Red Knot Apartment Complex in Edinburgh, which features 336 units.

### CENTERVILLE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

- RRMM Design Build, LLC, a Chesapeake-based contractor, obtained a building permit to construct the new Centerville Animal Hospital on July 25, 2013. The 6,992 square foot facility will be located at 300 Centerville Turnpike South.



## Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2013  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Indian River Middle School

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## EVENTS

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### Fill the Bins with School Supplies

Thursday, August 1  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
513 B Street  
Chesapeake

### 8th Annual Chesapeake Criterium

Saturday, August 10  
7:00 AM  
Chesapeake Civic Center

### Commonwealth's Attorney's Office Annual South Norfolk Basketball Tournament

Thursday, August 15  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Mayor's Ambassadors/YiC Year-End Picnic

Wednesday, August 21  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Arboretum

### Back to School Supply Giveaway

Saturday, August 24  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
513 B Street  
Chesapeake