



**Chesapeake VIRGINIA REAL TIME UPDATES** February 2017

**Tolling Begins on Dominion Boulevard Veterans Bridge  
Thursday, February 9 - 12:01 a.m.**

Following the completion of a comprehensive toll system testing period, the Dominion Boulevard Veterans Bridge will begin collecting tolls electronically using E-ZPass transponders or through a photographic, toll-by-plate system. The passenger vehicle toll rate will begin at \$1.00 with an E-ZPass and \$3.00 without an E-ZPass. Tolls for other classes of vehicles can be determined using the chart and the table below.

Motorists can obtain their E-ZPass online at [www.EZPassVA.com](http://www.EZPassVA.com), by phone at 1-877-762-7824 or in person at any Chesapeake City Treasurer’s Office, the Chesapeake Expressway Office or at the Norfolk or Portsmouth E-ZPass offices.

Those who already have an E-ZPass are encouraged to make sure their transponder is registered to an account and that it is properly funded, preferably through auto-replenishment. E-ZPass customers with insufficient funds who use the Dominion Blvd. Veterans Bridge will be charged the Non E-ZPass Toll Rate, as shown in the table below.

Toll Class 1	Toll Class 2	Toll Class 3
<p>1) Motorcycles 2) Passenger Vehicles (defined as a motor vehicle that does not exceed any of the following dimensions: Height 6ft 8in, Width 8.5 ft, Length 25ft)</p>	<p>1) Class 1 Vehicle with Trailer with combined dimensions that do not exceed 14 ft in height, 73.5 ft in length, or 8.5 ft in width. 2) Medium truck, recreational vehicle, or bus defined as a motor vehicle with a height greater than 6ft 8in, a length between 25ft and 35ft, and a width less than 8.5ft</p>	<p>1) Large or extra large truck (such as a tractor-trailer) defined as a motor vehicle with a height greater than 6ft 8in, and a length greater than 35 ft, or a width greater than 8.5 ft.</p>

Fiscal Year	E-Zpass Toll Rates			Non E-Zpass Toll Rates		
	Toll Class 1	Toll Class 2	Toll Class 3	Toll Class 1	Toll Class 2	Toll Class 3
Opening to June 30, 2017	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.50
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	\$1.05	\$1.58	\$2.63	\$3.05	\$3.58	\$4.63
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$1.10	\$1.65	\$2.75	\$3.10	\$3.65	\$4.75
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	\$1.16	\$1.74	\$2.90	\$3.16	\$3.74	\$4.90
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021	\$1.22	\$1.83	\$3.05	\$3.22	\$3.83	\$5.05
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	\$1.28	\$1.92	\$3.20	\$3.28	\$3.92	\$5.20
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$1.34	\$2.01	\$3.35	\$3.34	\$4.01	\$5.35
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	\$1.41	\$2.12	\$3.53	\$3.41	\$4.12	\$5.53
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	\$1.48	\$2.22	\$3.70	\$3.48	\$4.22	\$5.70



**Steel Bridge just before construction began on the new span**

Additional information can be found at [CityofChesapeake.net](http://CityofChesapeake.net), or contact the City Manager’s Office at 382-6166.

## Joint Juvenile Justice Center Informational Meetings Planned

The City of Chesapeake Department of Human Services and the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice is continuing to host citizen information meetings regarding the construction of a proposed Joint Juvenile Justice Center at 3316 South Military Highway. The proposed facility will house youths under the jurisdiction of the courts. Citizens are encouraged to attend whichever of these identical meetings best fit their schedule to receive information about the purpose and need for the proposed center, as well as safety and security measures planned. All of the meetings run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in an open house format, with experts available to answer questions throughout the meeting. Additional information can be found at [CityOfChesapeake.net/JJJC](http://CityOfChesapeake.net/JJJC) or by calling (757) 382-6779.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations:

Thursday, February 9 - Damuth Trane, 1100 Cavalier Boulevard

Wednesday, February 22 - Deep Creek Middle School Cafeteria, 1955 Deal Drive

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## Oceaneering International Invests in Workforce Apprenticeship Program

On January 19th, Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division) in Chesapeake held its first Apprenticeship Graduation Program for eight (8) employees/Oceaneers. U.S. military veterans represented half of the 2017 graduating class.

Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division) became a Virginia Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship sponsor in 2012, enabling the group to train a new generation of skilled professionals with work experience and relevant community college courses.

The program takes four years to complete and currently has 29 participants learning trades such as welder, inside machinist, outside machinist, pipefitter, ship fitter, electrician, and industrial engineering technician. Apprentices include veterans transitioning to civilian careers, re-careering adults, and first-time job seekers.



(Left to Right) Colter Chambers, Stephen Hight, Johnnie Kidd, Michael Treadwell III, Nathaniel Dunlap, Jennifer Gilbert, Matthew Bragg and Dakota Hill.

The Apprentices work diligently to complete 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and 144

hours of program-related instruction each year. Courses in hydraulics, blueprint reading, maritime electrical, welding, technical writing, mathematics, safety, quality, and teamwork are required. Extensive training also focuses on SUBSAFE components which is accompanied by rigorous standards and procedures.

"There are two long-range academic achievements each Oceaneering apprentice must obtain—a Certificate in Maritime Technologies from Tidewater Community College and the Journeyman's Certificate from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry," said Oceaneering Apprentice Program Manager Guy St John. "The Associate of Applied Science degree in Maritime Technologies is also desirable. We will continue to work with those employees interested in completing the requirements to achieve their Associate's Degree."

In February 2015, Oceaneering International moved into its new \$33 million Regional Headquarters building at 2155 Steppingstone Square in Greenbrier North Commerce Park. The company has consolidated its engineering, manufacturing and administrative functions into one building. Oceaneering has been in Chesapeake since 1988 and was previously located in the South Norfolk area.

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## PROJECT UPDATES

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### Changes Proposed to City Sign Ordinance

In 2015, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion that requires the City and localities nationwide to overhaul their Sign Ordinances. This ruling allows localities to regulate signs only in terms of size, location and height in various zoning districts, but not based on the sign content or message.

Chesapeake's current ordinance is largely content-based, meaning there are special regulations for special event signs, real estate signs, political signs and other temporary signs. The ruling has required the City to develop one set of criteria for all content-based signs.

For the most part, regulations for permanent signs are not changed. For temporary signs, changes were minimized as much as possible by renaming the sign from one that is content-based to one that is location-based. For those signs that could not be renamed, the least restrictive standards currently allowed in the underlying zoning district for temporary signs are now applied to all temporary signs.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed changes on Wednesday, February 8, at City Hall. For more information about the proposed changes, visit the Planning Department section on [CityOfChesapeake.net](http://CityOfChesapeake.net).

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## PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

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On January 16, City of Chesapeake Deputy Fire Marshal Ronald Page was presented the Martin Luther King Award for *Leadership in Difficult Times* for his dedication and service to the department and his leadership of the Honor Guard throughout the past year.

Page led the Honor Guard through five Fire Department funerals, and invested his personal time and funds to purchase a ceremonial bell for the department. No matter the task at hand, Ron brings humility and service to everything he does, and the department congratulates him on this award.

Pictured L-R: Bishop E.W. Jackson, Deputy Fire Marshall Ron Page, Theodora Jackson.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Tolling Begins  
Dominion Blvd.  
Veterans Bridge  
February 9  
[EZPassVA.com](http://EZPassVA.com)**

**Joint Juvenile Justice Center  
Meeting  
February 9  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
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**"SUN-days" In The Park  
February 11  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Elizabeth River Park**

**George Washington Day  
Monday, February 20  
All City Facilities Closed  
Except the Visitors Center**

**Next Gen- Teen  
Opportunity Fair March 2  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Conference Ctr.**

**Arbor Day Celebration  
Friday, March 3  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
TCC - Chesapeake**