



Real Time Updates

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

Chesapeake VIRGINIA
May 2014

NEWS

CITY BUDGET APPROVED

- On May 13, the City Council adopted the FY 2014-15 Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. There were no changes to the Real Estate Tax and no new fees were added, but water and sewage rates will increase by 4.9% effective July 1. The \$923.7 million budget was approved by City Council as proposed by City Manager Jim Baker on March 25.

The Operating Budget has increased from last year by 1.8% allowing for improvements in employee compensation and the need to address service gaps throughout the organization. The budget is also increasing in order to take advantage of increased state road maintenance funds and to address new stormwater regulations. No service expansions are planned.

The same night, City Council approved the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019. This planning document is intended to guide the City's investments in facilities and infrastructure throughout the City. The new CIP includes the replacement of the AIW Bridge in Deep Creek, funding for critical school repairs, stormwater equipment upgrades, a repaving program for residential streets throughout the City, and addressing encroachment at the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress.

2014 ELECTION RESULTS

- Chesapeake City Council and School Board Elections took place on Tuesday, May 6. There were eight City Council candidates vying for five positions and 10 School Board candidates vying for five positions. In both races, the fifth and final seat was determined by fewer than 50 votes. The five candidates who won seats on the City Council were Lonnie Craig, Roland Davis, Suzy Kelly, John de Triquet, and Dr. Ella Ward. The five candidates who won seats on the School Board were Christie New Craig, Colleen Leary, Harry Murphy, Louis Tayon, and Michael Woods. The newly-elected City Council members will take their seats during a reorganizational meeting on June 25. The School Board reorganizational meeting will be held on June 24.



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DOMINION BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

- The Dominion Boulevard Corridor Study is a key recommended element in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and is intended to complement the Dominion Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Roadway Improvement Project. In early April, two public input workshops were held with 120 actively engaged citizens and stakeholders. The workshops included a brief project overview, followed by an electronic group polling exercise and a break-out table top exercise. The Planning Department has partnered with Design Workshop to design alternative development scenarios for the study area, based on public input received. The draft alternative development scenarios will be presented to citizens and other stakeholders for discussion and feedback at the next round of public input workshops on July 1.

CITY COUNCIL AND CITY OFFICIALS ARE CERTIFIED

- As a team, Chesapeake's City Council, City Manager, and several other City officials recently completed FEMA course ICS 402: Overview for Executives and Senior Officials. The course was led by Emergency Manager/Fire Chief Ed Elliott, and was an opportunity for City officials to learn about the Incident Command System (ICS) and how they can work together to ensure an effective and efficient response to any incident. Certifications of completion were presented to the participants by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

2014 PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL

- On May, 12, the Peace Officers Memorial was held to commemorate the service of eleven Chesapeake public safety officers who died in the line of duty. Guests gathered at the new Public Safety Memorial site to honor these brave men. Family survivors along with Police and Sheriff honor guard members laid flowers on the recently engraved memorial. A proclamation was given declaring it Peace Officers Week and services are being held nationwide to recognize those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



PROJECTS

ELIZABETH RIVER PARK

- Construction has begun on Elizabeth River Park at the base of the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge. Park improvements will include paved parking for passenger vehicles and boat trailers, bathroom facilities, horseshoe pits, volleyball area, dock improvements, picnic shelters, a small pavilion stage, and a dog park. The project should be completed in early 2015.

EVENTS

CHESAPEAKE JUBILEE

Thursday, May 15 - Sunday, May 18
Chesapeake City Park



Consolvo Field Ribbon

Cutting

Wednesday, May 21

6:00 p.m.

Consolvo Field

1800 Bainbridge Blvd.

2014 Business

Appreciation Golf Classic

Thursday, May 22

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cahoon Plantation

TRAVELING THE ROAD TO SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

Thursday, May 15 - Friday, May 16

Thursday, May 22 - Friday, May 23

Thursday, May 29 - Friday, May 30

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

South Norfolk Community Center

Memorial Day Wreath

Laying Ceremony

Monday, May 26

11:00 a.m.

Veterans Memorial

City Hall

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CHESAPEAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES LIFELINE EMS AWARD

- The Chesapeake Fire Department has received the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze Award. This award recognizes the Department’s commitment and success in implementing specific quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who suffer a severe heart attack known as STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction). The Chesapeake Fire Department was one of the only 10 EMS agencies in the Commonwealth to receive this award.

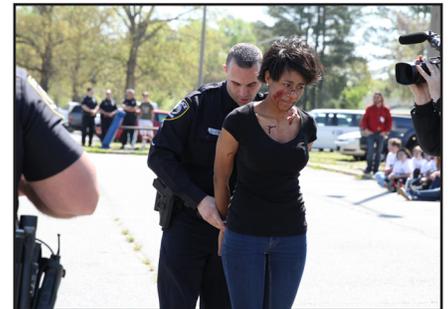


Pictured from left to right: Lieutenant Forrest Winslow, Jeff Meyer, Monica Reed, Amy Ward, Battalion Chief Dan Norville.

EVERY 15 MINUTES

- “Every 15 Minutes” is an interactive drinking and driving prevention program geared towards high school students. The program was put together by Commonwealth Attorney Nancy G. Parr and involved Deep Creek High School, Chesapeake Police and Fire Departments, Chesapeake Sheriff’s Office, Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, WCTV Chesapeake Television, and Drive Safe Hampton Roads. The exercise recreated a crash at Deep Creek High School involving four students. As part of the simulation some of the students were arrested, some died, and some were injured. This program was developed to show students the outcome if they drink and drive. WCTV Chesapeake Television produced a video that featured the accident, interviews with the crash students, and their parents. The video was very emotional and hopefully served as a lesson which will help prevent future drunk driving accidents.

All actions shown are simulated for the purposes of the program.



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