



REAL TIME UPDATES

May 2017

Governor Announces 50 New Jobs Coming to Chesapeake

Governor Terry McAuliffe announced that Atlantic Core Building Products, a manufacturer of steel commercial construction materials, will invest \$3 million to establish a manufacturing operation in the City of Chesapeake. Virginia successfully competed against North Carolina and South Carolina for the project, which will create 50 new jobs.

“We are delighted that Atlantic Core Building has chosen to make us its newest site,” said Chesapeake Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff. “Successfully competing against nearby states emphasizes the value of Virginia’s pro-business climate and our port access, and adding 50 new positions to our manufacturing jobs roster underlines the importance of a skilled workforce that calls Chesapeake home.”

At the company’s new Chesapeake facility, Atlantic Core will produce the industry’s most advanced stud and track systems including: AlphaSTUD™ Drywall Framing and patented CORESTUD™ Structural Framing.

Central Fleet Management Recognized as #1 Fleet

Central Fleet Management was recognized as the #1 Fleet in the Top 100 Fleets by NAFA Fleet Management Association and The 100 Best Fleets in the Americas. Michael McColgan, Fleet Service Coordinator, accepted the award at the NAFA’s 2017 Institute & Expo, on April 26 in Tampa, Florida. The event is the industry’s largest gathering of fleet managers.

The Fleet Excellence Awards (or FLEXY for short) are designed to shine a spotlight on those who have impacted fleet management in both the corporate and public fleet segments during the previous year. The FLEXY Awards were open to all fleet professionals throughout the United States and Canada, regardless of whether or not they were members of NAFA Fleet Management Association.



Michael McColgan, Fleet Service Coordinator and Tom C. Johnson, the founder of 100 Best Fleets in the Americas.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

Emergency Management Responds to Two Tornadoes Within a Week

Chesapeake residents experienced two tornadoes within a week, March 31 and April 6. Thankfully the storms caused no deaths, but a total of \$4,384,755 in private and public property damages were reported. The tornadoes provided the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the City's interdepartmental Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Team, two opportunities to refine their incident response capabilities. The EOC, staffed with trained personnel from various departments and partners, plans and coordinates responses to City events and incidents. The planned response supports responders in the field, enabling them to save lives, protect property and expedite restoration of essential services.

When the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a tornado warning on both dates, the OEM virtually opened the EOC with a limited team in order to monitor storm activity and began support of first responders once the all-clear for sheltering in place was received. On March 31, the Emergency Call Center (ECC) received 34 calls from citizens reporting damaged power lines, funnel cloud, hail and high winds, structural damage and high water. On April 6, the center received nine calls with reports of downed power lines and trees, tornado touch down and personal property damage.



Preparedness is Key

Many citizens received the NWS warning messages via their cell phones, although cellular phone towers were not able to communicate the message to some customers for the April 6 tornado. That being the case, it is incumbent upon residents, in addition to cell phones, to use every channel of communication in order to be alerted to severe weather. Other channels include: NOAA weather radios, the City's Chesapeake ALERT system, internet sites including social media, family, friends and neighbors, and television and radio. When a tornado warning alert is received, seek shelter immediately. If possible, go to a basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls. Get under a sturdy table if possible and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Mobile homes offer little protection from tornadoes, so go to a pre-identified, nearby safe location. If you are outside and there is no shelter, take "last resort" action such as getting into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to a sturdy shelter; take cover in a stationary vehicle, put on your seat belt and cover your head with your arms and a coat, blanket or some protective material; lie in an area noticeably lower than the level of the roadway and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or some protective material.

More information on preparing for and responding during a tornado can be found at Ready.gov: <https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>.

Register Now for Chesapeake Alert

The recent tornadoes are 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.



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.

PROJECT UPDATES

Portsmouth Blvd. Widening Project Breaks Ground

Construction has begun on the Portsmouth Boulevard Widening Project. The project will widen Portsmouth Blvd. from two to four lanes from the I-664 interchange to the Suffolk city line. Work will also continue into Suffolk. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018.

Cooper's Ditch Dredging Project Underway

This project will dredge and remove a large amount of sediment from the Cooper's Ditch System to improve capacity. The City desires to restore the hydraulic capacity of the areas. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2018.

DEVELOPMENT & PERMITS

Dollar Tree: The foundation permits were issued on March 10, for a 12 story office building that will include approximately 26,000 square feet per floor.

Mission BBQ: A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued on April 20, to Mission BBQ located at 1329 Battlefield Blvd., Suite 150. The restaurant is 3,800 square feet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chesapeake HeartChase & Walk
Thursday, May 11
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park

Chesapeake Peace Officer Memorial
Monday, May 15
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
City Hall Complex

Chesapeake Jubilee
May 18 - 21
Chesapeake City Park
ChesapeakeJubilee.org

Blue Star Highway Dedication
Wednesday, May 15
1:00 p.m.
Bainbridge Blvd. at Dominion Blvd.

Memorial Day Holiday
Monday, May 29
All City Facilities Closed

Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday, May 29
City Council Chamber
City Hall - 1st Floor