



REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders *November 2016*

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Chesapeake's 3rd Annual Manufacturing Month a Success

In celebration of National Manufacturing Day on October 7, Chesapeake's Department of Economic Development and its industry partners hosted a month-long series of events, including:

- Yupo Corporation of America, a synthetic paper manufacturer, held a Career Fair on October 6 which attracted 100 candidates for multiple positions. Openings are still available for Warehouse Technicians and Finishing Manager. Interested candidates can apply at www.yupousa.com.
- Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America, a manufacturer of industrial gears and speed reducers, invited scholarship recipients and their families to a special luncheon and plant tour.
- Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division) hosted a plant tour of their new 150,000 sq. ft. facility, showcasing its manufacturing division and skilled workforce which focuses on submarines and related systems.
- WCTV Chesapeake Television's series *The Decision Makers* aired a program focused on Manufacturing in Chesapeake covering the growth and importance of the City's manufacturing industry. Subject matter experts provided insight as to what drives this sector. The show can be viewed at www.CityOfChesapeake.net/TV.



Steven Wright, Director of Economic Development (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to RADM William Klemm, Director of Business Development with Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division) for their Manufacturing Month event.

According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, manufacturing supports more than 18.5 million jobs in the United States. Over a three-year period, Chesapeake's manufacturing base has grown from 40 plus to 50 companies, the largest in Hampton Roads. Business investment and job creation in this important sector is on the rise in Chesapeake, over the last decade generating well over \$300 million and 1,100 new jobs for the City.

HURRICANE MATTHEW UPDATES

City Council Approves \$200,000 in Donations to Assist Victims

During a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, the City Council approved the donation of \$200,000 to the non-profit organization ForKids, Inc. The money will be used by ForKids to provide payments in the amount of \$2,000 each to property owners whose property was determined to be either destroyed or majorly damaged as a result of Hurricane Matthew.

ForKids was selected for this project due to their ongoing working relationship with the City and their expertise in dealing with housing-related emergency needs for Chesapeake citizens.

Approximately 60 properties qualify for the program, which was based on damage criteria established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Property owners will be contacted directly, based on information provided when they reported their damage to the City. Anyone with property damage which has not been reported to the City may still do so, and those damages will be evaluated for possible inclusion in the donation program.

Trash and Recycling Collections Return to Normal

After almost one month of 6-day per week efforts, the Public Works Department has completed the collection of debris from Hurricane Matthew. This collection included both woody debris brought down by the storm, along with a significant amount of building materials, appliances, and general waste created by flood waters. The City engaged a private contractor to assist in the work, through a standing contract arrangement available following a disaster.

Normal trash and recycling collections have now resumed, and residents and businesses are reminded of the need to call or go online to schedule pick-ups for bulk waste. To request a bulk waste collection, call 382-CITY from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or visit CityOfChesapeake.net, 24 hours per day.

The Public Works Department thanks the citizens for both their patience with the collection process, and their efforts to properly size and place their items, which significantly improved collection speeds.

Federal Designation Opens Door for FEMA Aid

On November 2, the City received word that President Barack Obama approved a Federal Disaster Declaration for the cities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Newport News following Hurricane Matthew. This designation, requested by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, will provide direct aid for individuals, homeowners, and businesses impacted by the storm, provided they meet certain qualifications. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the oversight agency for the declaration.



FEMA

The City has established a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at the Chesapeake Human Services Department building, 100 Outlaw Street, effective November 3. FEMA personnel are expected to arrive in Chesapeake around November 7, and they will be co-located in the City DRC. In addition to the federal resources, City and non-profit agencies are located at the DRC, ready to assist residents with recovery resources and information. Hours of operation for the DRC can be found online at CityOfChesapeake.net/Matthew or by calling the City's Customer Contact Center at 382-CITY.

It is not necessary to visit the Disaster Recovery Center to begin the FEMA claims process. Registration can be done via telephone at (800) 621-FEMA (800-621-3362) or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.



NEW BUSINESS

Homestead Materials Handling Company (a division of Jefferds Corporation) held an Open House and Equipment Show on October 19 for their newest location at 1101 International Plaza in Cavalier Industrial Park. Homestead is a forklift sales, rentals, service and parts dealer in Virginia & West Virginia with 12 locations and 280 employees. Chesapeake is the newest location with 10 employees. The company is an authorized dealer for CLARK, Sellick, Crown, Linde, Toyota and Doosan.

Mayor Alan Krasnoff (2nd from right) is joined by (l-r): Gene Brogan (Operations Manager) Richard Sinclair (President) David Sorrells (Vice President) Bob Casto (Branch Manager) in cutting the opening ribbon.



DEVELOPMENT & PERMITS

The Dominion Commons East Phase 1 subdivision, located behind Cedar Road Elementary School, with frontage on Cahoon Parkway, Cedar Road, and Grassfield Parkway, has been recorded with the City. This subdivision will accommodate a Kroger Marketplace, which is pending approval subject to resubmittal of the plans. The subdivision includes additional out parcels for future development.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

During their Tuesday, October 25, Work Session, the City Council received an update on the current status of transportation projects in the City. Among the highlights were:

Portsmouth Blvd. (1 mile of improvements in Chesapeake and 1/2 mile in Suffolk): Right-of-way acquisition is complete and under budget; Utility relocations well underway; Chesapeake is managing contracts for both cities; Notice to Proceed expected January 2017; Construction complete mid-2018.

22nd Street Bridge: 90% design completed; Right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination underway; Construction starts summer 2017; Completion expected early 2019.

Deep Creek Bridge: US Army Corps of Engineers managing project; Finalization of plans and start of right-of-way acquisition are next milestones; Construction begins in 2018; Construction complete in 2021.



Western Branch Trail (Conversion of abandoned rail line to recreational trail): Ongoing dialogue between City and Port Authority regarding property transfer; Initial funding through Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for \$300,000 with additional TAP application submitted for remaining \$380,000 needed.

Replacement work on the Deep Creek Bridge is slated to begin in 2018.

The complete transportation update at the City Council's Work Session can be viewed online using the WCTV Chesapeake Television On-Demand service at www.CityOfChesapeake.net/TV.

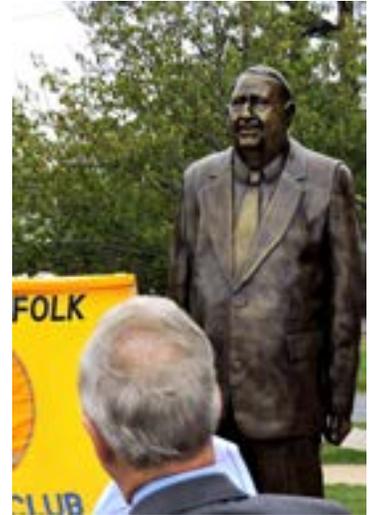
NEWS

Statue Honors Community Leader

Robert G. "Buddy" Bagley was honored October 5 with a statue dedication in his honor at City Park. Bagley, a native of South Norfolk, former Chesapeake Fire Chief and former member of Chesapeake City Council, continues to serve the community through active participation on many foundations, boards, and other civic endeavors. The statue, erected by a committee of local individuals, businesses, and groups, is located adjacent to the City Park stage which also bears Bagley's name.



Among his many accomplishments, Bagley was a founder of the Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation and the Chesapeake Sports Club.



Bookend Café Brings Sweet Treats to South Norfolk Library



The Bookend Café is housed at the South Norfolk Library in the Historic District of South Norfolk. It is staffed by Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare clients who receive treatment in the psycho-social day program for adults with a serious mental illness. The purpose of the day program is to help clients develop skills that could be marketable in the workforce. The cafe offers gourmet coffee, flavored espresso drinks and ice coffee, fresh salads, made to order sandwiches and desserts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 9
6:30 p.m.
City Hall
SPECIAL DATE Due to
Election Day

Planning Comm. Meeting
Wednesday, November 9
7:00 p.m.
School Admin. Building
SPECIAL LOCATION Due
to Election Day

**Dominion Blvd. & Veterans
Bridge Comp. Celebration**
Friday, November 11
9:00 a.m.
Top Rack Marina

Veteran's Day Ceremony
Friday, November 11
11:00 a.m.
Veteran's Memorial
City Hall

Thanksgiving Holidays
City Offices Closed
12:00 noon - November 23
All Day - November 24
All Day - November 25

**Chesapeake Rotary
Holiday Parade**
Saturday, December 3
6:00 p.m.
Great Bridge Area - Ending
at Municipal Center