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# REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders October 2016

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## Chesapeake Remembers 15th Anniversary of 9/11

**O**n Sunday, September 11, the Public Art Committee of the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department conducted a ceremony at Chesapeake City Park to honor and remember those lost 15 years ago.



Mayor Alan Krasnoff served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The keynote speaker was retired US Army Lt. Col. Frank Womble, who recounted his experience at the Pentagon on the day of the terrorist attack. The ceremony also included a bell toll, placing of wreaths symbolic of each of the attack sites, and music from a variety of artists and groups. There was also a combined Honor Guard from the Chesapeake Sheriff's Department and Chesapeake Police Department, and flag-folding and presentation from the Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach Fire Department



Ceremonial Details. The ceremony took place at the Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial site, which is currently under development. Information on the memorial site is available online at [Ches911Memorial.org](http://Ches911Memorial.org).

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## ECONOMIC IMPACTS

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### New Grocer Comes To Chesapeake



**P**opular grocery retailer Aldi opened its first Chesapeake store on September 29 at 4107 Portsmouth Blvd. The local store joins more than 1,500 Aldi locations in 34 states, offering high-quality, low-priced grocery items. The new store combines a wide array of products with an environmentally friendly facility, which includes energy-saving refrigeration and LED lighting, among other features. Aldi plans to open additional locations in the Hampton Roads area in the coming months. Information about the company and their offerings may be found online at [Aldi.us](http://Aldi.us).

## Absentee Voting Sites Offered

The General Election on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, has the potential to be another record-setter in Chesapeake and around the nation. Polls are expected to be packed, and officials are already taking steps to alleviate congestion. Among those is a push to encourage anyone planning to vote Absentee to do so BEFORE election day.

Chesapeake's General Registrar, Mary Lynn Pinkerman, has established two locations here in Chesapeake where you can cast your ballot weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is, of course, provided you meet one of the qualifications to vote absentee, such as being out of town on election day or having a disability that prevents your going to the polls. A complete list of the Absentee Voting Requirements is available at [CityOfChesapeake.net/Voter](http://CityOfChesapeake.net/Voter) or by calling 277-9797.



Absentee voting locations are at The Mount-Cathedral, 215 Las Gaviotas Blvd. just off Cedar Road, and at Moose Lodge 898, which is located at 1400 North George Washington Highway. Voters may cast their absentee ballot at either location, regardless of the polling precinct in which they reside.

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## Changes Announced for HOMEARAMA 2016

Due to weather-related construction delays, the Tidewater Builders Association has made a change in the Homearama Touring Edition format for 2016. The regional tour, which begins on October 13, will not include homes in Chesapeake's Edinburg neighborhood. That tour runs through October 30, with information on times, locations, etc., available at [TBAOnline.org](http://TBAOnline.org).



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From November 10 to 20, Chesapeake will be home to the "Homearama Holiday Edition in Edinburg," open daily from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Five custom homes, decorated for the holidays with individual themes, will be open throughout the event. In addition, there will be family and children's holiday activities. Details about this new offering are available at [TBAOnline.org](http://TBAOnline.org) or by calling 757-420-2434.

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## Parks Receives Grant for Indian River Watershed

The City of Chesapeake, through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, has been awarded a \$182,000 grant in an effort to acquire a 2.023-acre parcel in the Indian River watershed to serve as a proposed public park. Potential development for the park could include facilities for fishing, picnicking and wildlife observation.

As outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan, this grant will facilitate the provision of future public waterfront access, which is crucial to residents' future quality of life in many ways. The grant request was based on a need for public access in this watershed identified by community organizations. The grant is one of 23 Virginia Land Conservation Foundation grants, all totaling \$6.42 million to help shield 7,037 acres of at-risk land from development. As stated by Governor McAuliffe, "These grant projects will benefit all Virginians and help achieve the goals of the Virginia Outdoor Plan."

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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### Graduation Brings New Firefighters to Chesapeake Stations

The Chesapeake Fire Department welcomed 30 new Firefighter-EMTs to the department in September, following the graduation of Recruit Classes 61 and 62. The six-month training program included both classroom and practical instruction in areas such as emergency medicine, firefighting operations, and hazardous materials management. Recruits also participated in rigorous physical training daily and received instruction in customer service and community relations topics. The new Firefighter-EMTs have already begun their service in Chesapeake's 15 stations, filling spots on one of three 24-hour shifts which rotate in each station.



Recruits participated in a variety of realistic scenarios during their training.



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## PROJECTS

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### Pavement Resurfacing

The Public Works Departments' 2016-2017 Resurfacing Projects list is now available for viewing on the City website. The department conducts two different types of resurfacing: (1) Two-inch Asphalt Overlay - Resurfacing of roadway with a two-inch thick mat of hot mix asphalt placed over existing road surface, and (2) Full Depth Reclamation w/Asphalt Overlay - The surface of a road, with major surface deterioration and pavement base failure, is pulverized along with some of the road base material to a depth of eight inches. All of the existing road material is reused and Portland cement is added to the mixture to stabilize and strengthen the base. The new base is shaped and compacted and a new asphalt surface course is installed - usually two to three inches of hot mix asphalt. A link to the project list can be found in the Spotlight section of [CityOfChesapeake.net](http://CityOfChesapeake.net).

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## OCTOBER EVENTS

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**Great American  
Food Fest  
October 5  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
City Park**

**Waterways Heritage  
Festival  
October 8-9  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Battlefield Park South**

**Chesapeake Wine Festival  
October 8  
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
City Park**

**Ghost Train  
October 20-22; 27-29  
Nightly 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.  
Northwest River Park**

**Dismal Swamp Art Festival  
October 22  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail**

**Zombie Run  
October 22  
4:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Central Library**