



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA
September 2014

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

NEWS

DOMINION BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

The Chesapeake Planning Department and study consultant Design Workshop recently held two separate public input sessions and provided citizens with a brief overview and update on the Dominion Boulevard Corridor Study. The meetings also included an electronic polling exercise followed by group break-out scenario map discussions on topics related to the Study. This gave participants the opportunity to provide input on three alternative focal development sessions. For more information and dates of upcoming meetings visit cityofchesapeake.net/domblvdstudy.

NEW FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted a study that modified the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and the Flood Insurance Study for Chesapeake. This study identified new base flood elevations (BFE) and the limits of the flood zones. City staff participated in the study and coordinated outreach efforts to notify residents and receive their input.

On June 16, 2014, FEMA notified the City that the new FIRM would become effective December 16, 2014. To remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, the City must amend the Floodplain Management Ordinance to adopt the new FIRM by the effective date. City staff has recommended this amendment for adoption. In addition to the new FIRM, there were a few minor modifications that were included to clarify requirements. None of these minor changes alter current policies and procedures already in effect. City staff will communicate the requirements of the revised ordinance with the building community. For more information visit the City's website, cityofchesapeake.net.

PROJECTS

CEDAR ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Cedar Road has two new traffic lights. One light is a developer-installed signal at the Pines of Warrick intersection. The other was installed as part of the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project at the new access road by the Farm Fresh Supermarket shopping center.

DOMINION BLVD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The project continues to progress towards a February 2015 opening of the first bridge span, which will eliminate delays caused by bridge lifts. In late August, the construction of the bridge span over the Dominion Lakes Blvd. intersection was completed and the intersection is once again open.



OPERATIONS

RED KNOT APARTMENTS

The Department of Development and Permits issued the first two Certificate of Occupancies for the Red Knot Apartments in Edinburgh.

OLAH'S LANDING

The City has received a request for a new subdivision called Olah's Landing for 105 lots off of Johnstown Road.

COST PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PHASE TWO UPDATE

The Public Utilities Cost Participation Program (CPP) was initiated to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods without public water and sewer to petition the City for these Services. City Council revised the CPP policy on July 22, 2014. The revision changes the advance payment connection fee requirement from 75% to 50% +1 of the owners paying. With this change, the following two neighborhoods now meet both the petition and connection fee requirements: (1) Battlewood Meadows and (2) Manning Court, Wampler Place, Vico Drive and Jolliff Road.

There will be a Public Hearing during the September 23 City Council Meeting, and at that time, Council will determine if the City will move forward on the two projects.

REMINDER

The Great SouthEast ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

**October 16
10:16 a.m.**

Virginians can practice the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" safe response to an earthquake during the Great SouthEast ShakeOut earthquake drill. This is a great opportunity to quickly practice several steps that are potentially life-saving.

Register at:
ShakeOut.org/southeast

EVENTS

**Chesapeake Sheriff's Office
Amazing Race "Fight
Against Cancer" event**
Saturday, September 6
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Municipal Center

911 Memorial Service
Thursday, September 11
8:30 a.m.
City Park
*Remembering those who lost
their lives on 9/11*

Freedom Run
Saturday, September 13
8:00 a.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail
*Remembering those who lost
their lives on 9/11*

**Chesapeake Rotary First
Citizen Award Banquet**
Thursday, September 18
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

**CVDFDA-AKC
Confirmation Dog Show**
Saturday, September 20 -
Sunday, September 21
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park

Chesapeake Recycles Day
Saturday, September 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Southgate Plaza
2307 Bainbridge Blvd.

**The Amazing Race
Chesapeake 2014**
Saturday, September 27
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Towne Place at Greenbrier
*Benefits CHIP of South
Hampton Roads*

**Special Olympics Soccer
and Bocce Tournament**
Sunday, September 28
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Centerville Park
1857 Centerville Turnpike S.

Great American Food Fest
Wednesday, October 1
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
*Benefits Chesapeake Sheriff's
Office charities and South Norfolk
Ruritan projects*

NEWS

THE CITY MANAGER TAKES THE ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

City Manager Jim Baker participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge to support raising awareness for ALS. He challenged all City employees to consider including ALS in their charitable giving.

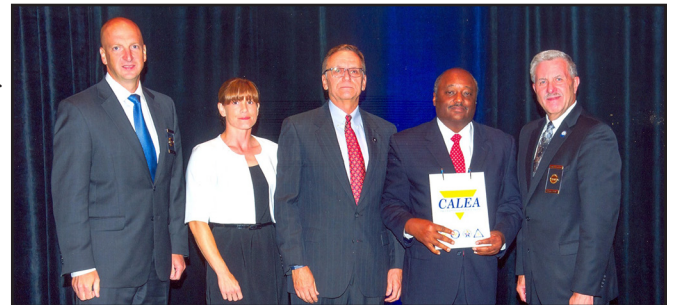


Staff in the City Manager's Office assisted Mr. Baker with the Ice Bucket Challenge. If you are interested in supporting ALS research, visit alsa.org.



THE CHESAPEAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED A NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Chesapeake Police Department was recently awarded national accreditation status through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, maintain a body of standards, establish and administer an accreditation process, and recognize professional excellence. The Chesapeake Police Department received their initial award from CALEA on July 26. They are scheduled to have a formal presentation at the September 23 City Council meeting.



Pictured from left to right: CALEA Executive Director Craig Hartley Jr., Officer Wendy Jancewicz, Bob Kolin, Chief Kelvin Wright, CALEA Commission President J. Grayson Robinson.

FREEMAN AVENUE RAILROAD OVERPASS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Last month, a Public Information Meeting was held regarding the Freeman Avenue Railroad Overpass Feasibility Study. The meeting presented potential railroad crossing improvements along Freeman Avenue. The purpose of the meeting was to receive public input on conceptual design options for future construction of a railroad bridge overpass along Freeman Avenue. A feasibility study has identified two design options that would direct vehicular traffic over the existing Norfolk and Portsmouth Beltline railroad to eliminate delay caused by railroad use. Once a preferred design option is selected, the City will pursue funding for future project design.

CHESAPEAKE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES

Each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration recognizes small business owners and advocates that have made critical contributions to America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. This year, Chesapeake's own Angela Barber was awarded the Women in Business Champion of the Year Award. As the Small Business Development Coordinator for the City, Ms. Barber continues to bring innovative ideas to the table and works hard to support the efforts of small businesses in Chesapeake.