

Real Time Updates

for the Chesapeake City Council

February 6, 2012

PROJECTS

CENTERVILLE SIGNAL

• The Centerville/Blue Ridge Traffic Signal project has been awarded to Service Electric Corp. Notice to Proceed is scheduled for February 14 due to material order time.

BATTLEFIELD SIGNAL

• Battlefield Blvd/Volvo Parkway Traffic Signal has been awarded to SDC Construction. The Notice to Proceed was given on January 17.

WEST MUNDEN

DRAINAGE

• The West Munden Drainage Improvement project has been awarded to Tidewater Utilities Construction, Inc. Notice to Proceed is scheduled for the first week of February.

VOLVO ROUNDABOUT

• Volvo/Independence Parkway Roundabout is scheduled to be advertised next week with bids proposed to be received on February 12.

WEED REMOVAL

• The departments of Development and Permits and Purchasing have secured two contractors for performing weed and debris removal for this year. These contractors will supplement the Sheriff's work crew so that violations can be cleared quicker.



The young women of Chesapeake Sheriff's Department Aspire program visited the General Assembly where they had the opportunity to have one on one time with Virginia's Secretary of Administration, Lisa Hicks-Thomas, Delegate John Cosgrove representing Virginia's 78th district, Delegate Matthew James representing Virginia's 80th district, and Chief of Staff, Susan J. Rowland from Delegate Lionell Spruill's office who represents Virginia's 77th district. The young women of Aspire were also recognized on the floor in The House of Delegates Chamber while observing from the gallery, visited Virginia's Executive Mansion where Governor Robert F. McDonnell resides with his family and toured the Virginia State Capitol.

OPERATIONS

SIGN SWEEPER PROGRAM

• On January 4, the Public Works Department, with assistance from the Department of Development and Permits, held the first training session for the Sign Sweeper program. Eleven citizens, who are all current City volunteers through either the Citizens' Police Academy, Adopt a Highway or the Community Emergency Response Team, became the pilot group for this litter control program. They have been outfitted with ID cards and safety vests and will be reporting their illegal sign collection and disposal to Public Works. In the near future, an additional training will take place which will be open to all citizens.

NEWS

FARMLAND PRESERVATION GRANT

• Governor Bob McDonnell announced the distribution of \$1.2 million in farmland preservation grants from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to 13 Virginia localities. Chesapeake will receive \$110,952.46.

DOMINION BLVD. RECEIVES FUNDS

• Governor Bob McDonnell announced that the Dominion Boulevard project, a significant transportation improvement to ease congestion and enhance safety in Chesapeake, will move forward as a result of funding provided by the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB).

PROJECTS

DEEP CREEK PARK OPENS

• Deep Creek Park was accepted as “construction completed,” by the City on December 1, 2011. The park hosts four multi-purpose fields—two lighted, plus four tournament-quality baseball fields (Bronco and Pony) – all lighted, which showcase grass infields and are irrigated for durability and performance. All athletic fields are closed to public use until at least late spring 2012, to allow the grass to become well established and up to full potential. A dog park, rest room facility and ADA-accessible play area adjoining three shelters is provided, and currently open for public enjoyment. The park has a mulch perimeter trail system for walking and hiking, which is also open to the public at this time. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for March 24, 10:00-11:00 a.m..

WINGFIELD POINTE

• The City has now completed the majority of in-kind improvements (signage will be installed later with the Elizabeth River Landing Park improvement project) required be done by the EPA, in response for its costs incurred for the 2005 removal and disposal of drums from Wingfield Pointe. Based upon the work substantially completed, the EPA has confirmed that settlement of the City’s alleged responsibility has been achieved.

OPERATIONS

JIM WALSKI TO RETIRE

• J. K. Walski, P.E., Director of Public Utilities, will retire after 36-years of public service, over 21 of those years with the City of Chesapeake. His last day will be February 29. An open informal reception will be held February 29, 2-4 p.m. in the Human Resources Training Center on the fourth floor of City Hall.

LOW RECYCLING PARTICIPATION

• TFC Recycling is targeting select neighborhoods whose participation in the recycling program is low. They have already distributed door hangers with information about recycling and the Recycling Perks program to the Camelot subdivision and will move on to several other targeted neighborhoods in the near future.

STORMWATER REQUESTS

• After having completed the backlog of stormwater service requests, the Stormwater Division will begin to focus their attention on preventative maintenance instead of just responding to citizen calls about clogged systems. It is expected that this preventative maintenance will keep the system running as smoothly as possible, thus minimizing the amount of service request calls from citizens.

NEWS



OFFICER RECEIVES AWARD

• The Deep Creek Ruritan’s Club presented Officer D. W. Matson with an award for Third Precinct Officer of the Year for 2011. This award was for outstanding service to the citizens of Deep Creek as a result of his dedication to the community, his role in catching a bank robber from the Bank of Hampton Roads in May of 2011, and for his role in catching a burglar from the Brentwood section of the City in October of 2011.

CITY MENTIONED IN MAGAZINE

• The City was acknowledged in the December edition of *SportsEvents*, a national publication for our creative solution for when the Virginia Destroyers needed additional meeting space that their hotel could not provide. Our Conventions and Visitors Bureau helped coordinate bringing in portable classrooms from our schools to supplement the space at the host hotel.

EVENTS

• **South Norfolk Jordan Bridge Public Information Meeting,** 9:00-11:00 a.m., Feb. 4 and 18

• **Heron’s Landing SRO Groundbreaking,** Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m., 2133 South Military Highway

• **A Valentine’s Day Evening to Remember,** Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Chesapeake Conference Center

• **State of the City,** Thursday, Feb. 23, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Chesapeake Conference Center