



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

December 2013

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

NEWS

RAISING AWARENESS

- November was Diabetes Awareness Month and Eastern Virginia Medical School partnered with the City of Chesapeake to help raise awareness. Large outdoor sidewalk stickers were placed throughout the City Hall grounds to help remind people about diabetes and the need for regular check-ups. A total of about 8.7% of Virginians have diabetes, including an estimated 175,000 right here in Hampton Roads. There are many risk factors to diabetes including family history, weight, and lifestyle.



BUYING LOCAL CHESAPEAKE

- For every \$1 spent at local businesses, 45 cents is reinvested locally. It's important to support local merchants this holiday season. Shopping locally is a great way to enhance the economy and find high quality items for everyone on your holiday list. BuyLocalChesapeake.net features a directory of retail and service providers in almost every category. Businesses that are not currently participating in the program should consider signing up; it's a great way to boost business this holiday season.

THE GILMERTON BRIDGE LIFT SCHEDULE IS CHANGING

- The U.S. Coast Guard will change the Gilmerton Bridge lift schedule back to its pre-construction schedule on December 20. At that time, weekday rush hour restrictions will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (instead of 9:30 a.m.) and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (instead of 6:30 p.m.) The bridge will lift on demand during non-restricted periods.



During the week of December 9, motorists can expect openings at the bottom of the hour from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as City bridge operators are training to operate the new lift span.

PROJECTS

HUDGIN BRIDGE UPDATES

- The replacement of the pre-cast concrete box culverts on the Hudgin Bridge, off of Fentress Airfield Road, is underway. The road is currently closed and the detour on Long Ridge Road is marked. The estimated construction completion date is March 2014.

SHILLELAGH ROAD AND DITCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- The Shillelagh Road and Ditch Improvement project is underway. The project will improve the roadside ditch along the west side of Shillelagh Road between Hallmark Way and Herring Ditch by establishing a 10' wide shoulder and relocating a roadside ditch.

SURVEYING FOR COOPER'S DITCH DREDGING PROJECT

- Surveying has begun for the Cooper's Ditch Dredging project. Residents may see surveyors working either in the canal by boat or along the edge of the canal by foot. Surveying is expected to be complete by February 2014.

OPERATIONS

NEW UNITS AT KING'S POINT

- Development and Permits has processed the applications and is issuing permits for 19 new units at King's Point for the Dragas Management Corporation.

CHANGES ARE BEGINNING FOR SENTARA

- A permit was recently issued to Compo Construction Company for alterations of Sentara's Revenue Office and Simulator for the Medical Training Facility, located at 1441 Crossways Blvd.

ALLFIRST LLC BEGINS WORK ON RAIL CARS

- A permit was recently issued to Allfirst LLC to construct industrial metal ladders and walkway access to the top of rail cars.



Chesapeake's Can Do Food Drive

The Development & Permits Department, along with contributions from several other City departments, donated 672 pounds of food for needy families in Chesapeake this Thanksgiving. A special thank you goes out to Deborah Butler who headed up the food drive for the Development and Permits Department. With her help, their department gathered all of the food in the photo to the left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMART BEGINNINGS HAMPTON ROADS

- On September 9, 2013, Smart Beginnings Hampton Roads recognized Chesapeake for its work over the past four years ensuring that children in our community enter kindergarten ready to learn. Chesapeake's R U Ready Initiative focuses on three areas: enhancing home environments and family stability, enhancing early learning environments, and ensuring smooth kindergarten transitions. Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Deputy City Manager Wanda Barnard-Bailey, and Kathryn Jessee, R U Ready Coordinator, accepted the award for the City of Chesapeake.



Pictured from left to right: Michelle Cowling, Dr. Nancy Welch, Mary Riley, Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Kathryn Jessee, and Dr. Wanda Barnard-Bailey

EMPLOYEE INNOVATION AWARDS

Employees deserve to be recognized for their hard work and contribution to the City of Chesapeake. Below are the latest recipients of the prestigious Employee Innovation Awards. Congratulations to the following employees for their excellent work and commitment to the City:

- Rachel Friend with the Public Works Department saved the taxpayers more than \$100,000 on the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail construction project.
- Deputy Lieutenant William James III implemented a system to make the Project Lifesaver program more fiscally self-sustaining.
- Wesley Mullins with the Information Technology Department lead the force during the PeopleSoft 9.2 upgrade, which saved the City \$20,000.
- William (Randy) Baker with Central Fleet Management implemented a cost saving alternative to windshield washer fluid for an annual savings of \$1,200.
- William DeMark with the Information Technology Department completed a Kronos update in-house, which saved the City \$26,000.
- Irine Vaughan with the Public Works Department has shown a commitment in catching billing errors and conducted thorough research which has saved the City about \$3,000.
- Cynthia Scollise with the Development and Permits Department streamlined the Development and Permits new reporting system.

EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

Breakfast with Santa & Sparky

Saturday, December 7
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Fire Station No. 5
451 Hanbury Road

Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment

Saturday, December 7
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Battlefield Park South

Annual Rotary Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 7
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant, Battlefield
Blvd., Cedar Rd.

Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment

Sunday, December 8
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Battlefield Park South