



Real Time Updates



May 2013

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

PROJECTS

NEWS

DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Construction activity for the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project will continue to increase and may include additional night operations, which will minimize disruption to motorists. At times, equipment operations, temporary lights, and noise may be noticeable to the surrounding area. The night work is expected to end by mid-May. For more information on the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project, or other projects visit the City's website at www.CityofChesapeake.net.



CHESAPEAKE CLERK NAMED CLERK OF THE YEAR 2013

- City Clerk Dolores A. Moore, MMC, was named Clerk of the Year for 2013 by the Virginia Municipal Clerk's Association (VMCA) during its annual conference in April. This award recognizes a Clerk who stands out by bringing innovative ideas to the Association, demonstrating a commitment to professional development and community involvement, and exhibiting extraordinary individual job performance and a positive on-the-job attitude. Mayor Alan Krasnoff presented Chesapeake City Clerk Dolores Moore, MMC, and her staff with a Proclamation from the City Council, thanking them for their efforts on behalf of our citizens throughout the year.



ARBOR DAY AT CENTERVILLE PARK

- The final phase of tree planting along the perimeter of Centerville Park took place on April 13th as part of Arbor Day festivities. A total of 1,550 trees have been planted over an eight-year period.



CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTER ACHIEVES TOP-NOTCH AWARD

- The City of Chesapeake Customer Contact Center was named one of the *Top 10 Small Centers* in the 2013 Top 100 Call Center Contest. Congratulations to Patricia Morrow and her team for a job well done!

CHESAPEAKE SOCIAL SERVICES RECEIVES 2012 HUNGER CHAMPIONS AWARD

- Congratulations to Harry Cromer and the Benefit Programs staff for their dedication and hard work which resulted in Chesapeake Social Services receiving the 2012 Hunger Champions Award! The annual Hunger Champions Award honors local social services agencies nationwide that provide exemplary service in assisting eligible households to apply for and obtain SNAP benefits. Chesapeake was one of only three local agencies in Virginia, and the only agency in the Eastern Region, to receive a 2012 Hunger Champions Award. Thank you to the Benefit Programs staff for their outstanding service to the citizens of Chesapeake.

2012 SUPERSTAR AWARD WINNERS

- Multiple individuals and groups who volunteer or work on behalf of emergency preparedness and response in Virginia were recently recognized with the *2012 SuperStar Awards*. A total of 46 nominations were submitted in 11 categories and the City of Chesapeake was recognized in 8 categories. Congratulations to the following *2012 SuperStar Award* winners:

1. ***Most Outstanding Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer***- Joseph Stacy Sr., MS, BSN, RN.
2. ***Most Outstanding Local Exercise*** - Mass Medical Dispensing Exercise hosted by the Chesapeake Medical Reserve Corps.
3. ***Most Outstanding Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer***- Ms. Cassandra Cantey; Ms. Lindell Henderson, BSN, RN; Mr. Mike Mui; Mrs. Kathy Romes, BSN, RN; Mr. Russell Foot.
4. ***Most Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer***- Ms. Marie Belkofer.

Budget Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 14
6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

VACY Annual Volunteer Reception

Wednesday, May 1,
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in
the Juvenile & Domestic
Relations Court Building.

Justin Holland Historical Marker Dedication

Thursday, May 2,
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., at
the George Washington
Hwy. & Shell Rd.
intersection.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2,
12:20 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. at
City Hall (Rear Entrance).

Paddle for the Border

Saturday, May 4,
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at
the Dismal Swamp State
Park in NC.

Youth Institute Chamber Graduation

Thursday, May 9,
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., in
the City Hall Council
Chambers.

“Traveling the Road to Success” Workshop

Wednesday, May 15,
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., at
Indian River Community
Center.

Peace Officers’ Memorial Service

Thursday, May 16,
11:00 a.m., at the Peace
Officers’ Memorial Site.

2013 Business Appreciation Golf Classic

Friday, May 17
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at
Cahoon Plantation.

Retirement Ceremony

**City Attorney
Ron Hallman**
Friday, May 17,
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in
the City Hall Council
Chambers.

“Traveling the Road to Success” Workshop

Wednesday, May 22,
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., at
Indian River Community
Center.

Mayor’s Veterans’ Commission Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Monday, May 27,
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at City Hall Veteran’s
Memorial.

“Traveling the Road to Success” Workshop

Wednesday, May 29,
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., at
Indian River Community
Center.

Early Education Business Forum

Thursday, May 30,
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., at
Chesapeake Conference
Center.

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING APPROVED CONSTRUCTION PLANS

- Development Engineering has approved construction plans for the following projects: CVS Pharmacy at Campostella and Providence; Cook-Out Restaurant on North Battlefield Blvd., at the intersection of Volvo Parkway; and track improvements at Indian River High School.

CHLORINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- As part of routine maintenance procedures to ensure the quality of the City's drinking water, Chesapeake customers in the Western Branch, Cavalier, Camelot and Brentwood sections will temporarily switch from chloramines to free chlorine as the disinfecting agent which is added to their water. This change, which will be done in accordance with state and federal regulations, will pose no impact to public health or to the safety of City water. The switch to free chlorine will be from May 2 until May 23. Residents may notice a change in odor and color of their water; this change is normal and is not harmful. No action is required and the water remains safe for drinking and other uses. For more information contact the Chesapeake Water Quality Laboratory at 382-3550.

PROPERTY INFORMATION ONLINE

- The Information Technology Department's Geographical Information System (GIS) Division has released Property QuickSearch 2.0. This web-based application, available on CityOfChesapeake.net, provides information on properties in the City, with links to the Real Estate Assessment, Zoning and Flood Zone databases, among others. Property QuickSearch can be accessed from the "Residents" tab on the homepage of the City's website, at CityOfChesapeake.net.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AWARDS

- The Information Technology Department (IT) is continuously working to enhance City processes. In April, three members of the IT staff received the first Innovation Awards, a new City-wide program to recognize employees going above and beyond. The three Innovation Award winners in IT were Andrea Vanderberg, who led the development of electronic materials for the City Council, Billy Demark, who automated a number of Human Resources processes, and Cameron McCormick, who created a system to allow residents to see their Storm Surge Zone online. Congratulations to these top-performing IT staff members.



CHESAPEAKE EXPRESSWAY

- The annual renewal and replacement work on the Chesapeake Expressway has gone smoothly throughout the month of April and will continue into May. Paving, guard rail work, and other maintenance items are currently taking place. "Peak Weekends" at the Chesapeake Expressway will begin on Saturday, May 18 and will run through Sunday, September 8. During this time, toll rates on the weekends (from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday through 12:00 midnight on Sunday) will be at the "Peak Weekend" rate. For details on the toll rate schedule, visit www.ChesapeakeExpressway.com.

