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# Real Time Updates

for the Chesapeake City Council

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**Chesapeake**  
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January 2013

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## NEWS

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### DOMINION BOULEVARD GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

- On Monday, December 17, the City of Chesapeake celebrated the groundbreaking of the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project. Construction on Dominion Boulevard will begin in January 2013, with completion in early 2017. The project will replace the two-lane Steel Bridge with a 95' high, fixed-span, four-lane bridge. The roadway between Cedar Road and Great Bridge Boulevard will be widened from two-lanes to four-lanes. Interchanges will be created at Cedar Road, Bainbridge Boulevard/Dominion Lakes and Great Bridge Boulevard. Funding for the \$411.7 million project will come from a variety of sources including a Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Loan, Toll Revenue Bonds, and previously allocated City funds.



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## EVENTS

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**50th Anniversary  
Opening Ceremony**  
Wednesday, Jan. 2, 7:00  
p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at City  
Hall in the Council  
Chambers.

**City Council Strategic  
Planning Session**  
Tuesday, Jan. 29, 5:00 p.m.  
- 9:00 p.m., at City Hall  
in the 4th Floor Training  
Room.

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## OPERATIONS

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### GILMERTON BRIDGE PROJECT TO BEGIN PHASE II WITH FLOAT-IN OF LIFT SPAN

- Phase 2 of the Gilmerton Bridge Replacement Project will begin the week of Monday, January 7, 2013, with the complex operation of the bridge lift span float-in and subsequent connection to the bridge towers. The specific date of the lift span float-in is subject to change depending on weather conditions. This operation will result in extended bridge and maritime closures. For updates concerning closures, waterway channel restrictions, and general information about the project can be found at, [www.GilmertonBridge.org](http://www.GilmertonBridge.org).

### 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZEN INPUT MEETINGS

- Planning Department staff, together with members of the Planning Commission, have begun soliciting input for the Public Review Draft of the Moving Forward Chesapeake 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update. A series of citizen input meetings began in November 2012, and will conclude January 16, at Tidewater Community College (room 2056), and January 24, at the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center. Both meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For meeting details and more information, visit [www.cityofchesapeake.net](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net).

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Additional information can be found at [CityofChesapeake.net](http://CityofChesapeake.net), or contact the City Manager's Office at 382-6166.

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## PROJECTS

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### CASCADE BLVD. PARK

- Field surveying for light pole layout, trenching and installation of the electric conduit lines to the pole positions, and installation of the electric distribution panel is now complete. The overall project is 40% complete.

### CONSOLVO PARK

- Erosion control fencing and tree protection have been installed. The contractor has started to submit shop drawings for materials and equipment. The project is 3% complete.

### SOUTH NORFOLK LIBRARY

- Public Works is installing the under-slab plumbing on the ground floor. City inspectors are checking the work as it progresses. Layout of the second floor walls is complete. The project is 4% complete.

### ELIZABETH RIVER BOAT LANDING & PARK

- The park and boat ramp remain closed due to reconstruction of the park entrance and areas disturbed by the bridge construction. Work should be completed by the end of January.

### NEW FIRE/ARSON INVESTIGATION TRAILER IS IN SERVICE

- The Chesapeake Fire Prevention Division has a new fire/arson investigation trailer. The trailer was funded through a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant financed by FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The trailer will be shared with other departments around the region to store investigation tools and equipment.

### NEW ANIMAL SERVICES FACILITY OPENED

- The new Animal Services Facility opened for business on December 21. This state-of-the-art, LEED-certified, Category 2 hurricane-rated building, is located at 2100 South Military Highway. The Shelter is open daily except Wednesday and Sunday. Hours are 8-5 for receiving animals and lost-and-found, and 10-4 for visiting and adoptions. The shelter is open 2 hours later on Tuesdays.



Photo credit: Sean Proctor, *Virginian-Pilot*

### RECOGNIZING A DEDICATED POLICE OFFICER

- Officer Frank J. Chappell of the Chesapeake Police Department, has demonstrated exceptional effort and high performance in the area of impaired driving enforcement. Officer Chappell recognizes the importance of educating drivers on the dangers of impaired driving. His efforts have saved many lives, and he has had a positive impact on the community.

### LT. JOHNNY DAY AWARDED FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ACTIVISM:

- Lieutenant Johnny Day of the Chesapeake Police Department was recently awarded the Martin H. Schlosser Award for Traffic Safety Activism. Lieutenant Day is an avid supporter of Virginia's Click It or Ticket and is very passionate about advocating seat belt safety. He has partnered with the Virginia Highway Safety Office and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to develop and build a multi-faceted night time seat belt safety program.

### NATHAN'S CHRISTMAS WISH

- The City of Chesapeake's Pink Fire Truck team helped to make a six-year old cancer patient's Christmas wish come true. Nathan's wish was to receive as many Christmas cards from as many public safety/first responders as possible. The Pink Fire Truck team delivered a truck filled with cards, toys, and fire memorabilia from Chesapeake fire fighters to Nathan's home. The Pink Fire Truck supports cancer awareness and strives to bring love and compassion to the many victims of cancer. The truck has certainly become a "Rolling Ambassador" for the City of Chesapeake.



### A SPECIAL TURKEY DELIVERY

- For the 13th year, members of the Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority delivered 23 turkeys to local Chesapeake fire stations. The turkeys were gifts from the sorority given to all station personnel who worked on Christmas day. They deliver holiday turkeys each year, to show their appreciation for the Chesapeake Fire Department.