



# Real Time Updates

Chesapeake  
VIRGINIA

October 2013

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

## NEWS

## PROJECTS

### 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 Ba*

### A LOCAL PARK HAS A NEW NAME

- The previously known Cascade Boulevard Park was officially renamed James W. McNeil Park on September 25th. Mayor Krasnoff, members of City Council, various City departments, private organizations, and others in the community were present to honor Reverend McNeil and his accomplishments that have contributed to the significant improvement in the quality of life of Chesapeake citizens. Requests to rename the park were submitted by the South Norfolk Borough Civic League with endorsements from the Southside Civic League, South Norfolk Revitalization Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and a number of independent citizens.



### NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL

- A new traffic signal was installed at Great Bridge Boulevard and Campostella Road and will be activated the first week of October.

### THE CHESAPEAKE EXPRESSWAY

- Paving of the Chesapeake Expressway between Gallbush Road and Hillcrest Parkway began September 9 and will continue into October.

### INCREASED SUMMER TRAFFIC

- Summer traffic counts at the Chesapeake Expressway ended on a high note with five straight weeks of increased traffic over last year's figures. A full season report is forthcoming.

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### CHESAPEAKE: “THE CITY THAT CARES”

- The Division of Community Programs, the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office, and Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with civic leagues, neighborhood watches and the faith-based community to present four community events this summer: Camelot Community Day, July 11th; Dunedin Community Day, July 18th; Holly Cove Unity in the Community Day, July 27th; and South Norfolk Community Day, September 14th.

Forty-two Hampton Road service providers and City departments disseminated information on available services, answered questions and distributed free giveaways. More than 1,000 people attended the events and visited the vendor booths. Highlights included K-9 demonstrations, magic shows by David Rosado from the Sheriff’s Office, public safety vehicle displays, free book giveaways, lawn games, food, and fun for everyone. These events show our youth and families the many positive opportunities and activities available to them and help connect them to Chesapeake, “The City That Cares.”

### CHESAPEAKE 9/11 MEMORIAL PROJECT

- On September 7, 2013, the Expanded Public Art Committee, Parks and Recreation Department, Chesapeake Sheriff’s Office, Chesapeake Police Honor Guard and Rifle Detail, and representatives from Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach Fire Departments joined forces for a Kickoff Ceremony at City Park for the 9/11 fundraising project. Vice Mayor John de Triquet and Michael Steele, Chair of the Expanded Public Art Committee, spoke during the ceremony where victims of 9/11 were honored, as well as participants who helped bring back the artifacts to Chesapeake. The 5.5 ton beam was placed in a temporary location by members of Chesapeake Fire Department’s Technical Rescue Team. The conceptual memorial design was on display during the ceremony and will be on display at various locations throughout the City.



## OPERATIONS

### ATOMIZED PRODUCTS PERMIT PULLED

- A land disturbing permit was pulled for the Atomized Products site located in Deep Creek on Military Hwy. Atomized Products Group is a Texas-based firm investing \$4.3 million for a facility that produces battery components.

### POSSIBLE NEW SUBDIVISIONS

- Within the past 30 days Engineering has received the following new subdivisions for review and approval:
  - Morning Side – Indiana Avenue – 29 lots
  - Homestead Phase 2 Indiana Avenue – 20 lots
  - Fishers Cove – Woodland Drive – 34 lots
  - Foxgate Forest – Parker Rd/ Foxgate Quarter 16 lots
  - Cala De Marea Cedar Road – 41 lots
  - Edward & Evelyn Estates – Bells Mill Rd – 30 lots
  - Viridian Reserve – Kegman



## EVENTS



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Great American  
Food Fest**  
Wednesday, October 2  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
City Park

**Civics 101**  
Saturday, October 5  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Major Hillard Library

**5K Doggy Dash &  
1 Mile Puppy Trot**  
Saturday, October 5  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake City Park

**Bark in the Park**  
Sunday, October 6  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake City Park

**Planning  
Commission Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 9  
7:00 p.m.  
City Hall  
Council Chambers

**Farm Days**  
Thursday, October 17  
Friday, October 18  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Triple R Ranch

**Supervisory  
Certificate Program  
Graduation**  
Thursday, October 10  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
HR Training Room

**Chesapeake Recycles  
Day**  
Saturday, October 19  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Woodland Heights  
Baptist Church

**Girls & Young  
Women's  
Empowerment  
Conference**  
Saturday, October 26  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Oscar Smith Middle

**DMV Select 5 Year  
Anniversary**  
Monday, October 28  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
City Hall (Indoors)

**Citizen Information  
Meeting: Updated  
FEMA Flood Ins. Rates**  
Wednesday, October 30  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Conference  
Center