



REAL TIME UPDATES

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders April 2016

NEWS

SOUTH NORFOLK JORDAN BRIDGE - FREE WEEKENDS NOW THROUGH MAY 1

The South Norfolk Jordan Bridge will have FREE tolls going east into Chesapeake on the weekends now through May 1. The toll fee will still apply for traffic going west into Portsmouth.

2016 LOCAL ELECTIONS

The 2016 City Council and School Board elections will take place Tuesday, May 3. Polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.cityofchesapeake.net/voter to find your designated poll location to vote.

Tune in to WCTV Chesapeake Television at 7:00 p.m. on May 3 for LIVE election coverage. Throughout the evening WCTV will bring you election results, along with an analysis by a panel of local experts, and special reports from campaign headquarters.

You can watch the live coverage on Cox 48, Verizon 43, and online at CityofChesapeake.net/TV.



CITY OF CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED FOR WORK IN CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Kathryn Jessee, with the Department of Human Services, was recently recognized by the Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) for her work in child abuse prevention. Kathryn is responsible for the implementation and growth of the City of Chesapeake's Comprehensive Plan for Youth.

Her work and dedication have been instrumental in addressing child abuse, parental engagement, partnerships, and systems' changes to ensure children get a healthy start, enter kindergarten with the appropriate skills, and succeed in school.

Congratulations to Kathryn and the Department of Human Services.

Pictured left to right: Kathryn Jessee, with FACT Board Members Lisa Specter Dunaway, and Betty Wade Coyle.



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OAK GROVE LAKE PARK NAMED NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SITE

Oak Grove Lake Park has been named a National Demonstration Site as designated by PlayCore, meeting best practices for design and the elements of a well-rounded exercise program.

Oak Grove is recognized as an outdoor adult fitness park with a 1.5 mile multi-use fitness trail that runs the perimeter of the 65-acre lake. Citizens can enjoy biking, walking, running, fishing, and more.



CHESAPEAKE RECYCLES!

There are five more Chesapeake Recycles Day events in 2016. The events provide an opportunity to recycle electronics, household hazardous waste, clothing, household items, curbside recyclables, and plastic bags.

Citizens may also bring paper/files for shredding. These events are hosted by Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council, and Chesapeake Public Works Department.

Recycles Days will be held from 9 am to 12 pm on the following dates:

2016 Recycles Day Events

April 23 - Tidewater Community College, Cedar Road

June 11 - 3316 South Military Highway, east of George Washington Hwy.

July 23 - Greenbrier Mall, Greenbrier Parkway

September 10 - Sam's Club, Chesapeake Square, Ring Road

November 12 - Tidewater Community College, Cedar Road



NEW CITY CLERK APPOINTED

Sandy M. Madison was appointed Chesapeake City Clerk on March 15. Sandy began her career with the City in 2002 at the South Norfolk Health Department. She then transferred to Chesapeake General District Courts, and in 2007, she became a Deputy City Clerk under the guidance of former City Clerk, Dolores Moore. Sandy provided support as a Deputy City Clerk II to City Clerk Ruth Fraser and Council Members in Virginia Beach from 2012 to 2015.

The City Clerk provides direct support for City Council Members and preservation of the City's records for future generations.

NEW THINGS HAPPENING AT CHESAPEAKE ARBORETUM

The Chesapeake Arboretum was recently featured in AAA's *Tidewater Traveler* magazine. The article, titled "Tidewater Treasures," shared upcoming changes and what visitors can expect this spring.

The Arboretum's historic farmhouse will soon be open to the public and this spring the Arboretum will start to incorporate various recreational activities for citizens such as owl prowls, star gazing, bird watching and more.



[Click here](#) to view the article.

PROJECTS

WOODLAKE DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

The Woodlake Drive Extension Project received the 2016 American Public Works Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Project of the Year award for the category of Transportation \$5 - \$25 million. The Woodlake Drive Extension Project provided an additional connector between Greenbrier Parkway and Battlefield Boulevard. The new roadway opened in October 2015.

CONSTRUCTION ON ELBOW ROAD

Construction on the Elbow Road Curve Realignment project has begun. The project will realign two curves east of Centerville Turnpike and will widen the roadway at those two curve locations. The project will require the full closure of Elbow Road east of Centerville Turnpike from April 1 to September 1. A detour via Centerville Turnpike, Kempsville Road, and Indian River Road will be posted.

ENHANCEMENTS TO LOCAL PLAYGROUNDS COMING LATE THIS SPRING

Improvements will be made to several neighborhood/school playgrounds this spring. Some of the enhancements include fitness equipment, climbing features, slides, swings, a rock challenge wall, and more.



EVENTS



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

**Volunteer Appreciation
Reception**
Tuesday, April 12
5:15 p.m.
City Hall - 1st Floor Lobby

**37th Annual 50+
Chesapeake Games**
Saturday, April 16 -
Saturday, April 23
Various locations throughout
Chesapeake

Rain Barrel Workshop
Saturday April 16,
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Great Bridge
Community Center

**Hampton Roads
Rubber Duck Race**
Saturday, April 23
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
116 Reservation Road

**Therapeutic Recreation
Special Event**
Miss Abilities Pageant
Sunday, April 24
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conf. Center

**Board of Zoning Appeals
Public Hearing**
Thursday, April 28
6:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber

Paddle for the Border
Saturday, April 30
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal

**Chesapeake Youth
Foundation's CASA
Superhero 5k & 1 Mile Run**
Saturday, April 30
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park