

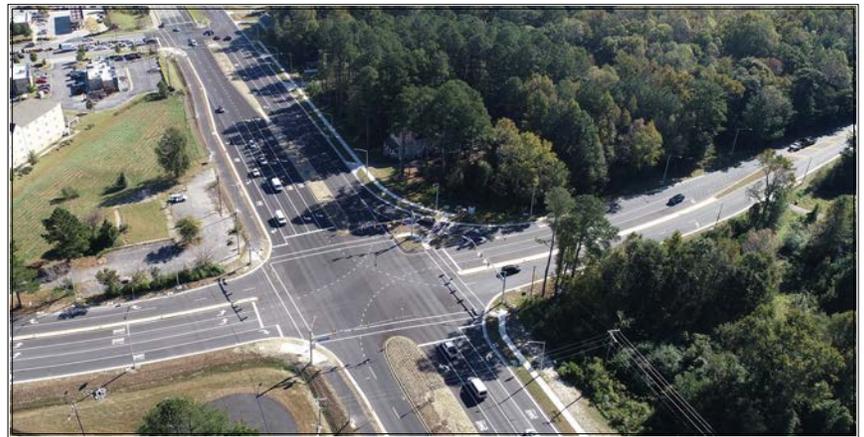
Chesapeake  
VIRGINIA

# REAL TIME UPDATES

December 2018

## CITIES COMPLETE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

**O**n November 8, the cities of Chesapeake and Suffolk celebrated the completion of the Nansemond Parkway-Portsmouth Boulevard Widening Project with a joint ribbon cutting. The project widened the roadway from two to four lanes and improved lighting and signalization. A multi-use path was constructed on the north side of the road and a sidewalk on the south. The project was completed on time and under budget.



Left to right: Chesapeake Council Member Dwight M. Parker; Chesapeake City Manager James E. Baker; Chesapeake Council Members Dr. Ella P. Ward and S.Z. "Debbie" Ritter; Chesapeake Mayor Rick West; Suffolk City Manger Patrick Roberts; Suffolk Mayor Linda Johnson; Suffolk Vice Mayor Leroy Bennett; Suffolk City Council Members Roger Fawcett and Donald Goldberg

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



On October 13, Fire Recruit Classes 7 and 8 graduated from the Hampton Roads Fire Training Academy. For seven months, the forty recruits executed intense training including regular physical activity, classroom learning, interactive Emergency Medical Services training, and live fire training.

Graduating Recruit Classes 7 and 8

## PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM

### CREATIVE ONLINE REPORTING

Click [HERE](#) for Department Report

Click [HERE](#) for Project Updates

**Department Report**  
**October 2018**  
Parks, Recreation and Tourism  
**Chesapeake**  
VIRGINIA

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Project Updates		Parks, Recreation and Tourism <b>Chesapeake</b> VIRGINIA
WORK TO BE PERFORMED/UPDATES	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE	
Cox Communication network installation, security system, video system, badge access system, time clock, workstation/printer installs	Winter 2019	
Repair damaged pier	Winter 2019	
New gate for emergency access road	Completed	
Perimeter fencing added	Completed	
Sidewalks from parking lot to trail installed	Completed	
Exercise equipment added	Fall 2018	
Install ADA sidewalk connector to Shelter #1	Completed	
Improvements to the parking lot include installation of a fire lane, to handicapped parking spots and respective parking lot painting, signage and directional arrows	Completed	
ADA sidewalk from parking lot to restrooms	Completed	
New playground	Completed	
Fencing by roadways	Completed	
Paint and repair storage shed	Winter 2019	
Add fencing around pumps and wells	Winter 2019	
New arboretum sign installed	Completed	
New parking lot perimeter fencing	Completed	
New shelter/gazebo installed	Completed	
Main trail widening as needed	Completed	
Plant identifying signage for Camelia Cove	Fall 2018	
Greenhouse enhancements to include door and cover	Fall 2018	
Decorative fence around vegetable garden	Winter 2019	
Install rip-rap around bridges	Spring 2019	
<b>Bridge Status</b>		
Bridges B, D, F, and G replaced	Completed	
Paint barn and shed roofs	Completed	
Bridges A, C, E, H, I, J, and K to be repaired	Winter/Spring 2019	
ADA walkway from parking lot to new shelter to dog park	Completed	
Stain Bagley Stage interior	Completed	
Clean, patch, and restripe Fun Forest parking lot	Completed	
Add fencing around lake	Completed	
Install ADA sidewalk around the Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial	Fall 2018	

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# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANGEMENT

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## TEAM ASSISTS IN FLORENCE RECOVERY

On September 16, the Hampton Roads Incident Management Team (HRIMT) was requested through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact in North Carolina to support recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. The team's resources were deployed to both Pender County and New Hanover County to support locals who had been working around the clock since before the storm's landfall. Mission assignments included: coordinate a donation and volunteer management center for incoming resources; establish a food service unit to coordinate food and supplies that needed to be flown in by helicopter; and supervise the Points of Distribution System for Pender County to supply food and water to stranded residents. Along with hundreds of other responders, the team was able to provide relief to our neighbors in North Carolina.



Florence HRIMT Pender County (BACK ROW) Left to Right: Woody Sullivan, Chief of EMS and Fire Pender County, FF/PM; Barry Bailey, CFD; Lt. Mary Morton, CFD; Lee Williams, VDEM; Capt. Brian Lee, CFD; Tom Collins, Director of Pender County Emergency Management; Battalion Chief Robert Lee, NNFD; Lt. James Green, CFD; Battalion Chief Harry Worley, NFR; Andy Johns, VDEM; Tommy Baston, Pender County Emergency Management; Jonathan Wright, Chesapeake Public Utilities; (FRONT ROW) left to right: Rodger McGary, NCR IMT; Doug Garnand, CFD; Sgt. Andy Booden, NPD; and Chief Bill Skelaney, VBFD



Florence HRIMT New Hanover County: (left to right): Retired Captain Rich Shelley, VBFD; SN/FF Danny Ward, CFD; Deputy Fire Marshal Whit Gibbs, CFD; Safety Inspector Jonathan Wright, Chesapeake Public Utilities ; Sgt. Andy Bolden, NPD; Captain Brian Lee, CFD; Battalion Chief Harry Worley, NFD; Lt. Mary Morton, CFD; Battalion Chief Robert Lee, NNFD; SN/FF Doug Garnand, CFD; and Battalion Chief Bill Skelaney, VBFD

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## COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

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### DMV SELECT CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

On October 26, the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office celebrated 10 years of operating Chesapeake's only Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Select location. DMV Select is a partnership between the DMV and the Commissioner's Office that provides streamlined services and shorter wait times to customers.

In 2008 Chesapeake's DMV Select served more than 1,100 customers per month; ten years later, Commissioner Frank King's staff now serves nearly three times as many. Given that wait times at full-service DMVs can be several hours, there's a significant time savings for both residents and 1,300 City employees in the municipal complex. Plus, DMV Select does not collect the \$5 surcharge that full-service DMVs add for in-person services.

While only full-service DMVs can issue driver's licenses, IDs, and copies of birth certificates, most other services are available in City Hall – including address changes, vehicle titling, registrations, and access to Virginia's 250 license plate designs.



Left to right: DMV Select Team: Katrin Massey, Margaret Horne, Amanda Miller, Carmen Greene and Charisse Keys (not pictured Rykea Conquest)

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## CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### AMAZING SERVICES

As 2018 comes to a close, let the Chesapeake Public Library help you kick start a New Year's resolution. The Library provides free online classes through Universal Class covering more than 500 different subjects. Popular classes include American Heroes and Villains, Bar Tending and Mixology 101, Caring for Seniors, Digital Photography 101, How to Start a Craft Business, and Investing 101. Each class is completely self-paced. Receive continuing education credits, real grades, and feedback on your progress. Universal Class tracks the online portfolio so students can share their accomplishments with employers, friends, and family. Learn anything, anytime, and anywhere.



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# CHESAPEAKE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## FLU VACCINATION CLINIC



The Chesapeake Health Department's (CHD) final Flu Shot Clinic of the year was held on November 2, providing 538 vaccinations to the public at no charge. The clinic took place after the initial one was canceled three times due to hurricanes and a scheduling conflict. The CHD staff was not deterred by these challenges and made sure the public still received the vaccinations.

Staff members, Jerry Tucker and Janae Voorhees received the "Cantore Award" in honor of Jim Cantore, a Weather Channel anchor who is known for "braving the storm."

Left to right: Clinician Nurse Supervisor Janae Voorhees and Emergency Planner Jerry Tucker

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### KROGER CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

The new Kroger Marketplace held its grand opening in Chesapeake on October 31. The former Farm Fresh is located at 309 South Battlefield Boulevard. This is the third store to open of the Kroger Mid-Atlantic stores acquired from Farm Fresh in Hampton Roads. On the morning of the grand opening, the first 200 customers who entered the store received a \$5 Kroger gift card.

More than \$30 million is being invested by Kroger to renovate the acquired Hampton Roads Farm Fresh stores and transform them into Kroger stores.

The nearly 52,000 square-foot Chesapeake store employs 108 full-time and part-time workers. Fifty associates in the new Chesapeake Kroger were hired from Farm Fresh, many of whom have leadership positions throughout the store.

Kroger Mid-Atlantic has hired nearly 400 former Farm Fresh associates to join their team so far in all of their Hampton Roads stores.



Left to right: Chesapeake Council Member Steve Best, Kroger General Manager Billy Milton, and Chesapeake Mayor Rick West

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## NOTEWORTHY

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### FIRST RESPONDER SYMBOL ADOPTED BY DEPARTMENTS

**O**n November 5, the City's Public Works and Public Utilities Departments adopted the American Public Works Association national Public Works First Responder Symbol. The symbol will be placed on the rear left bumper or window of fleet vehicles and featured on employee hard hats. The symbol is expected to increase recognition of public works organizations as first responders and raise awareness of the critical role they continue to play in emergency management. This is the first step in a broader public information campaign.



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### CITY HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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**December 24, 25 & 31 and January 1**

All City offices, courts, libraries, community centers, and Visitor Center will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holiday.

**Holiday Trash & Recycling Collection schedule:**

No Collection on Christmas, Tuesday, December 25

No Collection on New Year's Day, January 1

[\(click here for the alternate holiday collections dates\)](#)

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### EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

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**C.A.S.T.**  
Emergency Shelter for the Homeless  
Wednesdays  
December 5, 12, 19, 26  
7:00 p.m.

[click for locations and information](#)

**"The Christmas Star"**  
Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27  
8:00 p.m.

**Chesapeake Planetarium**  
310 Shea Drive

[click to make your reservation](#)

**Battle of Great Bridge**  
Saturday, December 8  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.  
Battlefield Park South  
120 Reservation Road

[click for more information](#)

**Virginia Symphony Orchestra**  
Holiday Brass Concert  
Wednesday, December 12  
7:00 p.m.  
**Chesapeake Conference Center**  
700 Conference Center Drive

**Holiday Pet Pictures**  
Saturday, December 15  
12:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
**Chesapeake Animal Services**  
2100 S. Military Highway  
[click for more information](#)

**REVIVE!**  
**Opioid Overdose Education**  
Wednesday, December 19  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
**Chesapeake Central Library**  
298 Cedar Road