



REAL TIME UPDATES **Chesapeake** VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders *February 2016*

PROJECTS

DOMINION BOULEVARD SOUTH WIDENING PROJECT

The Dominion Boulevard South Widening Project, which started construction in November 2015, has completed clearing work along the project area. Work will continue to widen two lanes to four lanes just south of the original Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project.

Work on the original project is approaching another milestone as a traffic shift at the Cedar Road intersection is expected within the next couple of weeks. Southbound Dominion Boulevard traffic at Cedar Road will use the overpass and will no longer go through a traffic signal. Northbound traffic will still have a traffic signal, but will use the ramps to cross Cedar Road, similar to the traffic pattern at the Dominion Lakes Boulevard intersection.



Motorists can stay up-to-date on the project by visiting www.CityofChesapeake.net/Dominion, or by following the project on Twitter@DominionBlvd.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS BUILDING PROJECT

Crews have almost completed the steel structure for the new Public Safety Operations Building on Military Highway. Placement of concrete floors will be next. The project is on track to be completed by April 2017.

CITIZEN FEEDBACK IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

The City of Chesapeake recently received positive citizen feedback on the City's website. A local resident provided the following statement about Chesapeake:

"I just want to say the City of Chesapeake has done and is doing a great job of keeping this city running smoothly and efficiently. We have so many wonderful city services that make our lives easier. I'm glad that our taxes are being used well. Congratulations! You are doing a great job and I appreciate every employee who is helping in their way to make this a great city to live in." - Sarah Parks, Citizen of Chesapeake

NEWS

2ND ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE MASTERS

The Chesapeake Masters is the Library Foundation's major fundraiser and features a challenging 18-hole indoor golf tournament. The event will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Library. Proceeds from the event benefit the Smart Start Chesapeake Early Learning & Literacy Project.



RENOVATIONS AND RIBBON CUTTING - SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING

In November 2015, Human Services' Division of Social Services held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the successful renovations throughout the building, primarily on the second floor, allowing the Division to meet federal and state confidentiality and safety requirements.



City leaders, elected officials, and Human Services staff attend the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Social Services building.

From start to finish, the renovation project cost close to one million dollars and took about a year and a half to complete. It takes a village to make something like this happen. More than 300 staff, interns and volunteers were moved multiple times in an effort to prevent the interruption of services to their clients. This project involved numerous groups, organizations, City departments, etc., and the Human Services Department is extremely thankful for everyone's hard work.

2016 CHESAPEAKE RECYCLES DAY EVENTS

There will be six Chesapeake Recycles Day events this year; dates and locations are listed below. All events run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and are free and open to the public. SPSA, TFC Recycling, Goodwill and Stealth Shredding will be on-site at each event to collect household hazardous waste, blue bin recyclables, electronics and sensitive documents for shredding. Plastic bags will be recycled through TREC.

In 2015, more than 67,000 pounds of items were recycled and more than 5,000 gallons of hazardous waste was properly disposed of through four Chesapeake Recycles Day events.

2016 Dates/Locations:

March 12 – Southgate Shopping Center in South Norfolk

April 23 – Tidewater Community College, Cedar Road

June 11 – 3316 S Military Highway

July 23 – Greenbrier Mall

September 10 – Sam's Club in Western Branch

November 12 – Tidewater Community College, Cedar Road

FREE HEALTH FAIR FOR VETERANS

Montero Medical Missions is hosting a FREE Health Fair for Veterans on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Old Dominion University's Webb Center. Health screenings include primary care, dental care, hearing, vision, chiropractic, dermatology, podiatry, women's health, mental health, and more!

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Bring your military ID card or a copy of your DD214 form to the event.

For more information, visit www.monteromedicalmissions.org, or call 598-2666.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHESAPEAKE AND VDEM

The Chesapeake Fire Department is pleased to announce that on January 12 a formal Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the City of Chesapeake, as the lead agency for the Hampton Roads Incident Management Team (HRIMT), and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) making the team an official State asset for emergency response. This is consistent with similar MOUs with the Central VA IMT and National Capital IMT, now giving the State three trained and equipped All-Hazard IMTs. The members of the HRIMT have been working closely with the other two teams to maintain consistency in their training, equipment cache, and SOPs.

The HRIMT and the City of Chesapeake were recently notified of a \$200,000 award, which will cover the costs of training, exercises, and basic equipment and technology upgrades.

Having a regional IMT has been a 10-year dream for the Chesapeake Fire Department. The Chesapeake Fire Department has credited IMT Program Manager, Mike Gurley, for being the driving force behind this program over the past five years. His passion and commitment to the IMT are unsurpassed.



Jeff Stern, PhD, State Coordinator Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff sign the IMT MOU.

Pictured left to right: Mike Gurley, IMT Program Manager; Jeff Stern, PhD, State Coordinator Virginia Department of Emergency Management; Mayor Alan Krasnoff; Robb Braidwood, Chesapeake Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management; Fire Chief Ed Elliott.

EVENTS

**Board of Zoning Appeals
Public Hearing
Thursday, February 25
6:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber
City Hall**

**Great American Cleanup
Tuesday, March 1
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Various locations throughout
Chesapeake**

**Chesapeake Sports Club
Jamboree
Thursday, March 3
6:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center**