



REAL TIME UPDATES

February 2018

NEW YEAR BRINGS COMPANY EXPANSIONS

Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America, (SMA), located in Chesapeake's Cavalier Industrial Park, will invest \$10 million to expand its manufacturing operations, adding 100,000 square feet to their North American headquarters.



The project will retain 20 existing jobs and create 26 new positions. Sumitomo's Chesapeake operations in Chesapeake is home to 220 employees overseeing 18 facilities spanning across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Central and South America. Sumitomo, an international manufacturer of industrial machinery, specializes in power transmission innovation. 2018 marks the 30th Anniversary of SMA's relocation to Chesapeake.

Electric Motor & Contracting (EMC) will invest \$3 million to expand its manufacturing operation in Chesapeake. The company has constructed a state-of-the-art, 22,500-square-foot expansion to its existing nuclear services building, which is used for servicing highly engineered, critical rotating equipment for the commercial nuclear power industry. In addition, 130 existing employees will be retrained to optimize the operations of the new expansion.



Established in 1960, Electric Motor & Contracting remains one of the largest independently owned, full-service electric motor and pump repair/remanufacture facilities in the United States. EMC's main campus in Chesapeake acts as headquarters, operating full-service motor, pump, and switchgear repair divisions.

Chick-fil-A celebrated its grand opening at 600 Grassfield Parkway, by honoring the first 100 customers with free meals from the restaurant for a full year. Chesapeake residents arrived as early as the day before the grand opening, to camp outside of the restaurant. The 5,000 square foot restaurant is the fourth Chick-fil-A in Chesapeake, costing nearly \$3 million and creating 90 new jobs.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

PROJECT COMPLETED UNDER BUDGET



The Cooper's Ditch Dredging Project is completed. The project removed more than 38,000 cubic yards of sediment and restored the ditch's bottom profile. The project came in under its \$2 million budget. Cooper's Ditch is a key element in Chesapeake's Stormwater Management Program.

The City improved Cooper's Ditch and portions of Poplar Branch in the late 1980's by widening and deepening the waterways to add additional hydraulic capacity, relieving localized flooding in the area. In 2007, as a result of increasing flooding problems, the City conducted a basin-wide flood control study and identified certain improvements required to reduce flooding. To watch a video of the dredging project click [here](#).

DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITS NEWS

Chic-fil-A: A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on December 21, 2017 to the Chic-fil-A located at 600 Grassfield Parkway.

Hickory Manor Community Center: A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on December 15, 2017 to the Hickory Manor Community Center, a 3,911 square foot facility located at 436 Cavendish Way.

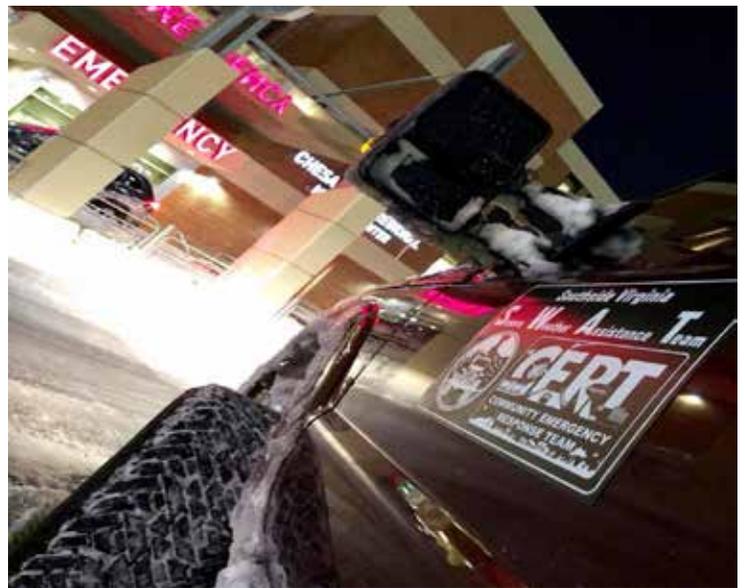
Dunkin Donuts: A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on December 22, 2017 to the Dunkin Donuts located at 1444 Mount Pleasant Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

TEAM ASSISTS DURING RECENT WINTER STORM

The Southside Virginia Severe Weather Assistance Team is a volunteer group of 4x4 enthusiasts who help out the community during times of severe weather. The team most recently assisted in Winter Storm Grayson, which brought close to a foot of snow to Chesapeake.

Founded in January of 2012, the team provides Emergency Response, Logistics and Transportation as directed by the Chesapeake Fire Department and Chesapeake Community Emergency Response Team personnel.



FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER HONORED

The Fire Department's Lieutenant Forrest Winslow was one of the honorees at the 2018 Martin Luther King Leadership Breakfast, held on Monday, January 15 at the Marriott Chesapeake.

The annual event, hosted by The Called Church, brings people together from all walks of life to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King by honoring leaders who are making a difference in the community. Honorees include police, firefighters, youth, businessmen and women, nonprofit entrepreneurs and other professionals.

Awardees are chosen without regard to political affiliation, race, religion or national heritage. This year, Mayor Rick West served as Honorary Chairman and Pastor Jason Banks was the keynote speaker, where the theme was Unity. "I am humbled and thankful to receive such a prestigious honor," said Lieutenant Winslow.



Lieutenant
Forrest Winslow

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM NEWS

SIDEWALKS ADDED FOR CONNECTIVITY

Walkability and connectivity for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Compliance and a Healthier Chesapeake have been a major department goal over the past few years. Taking steps to achieve that goal, sidewalks have been added to make playgrounds, shelters and other amenities more accessible to all. Many of these projects help to tie facilities and parking lots together, making areas more accessible for parents with strollers, citizens with disabilities and others. The goal is to make the parks more enjoyable and safer for everyone.



Creekwood South Park: A new ADA accessible sidewalk has been installed from the road to the playground.



Greenbrier Sports Park: Sidewalks were added to provide connectivity to the parking lot, port-a-johns, and tennis courts.



Oak Grove Lake Park: A new sidewalk was installed connecting the parking lot into the park.



Oak Grove Lake Park: The parking lot was re-graded and expanded on the sides, creating additional parking spaces.

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY OFFERS FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Beginning in February and running through mid-April, Chesapeake Public Library's Russell Memorial Library and South Norfolk Memorial Library, along with AARP, are partnering to offer free tax assistance to residents. Walk-ins are welcome, but be advised that space is limited.

To qualify for free tax help, residents must meet each of the following qualifications: low to moderate income, no rental income, no business owners and no business inventories. To participate, residents are asked to bring their social security card, photo ID, last year's tax forms and any information to help complete their tax return.

Library Lovers' Month

February is Library Lovers' Month! This is a great time to sign up for a new library card and begin enjoying all the Chesapeake Public Library has to offer. Beyond books, they provide DVDs, Blu-rays, copy and fax services, meeting spaces, and special events for everyone. Residents are invited to come in and check out the library to discover what they have been missing!

Building Improvements

Russell Memorial Library's meeting room was recently painted. Carpeting will be installed soon.

Frederick Douglass Live!

Frederick Douglass, writer, orator and abolitionist, is coming to your local library to share his life story. Connect with history as told by Nathan M. Richardson. Visit infopeake.org for additional details.

Chesapeake Codes

Teens in Chesapeake are invited to join the coding movement and get hands-on experience with technology during Chesapeake Public Library's new workshop series. Experience is not required. There are weekly, beginner and advanced courses ready to roll out this February.

LIBRARY CLASSES AND EVENTS SERVE CUSTOMERS OF ALL AGES

The Chesapeake Public Library offers a variety of classes that serve citizens of all ages. Classes include Early Literacy, Technology and Innovation, History and Genealogy, and many more!

For more details or to register for a class visit the [library calendar page](#).

REGISTER NOW FOR CHESAPEAKE ALERT



Emergency alerts, such as severe weather warnings, are delivered automatically to those in the affected areas, and the City can also provide timely warnings for things like hazardous materials events and other public safety concerns.

To register for Chesapeake Alert, visit www.CityOfChesapeake.net/ChesapeakeAlert, or call the City's Customer Contact Center at 382-CITY weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming City Closing

George Washington Day

All City offices, courts, libraries and community centers will be closed on Monday, February 19.

The Visitors Center, located at 1224 Progressive Drive, will be open normal hours.

There will be no changes to trash and recycling collection schedules.

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Town Meeting
Tuesday, February 6
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Hugo Owens Middle School City
1997 Horseback Run

**Police Department
Sponsored Blood Drive**
Tuesday, February 13
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Central Library
298 Cedar Road

**Project: Find
(Fathers In New Directions)**
Thursday, February 15
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Human Services
100 Outlaw Street

Princess Ball Daddy-Daughter Dance
Sunday, February 18
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center
700 Conference Center Drive
Tickets - (800) 745-3000

State of the City
Thursday February 22
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center
700 Conference Center Drive

Next Gen-Teen Opportunity Fair
Friday, March 2
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center
700 Conference Center Drive