

South Norfolk Fourth of July Parade



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for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

July 2015

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TRI-CITY AUTOMATIC AID PROGRAM LAUNCHES

The Tri-City Automatic Aid program was officially launched on June 4, during a press conference at the Chesapeake Conference Center. The purpose of this program is to enhance structure fire response and reduce response times to bordering communities within three specified jurisdictions (Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and Norfolk). As part of the Automatic Aid program, predefined areas along the boundaries of the three jurisdictions have been identified for an automatic aid response. Calls for structure fires in these predefined areas will generate an automatic aid response from fire crews in the neighboring locality.

The following Chesapeake City employees were instrumental in the completion of this project: Division Chief Sam Gulisano (Fire), Mr. Paul Trimble (GIS), Mr. Dwayne Larkin (IT), Ms. Annette Ricks (Emergency Communications-Dispatch), Captains Nestor Mangubat and John Gibson (Fire), Senior Firefighter Patrick Martin (Fire), Lt. Mike Cole (Police), and Mr. Bernard Reaser (IT).

Fire trucks from Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and Norfolk join ladders to represent the partnership between three jurisdictions for the Tri-City Automatic Aid Program.



CHESAPEAKE FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS EXPECTED TO DECREASE

The City of Chesapeake recently received a Community Rating System (CRS) score of 8; as a result citizens in the 100-year floodplain may see decreases of up to 10% on their flood insurance premiums.

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS. The goals include: reducing flood damage to insurable property, strengthening and supporting the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and encouraging a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

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CHESAPEAKE'S INSURANCE SERVICES ORGANIZATION RATING HAS IMPROVED

Recently, the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) conducted a complete analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system in our city. This analysis, formally referred to as the ISO Public Protection Classification Program, includes the Fire Department's capabilities, as well as the water supply system of Public Utilities, and the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) processes within the Police Department.

The data collection and analysis from the PPC Study produces the ISO rating, which most insurance companies in the United States use as a factor in determining the cost of the premiums of their policyholders. We are pleased to convey that the City of Chesapeake's ISO rating has improved to a 3/3X classification from a 4/9 classification when the last ISO survey was conducted in 1997. According to ISO, these new ratings will improve the predictive value for insurers while benefiting both commercial and residential property owners. The potential for lower insurance prices will not only benefit our private citizens, but will serve as an incentive for commercial and industrial economic development as well.

FIRE PROMOTIONAL BADGE PINNING CEREMONY RECOGNIZES OFFICERS

On Friday, June 12, the Chesapeake Fire Department hosted a Promotional/Badge Pinning Ceremony at the Chesapeake Public Library for two officers. Lieutenant Jerry Turner was promoted to Captain and Firefighter Joshua "Pete" Fowler was promoted to Lieutenant.



KEEPING CHESAPEAKE CLEAN

Chesapeake's Clean the Bay Day took place this past June and proved to be a huge success. More than 496 community volunteers collected 5,818 pounds of debris and 135 pounds of that was recycled. Unusual items were collected including cell phone parts, Christmas lights, a diving board, car fenders, an ATV battery, and 47 tires at Deep Creek Park.

Throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, preliminary data shows that 6,000 volunteers at nearly 275 sites across the state, removed approximately 125,000 pounds of litter and debris along some 530 miles of shoreline.

For more information about how you can help keep our City and waterways clean, visit www.cbf.org.



Volunteers sort through the trash collected to determine what can be recycled. Chesapeake recycled 135 pounds of trash at this year's event.



Clean the Bay Day volunteers gather at the opening ceremony to hear from local and national sponsors before heading out to pick up trash.



Chesapeake Environment Improvement Council (CEIC) Vice Chair, CT Cowling, and CEIC member and Area Coordinator, Jamie Douglas, weighed in the recycled materials. Their team sorted all of the trash and delivered recyclables to TFC Recycling.

JULY EVENTS

Food Truck Hump Days on
the Great Bridge Waterways
Wednesday, July 15
4:00 p.m. - Dusk
1775 Historic Way

Mayor's Commission on
Veteran's Affairs Meeting
Thursday, July 16
7:00 p.m.
City Hall - 4th Floor Room

Camelot Unity Day
Friday, July 17
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Camelot Park
961 King Arthur Dr.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Public Hearing
Thursday, July 23
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
1st Floor City Hall

Dunedin Spirit Day &
Basketball Tournament
Friday, July 24
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
M. Anne Tregembo Park
3360 Dunedin Drive

Commonwealth's Attorney's
Office Annual South Norfolk
Basketball Tournament
Tuesday, July 28
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Johnson Park - 1006 Grady St.

OPERATIONS & PROJECTS

PUBLIC WORKS GRANT FUNDS

Public Works will receive \$11 million in grant funds for several projects. Funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation will go towards pavement work on Atlantic Avenue and Airline Blvd., the Dominion Blvd. South Widening Project, Centerville Turnpike Bridge rehabilitation work, and Bruce Rd. safety improvements. A grant from the Department of Environmental Quality will go towards a stormwater study.

EXPANSION OF CHESAPEAKE JAIL

Following the approval of the Jail Amended Planning Study by the Virginia Board of Corrections, design work has begun for the expansion of the Chesapeake Jail.

DEMOLITION OF WATER TANK

Demolition of the Bowers Hill Water Tank has begun to clear the site for the future Fire Station #10, which is currently under design.

BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED FOR RITE AID PHARMACY

The Development and Permits Department issued a building permit for a new Rite Aid Pharmacy to be built at 1458 Mt. Pleasant Road.

THE ELIZABETH RIVER PARK GRAND OPENING EVENT

The newly renovated Elizabeth River Park is equipped with several amenities including a new boat ramp, ship store, covered pavilion, dog park, and more! Below are photos highlighting the grand opening event.



The brand new Snack Shack and Ship Shop is open at Elizabeth River Park.



Mayor Alan Krasnoff, City Council Members, and City staff participated in the Elizabeth River Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



The new and improved boat ramp allows easy access to the Elizabeth River and the "Hot Ditch" fishing zone.

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CHESAPEAKE WINS MAYOR'S CUP BLOOD DRIVE

For the second year in a row, the City of Chesapeake has won the Mayor's Cup Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross. During the month of June, City staff donated a total of 311 units of blood, achieving a participation rate equivalent to 9.92% of full-time employees. City Manager James Baker took the lead on the 2015 event, following the 2014 Cup win which was guided by Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and helped to coordinate this year's blood drive. The Red Cross reminds us, though, that donors can give every 56 days, so please consider giving again before the summer ends.

CHESAPEAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN THE MAYOR'S CUP BLOOD DRIVE

On June 9, the Chesapeake Fire Department hosted and participated in the Mayor's Cup Blood Drive. All together they collected 91 units of blood, which exceeded their goal of 82 units. Congratulations to the Fire Department for excellent participation in this year's Mayor's Cup Blood Drive.



Pictured left to right: Chris Mackiewicz, Division Chief Sam Gulisano, FF/EMT Anthony Barakat.



Pictured left to right: Fire Chief Ed Elliott, Deputy City Manager Dr. Wanda Barnard-Bailey.



Pictured left to right: Captain Lawrence Matthews, Lt. Chris Mackiewicz, FF/Paramedic Mary Morton, Division Chief Thom Schwalenberg, FF/Paramedic David Brock, FF/EMT Anthony Barakat, Captain Scott Saunders, FF/EMT Doug Garnand.

RECENT GRADUATES OF THE VIRGINIA FIRE OFFICERS ACADEMY

Firefighter/EMT Nicholas Novellino and Firefighter/Paramedic Charlene Beach recently graduated from the Virginia Fire Officers Academy (VFOA). These two firefighters were selected from 160 applicants through a competitive process.

The VFOA is an interactive, challenging, educational initiative consisting of a week-long curriculum, delivered in an on-campus style environment at the University of Richmond. Congratulations to Firefighters Novellino and Beach.



**Nicholas Novellino
Firefighter/EMT
Chesapeake Fire
Department**



**Charlene Beach
Firefighter/
Paramedic
Chesapeake Fire
Department**

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DEPUTY CITY MANAGER AMAR DWARKANATH RETIRES

After serving the citizens of Chesapeake for 45 years, Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath retired June 30. Mr. Dwarkanath began his career with Chesapeake in October of 1969. He held various titles throughout his time with the City, including 22 years as Director of Public Utilities, and 12 years as Deputy City Manager.

As Deputy City Manager for Operations and Water Resources, he oversaw the Departments of Public Works; Public Utilities, Development and Permits, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Fleet Services Division, and served as liaison to the Department of Agriculture and the Chesapeake Municipal Airport.

Mr. Dwarkanath managed the growth and change of the City's physical facilities, infrastructure, and personnel, along with interactions and relationships with local, regional, state, and federal officials and agencies, which has enhanced coordination and communication. Following an extremely loyal and distinguished career with the City of Chesapeake, and having placed a visionary thumbprint on the future of the City. Mr. Dwarkanath looks forward to an active retirement.

On June 30, a retirement reception was held for Mr. Dwarkanath to celebrate his contributions and commitment to the City. Several employees, retirees, and community leaders gathered to congratulate and thank him for his guidance, friendship, and loyal service to Chesapeake. Below are photos from the reception.



City Manager Jim Baker congratulates Amar Dwarkanath, and presents him with a retirement certificate.



City Manager's Office : (Front row) Wanda Futrell, Jim Baker, Amar Dwarkanath, Sharron Meadows, and Mary Ann Saudners. (Back Row) Sandy Copeland, Phyllis Edwards, Anna D'Antonio, Wanda Barnard-Bailey, and retiree Mary Daughtrey.



Amar Dwarkanath shares closing remarks, and offers his sincere gratitude to everyone who attended the reception.



Council Member Rick West presents Amar Dwarkanath with a retirement gift from City Council, and thanked him for his unwavering commitment to Chesapeake.

Pictured: Council Member Rick West, Amar Dwarkanath, and City Manager Jim Baker.



Assistant Director of Public Works, Earl Sorey, presents Mr. Dwarkanath with a new street sign titled "Amar Way."



Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan presents Mr. Dwarkanath with a bottle of vintage City water.

Pictured: Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, Amar Dwarkanath and Jim Baker.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

TAYLOR MADE DIAGNOSTICS, INC. AND TECNICO CORPORATION NAMED 2015 BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR

On June 23, at the Chesapeake City Council Meeting, Mayor Alan Krasnoff and Members of the City Council formally recognized Taylor Made Diagnostics, Inc. as the 2015 Chesapeake Business of the Year and Técnico Corporation as the 2015 Chesapeake Waterfront Business of the Year. Both businesses are located in the South Norfolk section of the city.

The Chesapeake Economic Development Authority and Chesapeake Port Authority each select a businesses as part of the annual Virginia Business Appreciation Month activities held in May. Another activity that was included was the 15th Annual Chesapeake Business Appreciation Golf Classic which was held at Cahoon Golf Course on May 15th. More than 150 members of the business community attended and \$8,006.11 was raised for this year's charity, the Chesapeake Youth Foundation.



Taylor Made Diagnostics, Inc. representatives with Mayor Alan Krasnoff and Steven Wright, City's Director of Economic Development.

Pictured from left to right: Mayor Alan Krasnoff; Ed Estes (Caroline Taylor's husband); Caroline Taylor, Founder/President, Taylor Made Diagnostics, Inc.; Stella McClain, Operations Director; Savannah Taylor (Caroline Taylor's daughter); and Steven Wright, City's Director of Economic Development Department.



Técnico Corporation Board of Directors with Mayor Alan Krasnoff and Steven Wright, City's Director of Economic Development.

Pictured from left to right: Steven Wright, City's Director of Economic Development Department; Ray Wittersheim, President & CEO; Mark Oakley, Senior Vice President; Richard Freeman, Vice President of Marketing & Business Development; Danny Oertel, Vice President of Operations; Mike Torrech, Past President & CEO; ; Larry Torrech, Vice President of Finance & Facilities; Lisa Foley, Controller & Corporate Secretary and Mayor Alan Krasnoff.



Chesapeake Youth Foundation members were formally presented with the charitable net proceeds--\$8,006.11 from the 15th Annual Chesapeake Business Appreciation Golf Classic held at Cahoon Golf Course on May 15th. More than 150 members of the business community were in attendance.

Pictured from left to right: Mayor Alan Krasnoff; Kathryn Jessee, Chesapeake Youth Foundation; Mary Riley, Chesapeake Youth Foundation; and Steven Wright, City's Director of Economic Development Department.