



## Mayor and City Council Members Sworn In

The City Council held a reorganization meeting on June 26 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chamber at City Hall. New and re-elected Council Members and Mayor were sworn in with their terms beginning on July 1. The School Board will hold their reorganization meeting on July 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room in the School Administration Building.



Left to right: Council Member Steve Best , Council Member Matthew Hamel, Council Member Robert Ike, Vice Mayor John de Triquet, Mayor Rick West, Council Member Dwight Parker, Council Member Debbie Ritter, Council Member Susan Vitale and Council Member Ella Ward join in the Benediction following the Oath of Office ceremony.

## New City Attorney Appointed

Mayor Rick West and the Chesapeake City Council have announced the appointment of Jacob P. Stroman as the new City Attorney. Stroman replaces Jan Proctor who retired from the position earlier this year. Stroman comes to Chesapeake from the Virginia Attorney General's Office where he served as Senior Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Construction Section.

In that position, his responsibilities included construction litigation, contract forms and other issues for state agencies including the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Department of Military Affairs, and public colleges and universities. Stroman began his tenure with the City on July 1.



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## PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

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### Valor Award Recipients Honored

On April 17, twenty first responders with the Fire and Police Departments received the Gold Valor Award, the Hampton Roads Chamber's highest level of recognition. The Chamber annually recognizes acts of heroism performed by firefighters and police officers in the five-city metropolitan region. These men and women worked together to rescue and evacuate 150 senior citizens after a lightning strike set fire to the residence community at Chesapeake Crossing. The bravery and heroic actions demonstrated by these first responders during the incident epitomizes their mission "to protect life and property", especially considering the victims represented one of the most vulnerable population groups in the community, senior citizens. The official award ceremony was held on June 7.



#### The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Gold Valor Award Recipients:

- Lieutenant Ryan McFadden - Fire Department
- Firefighter/EMT Tim Caruso - Fire Department
- Firefighter/EMT Jason Parsons - Fire Department
- Firefighter/EMT Barry Olsen - Fire Department
- Firefighter/EMT Chris Richardson - Fire Department
- Firefighter/EMT Adam Russell - Fire Department
- Sergeant Michael Bean - Police Department
- Sergeant James Garrett - Police Department
- Sergeant David Dashiell - Police Department
- Sergeant Michael Sparrow - Police Department
- Officer Jenna Bayer - Police Department
- Officer Callie Kessler - Police Department
- Officer Kristin Severino - Police Department
- Officer Keith Hill - Police Department
- Officer Russell Keene - Police Department
- Officer Brent Lee - Police Department
- Officer Russell Sawatzke - Police Department
- Officer Kevin Walton - Police Department
- Officer Larry Holmes - Police Department
- Officer Natrel Lewis - Police Department

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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### Company Opens Facility in Oakbrooke Business & Technology Center

On June 14, Agronomic Lawn Management (ALM) opened its new 20,000 square foot facility in Chesapeake's Oakbrooke Business & Technology Center. The company chose Chesapeake for its headquarters because of its central location to the Southside of Hampton Roads.

Investing more than \$3 Million and creating 35 new jobs, the business is one of the latest additions to the business park.



Left to Right: Desiree Zeigler; Vonda Chappell, Chesapeake Economic Development Authority; Austin Zeigler; Bonny Zeigler; Kevin Cosgrove, Chesapeake Economic Development Authority; Mayor Rick West; Craig Zeigler, President and Founder of ALM; Bryan Raehl, General Manager; Chris Zeigler, Vice President of ALM; and Pastor Jack Davis.

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### The Crossings at Oakbrooke Celebrates Grand Opening

The Crossings at Oakbrooke, a new state-of-the-art affordable senior living community, celebrated its official grand opening on June 7 at their facility located at 301 Clearfield Avenue.

The \$30 million, 188,000 square foot facility is the 4<sup>th</sup> community Harmony Senior Services, a family-owned business, has brought to the Hampton Roads area. Harmony Senior Services is part of one of the largest senior care organizations in the country. Amenities include a community garden, state-of-the-art emergency call system, farm-to-table dining, as well as plenty of opportunities to stay active and social, and much more.

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### Chesapeake Square Mall Welcomes New Boutique

Chesapeake Square Mall welcomed the Dreamsville boutique on June 2. The boutique specializes in event planning services for children's birthday parties with a royalty theme. Noble Etiquette will be taught at the Dreamsville Academy Summer Camp, this summer. Chesapeake Square Mall is located at 4200 Portsmouth Boulevard.

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### New Grill Offers Healthy Food Choices

Muscle Maker Grill, a health food restaurant, celebrated its first Hampton Roads location on June 2 at the Crossways Center located at 1412 Greenbrier Parkway. The restaurant, a health food franchise based in Houston, Texas, plans to open an additional 12 locations around the region.

The menu is high in protein with natural chicken, grass-fed beef, organic salads, wraps, and brown rice bowls. Muscle Maker offers a unique restaurant experience with a dining-in option but also home meal planning that is personalized to each customer's dietary needs and health goals.

# PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM NEWS

## Project Updates



**Chesapeake Arboretum**  
A new gazebo was recently completed.



**Crestwood Middle School**  
New ballfield lights were installed.



**Deep Creek Lock Park**  
A walkway was added and parking area was also paved.



**Lakeside Park Sculpture**  
The City and South Norfolk Civic League worked with Robbie and Buddy Davis to replace the sculpture.



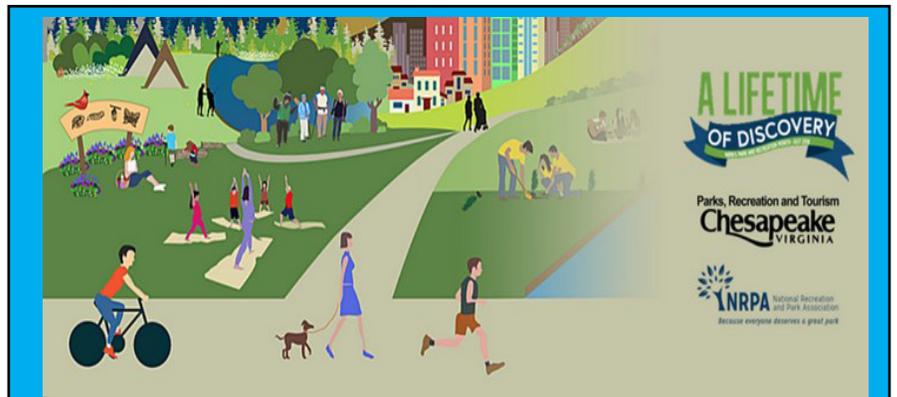
**City Park Shelter**  
A storm destroyed shelter 18 at Chesapeake City Park last year, but it was replaced with more accessible and connecting walkways.



**Playground Installations**  
Playgrounds have been installed at Centerville Park, Deep Creek Central Elementary, Campostella Park, Fentress Play Area and Rena B. Wright.



**Plymouth Park**  
Phase 1 is complete including installation of connecting and accessible sidewalks. These improvements were done as part of a Community Development Block Grant.



Submit your entry to rename the Leisure Guide.

For more information go to  
[www.cityofchesapeake.net/prt](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/prt)

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# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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## Project Updates and Milestones

### On-going Projects:

- Benefit Road Improvements and Bridge Replacement Project
- Gum Road Multi-Use Trail Project
- Cloverdale Area Drainage Improvement Project:
- Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare (CIBH) parking lot expansion
- Lambert Trail drainage improvements , Phase I

### Future Projects to Watch:

- 22nd Street Bridge Replacement Project
- Sign Pine Outfall Ditch Project
- Route 168 Mt / Pleasant Interchange Repairs

For more information on Public Works projects, go the [Public Works](#) page on the City website.

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

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The Virginia Department of Emergency Management, together with Virginia coastal communities, has developed a plan for evacuating residents who will be in harm's way should a hurricane or other emergency event occur. This system makes it easier to know when a citizen's home is at risk. Before the storm, before the evacuation, and before the traffic, it's important that citizens know their zone. Residents in evacuation zones are in either A, B, C, or D, based on anticipated risk.



Citizens can find out what their zone is by visiting [KnowYourZoneVA.org](http://KnowYourZoneVA.org) and entering their home address. The map will zoom into the street which will either be shaded blue for Zone A, green for Zone B, orange for Zone C, red for Zone D, or neutral for the area of Chesapeake with no zone because of the unlikelihood of evacuation. Residents are encouraged to write down their zone and put it somewhere that will help them remember it, like on a refrigerator or by a home computer.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Summer Reading Challenge  
Chesapeake Public Library  
July 1 - August 11  
[www.infopeake.org](http://www.infopeake.org)

Summer Concert Series  
Thursday, July 5  
5:30 p.m.  
Towne Place at Greenbrier  
725 Eden Way North

City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 10  
6:30 p.m.  
City Council Chamber - City Hall  
306 Cedar Road

Food Trucks "On the Square"  
Wednesday, July 18  
4:00 p.m. - Dusk  
Courtyard Square Park  
306 Cedar Road

"Movie & More" Outdoor Series  
Saturday, July 21  
5:00 p.m.  
Western Branch Park  
4437 Portsmouth Boulevard  
Free - [For more information](#)

Rolling on the River  
Thursday, July 26  
4:00 p.m.  
Elizabeth River Park  
1400 Elizabeth River Way

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