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# REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

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

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## PROJECTS AND NEWS

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### **CHESAPEAKE IS WORKING TO IMPROVE GARBAGE COLLECTION EFFICIENCY**

The Public Works Waste Management Division is starting a collection route optimization project using RouteSmart Technologies. RouteSmart is tasked with reconfiguring our existing garbage collection routes in order to improve collection efficiency. Preliminary results are expected around the end of June and it will take a few months to test the new recommended routes before a full conversion. In the event any areas may see changes in their collection day, the City will notify them accordingly.

### **THE CHESAPEAKE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT OFFERS CITY TOURS**

The Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department offered City tours to the public this past Spring. There were a total of six citizen tours that ran between April and May. The tours traveled to various department parks and facilities. The tours were well-received and will begin again in the Fall.

**Oak Grove Lake Park**



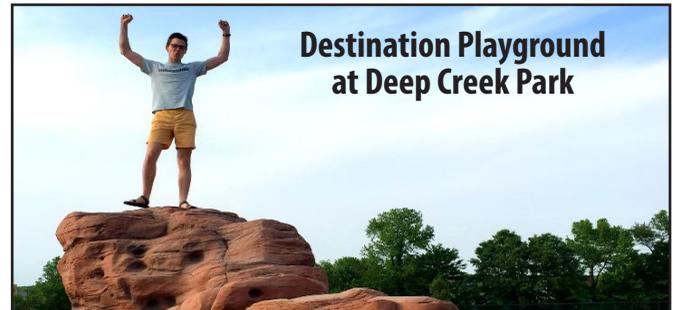
**Northwest River Park**



**Fitness Equipment  
Elizabeth River Park**



**Destination Playground  
at Deep Creek Park**



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## ECONOMIC IMPACTS

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### **INIT, INC., BREAKS GROUND ON NEW HEADQUARTERS IN CHESAPEAKE**

INIT, Innovations in Transportation, Inc., broke ground on their new 70,000 square foot North American Headquarters building on May 26 in Chesapeake. The facility will be constructed on an eight acre parcel of land inside the Oakbrooke Business and Technology Center and will eventually house INIT's growing office staff, their two manufacturing firms, and a large warehouse.

INIT is a worldwide leading supplier of intelligent transportation systems for public transit. "INIT's journey from a small sales office to a new North American headquarters is a global success story," said Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff. "INIT is one of Chesapeake's much-valued international partners, and we're excited about the future and what lies ahead."

Once completed, the headquarters building will feature 20,000 square feet of office space, 30,000 square feet of warehouse space, and 20,000 square feet of space dedicated to the company's two manufacturing firms, Total Quality Assembly, LLC and Superior Quality Manufacturing, LLC. The new building is scheduled for completion in June of 2017.



*INIT representatives, community leaders, and elected officials gathered for a ground breaking ceremony at the new company headquarters in Chesapeake.*



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## NEWS

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### **ARE YOU PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON?**

Hurricane season has arrived, and no matter what the seasonal forecast is, you should be prepared! It only takes one storm to cause major damage and disruption. The time to prepare for a storm is NOW, before the skies darken and the wind picks up.

A great deal of information about preparing for a storm is available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). One of the most critical things to know is your storm surge zone – you can look this up on [www.CityofChesapeake.net](http://www.CityofChesapeake.net). The City may order evacuations by these zones. If a storm does arrive, be sure to monitor WCTV Chesapeake Television, WFOS-88.7FM radio, the City website and social media for the latest local news and information. Be prepared and be safe.

**Governor McAuliffe recently designated the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail as a Virginia Treasure, and he thanked the City of Chesapeake Parks, Recreation, and Tourism for contributing to the Commonwealth's conservation and recreation initiative.**

## EVENTS

**Revolutionary Beer Fest**  
**Saturday, June 11**  
**12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Chesapeake City Park**

**Service Awards Breakfast**  
**Wednesday, June 15**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Chesapeake Conference Center**

**Celebrate Freedom - Concert & Fireworks**  
**Sunday, July 3**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Chesapeake City Park**

**36th Annual South Norfolk Parade & Picnic**  
**Monday, July 4**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lakeside Park**

**DEQ Water Public Hearing (Chesapeake Energy Center)**  
**Thursday, July 7**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

**DEQ Waste Public Hearing (Chesapeake Energy Center)**  
**Monday, July 11**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**



### Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing

**Thursday, June 23**

**6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

## City of Chesapeake Mayor's Cup Blood Drives

Wednesday, June 15	Social Services	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Monday, June 20	Police Department – Central Library	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 22	Chesapeake Conference Center	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, June 28	Police Department – Central Library	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 30	Integrated Behavioral Healthcare	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

*To schedule an appointment, contact your department's Blood Drive Coordinator or call 1-800-REDCROSS.*

**American Red Cross**

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS

### RULES REGARDING FIREWORKS IN CHESAPEAKE

The July Fourth holiday is right around the corner, and it's important to know the rules regarding fireworks in Chesapeake. Essentially, any firework bigger than a cap for a toy gun or one of the pull string poppers that shoots confetti into the air is illegal in the City of Chesapeake. It is important to know that sparklers are considered fireworks and are illegal as well. Possession/use of illegal fireworks is a Class 1 Misdemeanor, which is punishable by jail time and/or a fine. If anyone has concerns about illegal fireworks in their area, they are encouraged to contact the public safety non-emergency line at 757-382-6161.

