



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

March 2014

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

NEWS

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- On February 25, 2014, City Council approved the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document setting goals, objectives, and action strategies for the future development of the City. It consists of a Policy Document, a Land Use Plan, and a Master Transportation Plan. This multi-year effort included community input meetings, focus groups on key issues, stakeholder meetings, and several work sessions and meetings with the Planning Commission and City Council. The adopted 2035 Comprehensive Plan will be available for viewing on the City's website under the Planning Department.

CHESAPEAKE CITY EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION MERGES WITH BAYPORT

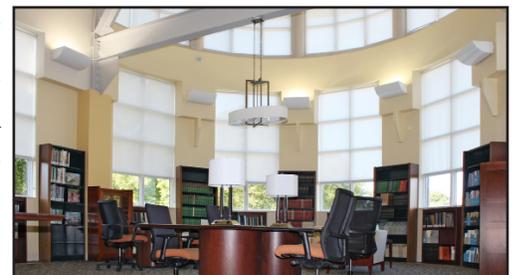
- BayPort Credit Union and Chesapeake City Employees Credit Union will merge on April 1, 2014. City employees will continue to see the same helpful and professional staff members and will enjoy access to 17 additional branch locations across Greater Hampton Roads, including three in Chesapeake. For more information on the merger please contact (757) 468-5463.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CENTER PRIVATIZATION

- City Council has approved a five-year contract to put VenuWorks in charge of operating and marketing the Chesapeake Conference Center. In addition, the Convention and Visitors Bureau merged with the Department of Parks and Recreation, to form the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. The newly named department will assume general oversight of the facility and promote tourism throughout the City. VenuWorks will control the operation and management of the Conference Center.

THE WALLACE MEMORIAL HISTORY ROOM

- A newly designed Wallace Memorial History Room, featuring the combined Norfolk County Historical Society Collection and Chesapeake Public Library's new Virginia Regional History Collection, opened this past November. The new room is located on the second floor of the Central Library and is available for patrons to use during normal library operating hours. The Norfolk County Historical Society collection includes materials for historical and genealogical research. The Virginia Regional History Collection is a newly developed collection of materials provided by the Library, which covers all aspects of Virginia's history.



Additional information can be found at CityofChesapeake.net, or contact the City Manager's Office at 382-6166.

PROJECTS

YADKIN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- The Yadkin Road Drainage Improvement Project Phase II, which involves the installation of a new drainage pipe on the north side of Yadkin Road, will be substantially complete in early March.

HUDGIN BRIDGE

- The replacement of the Hudgin Bridge on Fentress Airfield Road will be complete in early March. The project replaced the steel and timber bridge with pre-cast concrete box culverts. Upon completion of the project, Fentress Airfield Road will re-open.

22ND STREET BRIDGE

- The Request for Design Services proposal for the replacement of the 22nd Street Bridge has been issued. The design phase is anticipated to begin in May 2014.

OPERATIONS

OCEANEERING PERMIT ISSUED

- On Tuesday, February 18, the Development and Permits Department issued Oceaneering a permit for a 157,000 square foot building.

NEW WAL-MART NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET

- A permit was issued recently for a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in Great Bridge. The new 42,467 square foot building will be located at 673 Cedar Road.

EVENTS



Chesapeake Virginia Spring Wine Festival

Saturday, March 8
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 12
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall

Family Night

Thursday, March 13
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Crestwood Intermediate
School

State of the City Luncheon

Tuesday, March 18
11:30 a.m. - Networking
12:00 p.m. - Luncheon
Chesapeake Conference Center

Chesapeake Public Schools' 2014 Teacher of the Year Ceremony

Thursdays, March 20
6:45 p.m.
Deep Creek High School

NEWS

CHESAPEAKE HUMAN SERVICES GIVES BACK

- This past December, the Chesapeake Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services was able to provide Christmas gifts to 126 young people thanks to the generosity of community sponsors. The department's Services Units provide case management for children and youth in foster care and adoption along with those receiving foster care services, foster care preventive/diversion services, and child protective services. Sponsors of the 2013 Christmas gift drive included churches, schools, City departments, civic groups, community advocates and private individuals. Twenty agency staff members delivered toys, clothing and monetary gift cards to the excited recipients. None of this would have been made possible without the community sponsors.



*Chesapeake Department of Human Services
Division of Social Services*

CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT RECEIVES AWARD

- Chesapeake's Central Fleet Management recently received a "Commitment Level River Star" for their documented pollution prevention program. Barbara Brumbaugh and David Gauthier were recognized for submitting the award application to the Elizabeth River Project. Congratulations on a job well done!

STOMPING THROUGH CHESAPEAKE

- The 8th Annual Dismal Swamp Stomp Half Marathon and 6th Annual Children's Half-Mile Cub Run is back! The two events take place on Saturday, April 12. The flat 13.1-mile course will take runners on a spectacular



wilderness journey through lush, mysterious landscape and rich history. Runners will stomp through forested wetlands on a peaceful paved path along the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Running parallel to the course is the Dismal Swamp Canal, part of the famed Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. For more information on this great event, or to sign up for the run visit www.dismalswampstomp.mettleevents.com.

TAKE ACTION AND GET PREPARED

- On March 11 a Statewide Tornado Drill will take place throughout Virginia. Businesses, organizations, schools, colleges, families, and individuals can practice taking cover from tornadoes by participating in this annual safety exercise, set for 9:45 a.m. Tornadoes are common in Virginia, so it is essential that everyone knows what to do when a tornado warning is issued.

The annual drill is a joint effort of the National Weather Service and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. To start the drill, at approximately 9:45 a.m., a test tornado warning will be sent by the NWS to NOAA Weather Radios. These radios will sound a tone alert and show a message (or flash to indicate a message) to simulate what people will hear or see during an actual tornado warning. The test message then will be broadcast by many local radio and TV stations. Registration for the Statewide Tornado Drill is not required, but residents are encouraged to sign up to show their support. Visit www.ReadyVirginia.gov for more information about tornado safety, how to hold a drill, or how to register for the drill.

