



Real Time Updates

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for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

NEWS

MAYOR'S YOUTH DAY

Dozens of students from Chesapeake public and private schools took over City Hall on Wednesday, March 4, for the annual Mayor's Youth Day (MYD). MYD is an excellent opportunity for high school students to learn how their city operates by shadowing City employees. MYD educates students on possible career choices, teaches them about the world of work, and exposes them to a particular field of interest. The students held a mock Student City Council meeting in the Council Chambers inside City Hall, which aired live on WCTV Chesapeake Television. If you missed the meeting, visit CityofChesapeake.net/TV.



OPERATIONS

PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW CONDO UNITS

The Development and Permits Department issued three shell building permits for 117 condo units to be built at The Morgan's, an apartment complex located off N. Battlefield Boulevard behind The Home Depot.

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

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PURCHASE YOUR 2015 STATE OF THE CITY TICKETS

Mayor Alan Krasnoff's State of the City address will be held on April 15 at the Chesapeake Conference Center. The luncheon event begins at 12:00 noon, and tickets are \$45 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$65 for non-members. You can reserve your seat online at HamptonRoadsChamber.com or by calling 664-2560.

PUBLIC HEARING MEETINGS FOR THE PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

City Manager James E. Baker will present the proposed operating budget to City Council on March 24 for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The City Council will evaluate the proposal and is expected to vote on the budget on May 12. Citizens can provide input during two City Council Public Hearings set for Tuesday, April 28, and Tuesday, May 12. Speaker Cards will not be accepted for the Council Meeting once the meeting begins. Citizens who wish to speak may register on the date of the meeting in the City Council Chamber before 6:30 p.m. Citizens may pre-register by calling the City Clerk's Office at 382-6151.

2015 WINTER SNOW STORM RECAP

In February, Chesapeake was hit with not one, but two blasts of winter weather. Snow and ice made for hazardous driving conditions and a lot of long hours for City crews. Staff from Public Works and the City Garage logged more than 2,200 hours of overtime treating and plowing roads and keeping the equipment in running order. All told, more than 2,000 tons of salt and sand were used, but never fear as the City has restocked and is ready should Mother Nature pay another call.

Crews from Public Utilities were faced with several challenges from the bitterly cold weather, including a number of water main breaks. They also pulled together and battled the elements to restore service to residents. When an emergency situation occurs, you can keep up to date on City response information at CityOfChesapeake.net, WFOS-88.7FM radio, WCTV Chesapeake Television, and through the City's social media pages.



KEEPING CHESAPEAKE SAFE DURING WINTER STORMS

Before each winter weather storm, the Public Works Department prepares and tests its equipment and mobilizes its supplies and employees. Crews pretreat roadways before the event begins, paying particular attention to bridges and overpasses. A brine solution is only used for pretreatment if the storm is expected to begin with snow instead of rain. A mixture of sand and salt is used to treat roadways before, during and after the storm. Plowing begins when snow accumulation reaches about 2 inches. Emergency roadways are treated and plowed first. These are the major north/south, east/west routes into and out of the City. Then primary routes, which are routes essential for business and government purposes, are treated and plowed, followed by secondary and connector routes. Neighborhood streets are not treated or plowed because the City has limited resources to deal with winter weather. The Public Works Snow Response Plan can be found on www.CityofChesapeake.net under Weather Emergencies.

PROJECTS

DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project continues to be on time and under budget. Crews are currently working on demolition of the Steel Bridge, construction of the southbound bridge span over the Elizabeth River and improvements to traffic patterns at key intersections.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS BUILDING

The construction contract for the future Public Safety Operations Building has been awarded. The new building on Military Highway will house the 911 Dispatch Center, Emergency Operations Center and offices, Customer Call Center, IT Network Operations and some Fire Department training offices. Construction will begin this spring and will take approximately two years to complete.

INDIAN RIVER PARK UPDATES

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department has worked in cooperation with Friends of Indian River on improvements to the Indian River Park. Most recently in phase II of the project, a stone dust walking path was created, which leads from the parking lot and rain garden into the nature trail. Enhancements were made on the trail, and the rain garden was completed.



The new rain garden at Indian River Park.



The new stone dust walking path at Indian River Park.

EVENTS

Chesapeake RU Ready
Family Night
Thursday, March 12
6:00 p.m.
Greenbrier Middle School

Chesapeake Recycles Day
Saturday, March 14
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
3316 South Military Hwy.
(Deep Creek)

Chesapeake Environmental
Improvement Council
Awards Luncheon
Wednesday, March 25
12:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Board of Zoning Appeals
Public Hearing
Thursday, March 26
6:30 p.m.
Greenbrier Middle School

Arbor Day
Ceremony & Celebration
Saturday, March 28
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Arboretum

EGGstravaganza
Ceremony & Celebration
Saturday, April 4
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park