



REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders March 2016

NEWS

CHESAPEAKE AWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

The Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council recently held its 34th annual awards ceremony to recognize members of the community for their dedication to improving and protecting the environment. Over 150 citizens and community leaders attended the luncheon, including Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Councilwoman Ella Ward, Councilwoman Debbie Ritter, and Councilman Rick West. Nine awards were presented to recognize individuals and businesses that have demonstrated an environmental commitment to keeping Chesapeake clean and green.



Phil Johnson was awarded the Mayor's Outstanding Service Award at CEIC awards ceremony and luncheon.

Pictured above (left to right): Wayne Jones, Chairman, CEIC; Phil Johnson; and Mayor Alan Krasnoff.



Robin Dunbar, Deputy Director of Education with The Elizabeth River Project, was the keynote speaker. She spoke about their latest initiatives and accomplishments with protecting our local environment and the Elizabeth River.



Mayor Alan Krasnoff welcomed attendees and thanked all who were involved with putting the event together and for the City's continued effort in improving our environment.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS LIVE ON WFOS RADIO

Citizens are now able to listen to the City Council work session audio on WFOS 88.7 FM radio. The audio will be streamed live during the work session. For more information call 547-1036.

NEWS & PROJECTS

COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER FOR A SPECIAL TV SERIES

WCTV Chesapeake Television is airing *The Decision Maker Series* during the month of March - "Women Empowerment Month." The show features discussions that cover the topics, issues, and concerns that business leaders face each day. TV personality Bennita Adams and other key community leaders will provide powerful insight and uncover the resources, tips, and strategies that decision makers employ every day.

You can watch *The Decision Maker Series* this month on WCTV Chesapeake Television - COX 48, Verizon 43, or On-demand at www.cityofchesapeake.net/TV.

Mondays & Fridays at 9:00 p.m. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS BUILDING IS ON TRACK FOR SPRING 2017 COMPLETION

Work is progressing on the City's new Public Safety Operations Building, located on South Military Highway next to the Animal Services facility. Last week, crews hung the ceremonial final piece of steel in the building skeleton, marking a key project milestone.

The new facility will house Emergency 911 Call Center and Emergency Dispatch, Emergency Operations Center, Customer Contact Center (382-CITY), Backup Network Operations Center, Emergency Management Office, and Fire Training Administration. The project is scheduled to be completed by spring of 2017.



GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS COMPANY EXPANDS FACILITY IN CHESAPEAKE

DB Schenker, a global transportation and logistics company, has recently expanded its facility in the Greenbrier Business District of Chesapeake. The office houses DB Schenker staff including their sales, customer support, information technology, project management, and administrative departments. The expansion will increase employment and add about 50 new jobs.



DB Schenker is a German-owned company and joins a growing list of internationally owned companies based in Chesapeake. Chesapeake has the largest concentration of foreign-owned companies in the Hampton Roads region representing 50-plus businesses and 18 countries.

KRISPY KREME IS OPEN

A brand new Krispy Kreme is now open on North Battlefield Boulevard across from the Wal-mart and SAM's Club shopping center.

EVENTS

**Chesapeake Masters
(Indoor Golf Tournament)
Saturday, March 12
7:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Central Library**

**Chesapeake RU Ready
Family Night
Thursday, March 15
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Greenbrier Middle School**

**State of the City
Wednesday, March 23
11:30 a.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center**

**Board of Zoning Appeals
Public Hearing
Thursday, March 24
6:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber
City Hall**

**Chesapeake Eggstravaganza
(Easter Egg Hunt)
Saturday, March 26
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park**

**Great American Clean Up
Friday, April 1
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Locations throughout
Chesapeake**

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CITY OF CHESAPEAKE VALUES VETERANS

As of January 2016, the City of Chesapeake is recognized as a V3-certified organization. The Department of Human Resources has been working with the Department of Veterans Services' Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program in an effort to make a public commitment to recruit, hire, and retain qualified Veterans.

The V3 Program is an official Commonwealth of Virginia Program and offers free training and certification for employers to assist with implementing nationally recognized best practices in recruiting, hiring, and retaining highly-skilled and dependable veterans. The City is now part of a group of elite employers who have committed to increasing career opportunities for Virginia's Veterans.

CHESAPEAKE FIRE RECEIVES COVETED AWARD

Last month, the Chesapeake Fire Department, along with the Virginia Beach Fire Department and Norfolk Fire-Rescue, were each awarded with *The Governor's Award for Excellence in Virginia's Fire Service*.

The basis of this honorable recognition was for the development and successful implementation of the Tri-Cities Automatic Aid Response System in 2015.

The Tri-Cities Automatic Response System allows citizens to receive quicker emergency response times and more effective emergency services. Congratulations to the Chesapeake Fire Department for receiving this prestigious award.

*Pictured left to right:
Melvin Carter, Executive Director, Virginia Department of Fire Programs;
and Ed Elliott, Fire Chief, City of Chesapeake.*

