



Real Time Updates

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for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

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NEWS

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

City Manager James E. Baker presented 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 a City Council Public Hearing set for 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.

ELIZABETH RIVER PARK GRAND RE-OPENING EVENT

The grand re-opening of the Elizabeth River Park will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The special event will feature activities including park tours, children's play area, fireworks, food, a family-friendly outdoor movie, and more!

The Elizabeth River Park is located at the north end of the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, at 1400 Elizabeth River Way in Chesapeake adjacent to the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge. Admission and parking are FREE with concessions available on site for purchase.



MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

The popular Bike Fest event comes to the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail this Saturday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Presented by the Chesapeake Bikes and Trails Advisory Committee and the Tidewater Bicycling Association, activities begin at the Trailhead and include safety checks, riding tips and a family bike ride that runs down and back along the flat trail. Call 382-6411 for more details.



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MAYOR KRASNOFF'S 2015 STATE OF THE CITY

On Wednesday, April 15, Chesapeake Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff delivered his annual State of the City address during a luncheon at the Conference Center. The event, sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, provided a forum for the Mayor to highlight the many positive events in Chesapeake over the past year, as well as to recognize City staff and members of the community for significant accomplishments. The speech may be seen, in its entirety, at www.CityOfChesapeake.net/TV in the Specialty Programming section.

Photos provided by: Alisa Crider, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce



Bob Sasser, CEO of Dollar Tree, introduced Mayor Krasnoff



Craig Blackman from Indian River High School - VFW Teacher of the Year



Attendees listening to Mayor Alan Krasnoff's State of the City address



Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff



Dawn Glynn, TowneBank, Mayor Alan Krasnoff, David Ropp, Chair HRCC-Chesapeake, Bryan Stephens, CEO, HRCC



Members of the Mount Unity Choir performed the National Anthem



Mayor Krasnoff presented Diane Midgett, whose brother Dewey died in Vietnam, with a City flag in representation for all those killed during the conflict



Mayor Krasnoff highlighted many of the businesses, large and small, that call Chesapeake home

PROJECTS

PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS BUILDING GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The Public Safety Operations Building (PSOB) groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday, April 30, in the open space next to the Animal Services Shelter, 2100 S. Military Highway. Speakers at the event included Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the Commonwealth of Virginia Brian J. Moran, Senator Kenneth Alexander and Delegate James “Jay” Leftwich. The PSOB will provide a central location for some of the City’s most critical communications operations including, Emergency 911 call center and emergency dispatch, Emergency Management Office and Operations Center, Customer Contact Center (382-CITY), Fire Training Administration, and Backup Network Operations Center. The project is estimated to be completed by May 2017.



Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff welcomes attendees to the groundbreaking ceremony.



Brian J. Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security shares comments.



Representatives from the City's Emergency Dispatch Center and Fire Department listen to remarks during the ceremony.



Senator Kenneth Alexander presents his remarks at the ceremony.



Delegate Jay Leftwich provides remarks during the PSOB groundbreaking ceremony.



Secretary Moran joins local and state elected officials in turning the ceremonial first shovels of earth under a rainy sky.



Chesapeake Police Chief Kelvin Wright.

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SPRING/SUMMER 2015 LEISURE GUIDE

The Spring/Summer 2015 Leisure Guide is now available. *Virginian-Pilot* subscribers received a copy of the Leisure Guide and it is available in Chesapeake community centers and libraries throughout the city. This edition of the Guide contains spring and summer camp programs and is a must for many Chesapeake families. Outdoor programs and Citywide special events are detailed, as well as 55 & Better and Therapeutic Recreation programs and events.

CHESAPEAKE RANKS HIGH IN BEST CITIES FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

In a recent report from [NerdWallet](#), Chesapeake ranked 14th in “Best Cities for Young Families in Virginia.” NerdWallet crunched data to find the best cities for young families in Virginia, and Chesapeake was high on list meeting the criteria of great schools, recent economic growth, and a family-friendly community.

NerdWallet is a consumer-focused website dedicated to saving people money every day by helping them make better, more informed financial decisions.

CHESAPEAKE’S MOM OF THE YEAR

It’s almost Mother’s Day and WCTV Chesapeake Television is celebrating the Moms of Chesapeake! Citizens have nominated their moms and shared stories about why their Mom is the best and why she should be recognized. Some of the stories and photos will be posted on the WCTV Chesapeake Television Facebook page, and other nominees will receive a shout-out on WCTV’s popular TV show, *Thinking Out Loud*. All of the nominees will be entered into a random drawing for great local prizes. Below are some photos of the nominees that were recognized.



Crystal Cook with her mom Katherine Dublinski



Rachel Galloway with her mom Sara Vance



Brandon Speers with his mom Linda Speers

PROJECTS

SUNRAY DRAINAGE OUTFALL PROJECT - PHASE III

The Sunray Drainage Outfall Phase III Project will provide an additional 72 foot steel culvert pipe adjacent to the existing drainage crossing under a Norfolk Southern Railroad line. The project is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed by September 2015.

BRUCE ROAD/TAYLOR ROAD PROJECT

Construction on the Bruce Road/Taylor Road right-turn lane is currently underway. The project will provide a right turn-lane extension and other minor improvements to help with traffic flow at this intersection. The project is expected to be complete by June 2015.

COPELAND DRIVE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE RESTORATION PROJECT

The Copeland Drive Best Management Practice (BMP) Restoration Project is currently under construction. The project will restore the existing stormwater management facility (a dry pond) to improve its performance. The function of a BMP is to provide stormwater quantity control (to help ease flooding) and quality control (a natural filtration of pollutants before they reach our waterways). The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2015.

EVENTS

Traveling the Road to Success
Wednesdays in May
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Camelot Community Center
948 King Arthur Dr.

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 7
12:20 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.
City Hall
Courtyard Entrance

Chesapeake Youth
Foundation Annual Volunteer
Recognition
Monday, May 11
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Juvenile & Domestic
Relations Ct. - 2nd Floor

Peace Officers Memorial
Service
Tuesday, May 12
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
City Hall

Chesapeake Jubilee
Thursday, May 14 -
Sunday, May 17
All day event
Chesapeake City Park

Chesapeake RU Ready Out of
School Time Conference
Thursday, May 14
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Kiwanis Club of Chesapeake
Shrimp Feast
Thursday, May 14
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park

2015 Business Appreciation
Golf Classic
Friday, May 15
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Cahoon Plantation

Memorial Day Celebration
Monday, May 25
11:00 a.m.
Chesapeake City Hall
Veterans Memorial

OPERATIONS

PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW CONDO UNITS

The old Autumn Care building located at 821 Cedar Road was recently demolished. The building has been vacant since 2010 when the senior care facility moved to Argyll Street. City Council approved this property to be rezoned to multifamily last year. Summit Construction now owns the 3-acre parcel and will be developing townhouse style condominiums.

CHESAPEAKE CITIZENS HIRED FOR LOCAL RESTAURANT

The Development and Permits Department issued a temporary certificate of occupancy for training purposes for the Tilted Kilt Restaurant at 4700 Portsmouth Blvd. According to restaurant manager Sean Cahill, they have hired 163 Chesapeake citizens as employees.