



Chesapeake 2018 Election Results



On Tuesday, May 1, the City held elections for Mayor, City Council and the School Board. Rick West was elected Mayor and will begin his term in office on July 1. In the City Council election, incumbents Dwight Parker, Ella Ward and John de Triquet were reelected, along with newcomers Steve Best, Susan Vitale and Matthew Hamel. Incumbents Colleen Leary, Christie New Craig, Harry Murphy, and Michael Woods were reelected to the School Board along with newcomer Patricia King.

The newly elected members of both bodies will begin their terms during reorganization meetings at the end of June. If you would like to know more about the City Council and School Board members, biographies can be found at CityOfChesapeake.net and CPSchools.com, respectively.

City to Participate in Annual Mayor's Cup Blood Drive

The Mayor's Cup Blood Drive is a friendly competition between local cities and a chance for citizens to donate blood for those in need. To schedule a donation appointment, contact a City department coordinator or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

<u>Blood Drive Date</u>	<u>Hosting Department</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, June 6	Social Services	Social Services Great Room	9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 7	Police	Chesapeake Public Library	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 12	Sheriff	Meeting Room	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13	Fire and Public Utilities	Great Bridge Community Center	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26	CIBH	CIBH 2 nd Floor Conference Room	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 27	Public Works and PRT	Chesapeake Conference Center	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 28	Police	Chesapeake Public Library	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Company Breaks Ground on Medical Office Building in Oakbrooke

Coastal Prosthetics & Orthotics, LLC held a ground-breaking ceremony on its new location in Chesapeake's Oakbrooke Business and Technology Center on Friday, April 20.

The 2.1 acre site will house Coastal's new 7,600 square foot medical office building and molding fabrication division.

Coastal provides custom-made prosthetics and orthotics for patients throughout the Hampton Roads area, local hospitals and nursing homes via physician referrals.

Coastal Prosthetics & Orthotics was established in 2001 and currently has three existing locations in Newport News, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.



(Left to right: Ben White, Chesapeake Economic Development; Karen Vaughn, Coastal Prosthetics and Orthotics; Steve Siverd, Coastal Prosthetics and Orthotics; Chesapeake Mayor Rick West, Council Member Ella Ward and Bobby Siverd, Coastal Prosthetics and Orthotics)

MI Technical Solutions, Inc. Expands in Chesapeake

MI Technical Solutions, Inc., headquartered in Chesapeake, will expand its IT and cybersecurity operations, creating 15 new jobs. Increased demand from their largest client, the U.S. Navy, is driving the company's growth.



MI Technical Solutions was established 14 years ago as a small, veteran, woman-owned business providing quality professional engineering and technical services to government and commercial organizations. The company specializes in designing, maintaining, training, and troubleshooting software programs used on all U.S. Navy ships.

“When our family founded MITS after 28 years of service in the U.S. Navy, Virginia had been home for well over a decade,” said Michael Ihrig, CEO, MI Technical Solutions. “Chesapeake is where my family and I developed roots and naturally was our first choice to establish our family-owned business. This fact, coupled with being in close proximity to many military installations in the Hampton Roads area, made Chesapeake the ideal fit for MITS’s headquarters.”

“MITS has hired numerous local military veterans, including many Navy nuclear-trained personnel. We look forward to hiring similar types of individuals in the next few years as we continue to grow and expand,” Ihrig commented.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Annual Plant Sale Helps Grow Community Programs

Thousands of plants were sold at the Chesapeake Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale held on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Plants available for purchase included house plants, vegetables, trees, shrubs, fruit vines, and annuals. Many of the perennials were divided from the yards of Master Gardener Volunteers, as well as the homes of generous citizens who allowed the Master Gardeners to dig and divide their plants for the sale.

Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) brought in seeds, plugs and/or bare root trees and shrubs to grow over the course of a year or more to increase the diversity of plants for customers. Their focus is on native and/or good "neighbor" exotic plants that don't take too much care and/or don't get out of control. VCE also supports local wholesale nurseries to supply some of our vegetables, hanging baskets, annual color, perennials and shrubs. They like to bring a huge selection of plants for those collectors as well as to educate new gardeners on the variety and care of plants in our area. Proceeds from the sale help cover costs to put on programs including Ready Set Grow and What is a Tree in Chesapeake Schools, Arbor Day plantings in neighborhoods, workshops at senior centers and local churches, Lunch and Learns, Plant-a-Row for the Hungry, Grow Eat Live, Healthy Chesapeake Programs and many other classes and programs on request.

The Master Gardener program is a volunteer educational partnership between VCE and the citizens of the Commonwealth that provide research-based information from both Virginia Tech and Virginia State Universities.



A variety of plants and flowers were available for sale.



There was a little something for everyone.



Master Gardener Volunteers organized the annual event.



Customers received helpful advice from volunteers.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Tour Showcases City Improvements

On April 4, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Regional Administrator Joseph DeFelice, toured several of the City's HUD funded projects. Accompanied by HUD Field Office Director Carrie Schmidt, Mr. DeFelice got a chance to see newly installed fencing, dugouts and a bridge walk at Rena B. Wright Primary School, Plymouth and Lakeside Parks, and new flooring and bathroom upgrades at the South Norfolk Community Center.

These improvements were made under the City's Community Development Block Grant entitlement program. Planning Director Jaleh Shea, Community Development Planning Administrator Avis Hinton, and Parks and Recreation Parks Manager Kevin Kaul led the tour. Mr. DeFelice and Ms. Schmidt thanked staff for a "great visit" to the City and for sharing the impressive and impactful work that is being done for residents.



Left to right: HUD Regional Administrator Joseph DeFelic, HUD Field Office Director Carrie Schmidt, City Planning Director Jaleh Shea, and Community Development Planning Administrator Avis Hinton.

Lakeside Park: The existing bridge received new decking and hand rails. The support structure was in good condition and was able to be reused.



Rena B. Wright Primary School: Existing buildings were repainted and new dugouts were added to the field.

Rena B. Wright Primary School: New dugouts include players benches, concrete pads, fencing, foul ball fencing, backstops, and roof structures.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

City's Fleet Management Recognized

Chesapeake's Central Fleet Management was recognized as one of the 50 Leading Fleets for 2018 by Government Fleet magazine and the American Public Works Association (APWA). The awards program, sponsored by Ford and Geotab, recognizes operations that are performing at a high level, particularly in fleet leadership, competitiveness, efficiency, planning for the future, and overcoming challenges.

The 50 Leading Fleets represent the best in the industry. Government Fleet will announce rankings for the top 20 fleets as well as top fleets in size categories at the Government Fleet eXpo on June 4.

The City was also awarded the Clean City of the Year Award on April 5, during Virginia Clean Cities' Rally at Main Street Station in Richmond. The award is presented annually by Virginia Clean Cities, and Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

Michael McColgan, Fleet Service Coordinator from Central Fleet Management, accepted the Clean City Award from Alleyn Harrned, Executive Director for Virginia Clean Cities.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Project Wins National Award

The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project is the recipient of the American Society of Highway Engineers 2018 National Project Award of the Year in the over \$20 million category. This national recognition adds to a long list of awards for the project. Past awards include:

- American Public Works Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter Transportation Project of the Year in the over \$75 million category
- American Public Works Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter Consultant of the Year
- American Public Works Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter Contractor of the Year
- Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance Engineering Awards Program - Project Greater than \$10 million, Non-VDOT
- 2016 Crown Communities Award from American City & County magazine

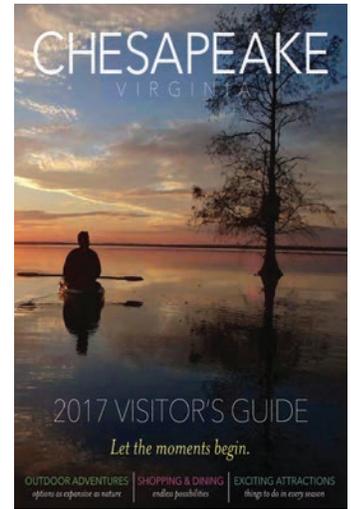


PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM NEWS

Awards Presented to Convention & Visitors Bureau

Chesapeake Convention & Visitors Bureau was awarded two Virgo Awards by the Virginia Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (VADMO). A Virgo Award was presented for “Best Print Advertising Promotion for DMOs under \$1 million” for the 2017 Visitor Guide and for “Best Online and eMarketing for DMOs under \$1 million” for a social media video “A Day with Ray Wicker, Crabbing on the Elizabeth River”.

Established in 2009, the Virgo Awards recognize and celebrate the success of destination marketing organizations along with their respective staff members and volunteers. Each year, VADMO honors the best and brightest in Virginia’s tourism industry. Whether it is an innovative marketing campaign, a wildly successful destination event, or a top-notch tourism professional, the Virgo Awards showcase the immense talent and dedication of VADMO’s members.



PUBLIC UTILITIES NEWS

Laboratory Continues Analytical Excellence

The water quality laboratory located inside the Northwest River Water Treatment Plant has recently cleared a number of trials to maintain and obtain state certifications. These included blind proficiency testing and a rigorous three day on-site assessment evaluated by the Virginia Department of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) through the Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (VELAP). The laboratory achieved 100% acceptable data in the proficiency testing required for both drinking water and wastewater in studies with more than 380 participating laboratories from around the state. The laboratory was evaluated by DCLS for their ability to evaluate water samples for the following parameters using certified EPA methods: trace metals, organic compounds, inorganic ions, coliform bacteria, nutrients, chlorine, pH, and solids.



Left to right: Adam Teufel, Tammie Spence, Nikki Webb, Sherry Longest, Nicole Payne, Ashley Wagner, and Britney Raub.

The scope of the laboratory is continuously expanding, with three new pieces of equipment currently in various stages of the qualification process. These include a Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer (GCMS), Gas Chromatograph-Electron Capture Detector (GC-ECD), and an Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS). Currently, the GCMS and GC-ECD are being utilized to qualify for the analysis of trihalomethane and haloacetic acid disinfection by-products. The ICP-MS will expand the laboratory’s ability to analyze trace metals. The Chesapeake Water Quality Laboratory collects approximately 325,000 samples annually throughout the water treatment plants and from points all over the City to maintain compliance with these regulations.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Department Introduces Citizen Survey

The Chesapeake Health Department wants to hear from citizens. The department has created a brief citizen survey in order to continue to serve the community in the best possible way.



Some of the services the Health Department currently offers are WIC and in-home visits from Baby Care nurses, food service certifications, and vital records. The survey is free and confidential, and takes approximately 2 minutes to complete.

[View the survey.](#)

DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITS NEWS

Elders House: A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on April 5, to the Elders House Group Home located at 860 Bells Mill Road.

Bon Secours: A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on April 10 for a 2 story medical facility for doctor and physical therapy offices located at 2613 Taylor Road.

Upcoming City Closing

Memorial Day

All City offices, courts, libraries and community centers will be closed on Monday, May 28

The Visitors Center, located at 1224 Progressive Drive, will remain open. There will be no changes to trash and recycling collection schedules.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chesapeake Humane Society
5k & 1-Miler Doggy Dash
Saturday, May 5
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive

Chesapeake BikeFest
Sunday, May 6
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail
1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

Chesapeake Peace Officer Memorial
Tuesday, May 15
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Public Safety Memorial
at Courtyard Square Park

A CommUNITY Conversation: Opioid
& Heroin Use in Our Community
Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center
700 Conference Center Drive
Free - [Register to attend](#)

Chesapeake Jubilee
Thursday, May 17 - Sunday, May 20
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive
[More Information](#)

Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday, May 28
11:00 a.m.
City Hall
306 Cedar Road