



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

November 2013

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

NEWS

THE GILMERTON BRIDGE DEDICATION CEREMONY

- On Thursday, November 14, VDOT will host the Gilmerton Bridge Dedication Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the opening of four lanes on the new bridge span. Governor Bob McDonnell and Mayor Alan Krasnoff will speak at the event. The bridge will be closed to traffic on November 14 until 4:00 p.m. and then all four lanes will reopen. Night time closures will continue as crews work towards full completion of the project.

FLOOD MAP OPEN HOUSE

- On Wednesday, October 30, the City held a Flood Map Open House to answer questions and take comments about the new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood map changes. The changes include revisions to the boundaries of the areas of the City which are projected to flood, the levels to which flood waters may rise, flood insurance rate maps, and whether or not flood insurance is required. Over 500 citizens attended the meeting.

The meeting allowed attendees to speak one-on-one with representatives from FEMA about the changes, see the current and proposed flood zones for properties, and ask questions about flood insurance. Many of homes and businesses are located in the flood plain and are susceptible to some level of flooding. For more information about flood zone information and resources, visit CityOfChesapeake.net/flood, or call the Customer Contact Center at 382-CITY.



SANITARY SEWER SMOKE TESTING

- Beginning October 4, 2013, through February 2014, the Department of Public Utilities will conduct sanitary sewer smoke testing in select neighborhoods. Smoke testing involves dispersing of smoke into the sewer lines in order to locate holes where groundwater and/or storm water may enter. The test is performed block to block and will only involve about ½ hour at each residence site. A bright green notice will be placed on the residence door a few days before the testing begins. Citizens can visit CityofChesapeake.net for more information.

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

PROJECTS

HALIFAX STREET OUTFALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Phase 1 of the Halifax Street Outfall Improvement Project is complete. This project replaced the existing pipe system with a larger pipe system to handle stormwater runoff from several areas within Chesapeake and Norfolk.

PORTSMOUTH BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT

- Plans for the Portsmouth Boulevard Widening Project have been submitted to VDOT for review and approval. Once approved, utility relocation and right-of-way acquisition will begin.

SHIPYARD ROAD DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

- The Shipyard Road Drainage Maintenance Project began the last week of October.

BAINBRIDGE BLVD. DETOUR

- The Bainbridge Blvd. detour opened up as part of the Dominion Blvd Project. The detour takes both directions of traffic away from Dominion Blvd. via a new detour route across from the Dominion Lakes intersection, to Bainbridge and back to Dominion just north of the Steel Bridge. This shift will allow for continued construction of the northbound bridge span as well as construction of the southbound bridge span. The closure will last through the spring of 2015.

OPERATIONS

APPROVAL OF EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN

- Engineering recently approved an Erosion & Sediment Control Plan for the Southeastern Virginia Training Center site located at 2100 Steppingstone Square.

NEW DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITTING SOFTWARE SYSTEM

- Following the signing of the contract with Accela on October 8, 2013, the members of the City Project Team started work at the Development Project Center in South Norfolk for the City's new Development and Permitting software system. City staff is creating the work flow charts for each department related to the permitting process that will be integrated into the Accela system.

Cornland School Reunion

Saturday, November 16

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

New Forman Temple AME
Zion Church
2313 Benefit Rd.



EVENTS



**Veterans Day Salute
to Afro-Union Soldier and
Sailor Patriot Heroes**
Saturday, November 9
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1001 Bells Mill Rd.

**Mayor's Veterans
Commission - Veterans
Day Ceremony**
Monday, November 11
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Hall -
Veterans Memorial

**13th Annual Student
Art Exhibit**
Wednesday, November 13
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Circuit Court

**Gilmerton Bridge
Ribbon Cutting**
Thursday, November 14
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Gilmerton Bridge

Taste of Chesapeake
Thursday, November 14
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

**AutoGas Station
Ribbon Cutting**
Tuesday, November 19
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
City Fuel Station, Corner
of Greenbrier & Executive

Holiday Craft Show
Saturday, November 23
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Holiday Craft Show
Sunday, November 24
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Chesapeake Farmers Market

Don't forget to stop by and check out your local Farmers Market!

Locations: Battlefield Park South and
Chesapeake City Park

Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

