



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

November 2015

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

PROJECTS & NEWS

DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Work continues at the Cedar Road intersection. There were occasional overnight full road closures on Cedar Rd. throughout October to accommodate concrete deck pours on the overpass. Crews continue working and pouring concrete deck on the southbound bridge span over the Elizabeth River.

WOODLAKE DRIVE EXTENSION OPENS TO TRAFFIC



On Friday, October 9, the new extension of Woodlake Drive opened to traffic following a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new roadway is another critical connector between Greenbrier Parkway and Battlefield Boulevard, providing secondary access to Woodlake Drive Industrial Park and easing congestion at the Woodlake Drive/Greenbrier Parkway intersection.

Mayor Alan Krasnoff, ACOE Col. Jason Kelly, City Council Members and community leaders, gathered for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

CHESAPEAKE FIREFIGHTER SELECTED FOR “TOP 40 UNDER 40” IN HAMPTON ROADS

Congratulations to Senior Firefighter Brad Turner who was recently selected as one of *Inside Business*’ “Top Forty



Under Forty!” Turner was selected for his work in the Fire Department and his activities giving back to the community including serving on the Board of the Franklin/Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce and FUEL, their young professionals’ organization. He also started Playful Minds Fun Center, a locker at a local hospital full of toys, DVDs, and coloring books to help children during their stay in the hospital.

In the Fire Department, Turner is a Senior Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Specialist and the Radiological Officer and Program Manager for the monitoring and detection program. This program consists of calibration, maintenance, and repair of approximately 100 meters. By doing this in-house, the City saves money. Thank you to Senior Firefighter Brad Turner and congratulations on this prestigious recognition!

NEWS

THE VILLAGE INN IS OPEN

The new Village Inn at 1509 Cedar Rd. is now open for business. If you haven't checked out this new restaurant yet, make plans to stop by soon.

KRISPY KREME COMES TO CHESAPEAKE

The first Krispy Kreme in Chesapeake broke ground in October and will be located near Wal-mart Way and Battlefield Boulevard.

LIDL GROCERY STORE PROPOSAL

Chesapeake's second Lidl grocery store was submitted for approval in early October. The proposed 36,000 square foot store will be located at the former Performance Buick site at 4033 Portsmouth Boulevard.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Did you know that it's the law to call 811 before digging? Landscaping your yard, digging holes for fence posts or a mailbox, and removing tree roots are just a few examples of jobs that require a call to 811. Residents are required to call at least three business days before breaking ground. Even if your project is small, it's always best to call - and it's free! Call 811 or visit www.va811.org for more information.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS RECAP

On October 29, Superintendent Dr. James T. Roberts addressed a packed audience at the State of the Schools 2015 breakfast. Dr. Roberts highlighted the Schools recent achievements and stressed the need for more state funding. The Chesapeake school system's four-year graduation rate is above the state average at 93.1 percent, their Standards of Learning scores improved this year, and they currently have 34 schools fully accredited. Dr. Roberts recognized several school teachers and staff for receiving awards over the past year, some of which were state and national honors.

One of the main challenges the school division faces is the need for more state funding, which is down tremendously from past years. Dr. Roberts emphasized the need for funding to increase teacher salaries, saying, "Pay them like they are professionals." Several buses need to be replaced and/or fixed, and the funding isn't there to do that now. Dr. Roberts said, "Today's investments in our school division will determine tomorrow's outcomes for our students."

The City and School's 2016 legislative agendas will address these concerns and hopefully more funding will be restored to Chesapeake Public Schools.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Girls & Young Women's
Empowerment Conference
Saturday, November 7
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Oscar Smith Middle

Chesapeake Veterans Day
Ceremony
Wednesday, November 11
11:00 a.m. - City Hall
Veterans Memorial

Taste of Chesapeake
Thursday, November 12
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center

REMINDER:
Business Special Excise Taxes -
DEADLINE
Friday, November 20

Chesapeake Holiday
Craft Show
Saturday, November 21
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conf. Center

Chesapeake Holiday
Craft Show
Sunday, November 22
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conf. Center

Deep Creek Town Meeting: Tuesday, December 1 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Deep Creek Elementary School