



EOC ACTIVATED IN PREPARATION OF FLORENCE



The Chesapeake Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated for the first time in the new Public Safety Operations Center (PSOC) in anticipation of Hurricane Florence making landfall in coastal North Carolina and possibly Southeastern Virginia. On the evening of Thursday, September 13, teams of City employees from all departments reported to the new EOC on Military Highway. The teams monitored weather conditions, supported mandatory evacuations and prepared the City and its citizens for any impacts from the hurricane. Fortunately, the City of Chesapeake was spared from Florence's wrath. However, the City is currently working to assist portions of North Carolina and our neighbors to the south who were impacted.

GREEN FLEET AWARD PRESENTED

The City's Central Fleet was named No. 33 in the 50 Best Government Green Fleets in North America. They were one of two Virginia municipalities to be awarded. The award was presented on August 21 at the *Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo* in Durham, North Carolina.

This was the first year Central Fleet applied for the award. The evaluation standards are divided into seven key categories:

1. Fleet composition – regular fuel vs alternative fueled vehicles
2. Fuel & emissions – percentage of regular vs alternative fuels consumed
3. Policy & planning – future plans for alternative fuel use
4. Fleet utilization – motor pools, vehicle size determination, etc
5. Education – keeping up with new technologies, training, seminars
6. Executive & employee involvement – by in from the whole organization
7. Supporting programs – other initiatives such as recycling and facility improvements



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW PET RESORT IN WESTERN BRANCH

PetSuites Pet Resort & Spa celebrated the opening of its first Virginia location with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 9 at their new location at 3333 Taylor Road. PetSuites offers luxury overnight boarding, daycare services, and grooming care for both cats and dogs while their owners are out of town. The new \$3.7 million pet resort is 14,000 square-feet and includes yard space with a swimming pool for dogs.



Left to right: Tage Counts, HR Chamber; Layne Fuller, PAR5 Development Group; Sherry Barnette, Chesapeake Economic Development; Tim Miller, PAR5 Development Group; Linda Splinter, PetSuites; Aubri Wells, PetSuites; Kay Miller, Chamber Ambassador/Sentara Healthcare; Michelle King, HR Chamber; Constantia Matthews, Chesapeake Economic Development; Preston Wilhelm, Chesapeake Economic Development; and Tiffanie Rosier, Chamber Ambassador/All Star Photobooth

BIG TASTE, SMALL PLATES

Kapers Eatery, located at 1296 South Battlefield Boulevard, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 15. The new Chesapeake restaurant serves American-style tapas, which are small portions that can be shared. Customers' favorites include mini crab cakes and herb bread, which is baked fresh daily. The eatery also provides catering services for family and corporate events.



Todd & Kim Prosser, owners of Kaper's Catering & Eatery celebrated the grand opening with Mayor Rick West; Senator & Mrs. John Cosgrove; Councilman Robert Ike; Christine New Craig, Chesapeake School Board; Dawn Matheson, Chesapeake EDA; David Ropp, EDAC Chairman/TowneBank; and staff, friends and family of Kaper's Eatery

PILATES STUDIO OPENS IN CHESAPEAKE

Club Pilates opened its third Virginia location on July 19 in the Great Bridge section of the City at 237 Hanbury Road. The fitness studio specializes in Reformer-based Pilates practices. The Reformer machine provides a more intense and dynamic workout than a mat-based routine, as the machine's springs provide extra resistance. Club Pilates also offers individual lessons as well as free introduction classes.

Mayor Rick West, along with Nathan Santiaguél, General Manager; Ray Dunn, Studio Owner; Tage Counts, HR Chamber and members of the Club Pilates team



PUBLIC UTILITIES

On September 6, Public Utilities had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location of their Customer Service Operations Center located at 432 Shea Drive. Here employees will continue to answer citizen questions about the City's drinking water and waste water collection services.



Left to right: Mike Bazemore, Eric Crowder, Ted Garty, Steve Gilbert, Chase Cowan, Director of Public Utilities David Jurgens, Rodrick Ransom and Petro DeSouza

CHESAPEAKE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) deployed 22 nurses on Sunday, September 16, from various parts of Virginia to various shelters in North Carolina following Hurricane Florence. Three of those nurses came from the City's Chesapeake-VDH. They were deployed for two weeks and assigned to shelters in Wilmington, North Carolina.



Left to right: Julia Adams, Kelly Phillips and Yvonne Creech from the Chesapeake-Virginia Department of Health

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Commonwealth
Attorney
Nancy Parr

Commonwealth Attorney Nancy Parr was honored by Virginia Lawyers Weekly as a *Leader in the Law*. For 13 years, the Leaders in the Law awards program has recognized lawyers across Virginia who set the standard for other lawyers in the Commonwealth. Parr was among 25 honorees and the only honoree from the southside of Hampton Roads. She will be celebrated at a reception in Richmond and will be profiled in a special supplement of Virginia Lawyers Weekly next month.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Stinnette received the *Michael R. Doucette Lecturer of Merit Award* on August 4 at the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys' Summer Conference. Stinnette has lectured numerous times across the Commonwealth on the topic of Drinking Under the Influence prosecution.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM

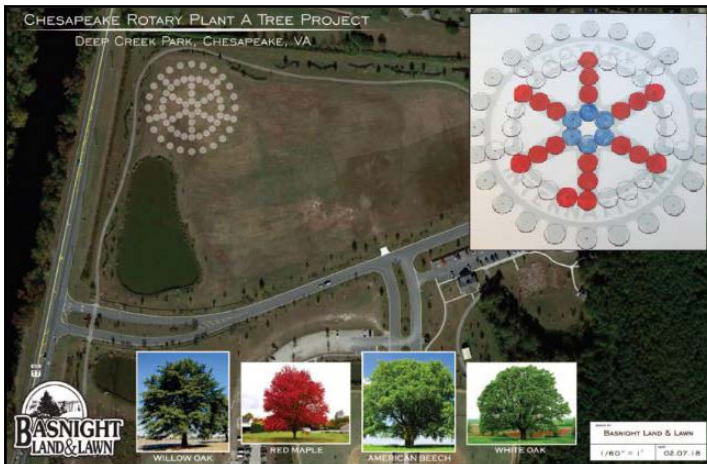
9/11 CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Ceremony of Remembrance took place at the Chesapeake 9/11 Memorial on Tuesday, September 11. Mayor Rick West was the Master of Ceremonies, and William Raftery, keynote speaker who recounted the events when he was a fire chief in New York during the attacks on 9/11/01. Many groups visit the site as a place to reflect, remember those who perished and honor those who assisted in recovery efforts.



Master of Ceremonies Mayor Rick West at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

CHESAPEAKE ROTARY TREE PLANTING AT DEEP CREEK PARK



On Saturday, September 22, the Chesapeake Rotary Club arranged to have 70 hardwood trees donated and installed by Basnight Land & Lawn in the shape of a Rotary wheel at Deep Creek Park. Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff prepped the area for the plantings, and Rotary members assisted and mulched. The Rotary wagon-wheel was designed in 1905 and symbolizes civilization, movement and service work in action.

Rendition of Chesapeake Rotary wagon-wheel tree project at Deep Creek Park

LIBRARY

Chesapeake Public Library has a range of options for commuters interested in listening to audiobooks. The Library's catalog lists more than 30,000 items on CD. Additional titles are available using the Library's apps *RBDigital*, *Libby by Overdrive* and *Hoopla*. Visit infopeake.org to sneak a peek at the collection.



NOTEWORTHY

FIBER CONNECTIVITY RING BRING CITIES TOGETHER

On September 5, the Hampton Roads Regional Broadband Initiative announced the first connection point to the Regional Fiber Ring; the fiber optic backbone system that will connect all five Southside cities. [Watch the Press Event here](#)



Left to right: Robert Dyer, Virginia Beach City Council; Susan Vitali, Chesapeake City Council; Dr. Ella Ward, Chesapeake City Council; Andria McClellan, Norfolk City Council; Ben Davenport, Virginia Beach City Council; Chesapeake Mayor Rick West; Virginia Beach Mayor Louis Jones; and Norfolk Mayor Kenneth Alexander

UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAY

Columbus Day

All City offices, courts and libraries will be closed on Monday, October 8. Community centers will be open for after-school programs from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Visitors Center, located at 1224 Progressive Drive, will remain open.

There are no changes to trash or recycling collection schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Great American Food Fest
Wednesday, October 3
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive
[Tickets and More Info](#)

Monster Fest
Saturday, October 6
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Central Library
298 Cedar Road
[More Info](#)

Chesapeake Recycles Day
Saturday, October 13
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Greenbrier Mall
1401 Greenbrier Parkway
[More Info](#)

Farmers' Markets
Wednesday, October 17
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
City of Chesapeake
[Multiple Locations](#)

Bark in the Park
Sunday, October 21
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive
[More Info](#)

Hampton Roads VegFest
Sunday, October 28
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park,
900 City Park Drive
[More Info](#)