



# Real Time Updates

Chesapeake  
VIRGINIA

September 2013

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

## NEWS

### THE MAYOR'S AMBASSADORS CELEBRATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

- The 2012/2013 Mayor's Ambassadors celebrated the end of another successful year at the Arboretum on August 21. The Mayor's Ambassadors are middle school youth (sixth and seventh graders) who do not routinely receive recognition but make a difference in unique, personal ways. They are your average students who have overcome adversity, provided service to others, set a good example, and are positive role models. The Mayor's Ambassadors attend local events and meetings as guests of the Mayor and advise him on topics pertaining to youth.



### CHESAPEAKE 911 MEMORIAL SITE

- On September 7, 2013, the Expanded Public Art Committee will join forces with the previously scheduled Freedom Ride event to kick off the memorial's major fundraising endeavors. A thirty minute ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the proposed sit of the memorial, near the main entrance to City Park. The Freedom Ride event will then follow, beginning at noon. As part of the kickoff ceremony, the beam that was brought to Chesapeake in 2011 from the World Trade Center in New York will be placed near the proposed permanent site of the memorial in City Park, but in a temporary design (Phase I). The next phase will incorporate some or all of the permanent design elements.

Additional information can be found at [CityofChesapeake.net](http://CityofChesapeake.net), or contact the City Manager's Office at 382-6166.

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## PROJECTS

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### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- The Safe Routes to School project at Western Branch Middle School is complete. The project included sidewalks and pedestrian signals. The photo to the right is an example of one such signal.

### NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS INSTALLED

- New traffic signals were installed at the following locations in the past month:
  - Military Highway and Old Greenbrier Road
  - Battlefield Boulevard and Benefit Road/Centerville Turnpike



### BAINBRIDGE BOULEVARD NEAR DOMINION BOULEVARD CLOSED

- Bainbridge Boulevard is now closed near the Dominion Boulevard intersection as part of the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project. It will remain closed through November. Crews are widening and raising the road to prepare it to be a detour from Dominion Boulevard during construction this winter.

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## OPERATIONS

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### ENVIVA PORT OF CHESAPEAKE

- On August 16, a Certificate of Occupancy was issued to Enviva Port of Chesapeake, LLC, for the completion of Dome #2, used for the storage of wood pellets. The construction value of this 24, 801 square foot dome is \$4.7 million.

### A NEW CHICK-FIL-A

- Development and Permits Engineering has approved construction of a new Chick-fil-a at 1516 Sam's Circle. The current building will be razed and a new building will be constructed. The new facility will feature a double drive-thru service.

### PLANTATION GREENS APARTMENTS

- Permits were issued to Arlington Construction Services for 27 buildings (328 units) and a clubhouse at the Plantation Greens Apartments complex. The buildings will be located adjacent to the Dominion Commons shopping center and Shillelagh Road. The value of this project is \$27,056,654.

### USAA INSURANCE COMPANY

- A permit was issued to Clancy & Theys Construction Company for the tenant build-out for 520 Independence Parkway for USAA Insurance Company. The facility consists of 82,500 square feet and has a construction value of \$3,000,000.

### CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR 7-11

- A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for a new 7-11 store located at 1498 S. Military Highway on August 8.

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## EVENTS

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### **Rodger's Banana Pudding Sauce**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
Thursday, September 5  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
1410 Poindexter Street

### **Freedom Ride**

Saturday, September 7  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake City Park

### **Freedom Run**

Saturday, September 14  
8:00 a.m.  
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

### **Community Neighborhood Event Series**

Saturday, September 14  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Cascade Boulevard Park

### **Supervisory Certificate Program Graduation**

Date TBA in  
October

### **First Citizen of Chesapeake**

Thursday, September 19  
7:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Conference  
Center

### **Chesapeake City Employees Corn Hole Tournament**

Saturday, September 21  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
City Hall Quad Area

### **Chesapeake Early Education Small Business Program Graduation**

Wednesday, September 25  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Portlock Galleries at SoNo

### **Bra-Ha-Ha Awards Show & Auction**

Friday, September 27  
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Conference  
Center



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### **THE 4TH ANNUAL SONO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Thursday, August 15, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office held its 4th Annual South Norfolk Basketball Tournament at Johnson Park. The tournament was supported by local community businesses and leagues along with other City departments, and it was a huge success! There were 13 teams in the tournament which consisted of four players, three kids of various ages up to seventeen and one adult from the Chesapeake Police and Fire Departments, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office or the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. There were approximately 200 people in the stands rooting the teams on to victory. The championship game was between the Grizzlies, lead by Officer Matt Elliott, and the Hawks, lead by Charles Tilghman from the Fire Department. The game was close, but the Grizzlies took the victory. Who will take home the victory next year? Come watch or participate! For more information, contact Mary Phillips at 382-3200.