



REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders *September 2016*

FUTURE GROWTH

Dollar Tree Announces Major Project in Greenbrier

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe was in Chesapeake August 3, joining Mayor Alan Krasnoff and Dollar Tree, Inc., CEO Bob Sasser to announce that the company will spend \$110 million for development of its corporate headquarters in the City. The project will create 600 new jobs over six years, while retaining more than 800 existing positions.

In addition to the expansion of Dollar Tree's headquarters, the project plans include retail, food, and public parking locations in an urban streetscape concept. While no specific timeline for the project has been announced, the company indicates that construction will take place over the next several years.

Mayor Krasnoff welcomed the expansion news, saying, "The long-term relationship we've built with Dollar Tree has turned a dream into a welcome reality, and when Dollar Tree succeeds as a company, Chesapeake succeeds as a city."

Dollar Tree, a Fortune 200 company, operates more than 14,000 stores across 48 states and five Canadian provinces under the "Dollar Tree," "Dollar Tree Canada," and "Family Dollar" brands.



Artist's rendering of the planned Dollar Tree expansion in the Greenbrier area of Chesapeake



Michelle White, Governor's Office

(Left to Right) Governor Terry McAuliffe, Dollar Tree CEO Bob Sasser, and Mayor Alan Krasnoff with a \$4 million grant check from the Commonwealth Opportunity Fund in support of the expansion project.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

GREENBRIER SQUARE WELCOMES MAJOR NEW TENANTS

The City's newest shopping destination, Greenbrier Square, welcomed three anchor stores to its Sentinel Drive location during August. The center, located near the intersection of North Battlefield Blvd. and the recently extended Woodlake Drive, offers new options for consumers in this section of Greenbrier and beyond, with easy access to Interstate 64.

Kroger Marketplace

The first opening took place on August 3, as Kroger, the nation's largest traditional supermarket retailer, cut the ribbon



on its first Chesapeake location. The 123,587-square-foot Kroger Marketplace includes more than 90,000



square feet of non-grocery items, ranging from apparel to home decor. The store also features a cheese shop, growler station showcasing craft

beers, and an expanded wine selection. More than 280 jobs were created with the opening of the store.

As part of the opening, Kroger made donations to three local charities: the Mayor's Commission on Veteran's Affairs, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, and the Chesapeake Fire Department's "Adventure Fire AIM Mentor" program.

The new Kroger Marketplace also includes a fuel center, with special discounts available for frequent grocery store shoppers.



Dick's & Field and Stream



In late August, well-known retailer Dick's Sporting Goods opened its newest Hampton Roads

location in the center, but this one was also a first-of-its-kind for the region. The Chesapeake Dick's is co-located with a Field and Stream store, which specializes in hunting, fishing, and other outdoor-related merchandise.

The two adjacent stores cover about 90,000 square feet of space, and each brings more than 80 full-time and part-time jobs to the city.



Both stores opened with much excitement, thanks to appearances by a number of celebrities, including former Virginia

Tech football coach Frank Beamer, and Deadliest Catch Captain "Wild Bill" Wichrowski.

PROJECTS

DEEP CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MOVES CLOSER



Highlighting a partnership between the federal, state and local governments, officials gathered in mid-August to ceremonially sign an agreement for funding the replacement of the Deep Creek Bridge. The single bascule draw span, which has been declared “functionally obsolete,” carries traffic across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway along Route 17.

Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne, and US Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Jason Kelly came together at the bridge for the signing. Both



Col. Jason Kelly, USACE, Mayor Alan Krasnoff, and Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Aubrey Layne, exchange handshakes following the agreement signing.

the state and the Corps are providing funding for the project, which will increase the bridge width to five lanes and make other adjustments to the roadway to enhance travel. Construction is expected to begin in 2018, with a new span being built adjacent to the current bridge. Traffic will then be re-routed onto the new bridge, and the old one will be replaced, completing the project in early 2021. Except for some brief interruptions, traffic flow along Route 17 is expected to be unaffected by the work. More details on the project can be found at CityOfChesapeake.net/DeepCreekBridge.

JAIL EXPANSION BREAKS GROUND

Chesapeake Sheriff Jim O’Sullivan hosted a groundbreaking event August 29 for the first expansion of the Chesapeake Correctional Center in more than 20 years. The \$29 million project will add just over 47,000 square feet of space and will house 192 inmates in the new Community Programs Center. During the event, Sheriff O’Sullivan noted that the new facility will streamline jail operations and provide more opportunities for inmates to work and take classes, enhancing their skills and prospects once they are released. Work on the expansion will begin during September, with the new building expected to be ready for occupancy in early 2018.



Pictured at the groundbreaking (L-R): Commissioner of the Revenue Ray Conner, Vice Mayor Rick West, Council Members Debbie Ritter and Lonnie Craig, Commonwealth’s Attorney Nancy Parr, Sheriff Jim O’Sullivan, Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Chesapeake Treasurer Barbara Carraway, and Council Member, Dr. Ella Ward.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GIRLS GET INSIDE LOOK AT FIGHTING FIRES

The Chesapeake Fire Department, in partnership with the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast, hosted a week-long experiential camp for girls in August. Called "Camp Fury Chesapeake," the program gave 20 girls a chance to explore firefighting and other careers which have traditionally been



Department professionals ensured safety and coached the campers in climbing an aerial ladder as part of the Camp Fury experience.

considered more geared toward males. The campers climbed ladders, including an aerial truck ladder, rappelled from heights, learned about technical rescue and extrications, and spent a night at a fire station. Campers agreed that the experiences were amazing, as was the chance to develop courage, confidence and character as they stepped outside their normal comfort zones. Plans are already underway for Camp Fury 2017.



Kaila Callahan, Mackenzie Burton, and Summer Myrick suited up in their fire turnout gear and prepared for the day's challenges.

A number of firefighters from neighboring cities volunteered their time to assist with Camp Fury, which also received help from several business and community sponsors.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Food Truck Hump Days
on the Waterways**
Sept. 7 & 21, 4:00 p.m.
1775 Historic Way
Near Great Bridge Bridge

Freedom Run 9.11 Miles
September 10
8:00 a.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

**15th Anniversary 9/11
Ceremonies**
September 11 - 1:00 p.m.
City Park

**Mayor's Veterans
Breakfast**
September 17, 8:00 a.m.
Conference Center

Family Fun Day
September 24
12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Northwest River Park

Movie & More
"Cloudy with a Chance of
Meatballs 2"
September 24, 6:00 p.m.
Northwest River Park