



City Holds Disaster Recovery Training Exercise

The City of Chesapeake views preparing for emergencies as a process of continuous learning and improvement. In that spirit, the City recently held the third in an annual series of training exercises called the Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC), in conjunction with training and subject matter experts from the federal Emergency Management Institute (EMI).



Fire Chief Ed Elliott briefs IEMC participants on the exercise scenario, response to a Category 3 hurricane dubbed "Chessie."

The 2017 event, held over four days, began with a full-scale exercise which tested responders ability to coordinate, adapt, and manage both response and recovery efforts following a Category 3 hurricane.

As part of the training, the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was deemed unusable and responders had to establish operations in a portable facility provided by the Hampton Roads Incident Management Team (HRIMT). City responders and HRIMT personnel also coordinated throughout the exercise for joint, integrated response.

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The remaining three days of the IEMC were spent in a combination of classroom trainings and tabletop exercises, allowing responders to talk through short and long range recovery plans for the City following a major storm, while also learning new techniques for managing resources and personnel in a recovery effort. Participants agreed that the IEMC provided invaluable training, particularly as it built upon lessons learned in the past two year's exercises.

Ironically, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas just days after the IEMC, and exercise participants were told to closely monitor the real-time response to that storm for additional lessons learned.

Additional exercises for both City responders and HRIMT personnel are currently in the planning stages, including scenarios involving the US Navy, private industry, and other stakeholders throughout the community.



City Manager James E. Baker leads a mock news conference with City staff to discuss response and recovery plans during the training exercise.



Lt. Mary Morton, Chesapeake Fire Department, briefs exercise participants on completed actions and the plans for the next operational period of the response.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Public Health Director Honored as Famous Former Girl Scout

Dr. Nancy Welch, Public Health Director of the Chesapeake Health Department, was recently honored as a 2017 Girl Scout Famous Former by the Girl Scout Council of the Colonial Coast at a reception on Thursday, August 24. Famous Former recipients from past years were present to congratulate this year's recipients.

The reception was an opportunity for attendees to reminisce about their Girl Scout moments and to share how they support Girl Scouts today. These Famous Formers are still living the Girl Scout Promise and Law, nurturing future leaders by being active volunteers and parents of Girl Scouts, and mentoring girls during the annual take a Girl Scout to Work Day. The 2017 Famous Formers honorees will be officially recognized at a luncheon on November 2.

Prior to the reception, Dr. Welch was surprised at an informal presentation honoring her at City Hall on June 21.



Left to right: Deputy City Manager, Dr. Wanda Barnard-Bailey, Dr. Nancy Welch and Dr. Linda Rice, Vice President for Grantmaking, Hampton Roads Community Foundation and 2016 Famous Former recipient.

FAMIS Enrollment Assistance Offered within Chesapeake Public Schools

Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) is Virginia's state-sponsored health insurance program for children. The Chesapeake Health Department now offers FAMIS Enrollment Assistance within Chesapeake Public Schools any time during the year. If you qualify, your child will be enrolled in free or low-cost health insurance.

Contact Charleen Thompson at (757) 469-4436 or CHDFAMIS@vdh.virginia.gov to make an appointment today.



Health Department to Offer Free Flu Shots

The Health Department will be giving free flu shots on Saturday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at 748 North Battlefield Boulevard. Citizens are asked to wear a short sleeve shirt and must be at least three years old to receive the shot. For more information, please visit www.chesapeake.vdh.virginia.gov.

Labor Day Holiday

All City Offices, Courts and Community Centers will be Closed Monday, September 4

Chesapeake public libraries will be closed on both Sunday, Sept. 3, & Monday, Sept. 4

No change to trash and recycling collection schedules

9/11 Ceremony of Remembrance

Monday, September 11

Ceremony - 8:30 a.m.

Bell Tolling - 8:46 a.m.

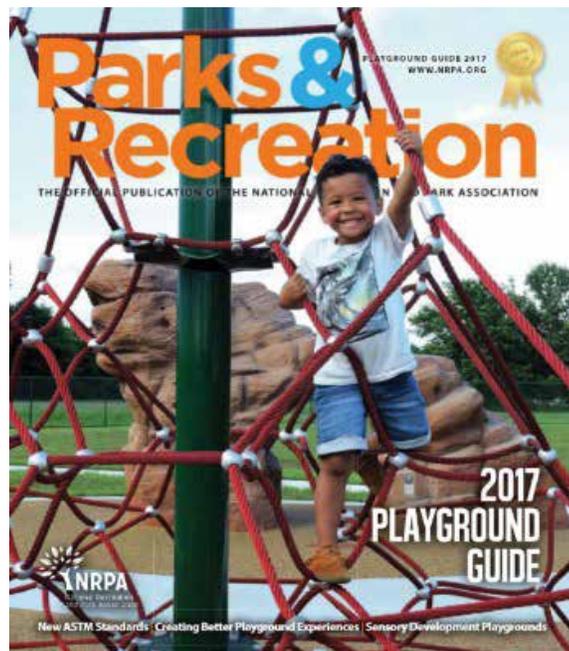
Chesapeake City Park

900 City Park Drive

Deep Creek Park's Destination Playground

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) featured Deep Creek Park's Destination Playground on the cover of the 2017 *July is Park and Recreation Month* edition of *Parks & Recreation Magazine*. The publication was distributed to member agencies throughout the country.

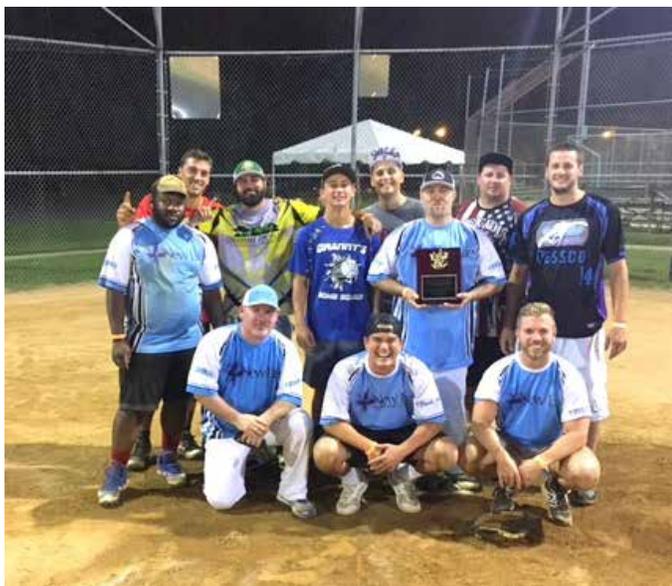
The Guide will remain on the [magazine's](#) website through the end of the year. An aerial view of Destination Playground (pictured right) has been featured on the back cover of each edition of the magazine since May.



Tidewater Championship Softball Tournament Held in Chesapeake

The 36th Annual Tidewater Championship Softball Tournament was held at Western Branch Park from July 31 through August 4. The tournament was for the top winning teams from Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Portsmouth in the divisions of Men's Open, Church, and Coed.

The tournament rotates on a two-year schedule through the participating cities. Chesapeake hosted the 2017 tournament and will host again in 2018. The City of Chesapeake was represented by two winning teams in the Open Division, Edinburgh Family Dentistry in first place and 21 Burgers in second place. New Life Church #2 of Chesapeake earned first place in the Church division.



First place in the Church division,
New Life Church #2 of Chesapeake



First Place in the Men's Open,
Edinburgh Family Dentistry

Hoffman Beverage Company Celebrates New Corporate Headquarters

Hoffman Beverage Company, celebrated its recent expansion and new corporate headquarters by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, August 23. An open house followed with a portfolio tasting of their products, educational seminars, and tours of the new 253,500 square foot facility, located at 4105 South Military Highway.

Founded in 1919, Hoffman Beverage Co. is a beverage distributor specializing in grocery, convenience, and restaurant clients across the Southside Hampton Roads region. The company is both family-owned and women-owned led by 4th generation Chairman Robin Ray and 5th generation Vice-Chairman Katherine Hines.



Hoffman Beverage Co. was previously headquartered in Virginia Beach with an additional satellite warehouse on South Military Highway to handle the beer volume in the western part of the region. With the company's successful growth—now managing distribution for almost 50 breweries —Hoffman Beverage Company recently consolidated the two warehouse facilities into one Chesapeake location in order to expand operations.

INIT Inc. Celebrates New North American Headquarters in Chesapeake

INIT Innovations in Transportation, Inc. celebrated the grand opening of its new North American Headquarters building located at 424 Network Station, on August 3. The ceremony included a formal ribbon-cutting and guided tours of the 67,000 square foot facility.

The new facility has consolidated INIT's warehouses, operations, and two manufacturing firms — Total Quality Assembly, LLC (TQA), and Superior Quality Manufacturing (SQM). Altogether, the building features 20,000 square feet of manufacturing space, 20,000 square feet of office space, and a 27,000 square foot warehouse. INIT established its North American headquarters in Chesapeake in 1999 with a small staff of five from Germany. Since then, the company's evolution as the worldwide leading supplier of intelligent transportation systems for public transit has swiftly advanced.

Headquartered in Karlsruhe, Germany, the INIT Group has become a global player - thanks to its clients and employees from 25 countries spanning four continents.



CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Citizens Catch a Glimpse of the Solar Eclipse at Indian River Library

Chesapeake residents who were looking to catch a glimpse of the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, were able to visit Chesapeake Public Libraries to get a pair of free protective glasses. Onlookers in Virginia only got a partial view of the eclipse, and so those who wished to see it needed protective glasses with lenses that filter out light and prevent damage to the eyes.



Yanna Shelly tries on the glasses at Indian River Library to prepare for the eclipse.

Chesapeake Public Libraries distributed 1,000 pairs of the special glasses that were provided by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The Indian River branch hosted a viewing party the day of the eclipse with more than 350 participants. Attendees were able to share glasses and as well as create pinhole viewers to watch the eclipse.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

South Norfolk Municipal Facilities Study & Development Strategy – Phase I of the study is underway, involving project visioning, community needs assessment, and data collection. Phase I is to be completed by this Fall. (Project Manager - Alexis Baker)

Combined OSAP/REPI/FEPAP Voluntary Property Acquisition Application Round – Getting underway on September 1, with notifications going out to property owners enrolled in the land use assessment program, as well as other public notification outlets. Application round closes October 31. Land conservation workshop/application round open house will be held on October 4 at the Central Library from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Record Your Life Story
Thursday, September 7
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Russell Memorial Library
For information call 410-7016

Freedom Run
Saturday, September 9
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal
[Click here to register](#)

“55 and Better” Pig Pickin’
Friday, September 15
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive

**Food Truck Wednesday
& Kayak Demos**
Wednesday, September 20
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Battlefield Park
1775 Historic Way

**9th Annual Mayor’s Breakfast
to Honor Veterans**
Saturday, September 23
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center
[Click here to reserve your seat](#)

Color the Creek 5K
Saturday, September 30
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Deep Creek Elementary
2809 Forehand Drive
DeepCreekPTA.eventbrite.com