



SPOTLIGHT

INDIAN RIVER TOWN MEETING

December 3, 2019

2020 Census

Planning staff have been coordinating City efforts to assist the U.S. Census Bureau in promoting the upcoming 2020 Census. The promotion effort includes raising awareness of the upcoming census amongst Chesapeake residents, educating them on the importance of completing their surveys, and helping to recruit census takers.



Because certain population groups within the Indian River area have been historically identified as hard-to-count, significant effort and resources have been directed to promotions in this area. A complete count ensures that the City does not miss out on federal funding for roads, social services, etc. that is allocated based on census counts.

Norfolk Highland Drainage Improvements

Six projects have been identified and will be funded over the next 5 years. All but the Overland Improvements project involve pipe upgrades and rerouting where needed to shift the storm system into the right-of-way. The projects have been programmed as follows:

- Cornick & Elder - project budget \$203,000
 - Philmont Ave - project budget \$280,000 beginning in FY 21
 - Hawthorne & Laurel - project budget \$139,000 beginning in FY 22
 - Myrtle Ave - project budget \$189,000
 - Overland Improvements - project budget \$74,000 in beginning in FY 23
 - Oleander Ave - project budget \$558,000 beginning in FY 25.
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PUBLIC SAFETY

The Chesapeake Fire Department and Police Department have several initiatives to increase the safety and well-being of the Indian River Community.

Police:

- Precinct Commander hosted monthly Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, which includes civic league presidents and other community leaders representatives
- Officers provided safety talks with several schools and churches during the course of the year
- Assisted with Citizen's Police Academy by providing ride-along experiences for interested attendees
- Participated in the Chesapeake Police Foundation's book bag giveaway
- Aided the DEA and Vice & Narcotics with Drug Take-Back events and participated in the annual National Night Out event
- Collaborated with Community Programs and Code Enforcement Inspectors to resolve various neighborhood quality of life issues from unsafe structures to minor code violation issues
- During the school year, officers visited various schools to have lunch and spend time with students, and continued to mentor youth in school and in after school programs
- Served as the only pick up location for the CAST Program

Fire

Ladder 2 is a new addition to our emergency response fleet that responds to the Indian River community. Ladder 2 has a 107' aerial, and was engineered with lightweight steel removing over 2000 pounds of weight. This allows the 107' aerial to be fully extended within thirty seconds. The capabilities of the ladder company is enormous from the highly technical compliment of hydraulic and electric rescue tools. The tools provide versatility on motor vehicle and industrial accidents. The truck also has a full complement of 10' and 35' ground ladders for firefighters to reach different heights. The ladder truck is designed as a tiller. You will notice a firefighter at the back of the ladder truck steering the rear wheels. This provides the ability to move the large truck into tight spaces and around tight corners.

