

Chesapeake Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

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Boards and Commissions

There are 5 boards and commissions with 3 current subcommittees that fall under the Department's purview. As members with a drive to make a difference, these boards and commissions provide guidance and are a valuable resource and contributing extension of the Department. The purpose and goals of these entities are varied but all are unified in the mission to serve the citizens and visitors of Chesapeake by enhancing existing City and Department amenities, services and natural resources, and developing and promoting existing and new programs to foster the well-being of patrons served.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

This 16-member board, appointed by City Council, makes recommendations relative to planning of facilities, programs, rules, and policies for the Department. The board also provides valuable citizen feedback to the department.

Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council

This 18-member council is appointed by the Mayor. Their purpose is to promote interest in the general improvement of Chesapeake's environment thereby making Chesapeake a cleaner place to live.

Tourism Advisory Board

This 15-member board, appointed by City Council, makes recommendations to the Chesapeake Convention & Visitors Bureau (Tourism Division) relative to the promotion and servicing of tourism, conferences, and conventions in the City.

Arboretum Advisory Board

This 9-member board oversees the operation and programs of the Chesapeake Arboretum. The Arboretum is a 47-acre site consisting of a trail system through a mature hardwood forest, a several acre tree farm, and a circa-18th century homestead. There are also formal gardens and several outbuildings. Educational and recreation activities occur at the site.

Fine Arts Commission

This 14-member commission, with 5 honorary members, is appointed by City Council and strives to increase and foster citizen access, interest, and participation in the arts by providing leadership, advocacy and support to enrich the cultural vitality of the City and region's community. It also administers annual grant disposition to local arts groups.



Public Art



Expanded Public Art Committee
Chesapeake
9/11 Memorial



Arts Alive!

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 Chessie with a “Movie & More” fan
 at Chesapeake City Park!

