



REGIONAL MAJOR EVENTS – 2017

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Great American Cleanup

The BIGGEST cleanup campaign of the year! Help keep Chesapeake Beautiful by involving your group in a cleanup or beautification project. Please register two weeks prior to your selected date. Thanks to GLAD Bag, trash bags are provided for your cleanup. Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council (CEIC) and Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (KAB) sponsor this annual event. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/CEIC.

Registration deadline is at least two-weeks before your cleanup date.

Locations are throughout the City

March 1-June 3

Arbor Day Celebration

Arbor Day is celebrated by planting trees throughout the city during the year. A ceremony will be held at the TCC Chesapeake Campus to thank volunteers and sponsors.

The Master Gardeners give away free tree seedling. Sponsored by Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism and supported by the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council, Chesapeake Master Gardeners, and Virginia Department of Forestry. All activities are free. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at

www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents. **11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (12 p.m. Opening Ceremony)**

TCC Chesapeake Campus

March 3

1428 Cedar Road, 23322

Dismal Swamp Stomp Running Festival — Half-Marathon, 5K, and Kids Cub Run

Chesapeake invites you on a spectacular 13.1 mile journey through lush, mysterious landscape and rich history. Alongside and parallel to the trail is the historic Dismal Swamp Canal, part of the famed Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, which offers runners forested wetlands and a peaceful paved pathway through the wilderness. Join the foot stompin' crowd for the race; enjoy the legendary scenery and entertainment that will be anything but dismal. Each registered participant receives a finisher's medal when they cross the finish line. The Dismal Swamp Stomp Running Festival brings outdoor sports to a new level. **Registration is available now through April 17.** For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

April 8

1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, 23323

Hampton Roads Corporate Challenge

Join us for the 2017 Hampton Roads Corporate Challenge as over 50 companies compete in a variety of sporting events for bragging rights and bling! Sports include: 5K run, basketball, bowling, cornhole, golf, kickball, ropes course, tug of war and volleyball. Gather your co-workers and enjoy this fun event while focusing on health/wellness, team building, improving office morale and networking in a relaxed atmosphere. Events held throughout Hampton Roads will be April 12-22. Events in Chesapeake will be April 22.

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Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive, 23320

April 22

Paddle for the Border

Paddle on the Dismal Swamp Canal, adjacent to the Great Dismal Swamp — “a unique and mysterious place” — chartered by George Washington’s survey company in 1763. Paddlers push off into the Dismal Swamp Canal and navigate their own canoes, kayaks or stand-up paddle-boards from South Mills, NC, to Chesapeake, joining other paddlers for a picnic lunch. **Registration begins January 3.** For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PADDLE.

Dismal Swamp Canal:
Camden County, NC to Chesapeake, VA

May 6

Revolutionary Beer Festival

This event will feature local craft beers from Virginia paired with food trucks from all over Hampton Roads. Adults Only (21 and over), and please, No Pets. 15+ Breweries, 8+ Food Trucks, V.I.P Tent, Live Music, and More! For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at: www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

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May 6

Bike Fest

Family, friends, and neighbors are cordially invited to come celebrate Bike Month with the Chesapeake Bicycle Trails Committee, the Tidewater Bicycle Association (TBA), and Safe Routes to School Chesapeake. Bring your bike and enjoy 12+ miles of paved trails and great family friendly bike activities including a bike rodeo, bike maintenance demos, and visit with a bike mechanic. Parking & restrooms available. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail – North Trail Head
1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Chesapeake, VA 23323

May 7

Chesapeake Jubilee

The Chesapeake Jubilee offers one of the largest varieties of carnival rides and games east of the Mississippi! The Jubilee will again host the Chesapeake Kiwanis Club Shrimp Feast and the BBQ Cook-off Competition, sanctioned by the world famous Kansas City Barbeque Society. As always, don't miss our annual Fireworks Extravaganza produced by the world famous Zambelli Fireworks! In addition to great music and food, Amusements of America will be on site with thrilling rides and games. Bring the kids out for what is sure to be a memorable occasion. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Chesapeake City Park
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May 18-21

29th Annual Clean the Bay Day

Individuals, groups, and organizations help to cleanup Chesapeake's waterways from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Boaters and businesses along the waterway are especially needed to help with the clean-up. Sponsored by Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. **The registration deadline is May 31.** For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Locations are throughout the City

June 3

The Arts Matter: A Creativity Festival

The Arts Matter: A Creativity Festival is a community celebration to raise awareness of the importance of the arts in children's lives and encourage advocacy for the arts both in and out of the classroom. It involves arts partners, community partners, educators, families, and individuals of all ages. The Festival will feature a variety of performances and art stations for children of all ages. This event is **FREE** and open to the public! Produced by Young Audiences of Virginia and sponsored by Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Helen G. Gifford Foundation. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Chesapeake City Park
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June 10

KayaXpedition

The annual **KayaXpedition** is a kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle-boarding festival in Chesapeake. There's something for everyone this year, including beginner paddlers and families that want to have an adventure together. Reservations required for most events. For more information please visit www.CityofChesapeake.net/KayaXpedition or call **757-382-6411** for more information.

Oak Grove Park, 409 Byron Street 23320
Northwest River Park, 1733 Indian Creek Road 23322
Great Bridge Lock Park, 100 Locks Road 23320

June 10 & 11

“Movie & More” Outdoor Movie Series

Join us for some **FREE** family fun! This event begins at 5 p.m. with free parking! Enjoy a dance party, inflatables, face painting and other fun activities prior to the movie! Food vendors will be on-site. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRTevents.

- June 17 @ Chesapeake City Park
- July 15 @ Northwest River Park
- August 19 @ Elizabeth River Park
- September 16 @ Western Branch Park
- October 21 @ Deep Creek Park

Celebrate Freedom

Honor our nation's birthday with a concert from the U.S. Army TRADOC Band, children's activities, family entertainment, and a fireworks finale! **FREE admission.**

\$5 on-site Parking Fee. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets (no pop-up tents permitted). Food vendors will be on-site. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

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July 3

4th of July Parade and Picnic in the Park

Parade, entertainment, food, games and paddleboat rides will be held **Tuesday, July 4** Lakeside Park. The parade steps off at 10 a.m. and the picnic is 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Event is **FREE** to the public. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at

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Lakeside Park
1441 Bainbridge Blvd, 23324

July 4

Chesapeake Criterium (Bicycle Race)

Velo Racing Virginia, Inc. and Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism present a top level bike race for families to experience! Pre-register on-line at www.Bikereg.com or on-site; there will be field limits. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

City of Chesapeake - City Hall Building
306 Cedar Road, 23322

August 5

Symphony Under the Stars

Enjoy a **FREE** Virginia Symphony Orchestra concert at the Chesapeake City Park's Bagley Stage. Chesapeake Arts Alive! will host its annual wine tasting during the event. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets (no pop-up tents permitted). Food vendors will be on-site. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Chesapeake City Park
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September 3

Northwest River Park Family Fun Day

Enjoy a family day at one of Chesapeake's hidden gems for outdoor recreation. Activities include **FREE** paddle boat rentals, bike rentals, canoe rentals, putt-putt, wagon rides, fishing (license required), 7 miles of hiking trails, amusements, and other family activities. Food vendors will be on-site. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us on line at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Northwest River Park
1733 Indian Creek Road, 23322

September 23

8th Annual Waterways Heritage Festival

Located on the Intracoastal Waterways in Chesapeake, VA, the Waterways Heritage Festival is truly a rich celebration of Chesapeake's waterways and cultural heritage. The festival hosts several guilds, exhibitors, and vendors from across the Commonwealth showcasing the skills, talents, and craftiness of people and their trades that have contributed to the establishment and development of this unique region. Exhibitors and vendors display, demonstrate, and sell handmade crafts including baked goods, basketry, batteaus, beekeeping, doll making, fiber arts, fine art, fly fishing, fly tying, handbags, jams, jewelry, knitting, live music, living history, pottery, quilting, sewing, soap making, spinning, storytelling, weaving, woodworking, and more. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Battlefield Park South
120 Reservation Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322

October 14 & 15

Bark in the Park - 5k Doggy Dash and Fun Fest

Bring your canine to City Park for a dog-gone good time. The 5K Doggy Dash and 2K Puppy Trot will be held Saturday starting at 5pm and will feature live entertainment and concessions at the finish. The Fun Fest will be held Sunday from 12pm to 5pm and feature pet related vendors, animal rescues, games, contests, demonstrations, carrgreat food and more! This event is a great resource for pet owners and an awesome time for the entire family. Bark in the Park is presented by Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Chesapeake Humane Society. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRTevents.

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October 21 & 22

Ghost Train at Northwest River Park

Ride the terrifying train and see the ghouls and goblins of the haunted woods of Northwest River Park. Train times are 7pm-9:30pm on Thursdays, 7pm-10:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets go on sale September 11 at all community centers, Northwest River Park, and online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/NWRP . Reservations are required; space is limited. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Northwest River Park
1733 Indian Creek Road, 23322

October 19-21 & 26-28

Dismal Swamp Art Festival

This festival offers a magical experience on the Canal Trail of the National Wildlife Refuge. Fine artists come from near and far to sell and share their works, while interacting with visitors. The 2 days of journey include varieties of live music to ease the spirit, while your taste buds enjoy local famous Brunswick stew and other scrumptious Fall fare. Fine wine, Craft Brews, and Hot Apple Cider will keep everyone hydrated all weekend long. Harvest themed activities and artistic expression await children of all ages. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit us online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRTevents.

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

October 28 & 29

1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Chesapeake, VA 23323

Chesapeake Holiday Craft Show

Get your holiday shopping started early. Talented artisans display and sell their crafts at this traditional opening of the holiday shopping season in Chesapeake. Time: Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 11am-4pm. Parents don't forget your camera for pictures with Santa in our amazing children's area! Concessions will be available for purchase. Admission is **FREE**.

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Chesapeake Conference Center

November 18 & 19

700 Conference Center Drive, 23320

Battle of Great Bridge

This two-day event is held at Battlefield Park South which is located just south of the Great Bridge "bridge". It is the original site of the Battle of Great Bridge fought December 9, 1775. Step back in time with us and experience re-enactments of the Battle of Great Bridge. The event also highlights Revolutionary War encampments, demonstrations, character portrayals, camp life, historical displays, historical lectures, skilled artisans demonstrating early American trades, and children's crafts and activities.

Times: Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Battlefield Park South

December 2 & 3

120 Reservation Road, 23322

Holiday Brass Concert with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra

The bold sounds of the [Virginia Symphony Orchestra](http://www.VirginiaSymphonyOrchestra.org) brass section will help you ring in the holidays in a bright new way! With a variety of styles from classical to contemporary, you'll delight in the sounds of the season. Event is **FREE** to the public. Concessions available for purchase. For more information, call **757-382-6411** or visit our website at

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Chesapeake Conference Center

December 13

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