



SPOTLIGHT

GREAT BRIDGE TOWN MEETING **December 5, 2017**

The Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Museum and Visitor Center

This project is in the early stages of construction, and will provide a Georgian-style building with a brick facade in the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Park, located along Battlefield Boulevard and the Intracoastal Waterways adjacent to the Great Bridge Waterway Bridge.



Rendering of Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Museum

When both Phase I and Phase II are complete, the building is slated to house a 100-seat auditorium for multi-media presentations, a 3,000 sq. ft. permanent gallery, a 2,000 sq. ft. gallery for changing exhibits, a gift shop that will feature specialty items from all over Virginia and beyond, and a multipurpose catering kitchen for special events. At the entrance of the facility there will be a large space for gathering and receptions.

This Museum/Visitor Center will be the information center for a larger project being completed by the City of Chesapeake, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation. The project will create a historic park using the four quadrants of land that surround the intersection of Battlefield Boulevard and the canal at Great Bridge.

Due to its location on the banks of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the center will receive both marine and vehicular traffic. The center will provide resources for local historical research and host both indoor and outdoor interpretive displays. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on September 22 and the Museum/Visitor Center is scheduled to open in October 2018.



New Park in Great Bridge - Courtyard Square Park at City Hall

On July 11, Chesapeake City Council voted to designate the courtyard behind City Hall as Courtyard Square Park. This is a new city park that will be available for special events and will allow for food trucks, strolling entertainment, and expos. The park is 2.73 acres and is located directly behind City Hall. The park became available on September 1, 2017 for small events and will be available for larger events after March 1, 2018.



Chesapeake Central Library

Chesapeake Central Library is the anchor of our library system and houses our administrative offices and special collections. The library recently had new carpet installed in May 2017 and also added new furnishings and rearranged the collections of new books. They also have a new café area with Wi-Fi for patrons. There are meeting rooms, conference rooms, and quiet study rooms available. The Central Library also houses the Wallace Memorial History Room featuring Virginia Regional history and the collection of the Norfolk County Historical Society.

The Central Library also offers many quality of life services including help with resumes, job searching, career switching, and interviews. There is one-on-one assistance available for patrons with government applications including unemployment, disability, and other benefits. There are also many computer classes available including basic computer skills, MS Office, mobile apps, and other digital media.

Throughout December, Santa will be visiting all of the libraries in Chesapeake. On Tuesday, December 19 from 6 pm to 7 pm, he will be at the Central Library!

Please visit www.infopeake.org to get a complete listing of upcoming events at all of our libraries.



Chesapeake Police Department

Traffic Initiative - Radar Data Recorders

This device is used to determine which streets need enforcement due to speeding violations. It captures the date and time so enforcement efforts can be data driven and place officers in the right place at the right time. After receiving a report from the Traffic Enforcement Unit, officers are assigned to these locations to target the specific time frames when the most offenses occur. We have addressed many neighborhood speeding complaints by using information from a Data Recorder Box.

Precinct Initiative - Community Resource Officer

We have designated a Police Officer from the First Precinct to attend Civic and Community meetings and to respond to requests to address crime and quality of life issues. Through the contacts and interactions developed during close interactions with the community and civic organizations, this officer is able to assist the First Precinct's commanding officer to plan directed patrol, traffic enforcement activities, and crime-reduction initiatives.

Public Safety and Technology Initiatives

- **Nextdoor.com** The Chesapeake Police Department is planning to implement Nextdoor.com in several neighborhoods with the goal of better communication between neighbors in an effort to identify and address issues of community concern. https://nextdoor.com/about_us/
- **MyPD Mobile Application** - The Chesapeake Police Department encourages you to download the MyPD app. The MyPD Police app is a great tool to keep in touch with the Department and share information, comments, and concerns with them.
- **Chesapeake Alert** – This free service allows citizens to receive information and notifications about City Government. By signing up, citizens can receive Public Safety information and emergency notifications from the Chesapeake Fire Department, Emergency Management, Chesapeake Police Department, and the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office via e-mail, text, and phone. Go to www.cityofchesapeake.net and look for the Chesapeake Alert link to sign up.