



Real Time Updates

for the Chesapeake City Council

Chesapeake VIRGINIA

February 2013

NEWS

WHY IS CITY HALL LIT RED?

- February is National Heart Disease Awareness month. In honor of raising awareness, the City of Chesapeake is lighting City Hall red from January 22, through the end of February. This is also the 10th Anniversary of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, and Chesapeake City Council is showing their support. On January 22, Mayor Alan Krasnoff proclaimed the month of February as American Heart Month; City Hall was lit red immediately following the Council meeting.

DOMINION BOULEVARD PROJECT

- The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project is now in full swing. Preparatory work such as surveying, clearing, signage, and erosion control has begun. Crews will work at multiple spots along the corridor. Two lanes of traffic (one in each direction) will be maintained throughout construction as much as possible. All closures will be announced ahead of time through traditional and social media channels (@DominionBlvd or www.Twitter.com/DominionBlvd), the Dominion-specific alert through the Chesapeake Alert system, and on the project website (www.CityofChesapeake.net/Dominion). One major traffic pattern change planned at the start of the construction is the use of Bainbridge Boulevard as a detour route. This detour will allow crews to complete extensive work on the north side of the Steel Bridge without disrupting traffic. Notice of this detour will be sent out ahead of time.

PICK UP YOUR E-ZPASS ON-THE-GO TODAY

- The E-ZPass On-the-Go transponders will be available mid-February in the City Treasurer's offices located in City Hall, Western Branch, Deep Creek, and South Norfolk for \$35. The full \$35 is credited as prepaid tolls. The first \$15 is available for immediate use, and the remaining \$20 is released once the transponder is registered to your vehicle. Registration is available online at www.EZPassVA.com or by phone at (877) 762-7824. You can sign up for the regular E-ZPass in person at the DMV on Greenbrier Parkway and the Chesapeake Expressway Toll Building off of S. Battlefield Blvd. E-ZPass is valid for travel in Hampton Roads on the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge, Chesapeake Expressway, Coleman Bridge, and Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, plus in 14 other states from North Carolina to Maine. For more information or questions contact the Chesapeake City Treasurer's Office at 757-382-6281.



PROJECTS

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VOLVO PKWY./ INDEPENDENCE PKWY. PROJECT

- The Volvo Parkway/ Independence Parkway Roundabout project was completed in January.

OAK GROVE ROAD/ GREEN TREE ROAD PROJECT

- The VDOT Oak Grove Road/Green Tree Road Roundabout project is currently under construction. The project is estimated to be completed in August.

WOODARD'S MILL DAM PROJECT

- Public Works crews are working to slowly disassemble a dam built by beavers in the Woodard's Mill area, which has been causing major drainage issues.

CONSOLVO PARK

- The pedestrian crosswalk signal on Bainbridge Boulevard is installed and functioning.

CHESAPEAKE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND "THE CLIPPIES"

- Librarian Karen Kearney, an avid nature photographer, won a Chesapeake Clipper "Clippie Award" this year for starting the Nature Photos Showcase at the Chesapeake Central Library. She regularly invites residents to bring in their digital snaps of local wildlife and nature scenes, which she projects on the library's large meeting room screen.

OFFICER TIMOTHY SHOCK MEMORIAL

- The Police Department held a memorial dedication ceremony on December 20, 2012, at Oak Grove Lake Park. The Police Department and several sponsors worked closely with Chesapeake Parks & Recreation to have a new picnic shelter built at the location where Police Officer Timothy Schock had been pulled from the lake following his training exercise accident on December 20, 2011. The shelter, alongside a marble and granite marker, now stands at the park to honor and remember Officer Schock for his service and dedication to the City.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH BOOK DONATIONS

- The Chesapeake Youth Committee, in conjunction with the Bureau of Community Programs, will be collecting books for children and youth from January 22 – February 22. The books will be distributed later this year at neighborhood events throughout the City. Book donations can be dropped off at the following locations: Bureau of Community Programs (located within the Juvenile & Domestic Relation Court building, 301 Albemarle Dr.), Chesapeake Public Safety building, Sheriff's office, City Hall, or any of the eight community centers throughout the City. For more information, contact Kathryn Jessee with the Bureau of Community Programs at 382-6796.

OPERATIONS

NEW BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED

- A building permit was issued on January 11, for the construction of the Value Place Greenbrier Hotel at 1708 Sentinel Drive. The 124-unit hotel is owned by Sandpiper Greenbrier, LLC in Richmond. The construction value of this project is estimated at \$3.3 million and the permit was issued to Integrated Construction, LLC out of Jacksonville, Florida.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR NEW TRACTOR SUPPLY STORE

- A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on January 10 for a new Tractor Supply, Inc. store located at 433 Centerville Turnpike South, just south of the Mt. Pleasant Road and Centerville Turnpike South intersection. This retail store contains more than 19,000 square feet of space with a project value of \$1.8 million.

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CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

- City Attorney Ronald Hallman, announced his retirement to City Council, on Tuesday, January 22. Hallman has worked for the City of Chesapeake for 44 years, and has been the City Attorney for 35 years. There has only been three City Attorney's since the City was founded in 1963. Hallman will be greatly missed, but we wish him a very happy and healthy retirement. His last day will be Friday, May 31, 2013. Please help us in congratulating Ronald Hallman on his retirement.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

- The Chesapeake Police Department will be hosting the 32nd Session of the Citizen's Police Academy starting on April 1, 2013. This session will be held at the Chesapeake Police Academy, 1080 Sentry Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia. The Citizen's Police Academy is open to all citizens of Chesapeake who are 18 years of age or older. This is an excellent opportunity for the citizens of Chesapeake to learn about police work and how the department operates through a hands-on experience. Classes will be each Monday night from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The academy will meet each Monday night at the same times until Monday, July 1, 2013. Graduation will be held on Monday, July 8, 2013. For more information or to receive an application, contact Neil Morgan at 757-382-1525 or via email to nmorgan@cityofchesapeake.net. All applications must be completed and returned to the Police Academy before February 15, 2013. A criminal record check will be conducted on all participants, and letters will go out approximately two weeks before the session begins.



EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">Chesapeake Woman of the Year Banquet and Officer Installation Saturday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Norfolk Marriott Chesapeake.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m., at Great Bridge Middle School.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Men for Progress Symposium: <i>The African American Role in the Development of Chesapeake</i> Thursday, February 28, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Chesapeake Conference Center.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at Great Bridge Middle School.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor's Youth Day Tuesday, February 28, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at City Hall and School Administration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REMINDER: City offices will be closed for President's Day, Monday, February 18.</p>