



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

June 2014

NEWS

OPERATIONS

CHESAPEAKE NAMED

2014 SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

- The City of Chesapeake was selected as the U.S. Small Business Administration's Richmond District Office 2014 Small Business Community of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes a community in the SBA Richmond District Office territory that demonstrates a small business friendly environment for start-up and expanding small businesses. Several cities, towns, counties and planning districts are evaluated based on key programs and incentives, and the leveraging of their economic development resources with other federal, state, and local resources to benefit local small businesses.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR MULTI-USE PRACTICE FIELDS

- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Captain Frederic E. Consolvo Jr. Multi-Use Practice Fields at South Norfolk was held on May 21. Mayor Krasnoff had the honor of cutting the ribbon at the event. Several other City Council Members, City leaders, members of Captain Consolvo's family, and Chessie (Parks, Recreation and Tourism mascot) attended the event. SOL Futbol Academy provided soccer demonstrations.



AMERICAN EXPRESS NOW ACCEPTED

- The Development and Permits Department is now accepting American Express as a recognized method of payment. Convenience fees will still apply.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

- The Development and Permits Department issued a temporary certificate of occupancy for Georgian Manor, at 651 River Walk Parkway, which is an assisted living facility that is approximately 10,000 square feet.

Independence Day July 4th

The City offices and facilities will be closed for the holiday.

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DOMINION BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY

- The City has identified the Dominion Boulevard Corridor (US Route 17 South) as a key strategic area for the future of Chesapeake. In light of the emerging development demand associated with the Dominion Boulevard Bridge and Roadway Improvement Project that will be completed in 2017, the City has enlisted Design Workshop to prepare a physical development plan, as well as a strategy to maximize the economic potential of the study area.

Please join City staff to view the proposed land use scenarios for the Dominion Corridor Study Area and provide feedback at the meeting on July 1 at either 9:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. at the Messiah United Methodist Church (408 Dominion Commons Way). This is a follow up to the community workshop held previously on April 3. Both sessions will have the same format. For questions or more information about the study please visit www.cityofchesapeake.net/domblvdstudy.

PROJECTS

OLDE MILL RUN

- Installation of playground equipment and benches is now complete at the Olde Mill Run park in Deep Creek. The walking path is 90% complete and should be finished soon.

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL TRAIL

- The first phase of the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail is substantially complete and water quality issues are currently being addressed by the Public Works Department. The first phase should be complete by the end of the summer.

WOODLAKE DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECT

- Bids have been received for the Woodlake Drive Extension Project. Engineering staff is evaluating the low bid and will soon make a recommendation. This project will extend Woodlake Drive to Battlefield Boulevard at the Debaun Avenue intersection.

DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project has reached a milestone with the installation of the main concrete girders over the Elizabeth River. Each of the girders weigh 100 tons and are 160 feet long. Construction on the northbound bridge span is set to be complete by February 2015. At this time traffic will move to the new span with one lane in each direction. The entire project is within budget and on schedule to open in April 2017. Project staff recently met with local business owners to provide an update and address concerns.



DOMINION BOULEVARD SOUTH PROJECT

- The Dominion Boulevard South Project is currently under design. This project will complete the expansion of Dominion Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes for the two miles of roadway between US 17 and the current project area. Construction is anticipated to be completed with the current Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project in 2017.

City Council Reorganizational Meeting

Wednesday, June 25
6:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber

Oath of Office ceremony for the
2014-2016 City Council and
selection of Vice Mayor.

EVENTS

Serve the City

Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers from local churches partner with civic leagues and Chesapeake Police to revitalize neighborhoods and repair homes for those in need. Call 382-1511 for locations.



**Sheriff's Department
Blood Drive**

Wednesday, June 4

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Office

**FUNfest Movie Night
Showing: The Goonies**

Saturday, June 7

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Chesapeake City Park

**The Peter Teeuwen
Memorial Time Trails**

Sunday, June 8

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grassfield Ruritan Club

Health Fair for Veterans

Saturday, June 14

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Chesapeake Regional
Medical Center

KayaXpedition

Saturday, June 21

8:00 a.m. (All Day)

Great Bridge Locks Park/
Oak Grove Lake Park

www.kayaxpedition.com



KayaXpedition

Sunday, June 22

9:00 a.m. (All Day)

Great Bridge Locks Park/
Northwest River Park

www.kayaxpedition.com

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CITY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES FIRST DR. CLARENCE V. CUFFEE SCHOLARSHIP

- Jenna Hardison was selected as the first City of Chesapeake employee to receive a \$1,500 Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Scholarship. Ms. Hardison is an Office Specialist I in the Department of Mental Health with Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare formerly known as Community Services Board (CSB). She currently attends Norfolk State University and is completing her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. The Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Scholarship will help fund Ms. Hardison's tuition, books, and supplies for the program.

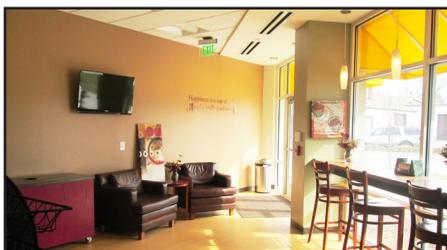
SOUTH NORFOLK HARVEST SHARE COMMUNITY GARDEN

- The Chesapeake Youth Advisory Board (YAB) recently visited the South Norfolk Harvest Share Community Garden. The group learned about the importance of community involvement and the impact it can have on a neighborhood. They also learned gardening basics and then had the opportunity to plant flowers and vegetables that they donated to the garden. YAB members were educated about the health benefits of growing your own food, economic ways to water a garden by harvesting rain water, and the different ways the City and neighborhoods partner to enhance the community. The Garden is a result of community involvement and a Neighborhood Enhancement grant from the City.



THE NEW BOOKEND CAFE

- The South Norfolk community celebrated the grand opening of The Bookend Cafe on Monday, March 17. The Cafe is located in the new South Norfolk Library on Poindexter Street in Chesapeake. The menu features salads, sandwiches, muffins, fruit, cakes, cookies, tea, sodas, coffee, and lattes. The Bookend Cafe is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The cafe is managed and operated by staff trained at Chesapeake Integrated Behavior Healthcare. This is a great example of what can be achieved through public/private partnerships.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CHESAPEAKE RESIDENTS 55 AND BETTER

- The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan for residents "55 or Better" is to take action and address the priorities identified by the The Think Tank Committee, a group made up of 55 or older stakeholders in the City. The committee met and identified the following four main priorities: healthcare, financial stability and safety, transportation, and housing. Employment and recreation are also high on the list and play a major role in maintaining the highest quality of life for residents in Chesapeake. Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, the regional experts on aging, has partnered with the City and local businesses to develop the plan and ensure that the priorities identified by the Think Tank Committee are consistent with the needs of Chesapeake citizens.