



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

June 2013

NEWS

CITY BUDGET APPROVED

- On May 14, the City Council adopted the FY 2013-14 Operating Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2013. The \$906.3 million budget was approved by City Council as proposed by City Manager Jim Baker on March 19, 2013. The Operating Budget continues funding for citizen services at existing levels. No service expansions or curtailments are planned. The same night, City Council approved the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the five years beginning July 1, 2013, and continuing through June 2018. This planning document is intended to guide the City's investments in facilities and infrastructure throughout the City. The new CIP includes the replacement of the 22nd Street Bridge in South Norfolk, funding for critical school repairs, stormwater upgrades, and the widening of Dominion Boulevard (Route 17) south of Cedar Road. Finally, City Council approved an ordinance levying taxes for the year starting in July. The new ordinance retains all current tax rates. The real estate tax rate remains at \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The personal property rate remains at \$4.00 per \$100 of valuation.

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION'S 55TH ANNUAL EQUIPMENT RODEO

- Several Public Works equipment operators participated in the American Public Works Association's 55th Annual Equipment Rodeo in Virginia Beach with operators from all over the region. Chesapeake operators ranked in the top three in three separate events. During National Public Works Week (May 20-24), Chesapeake held its own Equipment Rodeo featuring the skills of many more operators. Public Works also honored more than 140 employees with Safe Driving Awards for their outstanding safety records.

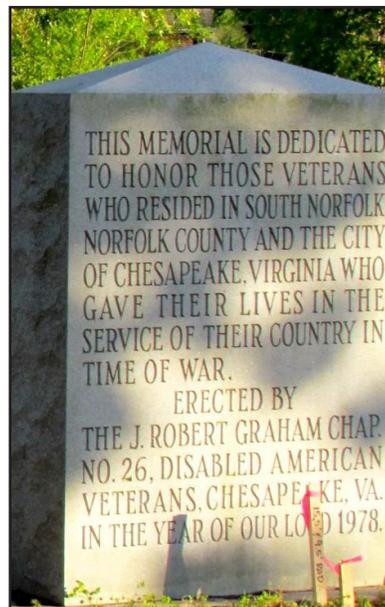


CHESAPEAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT WINS VALOR AWARD

- Recently, five members of the Chesapeake Fire Department (CFD) were recognized by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce (HRCC) at the first annual Valor Awards presentations. CFD members were presented the HRCC Bronze Medal of Valor for actions taken on May 26, 2012. The Bronze Medal is “awarded in situations where, during the course of an emergency, a public safety official/unit demonstrates extraordinary judgment and performance of his/her/their duties.” Congratulations to the following Chesapeake Fire Department members: Captain Brian Lee, Lieutenant Jerry Bohn, Firefighter Kyle Billips, Firefighter Charles Cook, and Firefighter Kurt Johnson.

LAKESIDE PARK VETERANS’ MEMORIAL

- In cooperation with Parks and Recreation, the South Norfolk Ruritans began work to enhance the Lakeside Park Veterans’ Memorial at Lakeside Park at the end of April. The project includes a meandering walkway on the Holly Avenue side of the park that runs from the archway bridge to the flagpole. The memorial commemorates veterans of wars from World War I forward from the South Norfolk area and will include a total of eight markers. Refurbished asphalt work and landscaping were also completed. Parks and Recreation will assist with benches, fencing and additional site work. Input for the project was provided by The Disabled American Veterans and the Mayor’s Commission on Veteran’s Affairs. The project is nearing completion and will be dedicated at the annual 4th of July celebration at the park. Congressman J. Randy Forbes will attend the event and introduce the guest speaker, Lieutenant General Robert T. Dail.



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DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Construction activity for the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project will continue to increase, including additional night operations which will minimize disruption to motorists during the day. Equipment operations, temporary lights and noise may be noticeable at times. The ramp from Route 168 North to southbound Dominion Boulevard (Exit 15B to 17 South) will close starting Tuesday, June 5 through 2015 for construction of the future Great Bridge Boulevard interchange. A detour will take motorists to I-464 Exit 1, to I-64 Exit 291B, to Exit 15B (17 South).

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL

- The structure for a new traffic signal at Battlefield Boulevard and Centerville Turnpike has been installed. It will be operational once power is connected, within the next couple of weeks.

Town Meeting

Tuesday, June 4,
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location:
Greenbrier Primary
1515 Eden Way S.

OPERATIONS

STREETS & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

- Lauren's Grove Section II had the final inspection and the streets and drainage improvements acceptance. The project is a two lot subdivision with 100' of new street space. Estates of Grassfield Meadows Section I had the final inspection and acceptance for the streets and drainage improvements for nine farmette lots and 1000' of new street.

TENANT BUILD-OUT PROJECT UPDATE

- In late April, Beco Construction, Inc., completed the tenant build-out for Patterson Dental Supply, located at 533 C Byron Street. They also received a certificate of occupancy for the 8,589 square foot office/warehouse facility.

ENGINEERING UPDATES

- Development and Permit engineers approved the final phase plat for the Jordan Hall subdivision off Johnstown Road. They also recently gave the final site approval for the CVS at the corner of Campostella Road and Providence Road.

NEW GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH

- Development & Permits approved the plans and issued the New Galilee Baptist Church an interior alterations permit to convert a former auto dealership into a church. The new building is at 1765 South Military Highway and includes 25,763 square feet of space.

EVENTS

Clean the Bay Day

Saturday, June 1
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Great Bridge Lock Park,
Deep Creek Lock Park,
and the Elizabeth River
Boat Landing and Park

Heron's Landing Grand Opening

Tuesday, June 4
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Heron's Landing: Military
Hwy. Chesapeake

Law Enforcement Torch Run

Thursday, June 6
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Macy's Greenbrier Mall

KayaXpedition

Sunday, June 9
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Northwest River Park

15th Annual Phelps Brothers Music Festival

Sunday, June 9
100 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Lakeside Park

American Indian Festival

Saturday, June 1
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
City Park

Traveling the Road to Success Workshop

Wednesday, June 5
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Indian River Community
Center

KayaXpedition

Saturday, June 8
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Great Bridge Lock Park,
Oak Grove Lake Park

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 12
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council
Chambers

American Indian Festival

Sunday, June 2
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
City Park

Who's In Your Medicine Cabinet? Free Informational Seminar

Wednesday, June 5
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Joliff Middle School

Community Recycles Day

Saturday, June 8
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1036 Bells Mill Road

Service Awards Breakfast

Wednesday, June 26
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center