



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake
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for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders August 2015

PROJECTS & NEWS

DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project continues to reach milestones in construction and remains on budget and ahead of schedule. In early August, the new and final alignment of the Dominion Lakes Boulevard and Bainbridge Boulevard intersection opened to traffic. Motorists can now access Bainbridge Boulevard from Dominion Boulevard by exiting at Dominion Lakes Boulevard. Work on the Cedar Road intersection continues with the placement of beams and concrete work on the overpass. Occasional lane or road closures may be necessary this month for construction in certain areas. Graphics of the final alignment and more project information are available online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/Dominion.



BOWERS HILL WATER TANK DEMOLITION

Demolition has started on the Bowers Hill Water Tank to clear the site for the future location of Fire Station 10, which is currently under design.

CHESAPEAKE'S CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT DIVISION GOES GREEN

Chesapeake's Central Fleet Management Division recently announced participation in the National Association of Fleet Managers (NAFA) Sustainable Fleet Accreditation Program. The City operates a fleet of 1,059 vehicles which travel more than one million miles per month supporting the citizens of Chesapeake. This program provides fleet managers with the tools they need to reduce their overall fuel consumption and brings clarity, definition, and recognition to what sustainability means for fleets.

This program is now the worldwide standard for recognizing concrete improvements in air quality through reducing emissions, increasing fuel efficiency, and reducing fuel use.

Additional information can be found at CityofChesapeake.net, or contact the City Manager's Office at 382-6166.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

CHESAPEAKE MANUFACTURERS DONATE TO DUAL ENROLLMENT MECHATRONICS SCHOLARSHIP

Five Chesapeake manufacturers have generously donated a total of \$5,000 in scholarship funds for students to participate in the Mechatronics Dual Enrollment Program between Chesapeake Public Schools and Tidewater Community College (Chesapeake Campus). Funds will be awarded to Chesapeake Public School students pursuing the new TCC manufacturing degree - Associates of Applied Science in Mechatronics. The new dual enrollment program in mechatronics between TCC and CPS starts in the Fall of 2015. The scholarship application deadline is September 21, 2015.

Scholarship recipients will participate in a Manufacturing Mentor Match event at Tidewater Community College (Chesapeake Campus) on October 30, along with the manufacturers and City of Chesapeake Economic Development staff in observation of National Manufacturing Month.

Last October, the City's Economic Development Department spearheaded the Chesapeake Manufacturing Scholarship Challenge which raised the \$5,000. Mitsubishi Plastics Composites of America kicked off the challenge with a \$1,000 donation. Sumitomo Drive Technologies, Yupo Corporation, Usui Corporation and GeoQuip Manufacturing, Inc., each met the challenge with a \$1,000 donation.

Additional information about the Mechatronics program and the scholarship opportunity may be found online by visiting www.TCC.edu.

NEWS

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON?

Hurricane season has arrived and no matter what the seasonal forecast is you should be prepared! It only takes one storm to cause major damage and disruption. The time to prepare for a storm is NOW, before the skies darken and the wind picks up. A great deal of information about preparing for a storm is available at www.ready.gov. One of the most critical things to know is your storm surge zone – you can look this up on www.CityofChesapeake.net. The City may order evacuations by these zones. If a storm does arrive, be sure to monitor WCTV Chesapeake Television, WFOS-88.7FM radio, the City website and social media for the latest local news and information. Be prepared and be safe.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VETERANS PROMOTED

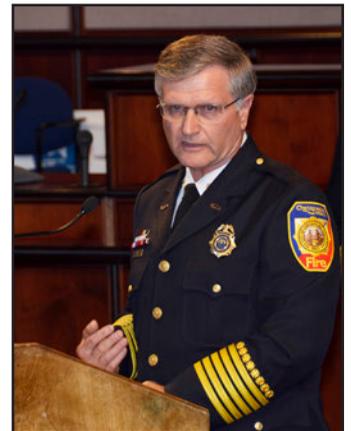
On July 30, the Chesapeake Fire Department welcomed four new Lieutenants and one new Captain during a Badge Pinning Ceremony at City Hall. The five officers, all department veterans, are already at work at stations throughout the City, alongside more than 400 other sworn fire personnel.



Division Chief Al Ellis welcomes his son, newly-promoted Lt. James Ellis, to the officer ranks in the Chesapeake Fire Department.



The newly-promoted Fire Officers await their turns for badge pinning (L-R) Lt. Anthony Barakat, Lt. James Ellis, Lt. Mary Morton, Lt. Daniel Smith, Capt. Steven Bradley.



Fire Chief Edmund Elliot speaks to the promotees about the traits of a good leader as they prepare to assume their new ranks.



OPERATIONS

DOMINION BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY

Citizens provided comments and concerns regarding the Dominion Boulevard Corridor Study at the Planning Commission Public Hearing which was held late last month. This was another opportunity for the community to comment and ask questions while the Commission reviewed the draft document. The Planning Commission is anticipated to approve the document by October and then pass it along to City Council for review and to vote on.

CITIZENS IN SPECIFIC FLOOD ZONES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED FLOOD RATES

The City of Chesapeake received a formal acceptance into the Community Rating System from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new rating, a Class 8, means that property owners in certain flood categories will be eligible for a reduction in their flood insurance premiums. Residents in the "AE" zone, also known as the 100 year flood plain, are eligible for a 10% rate reduction, while those in the "X" zone, also known as the 500 year flood plain, can receive a 5% reduction. These reductions were effective May 1, of this year and should automatically appear on property owners' bills. For specifics on individual premium changes, you should contact your insurance provider. To find out your Flood Zone, visit the Spotlight section of www.CityofChesapeake.net.

ELIZABETH RIVER PARK

The Elizabeth River Park reopened this past May after undergoing an extensive renovation. This park is a wonderful addition to the waterfront and has one of the most active boat ramps in Coastal Virginia's Hampton Roads area.

The State of Virginia has awarded the City a \$4,000 grant for an osprey nest and riparian barrier with historic signage. The Virginia Port Authority has awarded the City \$56,250 for re-decking of the 144-foot fishing and crabbing pier to be completed this fall.



AUGUST EVENTS

Unity in the Community

Saturday, August 15

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

Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Library
and Recreation Center

Food Truck Hump Days on
the Great Bridge Waterways

Wednesday, August 19

4:00 p.m. - Dusk

1775 Historic Way

Bahama Bash Dance

Therapeutic Recreation

Saturday, August 22

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

River Crest Community Center

Holly Cove Unity in the
Community Day

Saturday, August 22

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Southwestern Park
4016 Airline Blvd.

Buffalow Family

Community Day

Saturday, August 22

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

South Norfolk - A Street
(Between 18th and 2nd)

Board of Zoning Appeals

Public Hearing

Thursday, August 27

6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers - City Hall