



 **Real Time Updates**  **Chesapeake**
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NEWS

CHEESAPEAKE IS READY FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Public Works Department held their annual Snow Equipment Inspection on Tuesday, November 18. All plows, sand-spreaders and other winter-weather equipment were tested and prepared for the winter season.



CITY ATTORNEY NAMED VIRGINIA LAW FOUNDATION FELLOW

City Attorney Jan Proctor was selected as one of the 2015 Class of Fellows for the Virginia Law Foundation (VLF). The VLF is the charitable arm of Virginia's lawyers and works on philanthropic projects related to access to justice, law related education and the rule of law.

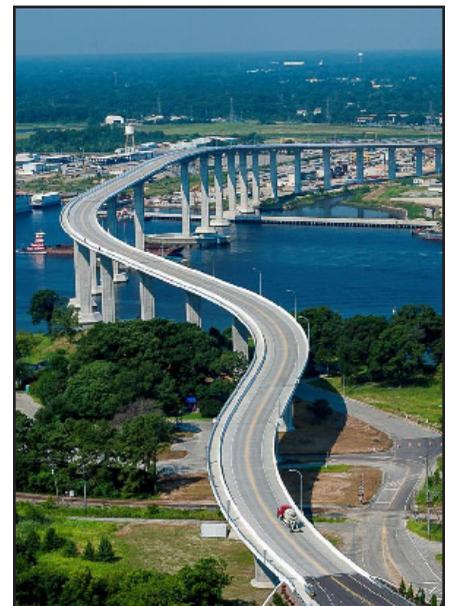
Each year the Foundation recognizes a group of Virginia lawyers, law professors, and retired judges for their legal excellence and community involvement. The 2015 Class will be inducted as Fellows on January 22, 2015. Congratulations to City Attorney Jan Proctor!

City Attorney Jan Proctor

SOUTH NORFOLK JORDAN BRIDGE SELECTS ANOTHER PHOTO WINNER

The South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (SNJB) has selected another quarterly winner in its 2014 photography contest. Chesapeake resident and City of Chesapeake employee Bryan Barbee snapped this gorgeous aerial shot of the new SNJB in April of 2014. Barbee's photo, along with three others, will be included in a set of commemorative notecards and featured in SNJB marketing materials.

The photo contest is open to anyone through December 31. All images submitted are reviewed at the end of each quarter, with a winner selected for recognition and publication. After the final entry period, all contest submissions will be displayed during an Artists' Reception event, where attendees can vote on the People's Choice Award. For more information and the official rules, visit www.snjb.net/click.



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MOWING IN CHESAPEAKE HAS STOPPED

The 2014 mowing season has ended. Mowing in the City right-of-ways is typically done March through December on a 21-28 day cycle and high traffic roadway medians are on a 14-day cycle. Mowing will start again in March of 2015.

RESURFACING WORK IS 50% COMPLETE

Resurfacing work for FY 14/15 is approximately 50% complete. A complete list of the FY 14/15 resurfacing projects is available at CityofChesapeake.net/PublicWorks.

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL TRAIL RESTROOMS ARE OPEN

The Dismal Swamp Canal Trail North Trailhead restrooms are now complete and operational.



DISPOSAL OF HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

To recycle Christmas trees, residents are asked to place them at the curb for collection on their garbage day starting on Friday, January 2, 2015. Trees collected before this date will not be recycled but will still be collected. Please have all ornaments, tinsel, lights and other decorations removed from the tree before placing it at the curb.

CITY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

City employee Mike Porter was recently awarded a meritorious award for Community Service from the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association. Mike is with the Department of Human Services/Division of Community Programs. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement Mike!



Mike Porter with his award.

CHESAPEAKE NAMED 7TH BEST CITY FOR VETERANS

The City of Chesapeake was recently named the 7th Best City for Veterans by the leading personal finance outlet WalletHub.com. The ranks were determined by economic wellness, environment, education and health.

CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL REACCREDITATION

The Chesapeake Public Works Department has earned its reaccreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA). The APWA Accreditation Program recognizes high performing, well managed organizations that deliver high quality services. It provides a means of formally verifying compliance with recommended practices set forth in the Public Works Management Practices Manual. Congratulations to the Public Works Department on this wonderful accomplishment.

THE BATTLE OF THE BUNS

The Chesapeake Fire Department recently participated in the Battle of the Buns contest at the new Wawa on Kempsville and Green Tree Rd. Five fire fighter representatives from



the department participated in a hoagie-building drill to benefit a local charitable organization of their choice. The "Hoagies for Heroes" contest is between Chesapeake Police and Chesapeake Fire and challenges the teams with the art of sandwich making. The goal was to see how many hoagies each team could make within three minutes. The final score was 25 to 21, and the Chesapeake Fire Department came out on top!



OPERATIONS

HAMPTON ROADS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

In early November, the Hampton Roads Incident Management Team (HRIMT) conducted a full-scale training exercise over three days at City Park. The HRIMT is a multijurisdictional unit, drawing members from throughout Hampton Roads, which provides all hazards support in the management of disasters or other incidents. Team members established an operations base and coordinated search and rescue operations following a simulated tornado, among other exercise activities.



Angie Valler, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, acted as Evaluator during the exercise.



Bill Burket, Virginia Port Authority, and Mike Gurley, Chesapeake Fire work with the Simulation Cell.



Rich Shelly, Virginia Beach Fire Department, served as the IMT's Finance Section Chief.



Andy Borden, Norfolk Police Department, and Bill Meyer, formerly with Chesapeake Public Utilities, study the map.



Robert Lee, Incident Commander, with Creig Moore, Safety Officer during the exercise.



Bill Skelaney, VA Beach Fire, and Lincoln Thomas, Norfolk Fire partner for the event.

NEW FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATES WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN DECEMBER

The City has adopted FEMA's new Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which may lead to impacts in flood insurance rates for some property owners. The changes take effect December 16. For more information on flood zones, including an online tool to determine the zone for a given property address, visit www.CityOfChesapeake.net/Flood. Specific questions about rates should be referred to your individual insurance provider.

DOMINION BOULEVARD BRIDGE WILL OPEN NEW NORTHBOUND LANES

Dominion Boulevard will be completely closed to traffic starting the evening on Friday, December 12, and will reopen on Monday, December 15, with new northbound lanes. Traffic will be rerouted onto the new road and bridge. Drivers are encouraged to be extra cautious and follow all signs and markers while adjusting to the new alignment.

PROJECTS

PICK UP YOUR EZ PASS AT THE PORTLOCK AT SOUTH NORFOLK

The South Norfolk Jordan Bridge staff are renting a room in the Portlock at South Norfolk facility, which now has the capability to sell EZ passes.

CITY PARK DOG PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The dog park at City Park now has a new turf. The new park is scheduled to open this Spring. A former Chesapeake Expressway tollbooth will become a dog/skate park attendant booth, which has been installed. Once the painting and minor repairs are complete, the booth will be manned during high usage times. There is a new concrete walkway around the booth. Power will be hooked up to the site as well. The project is estimated to be completed this month.



The new and improved Great Bridge Lock Park info kiosk.

NEW FISH SCULPTURE AT OAK GROVE LAKE PARK

The sunfish, carved by Skip Raymo, has replaced the old wooden bass fish sculpture at the park. Sunfish are the most plentiful fish found in the lake and are named after the sun because many of them are round and brightly colored—just like the sun.

Interesting Fact: After the holidays, discarded Christmas trees are placed along the edge of the lake every year to create new spawning grounds for the fish.



DECEMBER EVENTS

**An Evening with
Patrick Henry**
Friday, December 5
6:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.
Chesapeake Golf Club

The Battle of Great Bridge
Saturday, December 6
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Battlefield Park South
(By the Great Bridge Bridge)

**Chesapeake Rotary Club
Christmas Parade**
Saturday, December 6
6:00 p.m.
City Hall/Great Bridge Area

**Dominion Blvd. Bridge
Naming Ceremony**
Friday, December 12
10:30 a.m.
Dominion Blvd at
Dominion Lakes

**55 and Better Holiday
Luncheon**
Friday, December 12
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
River Crest Community
Center

**Holly Jolly Therapeutic
Recreation Event**
Saturday, December 20
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Western Branch
Community Center