



# REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders *December 2016*

## Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Center Opens in Oakbrooke

The Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Center (SMOC) recently combined three of its offices into one complete center in the Oakbrooke Business and Technology Center in Chesapeake. SMOC recently celebrated its nearly 24,000 sq. ft. facility with a grand opening. There are now four different services at the new center, including orthopedic, spine, physical and occupational therapy and interventional pain medicine. Not only will SMOC's new state of the art facility offer more services, but it will save patients money on healthcare costs. Added capacity will allow SMOC's 120+ member staff to treat a greater number of patients in a more comfortable and private environment.



## Sumitomo Machinery Corp. Donates to Foodbank

Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America (SMA) recently donated \$38,000 to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. The check was presented at SMA's annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. The donation was a result of the efforts made by employees



Ron Smith, President and CEO, and Jim Solomon, CFO, Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America unveil the check.

and executives throughout 2016. The contribution will help serve the "food insecure" in the community throughout the holiday season.

## City Department Wins Statewide Awards

Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism recently received two awards at the 62nd Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society. The awards, in the "Population Greater than 100,000" category were given for:

**Best New Special Event**  
*Miss Abilities Chesapeake*

**Best New Facility**  
*Elizabeth River Park*

The mission of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society is to unite all professionals, students, and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks, and other leisure services in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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## DEVELOPMENT & PERMITS

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### Capping a Great Event for Builders and Buyers

Final Certificates of Occupancy were recently issued for 5 homes that comprised the 2016 HOMEARAMA Holiday Edition, conducted by the Tidewater Builders Association. Construction on the homes, located on Scone Castle in the Edinburgh section of the City, was begun in June. They were all featured, in holiday decor, during the event in November.



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## PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

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On Friday, November 18, the Chesapeake Fire Department held a promotional and badge pinning ceremony in the City Council Chambers for five personnel. Congratulations to new Battalion Chief Shean Emmons, Captain Duane Dagers, and Lieutenants Wesley Anderson, Joshua Edgerton, and Travis Robertson. Each officer is currently serving at one of the City's 15 fire stations, or in other roles.



BC Shean Emmons



Capt. Duane Dagers



Lt. Wesley Anderson



Lt. Joshua Edgerton



Lt. Travis Robertson

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## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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### Dominion Boulevard Reaches Milestone

The Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project has reached substantial completion. All four lanes between Grassfield Pkwy and I-64 opened to traffic in early November. Minor construction work continues along the corridor and is expected to be completed this month.

A toll system testing period is currently underway. Automated toll collection will begin upon completion of system testing, likely in mid-December.



The Dominion Blvd South Widening Project is still under construction. It is scheduled to be complete before the end of the year.

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Additional information can be found at [CityofChesapeake.net](http://CityofChesapeake.net), or contact the City Manager's Office at 382-6166.

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# NEWS

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## After School Program Leader Honored

Congratulations to Thurman Diamond, one of the recipients of the National Afterschool Association's 2017 *Next Generation of Afterschool Awards*. He was selected from more than 100 nominations of afterschool professionals nationwide. Nominees were required to be active in the afterschool community, possess passion, creativity, and a commitment to youth, embrace professional development, and embody the core competencies of the National Afterschool Association. Diamond will be featured in the Winter 2017 issue of *AfterSchool Today* magazine.



## Seasons Change Preparedness Remains

November 30 marked the end of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. 2016 will be remembered for the impacts of several storms on Chesapeake, and for the ways in which our community came together to help one another during and after the storms. Now is not the time to let your guard down – winter weather is coming. Take steps now to convert you family's emergency kit to Winter-Ready, or assemble a new kit today. Go to [ReadyVirginia.gov](http://ReadyVirginia.gov) for more tips.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Battle of Great Bridge  
Celebration  
December 3 & 4  
10:00 a.m.  
Battlefield Park - South**

**Chesapeake Rotary  
Christmas Parade  
December 3  
6:00 p.m.  
Great Bridge  
Roads Close at 4:00 p.m.**

**City Council  
Town Meeting  
December 6  
7:00 p.m.  
Western Branch  
Intermediate School**

**Mark Wood - Electricify  
Your Strings Concert  
December 10  
3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Western Branch High**

**Holiday Tree Gala  
December 10  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
South Norfolk Memorial  
Library**

**Virginia Symphony  
Holiday Brass Concert  
December 14  
7:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Conf. Center**

### Upcoming Holiday Schedule Changes

**City Offices, Courts, Libraries and Community Centers  
CLOSED ALL DAY  
December 23 and 26, January 2**