



# Real Time Updates

**Chesapeake**  
VIRGINIA

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for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

## NEWS

### VETERANS BRIDGE DEDICATION CEREMONY

On December 12, city, state, and federal officials along with local veterans gathered for a dedication ceremony for the new Veterans Bridge on Dominion Boulevard. Among those in attendance was retired Navy Commander John Powell, who served in both World War II and the Korean conflict. The ceremony was followed by the unveiling of the new Veterans Bridge sign. Motorists are now able to drive across one of the two new bridge spans.



*Ceremony attendees gathered for the unveiling of the Veterans Bridge sign.*



*Mayor Alan Krasnoff, retired Navy Commander John Powell, and Cpl. Florke, USMC*



*City Manager Jim Baker and Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne*



*Mayor Alan Krasnoff meets with local veterans.*



*Senator John Cosgrove*



*Congressman J. Randy Forbes*

### DOMINION BOULEVARD PROJECT UPDATE

The Dominion Boulevard project team and the Public Works Traffic Engineering Division continue to monitor and make improvements to traffic signal timing, signage and road alignment along the Dominion Boulevard project corridor in an attempt to help ease congestion. We want to remind everyone that the area is still an active construction zone and that traffic will continue to be impacted until project completion in 2017. The alternate routes of Battlefield Boulevard and George Washington Highway remain an option for those wishing to avoid the work zone. For questions and concerns please contact [dominion@cityofchesapeake.net](mailto:dominion@cityofchesapeake.net) or visit our website at [www.CityofChesapeake.net/Dominion](http://www.CityofChesapeake.net/Dominion) for more information.

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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## VIRGINIA AWARDS \$21.5 MILLION IN STORMWATER GRANTS

In early December, The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced that Virginia has awarded about \$21.5 million in grants under the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. The grants cover 64 projects in 25 localities. The City of Chesapeake has \$412,000 in stormwater grants for the Yadkin Road Wetlands Bench project and the 22nd Street Wet Pond 1 project.

## 2014 CHESAPEAKE CITIZEN SURVEY RATES CITY SERVICES

Chesapeake has much to be proud of, and now there is confirmation that the City's residents feel the same way.

In December, the City Council was briefed on the results of a survey of Chesapeake residents that was designed to determine residents' level of satisfaction with services the City provides and other aspects of the community.

The survey also asked residents to name the most important challenge facing Chesapeake, and traffic congestion topped the list (18%). City services overall received satisfactory ratings from 94.7% of residents, with the Fire Department getting the top score of 99.7% satisfied. The courtesy of City employees received a 94% favorable rating. The survey has a margin of error of 5.45%.

The survey covers a variety of topics about life in Chesapeake, and the complete survey results are posted on the City's website at [CityOfChesapeake.net](http://CityOfChesapeake.net).

## REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE!

The Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council shared the gift of recycling in the 2014 Chesapeake Rotary Club Christmas Parade. Promoting the motto "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle," they featured an impressive float with the theme, "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas!"



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# PROJECTS

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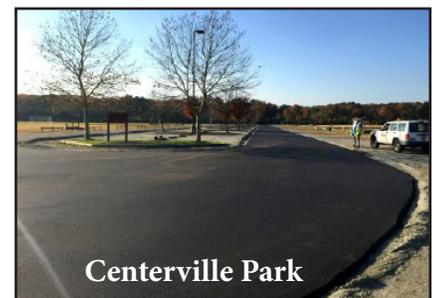
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## CINEMA CAFE IN EDINBURGH

The Development and Permits Department issued a permit for the new Cinema Cafe in Edinburgh, located at 1864 Edinburgh Lane.

## CENTERVILLE PARK

The paving project of the parking lot at Centerville Park is in progress.



## DEEP CREEK PARK CONCRETE WALKWAYS

The concrete walkways at Deep Creek Park are complete leading from the parking lot to the picnic shelters. These



shelters now have a 5' wide pathway from the parking lot to create better access for citizens. Grading work was completed along with the concrete installation, to allow for improved drainage near the shelters. Two bollards were installed to keep park visitors from driving on the path with vehicles.



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# ECONOMIC IMPACTS

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## THE CHESAPEAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HOSTS ENTREPRENEUR SUMMIT FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Grassfield High School Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy is a great place for young entrepreneurs. In the Global Entrepreneurship and Technology pathway, students take a course called Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development, which provides opportunities to learn from local entrepreneurs as students develop their own business ideas.

The students recently took part in an Entrepreneur Summit arranged just for them by the Chesapeake Economic Development. Angela Barber, Small Business Development Manager, and Ben White, Assistant Director, gave an overview of the benefits Chesapeake offers to new and small businesses.

John Maddux, President of RRMM Architects and Economic Development Authority Board Member, made a guest appearance and talked about his experience as an entrepreneur. RRMM designed Grassfield High School. Then, students met in small groups with two local entrepreneurs (Wesley Jones, Owner/Ex. VP, Crewestone Technologies and Aaron Bull, CEO/President, Bull & Company Media) and a representative from Monarch Bank (Logan Schmidt, VP of Business Banking) to share ideas and ask questions about the entrepreneurial process. Student Kayla Cervi said, "The experience was invaluable. It allowed us to see how the things we're learning in class are applicable to real life."

Laura Beth Meinster, who teaches the course, is always looking for ways to expose students to real world experiences. The skills and curriculum taught in the Global Entrepreneurship and Technology pathway are critical to economic success in the 21st century. In addition to the entrepreneurship course, STEM Academy students are able to take courses in sports and entertainment marketing and global marketing.



*Economic Development Assistant Director, Ben White welcomes the entrepreneurship students of Grassfield High School's STEM Academy for the Entrepreneur Summit.*

*John Maddux, President of RRMM Architects and EDA Board Member spoke about being an entrepreneur. RRMM also designed Grassfield High School.*



*The Chesapeake Virginia Wine Festival presented a \$30,000 check to Boys and Girls Club of Chesapeake. The Wine Festival is an annual event of the Chesapeake Rotary Club. Eight local charities received a total of \$130,000 this year and in 5 years over \$880,000 has been distributed to Chesapeake charities.*

*Pictured are the children of the Chesapeake Boys and Girls Clubs, Chesapeake board of directors and staff.*