



Oak Grove Lake Park (R.Ramsawh 01.09.18)



# REAL TIME UPDATES

January 2019

## THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE BEGINNINGS

Chesapeake's history dates back much further than 1963 when Norfolk County and the City of South Norfolk merged to create Chesapeake. The first English settlement began around 1620 along the banks of the Elizabeth River. In December 1775, the historic Battle of Great Bridge played a critical role in the Revolutionary War, just a few hundred yards from where the Chesapeake Municipal Center stands today. Shortly after the war, work began on the Dismal Swamp Canal, an idea first envisioned by George Washington when he visited in 1763. In the 1800s, the area recovered quickly from the Civil War thanks to its miles of riverfront and deep water harbors and the fertile, level farmland.

In the mid-1900s, the City of South Norfolk and the more rural Norfolk County found themselves struggling to plan for the future on their own. City and county officials got together to approve a merger agreement. In 1962, citizens of both communities turned out in near-record numbers for a special election, approved the merger, and selected the name "Chesapeake" for the new city. On January 2, 1963, the Chesapeake City Council met for the first time.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the young city began to develop a comprehensive network of city services, including police and fire protection, schools, libraries, parks and recreation, health, utilities, land use planning, transportation network and more. Chesapeake's 353 square miles offered ample opportunity for development, much of which began in the 1980s, both residential and industrial.

Chesapeake's population has grown from approximately 78,000 in 1963 to nearly 239,000 in 2016. Today, Chesapeake is a unique blend of rural and urban centers, providing its citizens with excellent schools, recreational and cultural facilities, and strong municipal leadership.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Chesapeake Named #1 for Veterans to Thrive Professionally



Chesapeake is proud to be ranked #1 *Best Place Where Veterans are Thriving Professionally* in the United States by [SmartAsset™](#), a financial technology company. Every year highly trained and motivated personnel exit the military each year, and Chesapeake recognizes the importance of reintegrating veterans back into civilian life.

## **YOUR PIE** Gives Back to the Community

On November 16, [Your Pie](#)®, located at 733 Eden Way North, Suite 400, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Days prior to the grand-opening, shop owners, Jeff and Jamie Rhoades, held a fundraiser for Chesapeake Public Schools Nutrition Services. The 'Dine & Donate', where 400 free pizzas were served in exchange for a monetary donation, raised \$2,421.



Left to right: Co-owner Jeff Rhoades and Superintendent of Chesapeake Public Schools Dr. Jared Cotton

## Virginia ranked #4 on Forbes® Best States for Business

The Commonwealth has moved up to No. 4 on Forbes'® latest Best States for Business list. Virginia ranked behind Texas (No. 3); Utah (No. 2) and North Carolina, which earned the top spot. Virginia has been making a steady climb on the list since slipping to No. 7 in 2015. It has taken the top spot five times since the list's inception in 2006.

To view the full list, [click here](#)



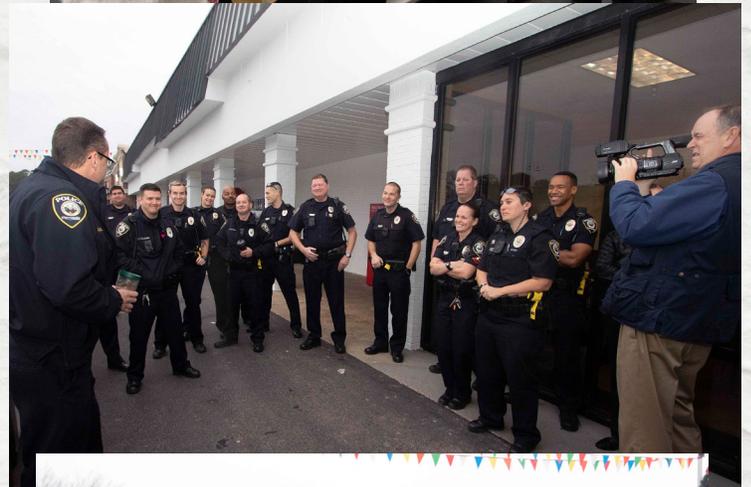
# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkeys for Tickets Successful

In an effort to spread holiday cheer, the Chesapeake Police Department surprised drivers on December 15 with turkeys instead of tickets for minor infractions, such as, broken taillights and expired inspection stickers. With help from the Chesapeake Jubilee and Kroger, officers handed out a total of 100 turkeys as well as tickets to the 2019 Jubilee.



Left to right: Captain Landfair, Kroger General Manager Billy Milton, Event Founder Rodney Foster, Officer Holland, Chesapeake Jubilee Committee Members Stephanie Welke, Richard Pippin, and Berkley Gibbs, Former Deputy Police Chief Louis Tayon, and Sergeant Goodman



Left to right: Captain Draper and Officer Holland



Top photo to bottom: Stephanie Welke giving instructions about Jubilee tickets; Captain Landfair giving the officers their Turkey for Ticket beat; The event received coverage from local and City media representatives.

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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### Chesapeake Health Department Celebrates World AIDS Day

The Chesapeake Health Department celebrated World AIDS Day on Friday, November 30, by offering free HIV testing in a special walk-in clinic. Participants enjoyed health trivia, games, and prizes including \$10 gas cards. This was the first event held in the district and promises to be an annual event.



Left to right: Kimi Stevens, Joy Monton, Dr. Billie Blair-Taylor, Holly Sanford, Thomas Johnson, Michelle Lathrop, Monae Holyfield, Janna Knisley, LaChele Gray, Susan Whalen, Jerry Tucker, Wanda Santos, Beverly Moseley, Adrienne Council, Bethune Wong, Joy Allen, Janae Voorhees, Maria Dillingham-Greene, Shannon O'Neal, Viola Bolen, Heather Turner, Deidre Johnson, Sarita Jordan, and Fredrick Abernathy

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### The Mom's Choice Awards® Donates Books



Left to right: Deidre Johnson, Kellie Smith, Shristi Bhandari, Kathy Hill, Susan Whalen, Meg Rask, Kim Bogan, and Kimi Stevens

The Chesapeake Health Department's Little Free Library recently received a generous gift of new, award winning books from The Mom's Choice Awards (MCA)®. The books were given to all 80 Chesapeake Health Department Baby Care Program Angel Tree recipients this season.

MCA® evaluates products and services created for children, families and educators. The program is globally recognized for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. The organization is based in the United States.

# PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM

## ONLINE: Department Reports and Projects

Click on the *graphics* below to review the complete reports.



December 6, 2018

### Project Updates



PARK	WORK TO BE PERFORMED/UPDATES	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE
BATTLEFIELD PARK	Cox Communication network installation, security system, video system, badge access system, time clock, workstation/printer installs	Winter 2019
	Repair damaged pier	Winter 2019
BELLS MILL PARK	New gate for emergency access road	Completed
	Perimeter fencing added	Completed
	Sidewalks from parking lot to trail installed	Completed
	Exercise equipment added	Winter 2019
CAMELOT PARK	Install ADA sidewalk connector to Shelter #1	Completed
CENTERVILLE PARK	Improvements to the parking lot include installation of a fire lane, 10 handicapped parking spots and respective parking lot painting, signage and directional arrows	Completed
	ADA sidewalk from parking lot to restrooms	Completed
	New playground	Completed
	Fencing by roadways	Completed
	Paint and repair storage shed	Winter 2019
	Add fencing around pumps and wells	Winter 2019
CHESAPEAKE ARBORETUM	New arboretum sign installed	Completed
	New parking lot perimeter fencing	Completed
	New shelter/gazebo installed	Completed
	Main trail widening as needed	Completed
	Greenhouse enhancements to include door and cover	Completed
	Install 4 Scout benches on trail	Winter 2019
	Plant identifying signage for Camelia Cove	Winter 2019
	Decorative fence around vegetable garden	Winter 2019
	Install rip-rap around bridges	Spring 2019
	<i>Bridge Status</i>	
	Bridges A, B, D, F, and G replaced	Completed
	Paint barn and shed roofs	Completed
	Bridges C, E, H, I, J, and K to be replaced	Spring 2019
CITY PARK	ADA walkway from parking lot to new shelter to dog park	Completed
	Stain Bagley Stage interior	Completed
	Clean, patch, and restripe Fun Forest parking lot	Completed
	Add fencing around lake	Completed
	Install ADA sidewalk around the Chesapeake 611 Memorial	Completed
	Replace Lake Fountain	Winter 2019

## CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Get connected to local history by visiting the Wallace Memorial History Room at the Central Library. The room is staffed by a team of knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers with access to books available exclusively on-site. Then dig into your family tree by exploring [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), available at every Chesapeake Public Library location. Genealogy workshops are available, visit [infopeake.org](http://infopeake.org) for exact date, time and locations.

Wallace Memorial History Room, Central Library



Can't find the book you want at the Library? Tell us what you want! The Library can add items to the collection based on customer recommendations or request a loan from another library system.

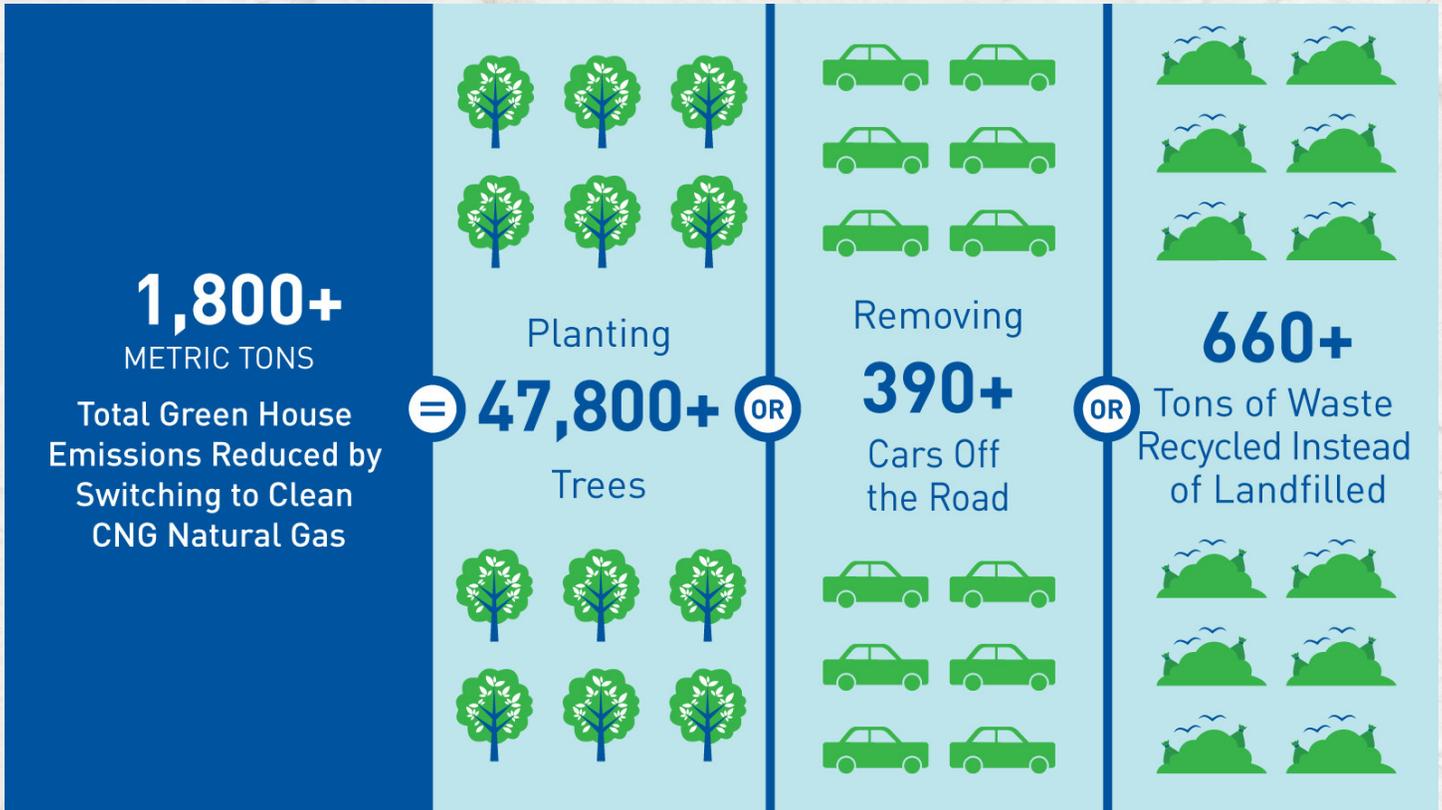
eBook readers are now able to check out up to six items through Chesapeake Public Library's Libby and Overdrive book services.



# CENTRAL FLEET

## Online Report: 1 Million Gallons of Compressed Natural Gas Flowing

Click the *Clean Energy*® graphic below for the complete article about Central Fleet.



## NOTEWORTHY

The 2019 Keep Chesapeake Beautiful Calendars are now available. Visit any community center or the Chesapeake Visitor Center for your copy. A \$5 donation to benefit the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council is suggested.

The calendars feature the most beautiful spaces and places in Chesapeake!

The advertisement features a photograph of a Blue Heron standing on a log in a natural setting. Text on the left side reads: "2019 Calendars are now Available! Pick up your copy now at any Chesapeake Community Center or Parks, Recreation and Tourism's Administrative Office and Visitor Center. 1224 Progressive Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 757.392.6111". The Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council logo is at the bottom left. On the right side, it says "\$5 suggested donation". At the bottom, it reads "2019 Keep Chesapeake Beautiful Calendar" and "Blue Heron on the Banks of the Intracoastal Waterway • Photograph: Michael S. Orndoff • Locations: Chesapeake and Albemarle Canal".

# WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION



Make sure you are notified in case of emergency.  
Phone. Text. Email.  
[CityofChesapeake.net/ChesapeakeAlert](http://CityofChesapeake.net/ChesapeakeAlert)

## WINTER DRIVING PREPAREDNESS



Inspect fluid levels, tires and battery.



Never warm your vehicle inside an attached garage, even if the door is open.



If your vehicle is parked outside, allow enough time for it to warm up. Clear frost from all windows.



Keep your gas tank at least half full.



If stranded, do not leave your car. Turn on flashers, light flares and call for help.



If the forecast looks bad, wait out the storm. If you must travel, share travel plans with someone before you leave.



Stay aware of weather changes. Local news channels are a great resource.

## SNOW THE FACTS



**38**  
PLOWS



**12-hour**  
EMPLOYEE SHIFTS



**30,000**  
GALLONS OF BRINE



**200**  
EMPLOYEES



**3,000**  
TONS OF SALT



**2,300**  
LANE MILES

## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Hands-Only CPR/AED Use  
Thursday, January 3  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Chesapeake Central Library  
298 Cedar Road  
[Register Here](#)

City Council Meetings  
Tuesday, January 8, 15, and 22  
6:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
306 Cedar Road  
[More City Council Information](#)

Cookie Classic Run  
Saturday, January 19  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail  
[Register here](#)

All City offices, courts, community centers and libraries will be closed  
Friday, January 18  
***Honoring Lee-Jackson Day***  
[Additional holiday information](#)

All City offices, courts, community centers and libraries will be closed  
Monday, January 21  
***Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Day***  
[Additional holiday information](#)

Chesapeake Regional Hospital Gala  
Saturday, January 26  
6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
Chesapeake Conference Center  
700 Conference Center Drive  
[Click to Purchase Tickets](#)