



MAYOR DELIVERS STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Rick West delivered this year's State of the City address on Thursday, February 22, at the Chesapeake Conference Center. The event highlighted key business development initiatives, provided strategic municipal progress updates, addressed challenges and opportunities, and provided a glimpse into the City's future.

During the event, Dollar Tree Executive Chairman Bob Sasser shared some exciting news about Summit Pointe, a new Urban Mixed-Use Center that is coming to Greenbrier. Summit Pointe will be Chesapeake's newest, largest, and tallest urban lifestyle community. Representing a projected investment of more than \$300 million of development in multiple phases, this first phase emphasizes a new form of urban living, workplace solutions, entertainment and shopping options. The iconic high-rise office tower under construction at Summit Pointe is the world headquarters for Dollar Tree, Inc., comprising 510,000 square feet of state-of-the-art workspace. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2018, this will be the tallest office tower in Chesapeake, visible from Interstate 64. The adjacent parking deck with public parking contains 1,500 spaces.



Mayor West delivered the State of the City address to more than 800 attendees.



A new \$300 million urban mixed-use downtown comes to Chesapeake.

Additional new development will include upscale residential communities with unequaled lifestyle amenities containing at least 600 units, more than 100,000 square feet of new retail and restaurant spaces, at least 100,000 square feet of traditional and modern workspaces, and a boutique hotel.

Dollar Tree, Inc., a Fortune 150 Company, operates more than 14,800 stores across 48 states and five Canadian provinces. Watch the 2018 Chesapeake State of the City address On Demand at CityofChesapeake.net/TV.

MAYOR'S OFFICE NEWS

STUDENTS TAKE OVER CITY HALL FOR A DAY

Mayor's Youth Day is an annual event that allows local high schoolers to change places with City staff and elected officials for a day. This year's event was held on Wednesday, February 28. The students, from both private and public high schools, got to run their own mock City Council and School Board meetings. Mentors were able to provide the students with a bird's eye view of the many roles and responsibilities City employees and City officials handle on a daily basis.



Mayor West addresses students at the beginning of the day.



John Coggins and City Manager James Baker.



Deputy City Manager Laura Fitzpatrick, Hailey Smith, and Deputy City Manager Dr. Wanda Barnard-Bailey.



Tim Cassidy and Deputy City Manager Bob Geis.



Eli Hoar, Grace Karol, Public Works Assistant Director Earl Sorey, and Public Works Director Eric Martin.



George Yates and Kyle Hebert anchored a mock newscast.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

DUCK DONUTS OPENS IN CHESAPEAKE

On February 23, Duck Donuts celebrated the grand opening of its fourth store in the Hampton Roads area, and first location in Chesapeake. The company was started at the Outer Banks in Duck, North Carolina, by Russ DiGilio and his family.

The founder and owner, DiGilio, was in attendance at the grand opening celebration along with Mayor West and City Council Members. The donut shop specializes in made-to-order donuts, allowing customers to create custom pastries from various combinations of icings, toppings, and drizzles.

Left to right: Council Member Robert Ike; Council Member Lonnie Craig; Russ DiGilio, CEO & Founder of Duck Donuts; Mayor Rick West; Council Member Debbie Ritter and Council Member Roland Davis.



BREWERY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW LOCATION

With great success in the craft brew industry, the City's only micro-brewery, Big Ugly Brewery, celebrated its groundbreaking at its new location, 1 mile north of its current location on February 17. The new brewery will have an expanded tasting room, production, and distribution capacity.

Big Ugly's current location in Southern Chesapeake is at 1296 South Battlefield Boulevard Suite 104. The expansion project will total \$2.15 million and create six new jobs.



Left to right: Eric Stichler, owner of Blue Ridge Builders; Jim Lantry, owner of Big Ugly; Michele Lantry, owner of Big Ugly; Ryan Helvig, Towne Bank; Shawn Childers, owner of Big Ugly; Aaron Childers, owner of Big Ugly; Council Member Roland Davis; David Ropp, Towne Bank; Robert Hudson, Blue Ridge Builders, and Jeremy Maloney, Altruistic Design.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

DEPARTMENTS TRAIN FOR ACTIVE THREAT

As part of the City's preparedness for active threat situations, the Police and Fire Departments have been training together, exercising newly developed response policies for such events. On January 26, the leadership of the Police and Fire Departments drilled together on a functional exercise, "The Big Game", involving a mass casualty incident staged in a local restaurant on Super Bowl Sunday.

Besides leading by example, this exercise allowed the Command Staff of both Public Safety departments to experience a very realistic environment, similar to what the police officers and firefighters on the street would be operating in. Wearing ballistic protection and other safety equipment, the Police and Fire Commanders formed Rescue Task Force Teams to make entry into a potentially hostile environment to triage, treat, and extricate about 26 "victims", which were volunteers moulaged with an assortment of realistic wounds and other injuries.



DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITS NEWS

Taco Bell: A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on February 16, to the Taco Bell located at 115 Hillcrest Parkway.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

DEPARTMENT AIDS IN HURRICANE RECOVERY

Chesapeake Health Department's Environmental Health Specialist, Monae Holyfield, is part of a crew from the Virginia Department of Health that was recently sent to St. Thomas to aid in the recovery efforts from the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Holifield joins other Virginia Department of Health employees from around the state, on two Environmental Health Strike Teams, assisting the U.S. Virgin Islands with inspections of food service establishments and other regulated facilities.

They will also provide education on environmental health and sanitation issues on the islands, which are vital to a successful recovery.



Environmental Health Specialist, Monae Holyfield, inspects the temperature of the food in a restaurant in St. Thomas.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY RIBBON CUTTING

The Chesapeake Health Department, in conjunction with the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for their Little Free Library on Friday, March 2, at the Health Department, located at 748 North Battlefield Boulevard.

The Little Free Library, located inside the lobby of the Health Department, supports the mission of the No Hit Zone, an initiative of Champions For Children—Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads. The library, which encourages reading and positive parenting, offers dozens of free books to the Health Department's young clients, in both English and Spanish.

The completed project is the result of the hard work of Girl Scout Ashlina Keller, a 7th grader at Hickory Middle School and a member of Girl Scout Troop 805. Ashlina selected the project to help her obtain the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—giving scouts the chance to do big things and make their community better in the process.



Health Department Director Dr. Nancy Welch, Girl Scout Ashlina Keller, and Mayor Rick West.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM NEWS

MEDICATION LOCK BOXES DISTRIBUTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) has partnered with Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare (CIBH) to distribute 45 medication lock boxes to participants among Chesapeake's 21 Senior Clubs. These lock boxes prevent tampering and help keep medications in the home secure.

The lock boxes were purchased from an Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration, and distributed at the February Senior Club Council meeting. David Dillon, Clinician III with CIBH, was the guest speaker at the January Senior Club Council meeting, where he spoke about the opioid abuse epidemic and the use of lock boxes. Mr. Dillon and his staff will be attending future individual Senior Club meetings to distribute additional lock boxes as needed.

With the assistance of Chesapeake R U Ready, City community centers now offer information on medication education and disposal, and the proper procedure for disposing of expired or unwanted medications.

These partnerships are a great example of City departments working together to share resources, enhance customer service, and educate citizens on important issues.



Left to right: PRT's Senior Club Council members: Claude Carter, Marie Loughran, Ginger Hoggard, and Greg Hoggard; CIBH: David Dillon, Kristen Martin, and Michelle Morgan-Jackson; PRT: Karen Christy, Mimi Perko, and Tamakia Hamlin.



Attendees of the PRT's Senior Clinic Council meeting hold up their lock boxes.

CITY CLERKS OFFICE NEWS

FOOD DRIVE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

The City Clerk's Office began the new year by holding their "Can Do" Food Drive from January 9 through February 9 to help support the programs of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. The annual event collected 1,095 pounds of non-perishable food donations to benefit the foodbank and other local food pantries. "People helping people" is the fundamental principle that guides this program. Each City department filled collection bags with nonperishable items and or canned goods, and dropped them off to the City Clerk's Office located in City Hall.

The department who donated the most bags of non-perishable items and canned goods, received citywide recognition and a certificate of participation from Mayor West. This year, the City Attorney's Office donated the most bags.



REGISTER NOW FOR CHESAPEAKE ALERT



Emergency alerts, such as severe weather warnings, are delivered automatically to those in the affected areas, and the City can also provide timely warnings for things like hazardous materials events and other public safety concerns.

To register for Chesapeake Alert, visit www.CityOfChesapeake.net/ChesapeakeAlert, or call the City's Customer Contact Center at 382-CITY weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATIONS

Russell Memorial Library will be closed March 12-13 for installation of new carpet and new doors. If you need to find another library, please visit Infopeake.org/location.

Tech Time

A lack of Tech skills can really slow down the workflow. Do you have Microsoft Office, tablet, smartphone or other technology related questions? Sign up for a 30 minute appointment and have your questions answered free of charge. Bring your personal device. To schedule an appointment, call 757-410-7016.

Chesapeake Genealogy Enthusiasts

Dig into your family history with other historians in the Chesapeake Genealogy Enthusiasts. Share techniques and resources with other family historians. Explore monthly topics with the Library's resident expert. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 13, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m at the South Norfolk Memorial Library.

THE CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS FREE NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES TO LIBRARY CUSTOMERS.

Customers must bring current, unexpired photo identification with a signature. For more information and to see when a notary is available, call 757-410-7100.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting**
Thursday, March 8
5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Hall
306 Cedar Road

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, March 10
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Major Hillard Library
824 Old George Washington Hwy.

**Chesapeake R U Ready
Family Night**
Thursday, March 22
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Indian River High School
1969 Braves Trail

"SUN-days" at Elizabeth River Park
Saturday, March 24
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Elizabeth River Park
1400 Elizabeth River Way

Boys' Leadership Conference
Saturday, March 24
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Oscar Smith High School
1994 Tiger Drive

Chesapeake EGGstravaganza
Saturday, March 31
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive