



Real Time Updates

Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders *November 2014*

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

FIRST ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL MANUFACTURING MONTH A SUCCESS

\$5,000 in Scholarship Funds Raised to Assist Students Pursuing Manufacturing Careers

During the month of October, the City of Chesapeake joined communities nationwide and celebrated manufacturing as one of the cornerstones of our economy. Chesapeake is fortunate to have 40-plus manufacturers which generated more than \$306 million in new business investments, and 1,100 new jobs over the last decade.

A series of month-long events included a Scholarship Challenge, Plant Tours, Military2Manufacturing Roundtable Luncheon, Mayor's Proclamation Reading and a Dedication Ceremony for Tidewater Community College's (TCC) new Precision Machining Lab in Chesapeake.

The City's Economic Development Department spearheaded the Chesapeake, VA Manufacturing Scholarship Challenge which raised \$5,000, Mitsubishi Plastics Composites America kicked off the challenge with a \$1,000 donation. Sumitomo Drive Technologies, Yupo Corporation, GeoQuip Manufacturing, Inc. and Usui International each met the challenge with a \$1,000 donation. Funds will be awarded to Chesapeake high school students pursuing the new TCC manufacturing degree—Associate of Applied Science in Mechatronics. The new dual enrollment program in mechatronics between TCC and Chesapeake Public Schools starts fall 2015.



Mitsubishi Plastics Composites America kicks off Chesapeake Manufacturing Scholarship Challenge. Pictured left to right: Eiichi "Eric" Sata, President/CEO Mitsubishi Plastics Composites America and Director of Economic Development Steven Wright.



FlowsERVE received a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the Military2Manufacturing event. Pictured left to right: Maria Rangel, Chesapeake Director of Economic Development Steven Wright, Charles Avery, and Matt Harris.



Mayor Krasnoff proclaims the month of October 2014, National Manufacturing Month in Chesapeake. Pictured with Mayor Krasnoff are representatives from TCC, Mitsubishi Plastics Composites, Superior Quality Manufacturing, Inc. and Sumitomo Drive Technologies.

Additional information can be found at CityofChesapeake.net, or contact the City Manager's Office at 382-6166.

NEWS

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OPENS EBOLA HOTLINE

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has opened an Ebola Hotline to help answer questions from the public and provide the most up-to-date information to Virginians. The number 1-877-ASK-VDH3 (1-877-275-8343) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information visit www.vdh.virginia.gov.

To protect yourself from Ebola....

- **Do** wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Do NOT** touch the blood or body fluids (like urine, feces, saliva, vomit, sweat, and semen) of people who are sick.
- **Do NOT** handle items that may have come in contact with a sick person's blood or body fluids, like clothes, bedding, needles, or medical equipment.
- **Do NOT** touch the body of someone who has died of Ebola.

PARTNERING TO RAISE AWARENESS

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and Eastern Virginia Medical School partnered with the City of Chesapeake to help raise awareness. Large outdoor sidewalk stickers are placed throughout the City Hall grounds to help remind people about diabetes and the need for regular check-ups. A total of about 8.7% of Virginians have diabetes, including an estimated 175,000 right here in Hampton Roads. There are many risk factors to diabetes including family history, weight, and lifestyle.

Visit www.evms.edu/diabetesrisk.com for more info.



Eastern VA Medical School's Blair Holloway placed stickers at City Hall.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER CELEBRATES 45 YEARS WITH THE CITY

Congratulations to Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath, for recently celebrating 45 years with the City of Chesapeake. A celebration was held in the City Manager's Office to recognize this great and rare achievement.



Congratulations Amar!



City Manager James Baker with Amar during the reception.



City Manager James Baker presents Amar with his plaque and certificate.



Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath celebrated with his direct reports. Pictured left to right: Eric Martin, Jay Tate, Amar Dwarkanath, George Hrichak, Sharron Meadows, and Jaleh Shea.

NEWS

CHESAPEAKE COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE RECEIVES ACCOLADE

Chesapeake Commissioner of the Revenue, Ray Conner, was honored recently with the Sam T. Barfield Award of Excellence from the Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association. The annual award, the Association's highest, recognizes leadership, dedication, and public service. The award is named for Sam Barfield, who served as Norfolk's Commissioner of the Revenue from 1970 to 1997. The Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association was formed in 1917 to promote common understanding of the challenges in the assessment of taxes and the administration of revenue laws.



Pictured left to right: Carolyn Morrison, Administrative Assistant; Sherry Roberson, Deputy Commissioner; Ray Conner, Chesapeake Commissioner of the Revenue; Patsy Foster, Business Tax Manager; Frank King, Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue.

FALL YARD CLEANUP REMINDERS

Each November and December, the number of bags of yard waste allowed at your curb for pickup goes up to 50 bags each week (normally 30 bags each week). Remember to bag yard debris in clear plastic bags and pile them so that they are not obstructing the passage of vehicles or pedestrians. You do not need to schedule the collection of yard waste; it will be collected automatically on your normal garbage day.

For more information about fall yard cleanup tips visit www.cityofchesapeake.net/publicworks.

EARLY EDUCATION SMALL BUSINESS MENTORING PROGRAM GRADUATION

The Small Business Development Center of Hampton Roads (SBDC) in partnership with Chesapeake R U Ready, celebrated the graduation of eight early childhood education centers and their completion of the Early Education Small Business Mentoring Program. The program is designed to assist childcare centers in improving profitability, increasing enrollment and adopting best business practices so that they can focus on providing high quality education.



The eight childcare centers participating in this program saw an average increase of 16% in enrollment with more than 450 children impacted by these centers. Centers included Deep Creek Baptist Church Preschool, Great Things Christian Childcare, Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church Pre-School, Mt. Lebanon Christian Academy, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Preschool, Family Preschool and Childcare, Milestones Child Development Center and Sandy's Tender Care.

Chesapeake child care providers who recently completed the Early Education Small Business Mentoring Program gathered at the graduation event.

PROJECTS

CITY SIGNAGE UPDATES

All eight directional signs to the Visitor Center and Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administrative Office have been installed. The signs are now blue signifying a Visitor Center instead of the brown signs.

GREAT BRIDGE LOCK PARK

The ADA-accessible canoe/kayak put-in is complete and a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place this spring.

NORTHWEST RIVER PARK

The 60-foot bridge is now complete. The bridge connects both sides of the lake.

OAK GROVE LAKE PARK

The wooden fish sculpture is complete and was installed in October.

Additional parking lot construction for 20-30 new spaces is in design. It is expected to be completed by summer of 2015.

WATERWAYS HISTORIC PARK

Construction has been underway for two weeks for the replacement pier from Virginia Port Authority. The pier is 50% complete. The project completion date is Winter 2015.



Pictured front left to right: Lt. Colonel Mark Solesky, Police Chief Kelvin Wright, Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, and other public safety officers show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness outside of City Hall.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Family Fun Day at
Northwest River Park**
Saturday, November 8
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Northwest River Park

Taste of Chesapeake
Thursday, November 13
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

America Recycles Day
Saturday, November 15
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Greenbrier Mall
Parking Lot

TCC Holiday Craft Show
Wednesday, November 19 &
Thursday, November 20
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
TCC Chesapeake Student
Center

Holiday Craft Show
Saturday, November 22
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Holiday Craft Show
Sunday, November 23
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center



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

