



Real Time Updates

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders

PROJECTS & NEWS

DOMINION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Pile driving in the Elizabeth River for the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project's southbound bridge span is now complete. The final pile for the entire project is expected to be driven this month. Over the next couple of months, motorists will soon see horizontal girder placement for the southbound span over the Elizabeth River.



WESTERN BRANCH UPDATES

The Chesapeake quarterly Town Meeting was held in Western Branch on September 1. This was an opportunity for the Western Branch community to share their ideas and concerns and hear from City leaders about projects and future plans for the area. Over the past several years, numerous projects have been completed in the Western Branch area such as a new picnic shelter at Western Branch Park, a new stone dust walking/running trail around Southwestern Park, new sewer and water services were activated for residents in several neighborhoods including Walker's Bend, Charles Commons, Fisher's Cove and more. In addition, a new Chesapeake Farmers' Market became operational this past July at the Western Branch Community Center, and Phase 1 of the Jolliff United Methodist Church is complete, and the parking lot expansion is currently underway.

In the future, residents can expect a new fire station and logistics center where the old Bowers Hill water tower was off of Military Highway. The station will serve the Sunray, Bowers Hill, and Western Branch communities. Russell Memorial Library will have new and enhanced core services including new online courses, BenchPrep classes, a new selection of audiobooks, access to HOOPLA, and more. Expect new dugouts on all five athletic fields at Western Branch Park this winter, and the Bruce Road Safety Improvement Project will begin in summer 2016.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

OCEANEERING INTERNATIONAL (MARINE SERVICES DIVISION) HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division) and the City of Chesapeake hosted an Open House on September 1, to celebrate the company's new 150,000 square foot facility. This expansion project represents a \$33 million investment, 460 saved jobs and 70 new jobs to the City. The company consolidated its engineering, manufacturing, and administrative functions into one building. Oceaneering has been in Chesapeake since 1988 in the South Norfolk area. The new facility is located in the City's newest business park—Greenbrier North Commerce Park at 2155 Steppingstone Square. Oceaneering's Marine Services Division in Chesapeake focuses on submarines, deep submergence systems, and air cushion landing craft, and is certified by the U.S. Navy as a Submarine Safety (SUBSAFE) activity. They support Navy operations around the world out of the Chesapeake office.



Left - Pictured left to right:

The Honorable John A. Cosgrove, Sr., Fourteenth Senate District (Senate of Virginia); Chesapeake City Council Member Robert Ike; Al Konetzni, Vice President and General Manager, Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division); Chesapeake City Council Member Debbie Ritter; The Honorable Kenneth C. Alexander, Fifth Senate District (Senate of Virginia); Dr. Ella P. Ward, Chesapeake City Council Member; and Suzy Kelly, Chesapeake City Council Member.

Right - Pictured left to right: Steven Wright, Director, City of Chesapeake, Dept. of Economic Development; The Honorable Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Governor; Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff; Al Konetzni, Vice President and General Manager, Oceaneering International (Marine Services Division); and The Honorable Kenneth Alexander, Fifth Senate District



NEWS

NEW LIBRARY AUTOMATED SYSTEM IMPROVES EFFICIENCY

An automated materials handling (AMH) system has been installed at the Central Library to better serve library customers. The automated system will make checking in and sorting materials more efficient. This means a faster return to the shelf and a higher availability for lending to the next customer!

Check out the video on Chesapeake Public Library's Facebook page for a look at AMH in action: <https://www.facebook.com/ChesapeakePublicLibrary>.

CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MATH-TASTIC SUMMER READING WAS A SUCCESS

The Library of Virginia recognized the Chesapeake Public Library for their success with the Summer Math Challenge. City of Chesapeake students rose to this year's Summer Math Challenge with exponential results. There were 135 elementary and middle school participants that attended 7 weekly math meetings and completed over 3,000 math bowl problems. Overall 406 papers were graded. The program is a coordinated effort between the Virginia Math Club, TCC-Chesapeake, and the Chesapeake Public Library. Achievements were celebrated with Mayor Krasnoff and the community at the Major Hillard Library. Prizes were generously provided by PRA Group, Edward Jones, Kumon, and Brickheadz.

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Symphony Under the Stars
Sunday, September 6
6:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park

Ceremony of Remembrance
Never Forget
Friday, September 11
8:30 a.m.
Chesapeake City Park

Sheriff's Freedom Run
Saturday, September 12
8:00 a.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

Food Truck Hump Days on
the Great Bridge Waterways
Wednesday, September 16
4:00 p.m.
1775 Historic Way

Chesapeake Recycles Day
Saturday, September 19
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sam's Club - Western Branch
2444 Chesapeake Sq Ring Rd.

Family Fun Day and
Rock n' Throw Challenge
Saturday, September 19
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Northwest River Park

Board of Zoning Appeals
Public Hearing
Thursday, September 24
6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor's Veterans Breakfast
Saturday, September 26
8:00 a.m.
Chesapeake Conference
Center

Dominion Blvd. Corridor
Study Public Hearing
Wednesday, September 30
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Coming Up - October

5K Doggy Dash & 2K Puppy Trot
Saturday, October 3
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park

Bark in The Park
Sunday, October 4
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park

CITIZEN KUDOS:

The City Manager's office received kudos from a Chesapeake resident for the outstanding customer service displayed by a City employee:

I just wanted to let someone know about the exceptional service I received in August. I was putting some bulky items on the street for pick up for the following week (I had not put in my request for pick up in a timely manner) when one of your trucks pulled up in front of my house. Your driver, told me I was not on his list for pick up but he would go ahead and take what I had since he was in the neighborhood. He could have easily just drove on by, but he did not. This employee in my opinion, went above and beyond to help us out. He should be commended for his decision to go the extra mile. Great customer service!! That is rare these days. Thank you!" - Family in Western Branch