



Chesapeake
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REAL TIME UPDATES

September 2018

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Disasters don't plan ahead, but you can. The month of September is designated as National Preparedness Month, providing a reminder that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year. This year focuses on planning, with the overall theme: **Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.**



Throughout the month, Chesapeake Television's 48News will highlight weekly themes including making and practicing your plan, learning a lifesaving skill, checking your insurance coverage, and saving for an emergency. Citizens can also tune in to Chesapeake Television's *A Closer Look* to learn more about preparing for a disaster. Guests will discuss what National Preparedness Month is and why is it important, what we should include in our Emergency Financial First Aid Kit, and how the City can assist in local emergencies. Viewers can check air times or watch On-Demand at www.CityofChesapeake.net/TV. Shows can also be seen on Cox 48 and Verizon 43.

For more information on being prepared visit www.Ready.gov/September

Citizens can find their evacuation zone by visiting KnowYourZoneVA.org and entering their home address. The map will zoom into the street which will either be shaded blue for Zone A, green for Zone B, orange for Zone C, red for Zone D, or neutral for the area of Chesapeake with no zone because of the unlikelihood of evacuation. Residents are encouraged to write down their zone and put it somewhere that will help them remember it, like on a refrigerator or by a home computer.



The City will use all available means to notify people of an evacuation, but the best way to get the message is to register for the City's notification system, Chesapeake Alert. Registering ensures that you are notified directly in the way you prefer and receive updates before, during, and after the storm. [Register here.](#)



Hurricane Isabelle: NASA image from the MODIS Rapid Response Team

PUBLIC WORKS

Project Updates and Milestones



The 22nd Street Bridge Replacement Project is scheduled to begin in September pending final coordination with Norfolk Southern Railroad whose tracks pass directly underneath the bridge. The contract has been awarded to Corman Construction Tidewater Division. You can keep up with this and other projects by visiting [Public Works online](#).

FUTURE PROJECTS TO WATCH

- Rte. 168 Bypass and Mt. Pleasant Road interchange repairs contract awarded to Parkway Contracting
- Sign Pine Outfall ditch improvements contract awarded to Northwest Corporation
- Bruce Road safety improvements contract awarded to Paxton Corporation

DEVELOPMENT AND PERMITS NEWS



Discount Tire : A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on August 6th to Discount Tire located at 1025 North Battlefield Boulevard for a 9,617 square foot building.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

South Norfolk Neighborhood Watch Names “Firefighter of the Year”

During National Night Out events on August 7th Chesapeake Fire Department Battalion Chief John Gibson was honored as the “Firefighter of the Year” by South Norfolk Neighborhood Watch. The group recognized him for his many years of public service to the City and particularly the South Norfolk community.

Carolenn Latham, President, South Norfolk Neighborhood Watch and Battalion Chief John Gibson



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Chesapeake Economic Development Honors 2018 Charity Recipient



Left to right: Kevin Cosgrove, Economic Development Authority Member; Von Gilbreath, Chesapeake Economic Development; Eric Newman, Chief Play Officer of the Roc Solid Foundation; Sherry Barnette, Chesapeake Economic Development; & Steven Wright, Director of Chesapeake Economic Development

Chesapeake Economic Development presented the net proceeds from the Chesapeake Economic Development Authority's 18th Annual Business Appreciation Golf Classic to the 2018 Charity Recipient, the Roc Solid Foundation on Tuesday, August 14th.

The Roc Solid Foundation was founded in 2009 as a small fundraiser for the local children's hospital but quickly evolved into a full-time nonprofit to help children fighting pediatric cancer. *The Play It Forward* initiative constructs play-sets for children ages 1-8 and complete room makeovers for children ages 8-18. The foundation also provides Ready Bags to families, which include all the essentials a family may need during an unexpected hospital stay.

The Economic Development Department would like to thank those who participated and supported the 2018 Golf Classic. They appreciate their sponsors for helping make this contribution to the Roc Solid Foundation possible.

Cox Virginia Celebrates 40 years with 40 Acts of Kindness

Cox Virginia celebrated its 40th anniversary in the region at Chesapeake City Park on July 20th. The event marked the commencement of 40 acts of kindness, which totaled \$40,000 to be donated throughout the Hampton Roads community.



Mayor Rick West spoke at the event about the significant investments Cox has made in the community and businesses in Chesapeake over the years. Cox Virginia is headquartered in Greenbrier at 1341 Crossways Boulevard.

757 Accelerate: Helping Startups Do More, Faster

A selective startup accelerator company, *757 Accelerate*, announced its initial group of businesses that will participate in their 12 week program beginning this fall. Each of the companies will receive \$20,000, a free workspace, and access to various entrepreneurial resources.

One of the selected companies was *Teaming Pro*, a Chesapeake company that aids businesses in building and vetting their network of partners more quickly and efficiently in order to bid on government contracts.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Bra-ha-ha® organizers and the Chesapeake Public Library are teaming up to display designer bras promoting breast cancer awareness at each City library. The Bra-ha-ha® is a one-of-a-kind fundraising experience that celebrates survivorship and artistry. With a bra as their canvas, interested community members are challenged to construct unique and over-the-top designs using breast cancer as inspiration. Examples of entries from the 2017 event are pictured below. Visit a Library branch in September to learn more!



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UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAY

Labor Day

All City offices, courts, libraries and community centers
will be closed on Monday, September 3.

The Visitors Center, located at 1224 Progressive Drive, will remain open.

No Changes to trash and recycling collection schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS

Symphony Under the Stars
Sunday, September 2, 6:00 p.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive

Freedom Run
Saturday, September 8
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail
1113 S. George Washington Highway
[More Information](#)

Chesapeake Recycles Day
Saturday, September 8
9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.
Sam's Club - Western Branch
2444 Chesapeake Square Road
[More Information](#)

9/11 Ceremony of Remembrance
Tuesday, September 11, 8:30 a.m.
Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive
[More Information](#)

**10th Annual Mayor's Breakfast
to Honor Veterans**
Saturday, September 15, 8:00 a.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center
700 Conference Center Drive
[Register Here](#)

Rolling on the River
Thursday, September 27, 5:00 p.m.
Elizabeth River Park
1400 Elizabeth River Way
[More Information](#)
