

Real Time Updates

for the Chesapeake City Council

March 1, 2012

PROJECTS

DISMAL SWAMP PROJECT

• The Dismal Swamp Trail Project bid opening is set for March 15. This is Phase 1, which builds the permanent restrooms, new boat launch and parking lots at existing northern trailhead. New stone dust horse trail and new restrooms at Douglas Road wayside are bid alternates. Phase 2 to extend the trail northward to Deep Creek Park will bid later this spring.

WEST MUNDEN PROJECT

• A Notice to Proceed was issued to Tidewater Utility Construction for the West Munden/Vincent Street outfall improvement project.

CHESAPEAKE EXPRESSWAY

• A Notice to Proceed was issued to Elite Company for work on the Expressway's Video Management System, CCTV and Camera Control software upgrades.

CAMELOT SIGN

• The Tidewater Builders Association Apprentice Program is assisting Camelot Civic League with installing a subdivision entrance sign. It will be 7' high x 6' wide and in the median. Installation began February 16.



At the Chesapeake Arboretum, Bridge "A" was recently completed by Dominion Virginia Power and Arboretum volunteers. For around \$1,300 in the cost of materials (paid by the Arboretum) Dominion and other volunteers constructed a bridge that may have cost more than \$40,000.00 to construct otherwise.

OPERATIONS

COASTAL CLUBHOUSE

• The CSB's Coastal Clubhouse has a volunteer group working on projects at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. The group's first project was creating 50 Valentine themed boxes, which were delivered on patient lunch and/or dinner trays by hospital staff. This project will also provide opportunities for participants to sew and stuff teddy bears for children at the hospital.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

• Chesapeake public libraries will be open nine less hours each week beginning Monday, March 12. The libraries will be open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Friday 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The library's website will still be available 24 hours a day.

NEWS

INTERIM CITY MANAGER NAMED

• Deputy City Manager Amar Dwarkanath has been appointed interim city manager after William Harrell resigns at the end of the month to become president and CEO of HRT. Vice Mayor John de Triquet and Council Member Ella Ward will lead the national search for a new city manager.

NEW PARKS DIRECTOR NAMED

• Michael Barber has been hired as the new director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Barber has 30 years of experience working for the Newport News parks department. He starts April 2.



Progress on the new South Norfolk Bridge continues. It is anticipated to be open to drivers by late spring/early summer.

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POINDEXTER STREET CORRIDOR STUDY

• The Planning Department has enlisted the help of the Urban Land Institute to perform a study of the Poindexter Street Corridor. A panel of experts will tour and analyze the area and will then hear presentations from stakeholders on March 8. Later that day, at 4:30 p.m., the panel will present its recommendations for the corridor at a public meeting at Kaufman & Canoles, 21st Floor, 150 W. Main Street, Norfolk. A follow-up presentation will be scheduled at the Portlock Galleries in the coming weeks.

MONEY POINT PHASE II CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

• The final phase of the Money Point Phase II construction effort, a 5,000-cubic-yard oyster reef (covering about 3.5 acres) was completed, capping off the successful completion of more than 13.5 acres of environmental restoration at Money Point over the last two years.

MOBILE HOME DATA

• Planning and the Fire Department are working together to ensure the mobile home addresses in the Development and Permits' database are correct due to the fact that mobile home addresses were not always assigned by the City. Fire personnel are marking up maps and sending them back to Planning so we can accurately reflect the addresses being used in our databases.

SOUTH HILL CONNECTION

• The City obtained approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board to create an emergency access route in and out of the South Hill neighborhood on Middle Street, connecting to interstate 464. Public Works has completed the design and will apply for a permit in the next few weeks. Construction should start this spring.

MCO TRANSPORT, INC.

• MCO Transport, Inc., a transportation company providing local day and long distance container moves, opened a facility at 3064 Yadkin Road. Within the first 12 months of operation, MCO projects they will employ between 20 and 25 truck drivers.

EVENTS

• **South Norfolk Jordan Bridge Public Information Meeting**, 9:00-11:00 a.m., March 3, 17 and 31.

• **CEIC Awards Luncheon**, March 7, noon-2:00 p.m., Chesapeake Conference Center.

• **Deep Creek Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**, March 24, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

• **Mayor's Youth Day**, March 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., City Hall and School Administration.

• **Arbor Day Ceremony and Celebration**, March 31, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Chesapeake Arboretum, 624 Oak Grove Road.

CEIC AWARDS DEPARTMENT

• The Bureau of Community Programs will receive the Government Agency Award from the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council on March 7. The Bureau's volunteers provided more than 1,000 hours of community service at the Chesapeake Arboretum, various City parks and our Adopt-a-Highway spot, saving the City more than \$20,000.