

REGIONAL MAJOR EVENTS – 2010

Chesapeake Parks & Recreation
(757) 382-6411

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www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRevents

“A Celebration of Black History”

The National Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Gamma Chapter, with River Crest Community Center, will co-sponsor a festival starting at 2 p.m. FREE for all ages 6 & up. The festival will feature live music, dancing, and light refreshments. For further information, call (757) 436-3100 or check out our website at www.CityofChesapeake.net/guide.

Canceled due to weather

River Crest Community Center
1001 River Walk Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320

February 6

Arbor Day Tree Planting Teams

You can organize your tree planting team to plant trees at parks and public locations on Arbor Day. Funds are needed to help pay for trees. Volunteer groups (such as civic leagues, scouts, civic organizations, businesses, schools, etc.) are needed to plant the trees. Volunteers are also needed to adopt the newly planted trees—watering, weeding, and inspecting for pests from Arbor Day through September. Sponsored by the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department and supported by the Chesapeake Arboretum, Chesapeake Neighborhood Services Department, Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council, Chesapeake Fire Department, Chesapeake Agriculture Department, and the Virginia Department of Forestry. For further information, call (757) 382-6411.

Locations Throughout the City

March 27

Great American Cleanup

The BIGGEST cleanup campaign of the year! Organizations register to get involved in cleaning up litter from *April 1 through June 5*. Trash bags are provided. The short-term goal is to clean up Chesapeake. The long-term goal is to influence people's attitudes about littering. Sponsored by the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council (CEIC) and Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (KAB). For further information, call (757) 382-6411. Registration deadline is at least two weeks before your cleanup date.

Locations throughout the City

April 1 - June 5

Dismal Swamp Stomp — Half-Marathon & Children's ½-Mile Cub Run (ages 12 and under)

Chesapeake invites you on a spectacular 13.1 mile journey through lush, mysterious landscape and rich history. Alongside and parallel to the trail is the historic Dismal Swamp Canal, part of the famed Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, which offers runners forested wetlands and a peaceful paved pathway through the wilderness. Join the foot stompin' crowd for the race; enjoy the legendary scenery and entertainment that will be anything but dismal. Each registered participant receives a finisher's medal when they cross the finish line. The Dismal Swamp Stomp Half-Marathon and Children's ½-Mile Cub Run (ages 12 and under)

bring outdoor sports to a new level. For more information check out www.dismalswampstomp.com or call (757) 382-6411.

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

April 17

1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Chesapeake, 23323

Paddle for the Border

Paddle on the Dismal Swamp Canal, adjacent to the Great Dismal Swamp — “a unique and mysterious place” — charted by George Washington’s survey company in 1763. Paddlers push off into the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail and navigate their own canoes or kayaks, from South Mills, NC, to Chesapeake along the DSCT, joining other paddlers for a picnic lunch. Call Parks & Recreation at (757) 382-6411 for information or check www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRevents for further details.

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail

May 1

1200 Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Chesapeake, VA 23323

Healing Arts

June is “*Healing Arts*” month at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. Artworks presented are the result of using art as a means of coping with serious illness or disabilities and exemplifies the healing value of the arts. The Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission and Chesapeake Regional Medical Center will present the “*Healing Arts*” exhibit beginning with an Artist Opening Reception in the lobby of the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. This event is **FREE** and open to the public. For more information call (757) 382-6411 or check us out online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/guide .

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center

June 1-30

736 Battlefield Blvd. North, Chesapeake, VA 23320

14th Annual American Indian Festival

Celebration features American Indian storytelling, traditional dancing, and demonstrations. Native jewelry, crafts, festival and Native American food vendors; Saturday’s & Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. Don’t miss the spiritual “Grand Entry” at noon Saturday and 1 pm Sunday. Event is **FREE** to the public. For more information, call Chesapeake Parks and Recreation at (757) 382-6411 or online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRevents .

Chesapeake City Park

June 5 & 6

900 Greenbrier Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Clean the Bay Day

Individuals, groups, and organizations help to cleanup Chesapeake’s waterways from 9am-12pm. Boaters and businesses along the waterway are especially needed to help with the cleanup. Sponsored by the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. For further information, call (757) 382-6411.

Locations Throughout the City

June 5

12th Annual Phelps Brothers Music Festival

The 12th Annual Phelps Brothers Music Festival held Sunday, June 13 from 1-6pm at the beautiful Lakeside Park located at 1441 Bainbridge Blvd in South Norfolk to celebrate the music careers of the local legends: Norman, Willie, & Earl Phelps. They have starred on stage, screen, radio, television, and recording throughout their careers. We will have their musical instruments and a pictorial history on display for your enjoyment. Local musicians will perform country, and blue grass music. Be sure to bring a lawn chair. Concessions will be available for purchase. (A rain date is set for June 20). This event is **FREE** to the public and sponsored by Beahive Promotions and Chesapeake Park and Recreation. Check our the website at <http://phelpsbrothers.tripod.com/> or for more information call **(757) 467-2149**.

Lakeside Park

June 13

1441 Bainbridge Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23324

Shakespeare in the Grove “As You Like It”

“As You Like It” will be presented by the Chesapeake Campus of Tidewater Community College theatre players, and directed by Ed Jacobs in an outdoor theater setting adjacent to the TCC-Chesapeake campus. Admission is **FREE**. Co-sponsored by the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission. For details about the play and the TCC Shakespeare Summer Institute program call **(757) 822-5219**.

Tidewater Community College

Chesapeake Campus: 1428 Cedar Road, Chesa, VA 23322

June 23-27

Norfolk Campus: 340 Granby St, Norfolk, VA 23510

July 2 & 3

Independence Day Concert/FIREWORKS @ the Bagley

Join us for a holiday concert w/ Fireworks @ 7:30 on the Bagley Stage featuring the renowned “U.S. Fleet Forces Band.” Come out and celebrate our nation’s birthday under the stars, featuring lively music and a fireworks finale! **FREE** admission. (\$5 fee for on-site parking will help us continue this great family event!) Bring lawn chairs and/or blanket. You can purchase food at the concessions for a picnic supper. Call (757) 382-6411. For more information or visit our website at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PREvents or <http://www.usfleetforcesband.navy.mil/>

Chesapeake City Park

900 Greenbrier Pkwy., Chesapeake, VA 23320

July 3

4th of July Celebration at Lakeside Park

Parade, entertainment, food, games and paddleboat rides will be held **Saturday, July 3**, Lakeside Park, from 10 am to 4 pm. Event is **FREE** to the public. Call **(757) 382-6411** for more information or online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PREvents.

Lakeside Park

July 3

1441 Bainbridge Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23324

The 10th Annual Chesapeake Open Horseshoe Tournament

The tournament is open to the public. On-site registration begins Friday 5 pm and Saturday 8 am. Sanctioned Finals held Saturday afternoon, Open Tournament Finals held Sunday. Pre-registration is advised, but on-site registrations will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. Concessions will be available for purchase. Presented by the Chesapeake Horseshoe Club and the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department. For start times, entry fees and other details call Scott Fencil (757) 717-4307. For more information go to www.vahpa.com.

**Chesapeake City Park
900 Greenbrier Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

July 9 - 11

6th Annual Chesapeake Criterium (Bicycle Race)

This is a great opportunity for families to experience top level bike racing in Chesapeake! There will be races for all United States Cycling Federation Categories. This event is presented by Velo Racing Virginia and Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department. Register on-site or pre - register on-line at www.Bikereg.com. There will be field limits. Parking and registration will be at The Great Bridge Community Center. Concessions will be available for purchase. For more information contact Christina Teeuwen at (757) 547-7188 or veloist@aol.com.

**City of Chesapeake - City Hall Building
306 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322**

August 14

Fine Arts Commission Symphony UNDER THE STARS– Virginia Symphony Orchestra

This performance is presented **FREE** on the Buddy Bagley Stage, Chesapeake City Park in Chesapeake, VA. At 6:00 PM Tidewater Pipes & Drums, including the Sheriff's Pipe Band, opens the evening. Co-sponsored by the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission, the Department of Parks and Recreation and local business sponsors. **FREE** admission. (\$5 fee for on-site parking will help us continue this great family event!) Call (757) 382-6411 for more information or visit our website at www.CityofChesapeake.net/FineArts.

**Chesapeake City Park
900 Greenbrier Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

September 5



Wine for the Arts (before the Symphony Under the Stars)

Chesapeake Friends of the Arts (CFOTA) - Presents the 5th Annual wine tasting beginning at 4pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased for a wonderful variety of gift baskets that will be on display in the CFOTA tent. The Friends of the Arts is a non-profit organization created to support the arts in the City of Chesapeake. Call (757) 410-3019 for more information.

**Chesapeake City Park
900 Greenbrier Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

September 5

Heritage Days

Heritage Days celebrates traditional rural skills passed from generation to generation that tie back to early colonists, highlighting artistic skills and crafts associated with our ancestors' daily lives. A living history  encampments, demonstrations, and daily living take one t  and weaving guilds conduct

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workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions. Festival also features children's activities and games, crafter and vendor tent, sheep dog demonstrations and farm animals. Live acoustic music performed both days. Location: Chesapeake City Park, 900 Greenbrier Pkwy. FREE parking and admission: from 10am-4pm both days. This event is a certified **Virginia Green Event**, to see how this event is minimizing environmental impact go to www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreeen. For more information call (757) 382-6411 check us out online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/PRevents.

Chesapeake City Park
900 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, VA

September 18 & 19

Bark In The Park

Bring your canine out to City Park for a dog-gone good time. The event features vendors, animal rescues, games, contests, demonstrations, great food and more! Don't miss the world famous "bone hunt" and the interactive activities in the K-9 contest area. This event is a great resource for pet owners and an awesome time for the entire family. The event begins at 12 pm and ends at 5 pm; Presented by Chesapeake Parks and Recreation and Chesapeake Humane Society. Event is **FREE** to the public. Call (757) 382-6411 for more information or visit our website at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRevents or www.chesapeakehumane.org

Chesapeake City Park

October 3

Ghost Train at Northwest River Park

Ride the terrifying train and see the haunts and ghouls of the haunted woods of Northwest River Park. Tickets go on sale, at all community centers, and Northwest River Park, or register online at www.cityofchesapeake.net/NWRP on September 18. (*Reservations required*) Tickets will be available, however limited, at Northwest River Park during train times on a space available basis. Train times to be announced. (Rain dates 11/5 & 11/6) Check the LEISURE GUIDE or call (757) 421-7151/ 421-3145 for more information.

Northwest River Park
1733 Indian Creek Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322

October 21, 22, 23
& 28, 29, 30

Indian River Christmas Craft Show

Get your holiday shopping started early. Talented artisans display and sell their crafts at this traditional opening of the holiday shopping season in Chesapeake. Sat. 10 am-5 pm and Sun. 12-4 pm. **FREE admission**. Parents don't forget your camera for pictures with Santa! A holiday clown will also be at the show with fun children's activities. Concessions will be available for purchase. Call (757) 382-6411 for more information or visit our website at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRevents.

Indian River High School
1969 Braves Trail, Chesapeake, VA 23325

November 20 & 21

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony @ 5 pm

The ceremony kicks off Chesapeake's holiday season just before the Great Bridge Jaycees' Parade. Join the Mayor and City Council members as they light the City's Christmas tree. A melody of Christmas songs will be presented by the chorus of a Chesapeake Public School.

For more information, call the Special Programs Office at the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department at **(757) 382-6411**.

City Hall
306 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322

December 4

Battle of Great Bridge

This two-day event is held the first weekend in December at the Great Bridge “bridge,” which is the original site of the Battle of Great Bridge Dec. 9, 1775. Step back in time with us. The event features re-enactments of two pivotal Revolutionary War battles: the Battle at Kemps Landing and the Battle of Great Bridge. The event also features Revolutionary War encampments, demonstrations, character portrayals, camp life, historical displays and lectures, skilled artisans demonstrating early American trades, and children’s crafts and activities. Admission is **FREE**. 10am – 4pm both days. This event is a certified **Virginia Green Event**, to see how this event is minimizing environmental impact go to www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen. For more information call **(757) 382-6411** or visit our website at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PRevents.

Great Bridge “Bridge”
116 Callison Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322

December 4 & 5