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## **Press Release**

## The Town of Chesapeake City proudly announces *Conquer the Bridge II* over the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers & the Maryland State Highway Administration have approved the closure of the Chesapeake City Bridge for a mere second time since 1976.

**Chesapeake City, MD, July 11, 2014:** Conquer the Bridge II is a fundraising event that provides participants with the unique opportunity to either walk over the Chesapeake City Bridge or run/walk the bridge as part of a 5K race. This special event will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. Funds raised through this event the will support various capital projects sponsored by the Town of Chesapeake City, such as the construction of Bohemia Trail and streetscaping along Bohemia Avenue. Conquer the Bridge II is one of a number of signature events being held this year in celebration of the Town's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Conquer the Bridge II will begin on Route 213 on the north side of the bridge near the Crab Shack and will finish in south Chesapeake City at the Chesapeake City Community Park Little League Complex off of Luff Lane and Basil Avenue. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for \$20 before September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration after that will be \$30. Same day registration and check-in for all participants will take place at Chesapeake City Community Park on Luff Lane. Commemorative t-shirts will be provided to all pre-registered participants while late registrants will receive shirts on a first come, first served basis. The awards presentation, refreshments, music, and other vendors will be located at Chesapeake City Community Park. Parking will be available on both the north and south sides of town with shuttle services being provided before and after the event.

The first *Conquer the Bridge* event was held in 2011 and was highly successful with 555 participants. For *Conquer the Bridge II* the Town is conservatively expecting 1,000+ people to participate. The Town has teamed up with Races 2 Run and Nova Timing to ensure accurate and detailed race results. Also, with such sponsors as Delmarva Power, Walls Custom Concrete, PNC Bank, Bay Country Financial, Atlantic Broadband, and National Recycling, *Conquer the Bridge II* is quickly gaining momentum. Online registration is available at races2run.com.

In addition to this year's *Conquer the Bridge II*, Chesapeake City held its annual Canal Race on June 28<sup>th</sup> and will hold the annual *New Year's Day Race* on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The proceeds from these two annual races support the town's award winning recycling program.