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# City employees to use new payroll system

The city will launch a new payroll procedure in April for all city employees that won't affect overall pay but will move everyone to a biweekly schedule.

Currently, some employees currently receive paychecks every week, while others are paid twice a month. The new system starts April 1. City Manager Jim Bourey announced the plan in June 2016 during an employee forum, then in an email to employees in July



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2016, said Kim Lee, spokeswoman for the city.

Since then, the city has sent eight emails to all city employees and has mailed a brochure and postcard to each employee's home, Lee said. Employees can also visit [biweekly.nva.gov](http://biweekly.nva.gov) for more information, she said. The city has hosted about a dozen informational sessions over the past couple weeks. The change will be implemented because the current sys-

tem is not efficient, Bourey said in his first email to employees last July.

Right now, payroll representatives work through six different pay schedules. They enter some hours for employees before they're actually worked because of how the system is set up, he said. So, if someone is sick, takes a day off or works overtime, that might not be reflected and their pay has to be adjusted later, Lee said. "Operationally this results in many revisions, corrections and inaccuracies in payroll," Bourey

said in his July 2016 email.

The first biweekly paycheck will be issued April 14 but will include one week of pay for April 1 to April 7, as the transition happens, Lee said. In order to make up for that, the city is giving employees the option to exchange paid vacation time for additional pay that week. Bourey offered that option in the July 2016 email so that employees could save up leave if they wanted, he wrote. They can do the exchange once for up to 40 hours, Lee said. Employees can decide by next month if they want to do that, she said.

### Environmental forum

The Southeast CARE Coalition will host an environmental forum and lunch on Saturday at the Morton Community Center, 2011 Jefferson Ave., starting at 10 a.m., according to a flyer for the event. An environmental and historical bus tour of the Southeast Community will be offered, as well as a "green" jobs fair, the flyer said. Those interested are asked to call Chate Coleman at 443-927-8047.

Amin can be reached by phone at 757-247-4890.

# Former Va. attorney talks Christianity in government

Speaking at a benefit dinner Feb. 3, former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli hit on range of topics, from education to abortion, the political left and natural law.

The dinner was to benefit Veritas Preparatory School, a Christian classical school on McLaws Circle in James City County. Cuccinelli was the honored guest.

He spent much of his hour-long speech talking about the place of Christianity in government and education before taking questions from the audience.

"There's no question that the most fundamental piece of education is understanding one's relationship with God," Cuccinelli said. "Not just having it, but understanding it and then living it out."

The school opened in 2014 and will graduate its first class of seniors this spring. The school's founder, Diane Cavazos, told the audience that funders like the one Feb. 3 are important because



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Former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli spoke about education and religion at a benefit dinner for Veritas Preparatory School Feb. 3.

the school cannot receive federal, state or diocese funding.

With the Senate's confirmation of Betsy DeVos for education secretary, a woman who has fought for school choice and school voucher programs to put federal funds into private institutions, leaders at schools such as Veritas have been given hope.

Cavazos said she would like to have federal funding at her school, whether through vouchers or tax credits.

"Parents that send their chil-

dren to Veritas are taxpayers, too," Cavazos said. "It's like double taxation."

A culinary historian, author and independent scholar is bringing his insights into food and culture to the Historic Triangle. Michael Twitty, an African-American and Jewish convert from the Washington, D.C., area, is Colonial Williamsburg's inaugu-

ral Revolutionary in Residence. The new program aims to celebrate contemporary figures who embody the Founding Fathers' bold ideas.

"I can think of no one better suited to begin that journey than Michael Twitty, who illuminates huge aspects of our shared history that too often have been overlooked," Colonial Williamsburg President and CEO Mitchell B. Reiss said in a news release.

The foundation expects to host several Revolutionaries in Residence each year, with an announcement of their next guest coming soon.

A regular visitor to the historical area since he was a child, Twitty said he hopes to use the opportunity to reconnect with his ancestors and help create a positive future for all.

"Knowing about other cultures is a key to survival," he said, adding that the political and cultural implications of food affect numerous aspects of life including education and relationships.

Twitty will host Colonial Williamsburg's first REV Talk at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Kimball Theater. Tickets are \$5 and seating is limited.

He also will hold several cooking demonstrations. They are

### Cooking demonstrations

Culinary historian, author and independent scholar Michael Twitty will hold cooking demonstrations in Colonial Williamsburg. Learn more on Michael Twitty at [afroculinary.com](http://afroculinary.com).

Cost: Open to guests with Colonial Williamsburg admission.

Where: Peyton Randolph House at Nicholson and North England streets.

When: Friday from 9:30 to 1:30 a.m.; Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Sunday from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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