



# CYPT CA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*The Point*

12/14/2020



## ASSOCIATION NEWS:

### Holiday Lights Contest:

Yes; we're seeing a lot of very festive holiday lighting already this year. The annual contest will commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> as the distinguished panel of judges selects the five finalists. These addresses will be posted and you, the association, will vote for the best displays. The first place winner will receive the fabulous gift card and the three top displays will get a lovely yard sign to post. So keep working or get started.

### A Few Facts about Poinsettias (From Pam Shields):

This is the time of year when you see poinsettias for sale nearly everywhere you go. Most of us can't resist buying these plants because they brighten our homes for the December holidays. Did you know:

- The plant's name is pronounced in four syllables: *Poin-set-ee-uh*.
- That it is commonly known as the Christmas Star. It's association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend, in which a child, with no means to bring a gift, gathered humble weeds to place at the church altar on Christmas Eve. As the congregation looked on, a miracle occurred and the weeds turned into brilliant red and green flowers.
- The plant (*euphorbia pulcherrima*) is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first US ambassador to Mexico. He was an amateur botanist and introduced the plant to the US in 1825.
- The red leaves are called bracts, and are not flowers. The actual flower in the center is yellow.
- Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous.
- Although poinsettias are grown commercially in nearly every state, California leads with over 6 million pots grown annually, followed by North Carolina and Texas.

## Scam Alerts: (From Tom Wood, your Watch Coordinator)

Where to look online for ways to protect against fraudsters:

Federal Trade Commission: The definitive source of information regarding Fraud/Limiting unwanted calls and email/Identity theft prevention.

- <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/limiting-unwanted-calls-emails>
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/identity-theft>

Don't put your full trust in Caller ID on your phone:

(<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/communications-office/citypage/Pages/Scam-Warning.aspx>)

Your caller ID could be wrong. Concerned residents have reported they've gotten phone calls from a Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) sergeant demanding payment to avoid jail. These calls are from scammers impersonating law enforcement and using a real officer's name.

But your voicemail is never wrong; let any call you don't recognize flow to voicemail in order to review and screen.

### **Social media:**

Stay private – regularly update privacy settings for social media sites. Scammers will often troll for personal information on Facebook, Twitter and other commonly used sites to make their stories more believable

Annual Newsletter Advertising: We will be working on the annual hardcopy newsletter very soon. If you have any goods or services you'd like to advertise at very reasonable rates get in touch with Bill at 971-7820 or [wfilbert@gmail.com](mailto:wfilbert@gmail.com).

## Crime Search Results

Reporting Period: 11/16/2020 - 12/14/2020

Crime Subset: All Crimes

Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT 9 crimes found. [Download](#)

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Neighborhood	100 Block#	Street Name	Date Reported	Crime Description (Crime Code)
CYPRESS POINT	5300-blk	CLUB HEAD RD	12/03/2020	FRAUD, ALL OTHERS (26A1)
CYPRESS POINT	5500-blk	CLUB HEAD RD	11/20/2020	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240 )
CYPRESS POINT	5500-blk	CLUB HEAD RD	11/20/2020	*HIT & RUN (90ZC)
CYPRESS POINT	4900-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	11/21/2020	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240 )
CYPRESS POINT	4900-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	11/21/2020	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240 )
CYPRESS POINT	5000-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	11/21/2020	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240 )
CYPRESS POINT	5100-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	11/24/2020	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240 )
CYPRESS POINT	1100-blk	CYPRESS POINT WY	11/21/2020	TAMPERING WITH AUTO (290G)
CYPRESS POINT	5300-blk	KINDLEWOOD DR	12/07/2020	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (240 )

## History Corner:

**December 1, 1955** - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama.

**December 2, 1823** - President James Monroe introduced his "[Monroe Doctrine](#)" prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents by European powers.

**December 2, 1942** - Physicists led by [Enrico Fermi](#) carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.

**December 2, 1982** - The first permanent artificial heart was implanted in 61-year-old Barney C. Clark by Dr. William De Vries at the University of Utah Medical Center.

**December 7, 1787** - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America.

**December 7, 1941** - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was [attacked](#) by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

**December 15, 1791** - The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia.

**December 16, 1773** - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists boarded British ships anchored in Boston and dumped 342 containers of tea into the water.

**December 16, 1944** - During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest.

**December 20, 1606** - The Virginia Company expedition to America began as three small ships, the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*, departed London.

**December 24, 1814** - The Treaty of Ghent between America and Britain was signed, officially ending the War of 1812.

**December 25, 1776** - During the American Revolution, George Washington took 2,400 men across the Delaware River and then attacked at Trenton, New Jersey.

## Holiday Fire Safety Quiz:

1. No more than \_\_\_\_\_ strings of lights should be strung together?
2. A max of three extension cords can be used with space heaters (true or false)
3. Burning pine cones, needles, etc. in indoor fireplaces is a great way to add a festive air to the holidays (true or false)
4. If a fire occurs while cooking your first step should be? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many feet away from candles should flammables be? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Class C fireworks for New Years Eve only are legal in VB (T/F)
7. Real, live Christmas trees should be watered a) every day b) every 2-3 days, c) every 2-5 days, d) don't need to if sealed
8. If frying a turkey it should be thawed first (true or false)
9. A good way to cut down on trash is to burn wrapping paper in a gas fireplace (true or false).

## **VB CITY NEWS:** (Details at [VBGov.com](http://VBGov.com))

### **Tax Relief Available for Virginia Beach Citizens**

Applications for the COVID-19 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Relief Program are being accepted through January 31, 2021. Any Virginia Beach resident who has been furloughed, reduced in hours, or lost their job due to the pandemic since March 1, 2020, is encouraged to apply, even if they have since been rehired.

### **Help is Available Through the Virginia Beach Pandemic Relief Partnership**

The Virginia Beach Pandemic Relief Partnership was formed to help residents and small businesses who have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

### **Join Us at Town Center for Holiday Festivities Including the Snow Globe Spectacular & More**

Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season at Town Center of Virginia Beach. Experience the most beautiful lighting displays in Hampton Roads, festive street entertainment, catch a holiday show, enjoy extended shopping hours, Santa sightings, restaurant specials and much more!

### **Start a Family Tradition...Celebrate the Season with a Tour of Holiday Lights at the Beach!**

Starting Friday, Nov. 13 through Jan. 3, 2021, Take a magical journey on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk at BayPort Credit Union Holiday Lights at the Beach! New this year, guests will be required to purchase tickets in advance, online through Eventbrite. Upon entry, tickets will be scanned on mobile devices, to limit person-to-person contact.