



## CYPT CA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### ASSOCIATION NEWS:

COVID-19: Obviously the coronavirus outbreak has everybody on edge. I'm certainly not qualified to offer up medical advice but here are a few thoughts of my own in the area of keeping your spirits up:

- Stay as busy as possible. Good time to catch up on chores
- Get outside and enjoy the air
- Exercise as much as you can.
- Don't over-watch the news, it can be depressing
- Check on the neighbors
- Watch out for "Porch Pirates" because of increased online ordering
- Watch out for new frauds and scams
- Do some gardening and yard work
- Might as well stop putting off doing your taxes-oops, that might not cheer you up but it has to get done anyhow.

### SPRING SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Remove all combustibles from near heat sources; keep compost bins away from house
- Hazardous materials disposal: 385-4650. Move/dispose of outdoor debris
- Get rid of clutter such as old newspapers
- Clean HVAC filters, Vacuum coils on back of refrigerator
- Make sure exhaust fans are clean
- Vacuum main condenser coil on central air unit
- Clear out dryer vent and vent lines of lint
- Remove ashes from wood-burning stoves/fireplaces
- Clean under and behind stove

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### GARAGE/YARD SALE:

The annual garage sale set for is still a “go” but not sure of the date at this point. Probably going to be the 2 May rain date already identified. For those new to the neighborhood this is a major fundraiser for the association. Members pay \$5.00 and non-members \$20.00 but they are enrolled as members. You display your items at your own residence and the association handles the advertising.

EASTER EGG ROLL: The egg roll is still on for Saturday, 11 April from 9AM until 11AM as of this writing. It will be a free event for all kids between the ages of 4 to 9 years old. There will be three age groups (4/5, 6/7, 8/9) competing for some fabulous prizes. The event will be held on the north side of the country club near the starter shack (to your left as you face the entrance to the clubhouse)

ASSOCIATION MAY MEETING: I’ll talk more about this next month but we will have two guest speakers at our next meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> : one from Dominion talking about energy-related topics and a speaker from the “Clean the Bay” organization. We will also roll out our CYPT CA website at that time and show you how to log on.

### CYPT CRIME STATS (Feb 18-Mar 18):

CYPRESS POINT	5400-blk	CLUB HEAD RD	03/07/2020	DRUG/ NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS (35A1)	1	C	RESIDENCE, SINGLE-FAMILY
CYPRESS POINT	5400-blk	WESLEYAN DR	02/18/2020	WEAPON LAW, CONCEALED WEAPON(S) (520B)	1	C	HIGHWAY/ROAD/ALLEY/STREET

SPEED BUMPS: A lot of chatter on speed bumps these days. We’d all like to see speeds reduced, The city has what they call a “traffic calming” process:

- An average speed by 85% of the traffic must exceed 31mph
- Must be at least 12 homes fronting 1000 feet of roadway in affected area
- If that occurs the city will install “Speeding Fines \$200” signs after 75% of the residents sign a petition
- If that doesn’t work bumps/tables will be considered but 75% of the residents 200 yards on either side of the bump have to approve it.

## VIRGINIA BEACH NEWS

### SITW Postponed Until April 23-25, 2021

After much consideration, in partnership with the City of Virginia Beach, we've sadly decided to postpone SOMETHING IN THE WATER 2020. We will return April 23-25, 2021 as part of our normal annual schedule.

### City Announces Changes to Some Services, Programs and Facilities as Part of COVID-19 Response

Monday, March 16, 2020

Most services are continuing as normal, although the City is making temporary operational modifications to ensure the health and safety of the community and City staff. These changes will ensure continuity of important programs and services while modifying non-essential activities. In each area, staff is committed to working through situations with residents on a case-by-case basis. For the latest updates on services, cancellations, announcements and resources, visit [emergency.vbgov.com](http://emergency.vbgov.com).

#### City Council

- Tuesday, March 17 formal agenda meeting is cancelled
- A brief informal meeting is planned for a COVID-19 update and take action on one item
- Planning and any other items that require a public hearing currently on the agenda for March 17 would be carried forward, with appropriate notification, to the April 7 agenda
- Should applicants want their items deferred to a different date, they can work with staff

#### Libraries

- All branches closed at least until March 27, 2020.
- Use your library card to access e-books, digital magazines, music and movies, as well as research resources, online classes, SAT prep tests and more at [www.VBgov.com/digital-library](http://www.VBgov.com/digital-library).
- No items will become overdue while library buildings are closed and no additional fines will accrue on items currently overdue; no holds will expire on-shelf.
- Library staff members are available to assist you at (757) 385-0150 or [library@vbgov.com](mailto:library@vbgov.com) between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### Recreation Centers

- All centers are closed at least until March 27, 2020. Parks remain open although all events in the parks are canceled.

### **Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center and The Adventure Park**

- Closed until at least March 27

#### **City Treasurer**

- Conducting all transactions online, by email or mail. Call corresponding office with questions.
- The following locations will be closed to the public.
  - Beach location – 420 Birdneck Circle, 23451
  - Kempsville location – 5340 Fairfield Shopping Center, 23464
  - Lynnhaven location – 2875 Sabre Street, Suite 500, 23452
  - Thalia location – 4001 Virginia Beach Blvd, 23452
- Drop boxes at outlying locations can still be utilized.
- Please see the contact telephone numbers and email addresses located on the Treasurer's website: [www.vbgov.com/government/departments/city-treasurer/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/city-treasurer/Pages/default.aspx)

#### **Commissioner of the Revenue**

- Conducting all transactions online, by email or mail. Call corresponding office with questions.
- **Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Relief for Senior or Disabled Citizens** - Filing deadline extended. Schedule an appointment after the threat of the Coronavirus has lessened. Applications or affirmations may be submitted by July 31, 2020. Apply by calling (757) 385-4385 or by email at [REQ@vbgov.com](mailto:REQ@vbgov.com).
- **New Business Licenses** – call (757) 385-4515 or email [business@vbgov.com](mailto:business@vbgov.com) for proper instructions. Applications can be completed and mailed.
- **Existing Business Licenses** – Renewals, payments and some account updates can be completed online at [www.vbgov.com/cor](http://www.vbgov.com/cor) (select the blue tab labeled VBePay Business License Portal).
- **Personal Property Services** – (757) 385-4487 – [persprop@vbgov.com](mailto:persprop@vbgov.com).
- **DMV Select Transactions and Services** – (804) 497-7100 - Dealer title work can be dropped off. You will receive a telephone call upon completion. All Virginia Beach DMV Select services through the Commissioner of the Revenue will be discontinued until further notice. We urge you to conduct DMV business at [www.DMVNow.com](http://www.DMVNow.com).
- **Audits** – (757) 385-8660 – [busaudit@vbgov.com](mailto:busaudit@vbgov.com) - Taxpayers in receipt of an audit engagement letter from the Commissioner's Office are encouraged to send the requested information to [busaudit@vbgov.com](mailto:busaudit@vbgov.com) or USPS to: Commissioner of the Revenue, Attn: Audit Department, 2401 Courthouse Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

### **Housing & Neighborhood Preservation**

- The office is closed to public visitors. Call (757) 385-5750 or email [HouseNP@vbgov.com](mailto:HouseNP@vbgov.com) for services
- **Code Enforcement** - If an immediate inspection of your property is necessary, please contact Code Enforcement at (757) 385-4421. Staff will review your case and determine how to proceed. To register a code complaint, use the online form ([www.vbgov.com/government/departments/housing-neighborhood-preservation/code-enforcement/Pages/register-a-complaint.aspx](http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/housing-neighborhood-preservation/code-enforcement/Pages/register-a-complaint.aspx)) or call Code Enforcement.
- **Rental Housing/Home Rehabilitation Programs** - All previously scheduled in-person appointments/visits will be canceled, no in-person appointments/visits will be scheduled until further notice. For more information, please call (757) 385-5750.
- **Housing Resource Center** - The Housing Resource Center will not accept walk-ins or visitors beginning Tuesday, March 17. People experiencing a housing crisis should call the Regional Housing Crisis Hotline at (757) 227-5932, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Referrals will be managed via telephone, not in person. Shelter services are at capacity and no new residents will be accepted until further notice.

### **Planning/Permits & Inspections**

- Limiting public access both in the office and out in the field.
- Online Inspections Requests and Permitting options are available for all Plan Review, Commercial and Residential Building and all Trade permits. You may also pay for these services online. Please visit [www.vbgov.com/permits](http://www.vbgov.com/permits) for more information or to login to the Permitting System. For further questions, please call at (757) 385-4211, option 3.

### **Public Works/Waste Management**

- All transactions (purchase of trash and recycle carts and rental of yard debris containers) are being handled by phone. Call (757) 385-4650 or visit [www.vbgov.com/wastemgt](http://www.vbgov.com/wastemgt).

### **Sheriff's Office**

- On-site visitation canceled. Online video visitation is available for friends, family and attorneys via any web-enabled device (cellphone, computer or tablet). For more information visit [vbso.net/calls-visits](http://vbso.net/calls-visits) or [gettingout.com](http://gettingout.com).
- Friends and family may also order canteen items and put money in inmates' canteen and telephone accounts on [vbso.net/inmate-canteen-fund-1](http://vbso.net/inmate-canteen-fund-1) and [vbso.net/calls-visits](http://vbso.net/calls-visits).

### **OTHER SERVICES**

#### **Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney**

- The office will be on a modified operating schedule beginning today, March 16, at 5 p.m. The office will not be open to the public through April 3.

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### Courts and Clerk's Offices

- The Virginia Beach Courthouse will be closed through April 6. Those who have a pending civil or criminal matter scheduled for that time should contact the appropriate court for their new court date.
- All other offices located inside the Courthouse will also be closed, including the clerks offices and Community Corrections and Pretrial. Contact them directly for information on available services during this closure

For the latest information, please visit [emergency.vbgov.com](https://www.emergency.vbgov.com) and follow us on *Facebook* – [www.facebook.com/CityofVaBeach](https://www.facebook.com/CityofVaBeach), *Twitter* – [www.twitter.com/CityofVaBeach](https://www.twitter.com/CityofVaBeach) and *Instagram* – [www.instagram.com/cityofvabeach](https://www.instagram.com/cityofvabeach).

### Community Organization Grants for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The Community Organization Grant (COG) program provides an opportunity for qualified non-profit organizations that deliver services to Virginia Beach citizens to receive funding from the city. The City Council appointed COG Review and Allocation Committee evaluates applications and determines how best to allocate funds among the organizations. Financial and service delivery reports are submitted by recipient organizations as a condition of grant awards. Word versions of these documents are available upon request to [Kejames@vbgov.com](mailto:Kejames@vbgov.com). **All applications are due no later than March 27, 2020 by 5:00 pm.**

## Reporting NON-emergency crime

Thursday, March 19, 2020

In the spirit of social distancing, the Virginia Beach Police Department is urging residents to use an online system to notify police of **non-emergency** crimes. You can file Non-emergency crimes two ways:

- 1) Call 385-5000 and request non-emergency police services. You will speak to a Crime Reporting Officer, who will ask you questions pertaining to the crime.
- 2) Online reporting for the following crimes can be submitted via :  
<https://eprodmz.vbgov.com/MainUI/submissions/SubmissionsMain.aspx>
  1. Larceny from vehicle – Property taken from a vehicle with a total value less than \$500
  2. Larceny – Property taken from a location other than a vehicle with a total value less than \$500 (Include gas drive offs in this category)
  3. Destruction of private property
  4. Obscene Phone Call/Communication
  5. Annoying Phone Calls/Harassing Communication

**For emergencies, a crime in progress, or any incident in which someone was injured, please call 911**