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NEWSLETTER

The Point

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ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Coming out a little Late this month. Sorry. Things have been a little hectic lately-including the fact that we got a new dog around here! She's a little terrier-type we think and is an Island Dog Rescue from Puerto Rico. Her name is Lucy. Toys all over the floor again.

3rd Precinct Feast: Was held on 18 November at the precinct headquarters. As always, CYPT CA made a cash donation and assisted with meal prep, set-up, and clean-up. Over 60 officers on all shifts feasted on a traditional turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. They were extremely appreciative of this gesture.

Association Meeting: Was held via a Zoom conference call on 17 November. We had a fair attendance and were able to conclude our annual election and budget proposal for 2021. Our next meeting hasn't been scheduled yet but I'm hoping for nice weather in March 2021 so we can go into parking lot mode again.

Holiday Lights Contest: Will be judged on 20 December. In a new twist we'll list the top 4 addresses and then ask the community to vote. The grand prize winner will receive a fabulous prize.

Theft from Motor Vehicles: Yes, it's happening again. Several incidents have been reported and almost always it's the same old story- unlocked doors, good stuff in plain view etc. etc. What can be done besides asking people to take precautions? I'm open to ideas. I've asked the captain to loan us a uniformed officer and walk the streets testing for unlocked doors but he fears this might be an invasion of privacy in the absence of a warrant-so no-go on that. Here are two new considerations that we haven't seen yet but be aware of:

1. Snatch thefts: Occurs at stop lights in crowded areas or congested locations. Somebody rips the phone or device out of your hand and runs away or rides a bike. Instances have been reported nationwide of purses being snatched out of cars too.
2. Window smashing: The opportunity to steal five bucks of loose change causes a thief to break out your window from your locked car and that costs you some serious change.

Scam Alerts: The top ten:

1. Debt collection scams
2. Fake government officials
3. Identity theft/phishing
4. Phone scams
5. Loan scams
6. Fake prizes, sweepstakes
7. Internet merchandise scams
8. Automobile warranty scams
9. Computer performance scams

CYPT Crime Stats:

Neighborhood	100 Block#	Street Name	Date Reported	Crime Description (Crime Code)	Crime Att Seq	Co
CYPRESS POINT	4900-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	10/21/2020	FRAUD, ALL OTHERS (26A1)	1	
CYPRESS POINT	5000-blk	CYPRESS POINT CI	11/08/2020	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS (23H)	1	
CYPRESS POINT	1100-blk	CYPRESS POINT WY	11/13/2020	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS (23H)	1	
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History Corner:

November 8, 1942 - Operation Torch, the Allied landings in North Africa, began as 400,000 soldiers under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower landed at Morocco and Algeria Note: Many of them came from the base at Little Creek

November 9, 1989 - The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789

November 11th - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) with parades and military memorial ceremonies.

November 15, 1777 - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.

November 19, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery.

November 20, 1962 - The Cuban Missile Crisis concluded as President John F. Kennedy announced he had lifted the U.S. Naval blockade of Cuba

November 26, 1789 - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day

November 30, 1782 - A provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of America's War of Independence

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VB Home Now Foundation Accepting Grant Proposals for Programs to Prevent and End Homelessness in Virginia Beach

VB Home Now is accepting proposals from organizations that assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis in Virginia Beach. Specifically, the foundation is seeking innovative projects that contribute to the Virginia Beach homeless service system and will prioritize funding requests that provide resources, create partnerships, and address gaps within our community that directly impact the homeless and at-risk populations.

The application package, instructions and eligibility requirements can be found at www.vbhomeNOW.org. **Applications are due by Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m.** The VB Home Now board of directors will choose grant recipients and award funds in December.

Help Choose Activities and Entertainment for 2021: Online Survey Open Through Dec. 4

Residents and visitors are invited to weigh in on next year's slate of concerts, festivals and family fun activities in a new online survey, <https://publicinput.com/2021FunInVB>. The survey be available for public input through Dec. 4, 2020.

"We are looking at ways to freshen up the lineup and introduce new options for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. Getting input from our stakeholders will help guide the overall planning efforts," said Ron Williams, deputy city manager for economic vitality. "Some of the events will be returning fan favorites, some are being updated and others are new to our community. While many will be free to attendees, a few will require a paid admission just as they do now. We want to offer a variety of options spread throughout much of the year."

These events and activities are funded, in full or in part, through the Tourism Investment Program, which is made up mostly of tourism-related taxes and fees like hotel taxes, portions of the restaurant taxes and rental fees.

COVID-19 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Relief Program Application Deadline Extended to Nov. 30

The Department of Human Services will continue to accept applications for the COVID-19 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Relief Program through Nov. 30. The relief program, which was established by City Council earlier this year, aims to provide direct assistance to households where an occupant has been financially impacted through loss of employment, reduction in work hours, or has been furloughed because of COVID-19. A check for the eligible relief amount will be mailed to approved applicants.

A maximum relief of \$500 for residential real estate taxes and \$250 for personal property tax has been established for eligible households. The amount of relief will be the billed total, or the benefit maximum, whichever is lower. Each household could potentially receive both benefits for a maximum relief amount of \$750.

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