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NEWSLETTER

*The Point*



## ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Garage Sale: I think we had a pretty good turnout this year. At least 26 households displayed their items for sale and there was what I thought to be a good amount of cars driving around looking at the sales.

September Meeting: Yes, we are going to try having our general association meeting on 15 September, a Tuesday, at 7PM. It will be OUTSIDE in the parking lot of the club. Bring your lawn chairs, wear masks, and please social distance. We have some very important items to go over such as the slate of officers for 2021 and our proposed budget. Nothing will be handed out and we won't do a raffle. If it rains we'll try the next evening.

In the Garden: (Pam Shields contributing)

The dryness of July has given way to soggy August. Irrigation systems can be turned off during wet, rainy weather - too much water leads to fungal growths in the lawn. Continue mowing the lawn to about 4 inches in height, and if you use your sprinklers, turn them on early in the morning. August is a good time to start planning for over-seeding lawns, which should be done in mid-September. This is also time to start planning a Fall garden - Spinach, lettuce, kale, radishes should be planted in a couple of weeks.

CYPT Crime Stats and Scams:

- a. Contact Tracing scams have been reported associated with the pandemic. Sometimes these legal tracers will text you an alert that they will be calling. The scammers will send out the same sort of text BUT WITH A LINK. If you open it Malware will be loaded on your device. Be wary of any contact.
  
- b. Crime Stats: from ePRO, since last newsletter

1) 08/11/20	Hit and Run	5300 block Club Head
2) 07/30/20	Narcotics	5400 block Wesleyan

History Corner:

- a. Local Items: The **Cape Henry Lighthouse** is a lighthouse at Cape Henry, the landform marking the southern entrance to Chesapeake Bay in the U.S. state of Virginia. The location has long been important for the large amount of ocean-going shipping traffic for the harbors, its rivers, and shipping headed to ports on the bay. The original lighthouse was the first authorized by the U.S. government, dating from 1792. It was also the first federal construction project under the Constitution, for an original contract amount of \$15,200 (an additional \$2,500 was required to finish the lighthouse). A second lighthouse was built and completed in 1881 a short distance away after concern arose about the stability of the first. Both towers of the light station were designated a National Historic Landmark in 1970.

b. National Events:

1. 1492: Columbus sets sail for the New World
2. 1776: The Declaration of Independence actually signed
3. 1779: Francis Scott Key (Star Spangled Banner) born
4. 1786: Davy Crockett born (Alamo defender)
5. 1819: Herman Melville (Moby Dick) born
6. 1901: Louis Armstrong born
7. 1920: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment grants women right to vote
8. 1939: Einstein writes letter proposing atomic weapons
9. 1964: Gulf of Tonkin resolution escalates US involvement in Vietnam
10. 1965: Voting Rights Act signed

Code enforcement: (From Mike Jordan) Four homes cited by the city for high grass, one for boat in driveway, one for RV in the street, and one for exposed wood on trim.

## CITY NEWS:

- a. 2020 Census: Starting August 11<sup>th</sup> census officials started visiting households that did not complete the census on-line in April. They will have official ID badges and will limit exposure. You can still complete the census on-line at 2020Census.gov or call 844-330-2020. However, there are census scams out there-watch out. Don't give out information over the phone.
- b. General Election: The city is calling for volunteers to work the polls on November 3<sup>rd</sup> as Election Officials. Workers are paid \$160.00 for this event (and the training). Sign up at <https://virginiabeachva.easypollworker.com> or stop by the office at Building 14 by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

c. Do You Know What Evacuation Zone You Live In?

The Commonwealth of Virginia has identified four zones, designated A through D, in coastal areas of the state to help determine when evacuations may be necessary due to pending storms. Residents can determine their zone status anytime by visiting [KnowYourZoneVA.org](http://KnowYourZoneVA.org).

*Note: We are not in an evacuation zone here in Cypress Point.*

d. Virginia Beach Enhances 9-1-1 Services and Emergency Notification with Smart911 Public Safety Officials Encourage Residents to Sign Up for the Free Service That Provides Emergency Responders with More Information in the Event of an Emergency

Smart911 allows individuals to create a Safety Profile for their household at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) or the Smart911 app that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. When a citizen makes an emergency call from their landline or mobile device, their safety profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right emergency response teams to the right location with the right information. The safety profile can include the number of people living in the household, medical conditions, medications or any type of physical or mental disability. Additional information including pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, and even emergency contacts can all be included. All information is optional, and the citizen chooses what details they would like to include.

e. Additional Opportunity Available to Apply for Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Relief Program

The Department of Human Services will reopen the application portal for the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Relief Program at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Applications will be accepted through Monday, Aug. 31.

The program provides direct relief for households where an occupant has lost their employment, had their work hours reduced or has been furloughed due to COVID-19. Financial relief comes in the form of a check for the approved relief amount to the named recipient.

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. Only one application may be filed per household. **Any impacted household, whether they have paid their tax bill or not, is encouraged to apply if they meet the eligibility requirements.**

Additional information, including necessary documents for proof of eligibility and applications, can be found on [VBgov.com/CovidTaxRelief](http://VBgov.com/CovidTaxRelief)

## PAID ADVERTISING SECTION

*Note: A new section. If you have relevant advertising you might wish to include in the monthly email please submit it directly to the editor ([wfilbert@gmail.com](mailto:wfilbert@gmail.com)) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Small pictures or logos are acceptable. Ads in this section will generally cost \$5.00 such as the one below and be subject to editing in order to meet space/content restrictions.*

From Dr. Richard Hamlet, a Cypress Point resident:

"Selecting your Medicare provider is a huge step in your life. The Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is just around the corner and runs from October 15th through December 7th. You need to know what the various providers are offering so that you can get the very best coverage for the least amount of money. Plans change every year and are getting more and more competitive

That is why I am here to help my friends and neighbors here in Cypress Point make the very best choices. No two people have the same goals and requirements. I want to just provide educational information to you in order for you to be safe and healthy. If you need to call on me I can be reached at 757-297-6130 or by email at [rmhamlet@gmail.com](mailto:rmhamlet@gmail.com)."