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ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Hardcopy Newsletter Out: By this time most of you should have received your 2021 hardcopy newsletter. On the back page at the bottom is a cut-away form for paying your association dues. Still just \$15.00/year. I'm going to push hard this year to increase membership and dues collection. Our numbers in this area were a bit of a disappointment last year. You receive these emails because at one point you were a member (or still are) in good standing.

Schedule of Events: We tried to put together a reasonable schedule for our normal events this year but because of COVID, the variants, and immunizations we are working with a moving target. It seems very likely that we might have to push a few events back. Please stay tuned.

Budget Performance and Audit Complete: Both items were finalized in January and are posted on the website (see below). Our financial performance shortfall was largely due to our re-incorporation which we won't have to do again. Also, this year we'll be filing our 2020 income taxes.

Welcome Packets: One of things we've tried to do over the years with various levels of success is to greet new neighbors with a Welcome Packet, which is a 3-ring binder filled with useful information. If you are a new member of the neighborhood, know someone who is, or never got a Welcome Packet please contact us at cypca@gmail.com.

CYPT Crime Stats: Nothing to report since 1/20/21.

Website: Be sure to check out our website. Fully operational and up to date.
Located at <https://cypca.com/>.

In the Garden: (From Pam Shields)

It's been so cold and wet that most of us haven't given any thought to yard work. However, it is time to put that pre-emergent chemical on our lawns to prevent weed growth in the Spring. It's easier to prevent weeds than to try and pull them out later! It's also time to check the soil pH levels. Soil pH is a measure of acidity or alkalinity. A pH of 7 is neutral, above 7 is **alkaline** and below 7 is **acidic**. Why is that important? Nutrients leach from the **soil** much faster if the **pH** value is too low, so correcting the pH levels gives us better results in our lawns. Adding the right chemicals will correct the pH level, but check with one of our local plant nurseries for a soil test and advice on the right chemical additives.

History Corner: US Events in February

01 Feb 2003: Space shuttle Columbia breaks apart during reentry.

02 Feb 1848: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends US-Mexican war

03 Feb 1865: "Peace Conference" with rebels in Hampton Roads fails

08 Feb 1910: Boy Scouts of America founded

09 Feb 1943: Guadalcanal captured by US forces. The tide turns.

12 Feb 1809: Abraham Lincoln born in Kentucky

15 Feb 1898: US warship Maine blows up in Havana harbor.

15 Feb 1820: Susan B. Anthony, woman's rights pioneer born

20 Feb 1963: John Glenn becomes first US to orbit Earth.

22 Feb 1732: George Washington born in Virginia

23 Feb 1991: Operation "Desert Storm" starts ground war in Iraq

Safety Patrol: Driving on Ice: From someone who lived for 20 years in Detroit and before that 20 years in upstate NY. Note: I give free classes on snow blower operation.

1. First of all-don't go out if at all possible
2. Make sure your tires have 6/32 tread
3. Inspect your lights, horns, heater/defroster, wipers
4. Check your safety gear: flares, triangles, flashlights etc.
5. Drive with your headlights on
6. Slow down, braking will take over twice as long
7. Increase intervals behind traffic ahead
8. Pay attention to the car behind you-let them pass you
9. With ABS brakes: stomp, steer, and clear obstacles
10. Stop daydreaming and think through your next decision. Unlike normal driving you have to pay attention all the time. All the rules have changed.
11. Taking foot off accelerator pedal works better than your brakes at slowing
12. Black Ice: if the road looks wet but no liquid spray is seen from cars ahead
13. Don't over-steer as you change direction, slow down, gain control first
14. If you start to skid in a turn steer straight to stop the fishtailing
15. As experienced as you might be there are people out there with no skills
16. Don't think having a monster truck, 4WD/AWD will prevent issues
17. This really is not the time to be pulling anything
18. Discretion really is the better part of valor



FROM DOMINION ENERGY:

Dominion will be treating foliage along overhead power lines in our area in order to prevent interruptions to power. Fortunately we don't have too many exposed power lines here in Cypress Point but if you are interested in what's going on contact Billy Nagy at 757-857-2905 or visit the Dominion website at dominionenergy.com

VB CITY NEWS: (Details at VBGov.com)

Learn How to Elevate Your Nonprofit Organization at the Feb. 27 Ignite Small Business Event

The theme of the first 2021 event, hosted by Council Member Sabrina Wooten, is “Empowering Nonprofits for Greater Impact.”

Wednesday, February 03, 2021

Learn how to take your nonprofit to the next level at the first Ignite small business event of 2021. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, this workshop will be 100% virtual. You can gain insights about funding, management, budgeting, navigating the pandemic and more — all from the comfort of your home. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. and runs through noon.

"These seminars are designed to help small business owners and entrepreneurs grow their business," said Council Member Wooten. "Our panel of experts provide insights, tools and resources to assist with bidding on government contracts, networking, working with the City and more."

Featured speakers and topics include:

- **Start and Run a Nonprofit: The Nuts and Bolts of Nonprofit Organizations**
Steve Lentz, Esq., Partner/Senior Counsel, Anchor Legal Group, PLC
- **Sustainable Budgeting: How and What to Include in Your Budget**
Danielle Jones, MPA, Financial Manager for Foundations, Tidewater Community College
- **Funding: Where and How to Get It**
Calherbe Monel, Principal, Nonprofit Startup Center
- **Post-COVID Management Strategies**
Dr. Gary Roberts, MPA Director, Regent University
- **Panel Discussion: The Role of Nonprofits in the Pandemic**

Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program

Virginia Beach Economic Development has created a partnership with 1701, Virginia Beach's first collaborative co-working space located in the ViBe Creative District. With this sponsorship, the department will create synergy with 1701 and encourage more entrepreneurial growth in the city through the launch of a new Entrepreneur-in-Residence program at 1701 Baltic Avenue

2020-2021 Schedule:

- Summer Session: [Meet our Summer Entrepreneur's-in-Residence](#)
- Fall Session: [Meet our Fall Entrepreneur's-in-Residence](#)
- Winter Session: January 18 – March 19, 2021 – Application deadline: Extended to January 10, 2021
- Spring Session: May 10 – July 26, 2021 – Application deadline: April 30, 2021

More information about the Entrepreneur-in-Residence program can be found on this [website](#)

Pre-Register for Phase 1B COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Waitlist

Click on the link above to pre-register to get added to the Phase1B vaccination appointment waitlist. This will put registrants in line to receive a notice to schedule an appointment here.

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. For more information go to VBGov.com.

Virginia Beach Health Department Warns of Fraud Schemes Related to COVID-19 Vaccines

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health (VBDPH) is warning residents of bad actors who may be attempting to take advantage of people anxious to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. VBDPH advises residents to be aware of potential scams related to the vaccine.

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Bad actors may register website domains related to COVID-19. These fake websites and applications may claim to provide an opportunity to register for a vaccine, provide testing results, or other resources, however, they are used to steal credentials, bank account information, or to infect your devices with malware.

The health department has been made aware of scam emails attempting to convince the recipient to reveal sensitive information (i.e. bank account information) by demanding payment in order to receive a vaccine. Other scams may be designed to compel the recipient to open a malicious link or attachment, allowing them to potentially access the recipient's system. Clever phishing emails will look legitimate and will likely impersonate well-known and trusted entities. Never open any link or attachment from a source that you cannot clearly identify as being legitimate.

Tips and warning signs:

- Legitimate vaccine appointment invitation emails from VBDPH will be sent from VaccinateVB@vdh.virginia.gov.
- You should never be asked to pay for a vaccine or for early access to a vaccine. Vaccines are free to all residents.
- The VBDPH will never ask for your Social Security number, driver's license number or bank information in order to receive a vaccine.
- You may be asked to provide health insurance information, but insurance is not required to receive the vaccine.
- Scammers may pose as legitimate businesses or organizations related to the distribution of the vaccine, including the VBDPH, in an effort to steal your personal or financial information.
- Before clicking on any links, ensure that any email you receive related to the vaccine is coming from a legitimate source before clicking links or opening attachments. You may also hover your mouse over links to see where they lead to ensure the URL is legitimate.
- Anything that conveys a sense of urgency to click a link or provide information is suspicious.
- Continuously update your passwords and update any default unsecure settings. Ensure backup protocols are in place with your devices
- Never give out your personal information, including banking information, passwords Social Security Number, etc. over the phone or via email.

If you believe you have been targeted for a vaccine-related scam or suspected fraud, please contact the Virginia Department of Health at 877-ASK-VDH3 (877-275-8343). For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and related resources in Virginia Beach, visit the state's website at vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine or the City's emergency site at emergency.vbgov.com/coronavirus.

For more information about COVID-19-Related Phone Scams and Phishing Attacks, visit cdc.gov/media/phishing.html or fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/beware-fraudulent-coronavirus-tests-vaccines-and-treatments.