

CYPT CA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Point 05/11/2021



ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Time to Pay Dues: So far we stand at 77 paying members, out of a total possible population of about 550 residences. That's about 14 percent. Please review the bottom of this newsletter and send in your dues soon. Early in June I plan to try one last direct email to those that haven't responded.

Association Meeting: Our next meeting will be on 18 May at 7PM, a Tuesday at the country club parking lot. You'll have a chance to meet the new Precinct Commander, CPT Wilkerson and we'll have a talk from the Volunteer Coordinator at the Zoo.

Calling All Volunteers: Have you taken a close look at the lakes this year? As in years past once you get close you should become amazed at the amount of all manners of trash. I've personally never littered but after I helped out on this project once I became zealous about it. I'm hoping you'll help out and also gain this insight. Please e-mail me and let me know you're ready to step up at wfilbert@gmail.com. Target week to collect is May 31 to June 5th.

Yard Contest: Our distinguished panel of judges will be out looking at front yards on the afternoon of 16 May, a Sunday. Yards will be judged for color, style, creativity, and elegance. The top resident will get a fabulous gift card and bragging rights. The top three residences will get yard signs to reflect their efforts.

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Moles/Voles in the Garden (a little something from the internet):

Moles are considered agricultural pests in some countries, while in others, such as Germany, they are a protected species, but may be killed with a permit. Problems cited as caused by moles include contamination of silage with soil particles, making it unpalatable to livestock, the covering of pasture with fresh soil reducing its size and yield, damage to agricultural machinery by the exposure of stones, damage to young plants through disturbance of the soil, weed invasion of pasture through exposure of freshly tilled soil, and damage to drainage systems and watercourses. Other species such as weasels and voles may use mole tunnels to gain access to enclosed areas or plant roots.

Moles burrow and raise molehills, killing parts of lawns. They can undermine plant roots, indirectly causing damage or death. Moles do not eat plant roots.^[18]

Moles are controlled with traps such as mole-catchers, smoke bombs, and poisons such as calcium carbide, which produces acetylene gas to drive moles away. Strychnine was also used for this purpose in the past. The most common method now is Phostoxin or Talunex tablets. They contain aluminum phosphide and are inserted in the mole tunnels, where they turn into phosphine gas (not be confused with phosgene gas). More recently, highgrade nitrogen gas has proven effective at killing moles, with the added advantage of having no polluting effect to the environment.

Other common defensive measures include cat litter and blood meal, to repel the mole, or smoking its burrow. Devices are also sold to trap the mole in its burrow, when one sees the "mole hill" moving and therefore knows where the animal is, and then stabbing it.

Other humane options are also possible including humane traps that capture the mole alive so it may be transported elsewhere. In many contexts including ordinary gardens, the damage caused by moles to lawns is mostly visual, and it is possible instead of extermination to simply remove the earth of the molehills as they appear, leaving their permanent galleries for the moles to continue their existence underground.^[18] However, when the tunnels are near the surface in soft ground or after heavy rain, they may collapse, leaving (small) unsightly furrows in the lawn.

Please share any of your time-honored methods to get rid of them.

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Garage Sale: I think that the garage sale was a success again this year. There was a good amount of traffic into the neighborhood. We collected 120 dollars from participants. Unfortunately the cost of advertising has sky-rocketed, almost to the point where our take amounts to little more than the cost of a couple of Happy Meals.

History Corner: US Events in May: The theme this month-new stuff.

May 1, 1941 - The cereal "Cheerios" hits store shelves.

May 1, 1952 - Mr. Potato Head is introduced.

May 3, 1978 - Digital Equipment Corporation sends the first bulk unsolicited commercial emails... spam is born!

May 4, 1964 - Soap operas "Another World" and "As the World Turns" premiere

May 7, 1970 - The Beatles last album is released- "Long and Winding Road".

May 9, 1886 - The syrup for Coca Cola is invented.

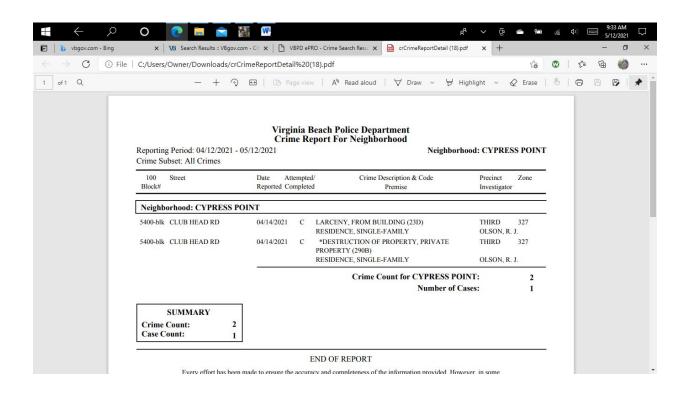
May 9, 1899 - The lawnmower is patented.

May 11, 1928 - General Electric opens the world's first television station.

- May 12, 1792 The flush toilet is patented.
- May 15, 1940 Nylon stockings hit the market for first time.
- May 19, 1884 Ringling Brothers circus premieres.
- May 22, 1933 First reported sighting of the Loch Ness Monster.
- May 23, 1958 Cliff Notes are first used by U.S. school children.
- May 27, 1919 The pop-up toaster is patented.
- May 30, 1889 The brassiere is invented.
- May 31, 1884 Dr. John Harvey Kellogg patents "flaked cereal".

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Crime Stats CYPT, Month to Date



CITY NEWS: Much more at VBGov.Com

1 in 4 Virginians has missing money. Are you one of them?

The City Treasurer's Office will be hosting the 3rd Annual Unclaimed Property Virtual Call Event on May 12 & 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to give Virginia Beach citizens personalized, one-on-one service with Virginia Department of Treasury staff to research and start a claim process. Call toll-free: 1-833-302-0704

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<u>Hurricane Preparedness Week Starts May 9</u> Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 9-15. Hurricanes are a part of life on the Atlantic coast, so it is important that residents be as prepared as possible for their destructive forces. The 2021 Atlantic hurricane season is predicted to be more active than usual. Here are important tips:

Make a plan:.

- Determine in advance where you'll go and your evacuation route(s).
- Know how you'll communicate and reconnect if your family isn't together when a storm hits.
- Access worksheets at <u>ready.gov/plan</u> to help you build a plan.

Make a kit:

- Have emergency food, water and other supplies to last at least 72 hours.
- A good time to build your kit is when there isn't an imminent threat.
- Take the needs of individual family members like seniors, babies and pets, into consideration.
- Due to the pandemic, be sure to also include hand sanitizer, masks and disinfecting wipes.
- A list of suggested items can be found at <u>ready.gov/kit</u>.

Prepare your home:

- Before a hurricane, you'll need to prepare your home by cleaning out drains and gutters, checking the yard and removing or securing anything that could become a projectile like bicycles, planters, grills and lawn furniture.
- Cover doors and windows
- Check your carbon monoxide (CO) detector's battery.
- For these and other tips, visit https://www.vaemergency.gov/hurricanes/

Purchase or renew flood insurance:

- It typically takes up to 30 days for a flood insurance policy to go into effect, so it's better not to wat.
- People often don't realize until it's too late that separate policies are needed for protection against wind and flood damage because a regular homeowners insurance policy doesn't cover them.
- Because Virginia Beach joined the FEMA/National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, residents and business owners can now save 15%. For more details,: ffloodsmart.gov

Know your evacuation zone:

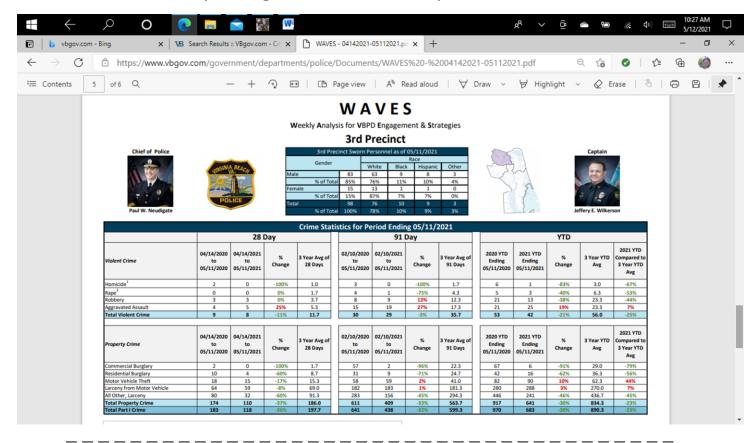
• The Virginia Department of Emergency Management designed evacuation zones for all coastal regions. Look up evacuation zones at <u>vaemergency.gov/hurricane-evacuation-zone-lookup</u>.

Stay informed:

- Sign up for emergency alerts and know where to get the latest information.
- Sign up for <u>VBAlert</u>. This free service will notify you during emergencies via text message, email and/or voice message based on your account preferences.
- VBAlert also allows users to develop a Smart911 profile which can deliver important information to 9-1-1 and first responders (i.e. medical conditions, emergency contacts, etc.) which saves valuable time during an emergency. Register at <u>vbgov.com/vbalert</u>.
- Important information will also be posted to City social media channels, so be sure to follow the City to
 get the latest updates. Visit <u>vbgov.com/community-connect</u> for a full list

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WAVES: This is another interesting part of VBGov.com. Might be hard to read here so you might want to look it up.



Cypress Point Civic Association VB: dues are \$15.00 for 01/01/21 to 12/31/21

Name:	-
Address:	
Phone Number:	_
e-Mail:	_

Make payment to Cypress Point Civic Association of VB

Mail to: Larry Rossen, Treasurer 1228 Smith Cove Circle, VB, VA 23455

New Member	Renewal

Note: We will never give your contact information to anyone.