



CYPT CA VB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Point

08/15/2021



ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Association Meeting: We will be having our third quarterly association meeting this coming Tuesday at 7PM in the club parking lot-re-scheduled due to rain from 3 August. Bring your lawn chair and come early as we are starting to lose our daylight. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Tina Sinnens, VB City Clerk. The rain date will be the following night.

Election of Officers: Your board has produced a slate of officers for 2021:

President	Bill Filbert
1 st VP:	Dr. Richard Hamlet
2 nd VP:	Wes Neal
Treasurer:	Helen Lee
Secretary:	

As you can see, we need a new Secretary for 2021. Please consider stepping up. The position is not too demanding and the rest of us will be there for support.

We table the slate this Tuesday and start electronic voting by email with the final walk-in votes at our October meeting. At this point the positions are all open for write-ins so if you are inclined let us know.

Membership Drive: Yes, we've been hard at work to improve our membership numbers. Please use the form at the bottom of this newsletter if you haven't paid your 2021 dues. On September 1st I will remove those folks from my distribution that are in arrears.

Safety Patrol- Speeding: It goes without saying that many people in the neighborhood are concerned about speeding. We've approached the police before (and will continue) but any reduction in speeds that come with a temporary police presence are transitory. Law enforcement efforts to reduce speeds in the city are generally oriented towards thru-traffic. We are a closed loop and as I have said before-the enemy is us. The city has a program called "traffic calming" that you can look up on VBGov.com.

History Corner

August 1, 1790 - The first U.S. Census is completed.

August 1, 1941 - The first Jeep comes off the assembly line.

August 2, 1876 - Wild Bill Hickock is killed during a poker game

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus sets sail on his first voyage to the "Indies"

August 6, 1945 - The Atom bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the U.S.

August 7, 1882 - Hatfield - McCoy feud begins.

August 11, 1966 - The Beatles begin their last US concert tour.

August 12, 1908 - Henry Ford builds the first Model T

August 14, 1935 - The Social Security bill is signed into law

August 14, 1945 - Japan surrenders, ending World War II.

August 15, 1914 - The Panama Canal is opened.

August 25, 1904 - The [Banana Split](#) was invented by David Strickler.

August 25, 1939 - The movie classic *Wizard of Oz* was released to movie theaters

August 28, 1963 - Martin Luther King Jr. makes his "I Have a Dream" speech.

In the Garden: (From Pam Shields, Master Gardener)

If you are noticing brown patches in your lawn, there are several possibilities, including lack of water, fungi, over-fertilization, and/or insect damage. One of the insect possibilities is mole crickets.

Mole crickets feed on the roots of turfgrasses, drying out and damaging the plants. They do the most damage from August to October.

A mole cricket is easily identified by its grayish-brown, velvety body, short wings, and large, black eyes. Adult mole crickets can grow to be about an inch long.

Two major visible signs of a mole cricket infestation are:

1. Small, brown soil mounds
2. Patches of brown, dying grass dappling your lawn. Since mole crickets are nocturnal, you may not be able to identify the actual pest during normal hours. To be completely certain, mix two tablespoons of dishwashing liquid with a gallon of water, and pour the solution over a 1–2-square-foot area of your lawn that you think has been affected by mole crickets. Perform this task in the early morning or late evening. If mole crickets are present, they'll surface within a few minutes.

Two treatment possibilities:

- **Insecticides**—Kill mole cricket nymphs by applying chemical insecticides. These insecticides will typically contain pyrethroids in granule, liquid, and bait formulas. Apply these insecticides when outdoor temperatures are at least 60°F and irrigate the soil beforehand; moist soil helps the insecticide seep into the soil and encourages mole crickets to come to the surface and feed on bait.
- **Biological pest control**—Safe for humans, pets, and livestock, biocontrol can be more effective than insecticides and requires little to no maintenance. Consider using parasitoidal wasps (*Larra bicolor*), tachinid flies, or parasitic nematodes (*Steinernema scapterisci*)—all natural enemies of the mole cricket—to eliminate your mole cricket problem. Use these predator insects in early spring (March through April) or fall (September to October).

Crime Prevention: (from Tom Woods, Watch Coordinator)

- Recognize scam attempts and end all communication with the perpetrator.
- Search online for the contact information (name, email, phone number, addresses) and the proposed offer. Other people have likely posted information online about individuals and businesses trying to run scams.
- Resist the pressure to act quickly. Scammers create a sense of urgency to produce fear and lure victims into immediate action. Call the police immediately if you feel there is a danger to yourself or a loved one.

- Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door services offers.
- Never give or send any personally identifiable information, money, jewelry, gift cards, checks, or wire information to unverified people or businesses.
- Make sure all computer anti-virus and security software and malware protections are up to date. Use reputable anti-virus software and firewalls.
- Disconnect from the internet and shut down your device if you see a pop-up message or locked screen. Pop-ups are regularly used by perpetrators to spread malicious software. Enable pop-up blockers to avoid accidentally clicking on a pop-up.
- Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.

Take precautions to protect your identity if a criminal gains access to your device or account. Immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts, and monitor your accounts and personal information for suspicious activity

Crime Stats: (from VBGov.com)

The screenshot shows a PDF document titled "Virginia Beach Police Department Crime Report For Neighborhood" for the CYPRESS POINT neighborhood. The report covers the period from 07/15/2021 to 08/15/2021 and includes a table of crime incidents. A summary box indicates one crime and one case. The report ends with a disclaimer about the accuracy of the information.

Virginia Beach Police Department
Crime Report For Neighborhood
Reporting Period: 07/15/2021 - 08/15/2021
Crime Subset: All Crimes
Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT

100 Block#	Street	Date Reported	Attempted/Completed	Crime Description & Code Premise	Precinct Investigator	Zone
Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT						
5300-blk	BROOKSTONE LA	07/23/2021	C	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (23F) PARKING LOT/GARAGE	THIRD KAMPFMUELLER, A	327

Crime Count for CYPRESS POINT: 1
Number of Cases: 1

SUMMARY
Crime Count: 1
Case Count: 1

END OF REPORT

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information provided. However, in some instances, cases of a sensitive nature that are under active investigation may be temporarily excluded from this report.

Trash or Treasure?: (from Hilari Rogers)

I have noticed that residents are putting out perfectly good items for the bulk trash collections like wall art, coffee tables, and home decor. Please remind people that these local charities will pick things up for free and they can deduct the donations from their taxes?

The Salvation Army satruck.org (schedule online) or 1-800-sa-truck (1-800-728-7825)

CHKD Charities <https://www.chkd.org/Support-Us/Thrift-Stores/Donations-Guidelines/> (schedule online) or 757-622-5437

Samaritan House samaritanhouseva.org (schedule online) or (757) 583-7211

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CITY NEWS:

Citizen Review Panel Task Force Seeks Public Comment on the Issue of Civilian Oversight of Police Conduct

Residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinions at a public meeting to be held Monday, Aug. 16. starting at 6 p.m. in Building 19 at the Municipal Center, 2416 Courthouse Dr.

Applications Now Accepted for Summer Cooling Assistance Program

The Department of Human Services is accepting applications for the Cooling Assistance Program through Aug. 15. The program provides financial assistance for the purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment of an electric bill to operate cooling equipment.

Learn About the Plans to Help Protect Our Communities from Recurrent Flooding

During the Nov. 2 General Election, residents will have the opportunity to vote on the Flood Protection Program bond referendum. Get the information you need to know to help navigate the decision.

Get Local Emergency Alerts on Your Phone from VBAAlert

From severe weather to public safety situations, emergencies can happen at any time. Stay informed with VBAAlert, the City’s free emergency notification service, at home and on the go. To register, simply text “VBAAlert” to 67283 or visit www.VBgov.com/vbalert

ADVERTISING SECTION:

We are starting to see the new Medicare plans coming out for 2022. Some exciting changes are on the way that may well benefit you. These benefits include higher dental coverage, dentures, lower specialist charges, and even one or more potential grocery card plans.

You should begin reviewing your doctors, their groups, and your prescriptions. If you need any assistance please either call or email me. All Medicare agents are restricted from discussing plan specifics until October 1st, but in the interim, I may be to provide some educational information.

I represent Anthem, Humana, and United Healthcare/AARP. It's always better, in my humble opinion, to have an interested and capable person rather than being shuffled by TV ads. I'm here and available if you need me.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-Mail: _____

New Member _____

Renewal _____

Make payment to <i>Cypress Point Civic Association VB</i> Mail to: <i>Larry Rossen, Treasurer</i> <i>1228 Smith Cove Circle, VB, VA</i> <i>23455</i>

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