



CYPT CA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



July 16th 2019

Meetings:

Two meetings of the association were held in June: The Neighborhood Watch meeting on the 12th and the general meeting on the 25th, Attendance at both was up and I believe that people felt that the guest speakers and other topics were lively and informative. The next general meeting will be September 11th and the guest speakers are already lining up. And let's not forget the Aug 6th National Night Out event at the CC putting green: "Putt a Lock on Crime"

Fireworks:

Here are the city's thoughts on private displays:



Sec. 12-43.2. Fireworks and pyrotechnic displays unlawful; exceptions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section it shall be unlawful for any person to transport, manufacture, assemble, store, sell, offer or display for sale, or to buy, use, possess, ignite or explode any firecracker, torpedo, sky rocket, sparkler, or other substance or device that contains any explosive or flammable compound or substance, and is intended or commonly known as fireworks, and which explodes, rises into the air or travels laterally, fires projectiles or discharges sparks into the air.

(b) The provision of this section shall not be applicable to (1) any organization or group of individuals which has been granted a permit by the fire official for the public or private display of fireworks or pyrotechnics, provided that such fireworks are stored, handled, transported and used in compliance with the terms and conditions of such permit; or (2) any federal, state or local government animal or fowl management agency agents acting within the scope of their lawful duties. Such agents shall provide the VBFMO with at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of intent to possibly employ pyrotechnic tactics. (c) The fire marshal or any law enforcement officer shall be authorized to seize, take, remove or cause to be removed, at the expense of the owner, all fireworks offered or exposed for display or sale, stored or held in violation of this section.

(d) Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.



Infrastructure Repair:

There is a “cool app” you might consider downloading. It’s called “See, Click, Fix”. It does work-although probably never fast enough. Give it a look.

Get Empowered using See-Click-Fix!

See-Click-Fix is an app which empowers Virginia Beach residents with an easy way to report community issues in need of the City's attention. You can easily report items such street lights being out, pot holes, malfunctioning traffic signals, drainage problems, graffiti, illegal dumping of trash, landscaping issues on public and private properties, etc. If you see it, click it, and fix it!

See-Click-Fix contains a map where you can quickly identify the location of problems reported by other people and you will be surprised at everything going on around you. This program is extremely valuable because it provides an easy way for you to help maintain the appearance of your neighborhood and help in the safety of your community.

Download the SCF app for your phone or tablet or visit <https://en.seeclixfix.com> and get empowered today.

REMEMBER: "See Something ~ Say Something" - it is easy to make a difference!



Code Enforcement Issues:

This is a busy time of year for these sorts of issues. It’s important for all of us to stay busy at maintaining the appearance of our properties. Of late we have noticed that beyond the cutting of grass and various yard maintenance issues there is the proliferation of vehicles in “storage”. Here is the relevant section from the city code:

Sec. 16-40. - Open storage of inoperable vehicles on residential, commercial or agricultural:

(a)

It shall be unlawful whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, for any person, firm or corporation to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes, any vehicle, which is inoperable. As used in this Section, notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, general or special, "shielded or screened from view" means not visible by someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located. The placing, draping or securing of a tarpaulin or other non-rigid cover, over and around an inoperable vehicle shall not be sufficient to comply with the requirements of this section.

News You Can Use Corner:

HOW TO READ BAR CODES...(something you should know)



ALWAYS READ THE LABELS ON THE FOODS YOU BUY--NO MATTER WHAT THE FRONT OF THE BOX OR PACKAGE SAYS, TURN IT OVER AND READ THE BACK---CAREFULLY!

With all the food and pet products now coming from China , it is best to make sure you read label at the grocery store and especially Wal-Mart when buying food products. Many products no longer show where they were made, only give where the distributor is located. It is important to read the bar code to track its origin. This may be useful to know when grocery shopping, if it's a concern to you. However, you may now refer to the barcode - remember if the first 3 digits are:

690-692	China
00-09	US/Canada
30-37	France
40-44	Germany
471	Taiwan
49	Japan
50	UK

VIRGINIA BEACH NEWS:

Home Repair Grants and Loans

Your home is one of your most valuable investments. Keeping your home in good repair protects your investment and helps everyone enjoy a better quality of life. Sometimes it's difficult to afford necessary repairs and improvements. Help is available through Virginia Beach Housing & Neighborhood Preservation's Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (emergency assistance and exterior home rehabilitation) and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Rehabilitation Program.

The programs help make home rehabilitation and repairs more affordable for low- and moderate-income homeowners residing in Virginia Beach. Depending on the program and type of rehabilitation/repairs, assistance is provided to eligible applicants in the form of a grant or affordable loan.

Eligible Recipients

Households whose total gross annual income does not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Income, adjusted for family size, as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), at the time of application (see chart below).

Median Household Income Assistance Available

1	44,450
2	50800
3	57150
4	63450
5	68550
6	73650
7	78700
8	85800

Types of Assistance

- Emergency Assistance
- Home Rehabilitation
- Mobile Home Rehabilitation

The Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (OORP) provides emergency assistance for home rehabilitation or repairs in order to remove an existing or imminent health and/or safety hazard and make necessary modifications to allow a physically disabled resident to remain in the dwelling. Emergency assistance is provided to eligible applicants in the form of an unsecured grant up to \$10,000.00, a secured grant or a deferred loan.

Program details and eligibility requirements can be found [here](#).

Eligible activities include:

- Correction of health and safety hazards (e.g. electrical, gas, and water) on the house side of the meter.
- Repair or replace air conditioning equipment during the summer (May 16 through September 30).
- Repair or replace heating equipment during the winter (October 1 through May 15) or anytime if "red tagged" by proper authorities. Does not include service calls/routine maintenance (i.e. cleaning furnaces or lighting pilot lights).
- Repair or replace water distribution pipes which have damage that has resulted in the need to have water shut off to the house.
- Repair or replace well systems including equipment (replacements will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis).
- Correction of faulty electrical system equipment on the house side of the meter.
- Correction of faulty gas lines and equipment on the house side of the meter.
- Repair or replace the roof/ceiling assembly where there is an existing hazard of collapse (evaluated on a case-by-case basis).
- Repair or replace an inoperative or defective water heater.
- Correction of fireplace and/or chimney defects.
- Repair or replace sewer system or septic system, with collapsed sewer lines or other conditions that hinders property sewage disposal within boundary of lot.
- Accessibility and usability modifications and improvements (evaluated on a case-by-case basis).

Ineligible activities include:

- Repairs of a cosmetic nature that do not pose a threat to health or safety.
- Mold remediation whether cited by Code Enforcement or not.
- Detached structures (sheds, garages, etc.) and fencing can only be removed and not replaced.

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

VB Home Now is accepting grant applications for projects that assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. The foundation is seeking proposals for innovative, collaborative and sustainable programs that contribute to the city's homeless service system.

The application package and instructions can be found at www.vbhome.org. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 6.

Grant recipients will be chosen in November by the VB Home Now board of directors and awarded in December.

VB Home Now is a nonprofit foundation that supports and enhances the community system of services, programs and facilities to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in Virginia Beach. The foundation is leading the fundraising campaign to support the work at the Housing Resource Center and address key needs in the community. Last year, VB Home Now awarded \$25,000 in grants to three local organizations to provide weekend meals to homeless students; assist tenants living in permanent supportive housing with expenses for medication, transportation and living essentials; and integrate a fitness and nutrition program into day services at the Housing Resource Center.

For more information about VB Home Now and the grant application process, please contact Erin Walker, resource development coordinator, at (757) 385-5760 or ewalker@vbgov.com.

ISSUE: The City's Mosquito Control Measures

FACT: The City of Virginia Beach takes preventative measures year-round to reduce the mosquito population.

The Mosquito Control Bureau, a division of the Department of Public Works, is devoted to keeping the biting pests at bay. Altogether, 34 employees work in tandem to ensure mosquito-borne diseases don't become a threat to our residents, and the bugs don't become a nuisance through testing, spraying, and preventative measures.

During mosquito season, a lab technician, an assistant and three interns test mosquitos collected from 70 traps spread throughout the city. They're checking for any diseases the mosquitos may be carrying and identifying where the population is concentrated. If testing reveals any disease that poses a danger to humans or a boom in the mosquito population, spray trucks are deployed to those specific locations to reduce their numbers.

However, spraying isn't the preferred method of population control since it only eliminates mosquitos that are already flying. It doesn't have much impact on ones who haven't yet hatched or can fly in from somewhere outside the sprayed area. The Bureau prefers to use proactive measures by eliminating breeding areas. And that's where residents can lend a helping hand.



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Standing water is the preferred breeding ground for many mosquitos. In fact, they only need a half-inch deep puddle to facilitate breeding and egg hatching. Some suggested methods to reduce or remove standing water include:

- Eliminate accumulating puddles wherever possible
- Change out the water in a bird bath every few days
- Clear clogged gutters
- Dump the water out of any small pools or containers when finished
- Turn over any objects that can collect water before a rainstorm

If standing water can't be entirely eliminated, it can be treated with pesticides which will kill the mosquito larvae before the take flight and have an opportunity to breed elsewhere.

The Mosquito Control Bureau will also make house calls, once per year, to Virginia Beach residents. Residents can request backyard treatment by calling 385-1470 and scheduling an appointment. When the technician comes by to treat a yard, they'll also consult with the homeowner and offer suggestions on how they can reduce or eliminate breeding areas on their property. If the areas can't be removed, they'll offer advice on how to limit larval growth in those water sources.

Not all residents can tolerate the spraying methods the Bureau uses for medical reasons such as asthma, or agricultural ones such as bee keeping. When requested, they can "red tag" a property by placing a piece of reflective red tape on it, similar to the material in a stop sign, that tells a driver to turn off the spray nozzles. The driver will keep the spray off until they're a few houses away from the tagged property. To request a red tag, please call the Mosquito Control Bureau at 385-1470.

The spraying schedule is updated by 3 p.m. and can be obtained over the phone by calling 385-1590. Please be aware that wind and weather conditions could cause it to change.

For more information about the Mosquito Control Bureau, please visit [their website](#)

Campaign for Grade-Level Reading "Pacesetter Honors" Announced Virginia Beach Recognized for Work in Supporting Early School Success

Tuesday, July 09, 2019



The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR) announced today that it will recognize Virginia Beach READS with Pacesetter Honors for its work in 2018.

"Recognizing Pacesetters is our way of applauding and thanking the civic leaders, organizations and agencies that have joined forces to build brighter futures for children in their communities," said Ralph Smith, managing director of CGLR. "We are learning with them and from them what it takes to move the needle and close the gap. Mobilized communities — like these Pacesetters — are essential to achieving early school success." Each year, CGLR uses its Pacesetter Honors to highlight communities that report making measurable progress on key indicators of early school success. These communities serve as proof points and represent the "leading edge" of innovation, impact and improvement within the GLR Network, currently comprised of more than 300 GLR communities, representing 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Alberta, Canada. "Through our collaborative early learning initiatives, Virginia Beach READS has developed models that provide children with the tools they need to be successful in school," said Barb Lito, GrowSmart Coordinator. "Our partnerships and coalition building have allowed us to ensure professionals working with our most vulnerable children have the tools proven to close the educational achievement gap. As this designation shows, we've made measurable progress and need to continue to mobilize our community by working with our schools, city agencies, nonprofits, civic leaders and parents.