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*The Point*

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS:

**CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meetings:** No meeting was held in December but we'll be back on track for a meeting on 20 January at the Rec Center with the officers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

**Council of Civic Organizations:** Virginia Beach has a council (CCO) of which we are a long-time member. The purpose of CCO is to present a united front of the various Virginia Beach civic leagues to interact with the city organizations. However, the CCO has experienced a decline in membership, attendance, and quite frankly enthusiasm. There will be a meeting in February to attempt to re-start the operation.

**Update on Recent Shooting at Phoenix nightclub:** Tom Woods and I worked with our neighbors in Cypress Point North this month to collect about 50 surveys from neighbors in the vicinity of the night club. These surveys (mostly from Cypress Point North) were collected and handed over to the ABC regional office for action. It is quite possible that a hearing will be held in the near future to consider actions up to and including revocation of their liquor license.

**Holiday Lights Contest:** Yes, tomorrow 12/19/21 is the big day. Judging will be at 6PM by our distinguished panel of judges.

## Safety Patrol-

**Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips**

ESFi NFPA

- 1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.**  
Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- 2. Do not overload electrical outlets.**  
Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage appliance into each outlet at a time.
- 3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.**  
More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.
- 4. Keep tree fresh by watering daily.**  
Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.
- 5. Use battery-operated candles.**  
Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).
- 6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.**  
A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations. (NFPA).
- 7. Protect cords from damage.**  
To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.
- 8. Check decorations for certification label.**  
Decorations not bearing a label from an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.
- 9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.**  
Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).
- 10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.**  
Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (NFPA).

## In the Garden:

- If your soil test results say your soil is acidic, your garden, landscape or lawn could benefit from an application of lime. Because lime takes a long time to react with the soil, winter applications help prepare for spring planting.
- Continue cleanup from last month; remove dead plant debris from landscape and gardens. This can help prevent diseases from overwintering and being a problem again next season.
- These cold winter days are a good time to observe the bare spots of your garden and begin to plan on what to plant next season.
- Do not prune azaleas, rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they have already set their buds for next year's blooms. If you feel these shrubs do need to be pruned, however, you can prune them now, but you will sacrifice next spring flowers.
- To keep your poinsettia looking good during the holidays remember to place it in a location with bright light but not direct sunlight. Check soil daily to prevent drying out and do not over water. Avoid placing near cold drafts, heat vents, and appliances.
- Don't forget to fertilize and deadhead pansies to keep them flowering during the winter. Use a general all-purpose fertilizer like 10-10-10 about every 3 to 4 weeks. Pansies do not need to be heavily fertilized.

## History Corner:

**December 1, 1955** - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery,

**December 2, 1823** - President James Monroe introduced his "Monroe Doctrine" during his annual message to the Congress, prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents

**December 2, 1942** - Physicists led by Enrico Fermi carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago

**December 7, 1787** - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America.

**December 7, 1941** - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

**December 10, 1898** - The Treaty of Paris was signed between American and Spanish representatives following Spain's defeat in the Spanish-American War.

**December 15, 1791** - The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia.

**December 16, 1773** - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.

**December 16, 1944** - During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front

**December 17, 1903** - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights.

**December 20, 1606** - The Virginia Company expedition to America began as three small ships, the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*, departed London under the command of Captain Christopher Newport.

**December 20, 1860** - South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union in a prelude to the American Civil War.

**December 23, 1947** - The transistor was invented at Bell Laboratories by John Bardeen, Walter Brattain and William Shockley

**December 24, 1814** - The Treaty of Ghent between America and Britain was signed, officially ending the War of 1812.

**December 25, 1776** - During the American Revolution, George Washington took 2,400 of his men across the Delaware River. Washington then conducted a surprise raid on 1,500 British-Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey

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**Website:** Don't forget to check out our website from time to time.

Located at: <https://cypca.com/>

**Annual Hardcopy Newsletter:** We'll be working on this project again very shortly with a target distribution date of 1 February. Look for the annual dues assessment on the back page. Still only \$15.00 per year.

**Crime Prevention:** From National Neighborhood Watch Association.

**Install a locking/secure mailbox at your residence.** This time of year is popular with mail thieves. They know that Grandma's everywhere are sending out checks and \$5 bills to anxious grandchildren. The easiest way to prevent this is to have a mailbox that is secure. They're relatively cheap and easily purchased at your local hardware store. Some can even hold small packages that otherwise may have been left on your porch, another popular target for thieves.

**Do not store wrapped gifts in your vehicle overnight.** Wrapped presents shining through a vehicle window at night are like huge neon signs saying, "Steal Me." Vehicle prowlers know that a present will contain something good, and hopefully something they can quickly sell for profit. Whether you are leaving early the next day to a party, or just wanted to store the kid's presents where they couldn't get to them, don't.

**Closely monitor your bank accounts and credit card statements.** Temporary workers are often brought into stores to accommodate the increased holiday business. Some of them may be more than willing to "borrow" a credit card number or two to complete their own wish list. Also, as I stated before, mail theft is common this time of year and it's hard to keep track of what bills/statements you may be missing from month to month.

**Crime Stats:** (from VBGov.com)

### **Crime Search Results**

Reporting Period: 11/20/2021 - 12/18/2021

Crime Subset: All Crimes

Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT No crimes found.

CITY NEWS:

**Immediate Openings and Increased Pay for Child Care Positions with Parks & Recreation**

Step up to a meaningful role with career advancement opportunities and many other valuable employment benefits. Come join the fun!

**2022-23 Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission Grants Open**

The Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission is pleased to announce its annual Project Grant program is now accepting applications. The grants are open to nonprofit organizations whose missions include providing arts, humanities, history or cultural programming

**City Launches New “Get & Give Help” Campaign to Address Homelessness**

In recognition of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Housing & Neighborhood Preservation is launching "Get & Give Help," a new campaign to connect people to community resources and opportunities to get involved.

The campaign consists of a new website for BEACH Community Partnership, a coalition of city, faith and nonprofit organizations on addressing homelessness. At [www.BEACHCommunityPartnership.org](http://www.BEACHCommunityPartnership.org), families and individuals experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis can learn how to connect to the homeless service system in Virginia Beach and find organizations that provide support services, such as food, health services, basic assistance and more. For those that want to help and learn more, a list of partners and where to donate or volunteer, homelessness data and information on the community's approach to addressing homelessness are also provided. A community toolkit of "Get & Give Help" flyers, cards and resource list is available for organizations, businesses and others to download, print and distribute to help raise awareness.