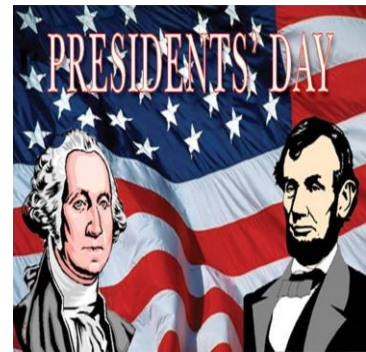




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ASSOCIATION NEWS:

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meetings: Next meeting will be 6:30 on 17 February at the Williams Farm Rec Center. Meeting is free and all are invited. Guest Speaker: Dan Edwards from Crime Stoppers.

Association Meeting: Will be at 7PM on 22 February at the Cypress Point Country Club. Great opportunity to save a stamp and pay your dues. Guest speaker will be Davis Corners EMT.

Sad News: As reported last month MPO David Nieves was very sick and we learned that he passed away on 1 February at the age of 52. This is indeed a tragedy and a great loss to Cypress Point and the city. Your association contributed to a GoFundMe to aid the family in their time of grief.

Safety Patrol- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Don't cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. It can block air flow and cause carbon monoxide build-up.
- Never leave a car or truck running in a garage. If your vehicle has remote start, make sure you don't accidentally start it.
- Never use a charcoal grill, oil lantern, or portable camping stove inside.
- Never use a portable generator or any gas-powered engine in your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open. Only use these devices outdoors, and more than 20 feet away from open doors or windows. For more tips, see: [How to use a generator safely.](#)
- Never use a stove or clothes dryer to heat your home.
- When using a fireplace, make sure first that the flue is open.
- During and after a winter storm, make sure vents for your dryer, heating system, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Have your heating system inspected every year

In the Garden: Fruit, Vegetables, and Herbs

- Start growing your own salad garden! Direct sow loose leaf lettuce, arugula, spinach, mesclun mixes, carrots and radish in late February.
- By late February, start pepper, tomato and eggplant seeds indoors to have transplants ready in mid-April. These crops need direct light and warm temperatures above 60°.
- Onion sets can be planted in the garden in February for harvest in May and June. Be sure to plant short day varieties such as Candy, Granex (white), Stockton Sweet Red, Texas Early Grano and Yellow Granex.
- Plant seed potatoes in the garden for harvest in late May-early June.
- Prune fruiting plants such as grapevines, blueberries, and fruit trees.
- Spray your tree fruits this month with a dormant oil to control mites and scale. The oil simply covers the tree and suffocates the insects. (Note- do not apply dormant oil when the tree is not dormant. Doing so in the spring, summer, and fall will cause damage.)
- Direct sow other cool season vegetables such as beet, rutabagas, swiss chard, kale, mustard and turnip seed. Broccoli plants can also be set out during this time.

History Corner:

February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members.

The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

February 3, 1865 - A four-hour peace conference occurred between President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost.

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit

February 23, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

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

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

Annual Hardcopy Newsletter: Is being delivered now. I've also attached a corrected copy to this email. On page 3 of the hardcopy I forgot to identify April 23rd as the garage sale and April 30th as the rain date. Please note that the bottom half of page 8 is how you pay your annual dues.

Crime Prevention- SIM swapping:

A SIM swap scam — also known as SIM splitting, simjacking, sim hijacking, or port-out scamming — is a fraud that occurs when scammers take advantage of a weakness in two-factor authentication and verification in which the second step is a text message (SMS) or call to your mobile phone number.

First, some SIM-card basics. Cellphone subscriber identity module (SIM) cards are the storage for user data in Global System for Mobile (GSM) phones. Without a SIM card, your GSM phone wouldn't be authorized to use a mobile network.

So having control over your cellphone number would be valuable to fraudsters. To steal your number, scammers start by gathering as much personal information on you as they can get and engaging in a bit of social engineering.

The scammers call your mobile carrier, impersonating you and claiming to have lost or damaged their (your) SIM card. They then ask the customer service representative to activate a new SIM card in the fraudster's possession. This ports your telephone number to the fraudster's device containing a different SIM. Or, they may claim that they need help switching to a new phone.

How are fraudsters able to answer your security questions? That's where the data they've collected on you through **phishing emails**, malware, the dark web, or social media research becomes useful.

Once they gain access to and control over your cellphone number, fraudsters can then access your phone communications with banks and other organizations — in particular, your text messages. They can then receive any codes or password resets sent to that phone via call or text for any of your accounts. And that's it: They're in.

Crime Stats: (from VBGov.com)

Crime Search Results

Reporting Period: 01/15/2022 - 02/16/2022

Crime Subset: All Crimes

Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT No crimes found.

CITY NEWS:

New Website:

We have officially launched our new website, designed with a fresh look, improved navigation, new interactive tools and a new URL, virginia-beach.gov. This Phase I launch is part of a two-phase project that includes new, redesigned City department pages. Over the next several months, department content from vbgov.com will be migrated to the new site. City content will remain on both sites during the transition, however

New City Council Voter Districts

The local election system in Virginia Beach has changed. Find your new voting district, understand why these changes have occurred and get your questions answered.



What Are the New Council Districts and How Is the System Different?

Virginia Beach's historic 7-4 hybrid system divided the City into 7 residence districts and 3 at-large seats (plus the Mayor) such that voters were able to vote for all 11 Council members.

The new system, which has been imposed by a federal court, is a 10-1 ward system, which divides the City into 10 ward districts of approximately equal voting age population. Under this system, each voter will be able to vote for only the Mayor and the representative for their ward district.

LOOK UP YOUR DISTRICT

Why Is the System Changing?

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A federal court recently ordered that the City's election system for City Council members be changed to a 10-1 ward district system to comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia imposed the system as its remedy to the alleged Section 2 violation. The City has appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. More specific information about the case is available [here](#).

Changes to the City's Election System Are Twofold.

1. The system itself is changing by virtue of the federal court ruling in the [Holloway case](#), and
2. The federal court also incorporated the 2020 Census data into the new district maps to adjust for population shifts and changes.

Simply put, the City of Virginia Beach is complying with the federal court's ruling while simultaneously appealing the ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

How Will This Affect Me?

Services, like your pickup days for trash and recycling won't change as a result of this ruling. Neither will your child's school district. What is changing is how residents select locally elected leaders. You may also vote in a new precinct and at a new polling location. Precinct and polling location changes are still being determined, but rest assured that every Virginia Beach address will receive a mailing identifying their new ward district, voting precinct name, and polling location. Once it becomes available, you may also look up this information at Elections.Virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/polling-place-lookup/.