



CYPT CA VB
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



The Point

03/22/2022

ASSOCIATION NEWS:

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meeting was held on March 17th at Williams Farm. The guest speaker was Officer Nicole Johannesen who introduced us to the VBPD Comfort Dog Program. Captain Wilkerson gave us a run down on crime in the 3rd Precinct and City Community Liaison, Nancy Bloom, spoke. These meetings are free. We have door prizes, 50/50, and cookies. Everyone invited. How can you lose. Next meeting 4/21/22 at 6:30 PM at the Rec Center.

Association Dues: Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to listen to me ask you for your dues. We've seen some start rolling in but keep 'em coming folks. Ask around, \$15.00 is mighty cheap for such a nice association. Check out the bottom of page 6 for a handy way to pay.

Safety Patrol- With the beginning of spring comes a host of different hazards to keep in mind. Here are some tips for keeping workers safe in spring:

- **Be ready for changeable weather.** It can easily flick between dry and deluge and warm and cold in no time during spring. Outdoor and remote workers should be prepared for anything and you must supply them with the equipment they need.
- **Slips, trips and falls** can be an issue following a frozen winter. The big thaw can lead to boggy conditions around your job site. These add hazards to the workplace.
- As we move into the warmer months of the year, your outdoor workers need to be **aware of insects like ticks and mosquitos**, which can cause illness. Wearing appropriate clothing to prevent this, such as long sleeves, is a must at this time of the year.
- **Be aware of the signs of illnesses that relate to the heat.** Once the temperature creeps up, workers can get headaches and start to feel dizzy and nauseous if it becomes too hot.

The Claw: Officially referred to as the Bulky Items Pickup Service, the city has a free pickup for the “big stuff”, too big for the standard garbage bins. You must schedule though at vb.gov.com/wastemgmt or call 385-4650. If you have new neighbors please let them know of this service. The claw will need space to work so keep 3 feet of clearance.

In the Garden:

1. March is a great month to plant shade, fruit and nut trees, also grapes and berries
2. Most shrubs, perennials and herbs can be planted now
3. Prepare flower and vegetable beds with soil conditioner
4. There is still time in early March to plant cool-season vegetable crops such as potatoes, onion, asparagus, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, kohlrabi, lettuce, onion, peas, potato, radish, rhubarb, spinach, swiss chard and turnip.
5. Plant cool-season annual flowers, such as lobularia, snapdragons and petunias
6. Remove excessive thatch from Bermuda grass lawns. This should be done before applying a pre-emergent weed control
7. If not done in February, apply fertilizer with weed preventer for spring weed control in Bermuda or fescue lawns this fall. It prevents weeds by killing seeds, so do not apply if you are seeding any grass this spring
8. March is the best spring month to seed new areas or over-seed shady areas
9. Fertilize existing shady lawn grasses.
10. Spray visible broadleaf weeds.
11. Treat for lawn grubs.
12. Apply chemicals for insect control and fertilizer
13. Purchase caladium bulbs but wait to plant until May
14. Prune roses just before growth starts and begin a regular disease spray program
15. Cut back foliage on ornamental grasses and liriop (monkey grass)
16. Prune shrubs as needed before new growth appears, but wait to prune spring flowering shrubs until after they bloom
17. Divide and replant summer and fall blooming perennials (mums and asters)
18. Proper watering of newly planted trees and shrubs often means the difference between success and replacement
19. Keep an eye on plants and bring samples of insect/ damage to a garden center.

History Corner:

March 1, 1958 - U.S. launches Explorer I, its first satellite

March 3, 1931 - The *Star Spangled Banner* becomes the [National Anthem](#)

March 4, 1789 - The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect.

March 6, 1836 - The battle of the Alamo ends as all defenders are killed.

March 9, 1862 - Ironclad ships, the Monitor and the Merrimack battle.

March 10, 1876 - Alexander Graham Bell places the world's first telephone call.

March 20, 1922 - The U.S. Navy commissions the first carrier, the USS Langley.

March 20, 1941 - General Douglas MacArthur escapes Japanese occupied Philippines.

March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry declares "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

March 26, 1945 - U.S. Marines raise the American flag at Iwo Jima.

March 30, 1867 - The United States buys Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million.

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

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

Mail Service: Kathryn (the mail lady) has asked me to announce that she is expecting.....a new puppy! She'll be taking some time off starting April 3rd so keep an eye out for any possible mix-ups.

Crime Prevention- Tax Preparer Scam

Registered tax preparers go through hours of classes and study to learn how to help clients properly (and legally!) file their taxes. They are trained to help taxpayers get the best possible return, while also ensuring that taxes are filed correctly so that fewer problems arise.

In order to file taxes as a tax preparer, professionals need a Preparer Tax Identification Number, or PTIN, valid for the year that the tax return is being filed. Each year, they have to request a new PTIN for that year.

One IRS scam that has been tricking taxpayers into paying for services that aren't what they seem is the so-called "ghost" tax preparer scam.

A scammer pretends to be a registered tax preparer. They reach out to the taxpayer, by email, and sometimes even under false pretense by having a fake website.

They take over the taxpayer's paperwork and prepare them for filing. They bill the taxpayer, and then send them the paperwork to be signed, or deliver it electronically to be re-signed.

Then, they tell the taxpayer to send the paperwork to the IRS.

If this sounds like the normal filing process when working with a tax preparer, you're correct. But this process is missing one very important step; **the signature of the tax preparer and their PTIN.**

Without these two things, to the IRS, the taxes simply look like they were self-filed by the taxpayer. The taxpayer thinks that their taxes have been professionally prepared.

The tax paperwork is often riddled with errors, and the taxpayer will be blamed for the mistakes because the IRS considers the taxes to have been self-filed.

The taxpayer also thinks that they are going to receive a huge tax return, and they pay the tax preparer a percentage based on that. *Ouch.*

Crime Stats: (from VBGov.com)

**Virginia Beach Police Department
Crime Report For Neighborhood**

Reporting Period: 02/15/2022 - 03/22/2022
Crime Subset: All Crimes

Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT

100 Block#	Street	Date Reported	Attempted/Completed	Crime Description & Code Premise	Precinct Investigator	Zone
Neighborhood: CYPRESS POINT						
1100-blk	CHIPPING CT	03/05/2022	C	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS (23H) RESIDENCE, SINGLE-FAMILY	THIRD REICHERT, M. J.	327
1100-blk	CHIPPING CT	03/10/2022	C	ASSAULT, SIMPLE, DOMESTIC (13B2) RESIDENCE, SINGLE-FAMILY	THIRD KLEPACZ, S. E.	327

Crime Count for CYPRESS POINT: 2
Number of Cases: 2

SUMMARY	
Crime Count:	2
Case Count:	2

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.

CITY NEWS: (more at VBGov.com)

2022 State of the City

Mayor Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer and City Manager Patrick Duhaney shared key accomplishments and initiatives and provided a glimpse of the City's future at this year's State of the City event.

Tax Assessments: It looks like our property taxes will be going up significantly next year based on higher assessed values. Yes, the hot real estate market can bring pain to innocent bystanders. This will mean that your escrow accounts will be out of balance and your bank will be calling. The city is having a meeting on April 26th at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers. You can call the assessor between now and May 16th at 385-4601 (option 3) to discuss your pending bill.

Summer Youth Employment Program

Providing Virginia Beach youth between the ages of 16-21 with the opportunity to develop skills, set career goals, earn money and become financially empowered by placing them in meaningful summer jobs. Apply now through March 22!

VB10: 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.

Making History with Nostalgic VB

As the City sets its sights on its 60th Anniversary in January 2023, we're honoring Virginia Beach pioneers and proud residents with a collection of documentary shorts that tell the story of Virginia Beach—then through now—called Nostalgic VB. Help us tell the story of Virginia Beach.

CYPRESS POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New

Renewal

2022 Dues are \$15.00 for
01/01/2022-12/31/2022

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to:

Treasurer, CYPTCA VB
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Virginia Beach, VA 23455

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[https://www.facebook.com/
CYPTCA/](https://www.facebook.com/CYPTCA/) or our website at
www.cyptca.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-Mail: _____

Here is how I'd like to participate in 2022:

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) _____

Neighborhood Watch _____

Newsletter _____

Environmental _____

Events/Contests _____

Beautification _____

Architectural Control _____

Welcome _____

VB CCO (Council of Civic Org Rep) _____

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