



CYPT CA VB
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NEWSLETTER

The Point

05/19/2023



ASSOCIATION NEWS:

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meeting: We had a CAC meeting on 18 May. Turnout was pretty good but I didn't see too many from Cypress Point. Guest speaker was Chief of Police Paul Neudigate. One topic of growing concern is homeless encampments in the area. The Chief pointed out that if this is occurring on private land law enforcement is unable to do anything without the owner's permission. Code Enforcement did say that they could get involved if excessive trash was involved. I've been in contact with our Community Affairs MPO, David Schoenbach. Stay tuned.

Association Meeting: Our next Association Meeting is this coming Tuesday. We'll start at 7PM but be preceded with an informal "Meet and Greet" at 6:30. There will be a guest speaker, Ms. Nancy Bloom, VB Community Liaison, along with Officers from the 3rd Precinct. We will also run down the highlights of our CPERT team (Cypress Point Emergency Response Team) efforts to date.

Time to Pay Your Dues: Please take care of this. It's only \$15.00 per year and we've made it remarkably easy. Find a very simple form at the end of this email. Clip it off and send it with your check to our Treasurer. His address is on the form. We are investigating electronic payments going forward.

Website: Don't forget to check out our website from time to time. You'll find it located at: <https://cyptca.com/>.

Garage Sale: We had great weather, a large visitor turnout and a very good participation. We had 24 participants and even made a few bucks this year.

Yard Contest: Another hard-fought battle among the giants of the green world but this year's winner of our fantastic prize was 5309 North Pointe. We are going to try to do this earlier next year to catch the azaleas in bloom.

Disaster Prep- We've had our annual Disaster Team review meeting and updated the base document. I've been buying some gear to develop a Team disaster kit. We'll review some of this at our meeting coming on 5/23. Another thing we are looking at doing is a mock disaster rehearsal at our next meeting in August. If nothing else it should be amusing. More on this later.

Crime Prevention. Here's a good one. It's called the Bank Impersonation Racket. A lot of people use two-factor authentication now. This is where a bank sends a code to your phone after you put in your ID and password. This code then unlocks your account and it is only temporary. So say a crook gets your ID and password and then logs into your account. Maybe he'll even have you do it. He then has you read back the number just sent to authenticate. Turns out he isn't a bank employee at all but he does have full access to your account. Moral here-NEVER read back a code or share it.

Safety Patrol for March Hot Car Safety Tips for Parents

To keep your kids safe:

- Always lock your car and secure the keys so that your kids can't get to them at home.
- Don't leave your child in a car, which can quickly heat up, especially on a hot, sunny day.
- Get your kids out of the car first, and then worry about getting the groceries, etc., out of the car next.
- If you are getting a new car, consider one that has a back-seat reminder.
- Make it a habit to check the back seat each time you get out of the car before you lock the door, even if you aren't transporting your child. Doing this every time will instill the habit.
- Make sure that child care providers and daycare workers have a plan to ensure that kids aren't left in the provider's car or van. In addition, make a plan that if the child has not arrived at the [daycare](#) by a certain time, caregivers should call the parents to make sure the child wasn't forgotten in the car.
- Never let children play in a car, as this encourages them to think of the car as a place to play.
- Place a small toy or colorful note in your child's car seat when it's empty. Move it to your dashboard when you place your child in the car seat. This will help remind you that you have a child in the back seat.
- Teach children that if they are ever stuck in a car and can't get out, to climb into the driver's seat and honk the horn. They may need to use their feet to have enough pressure to sound the horn. Tell them to keep honking until an adult comes to rescue them.
- Warn your kids about playing in the car by themselves without adult supervision.

In The Garden in May:

All Regions

- No matter where you live, you will probably need to water the garden some in May.
- To prevent them from wasting energy on producing seed, deadhead your spring bulbs after they are done blooming.
- Fertilize your plants.
- Deadhead pansies and primroses after they have finished flowering.
- Stay ahead of your weeding chores: Once temperatures soar, weeds and/or invasive plants can quickly get ahead of you.
- Harvest any remaining cool-season vegetables.
- Plant warm-season vegetables.
- Prune shrubs that bloom on old wood after they are done flowering.
- Turn over your compost pile, or, if it has already broken down, use that compost in the garden and start a new pile.
- Be on high alert for insect pests and diseases. These include, but are not limited to, aphids, asparagus beetles, cabbage worms, cutworms, scale, snails, slugs, leaf spot, mildew, and rust.
- Spray for ticks.

Mid-Atlantic

Some days will hotter than others, and you will not feel like working in the garden on such days. Take advantage of cooler days and get ahead on your gardening chores. After all, it will be even hotter next month.

- Plant asparagus if you do not already have some.
- Plant members of the nightshade family. Be prepared to protect them in case of a late frost.
- Finish sowing seed for annuals.
- Plant summer bulbs such as dahlias.
- Give hardy mums their first pinching back to help keep them compact for summer and fall

History Corner: This month in US History:

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden

May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space.

May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus ending World War II in Europe.

May 8, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea.

May 10, 1869 - The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah

May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown

May 14, 1804 - Meriwether Lewis and William Clark departed St. Louis

May 17, 1875 - The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs

May 20, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders"

May 21, 1881 - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

May 22, 1947 - Congress approved the Truman Doctrine, assuring U.S. support for Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of Communism.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message

May 25, 1787 - The Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia

May 27, 1937 - In San Francisco, 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it.

CITY CALENDAR: I picked a few choice items off the calendar because I can't fit the whole thing so anybody could read it.

May 22: Parks and Rec Open Space Advisory Council

May 23: City Council Meeting

May 24: Housing Summit

May 25: Council of Civic Organizations Meeting

May 26: Mount Trashmore Summer Carnival (thru the 30th)

Jun 02: Social Services Advisory Board

Jun 07: Board of Zoning Appeals

Jun 14: Planning Commission Meeting

Jun 21: Wetlands Board

Jun 28: J. Schulman Community Meeting (He is our councilman, District 9)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SELECTIONS OF NOTE:

I have attached two items from the recent City Council meetings for your review that many feel have a major impact on the city.



CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH AGENDA ITEM

ITEM: COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES [Applicant] CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND [Property Owner] Modification of Conditions to a Conditional Use Permit (Group Home) for the property located at 642 N Lynnhaven Road (GPIN 1488805079). COUNCIL DISTRICT 8, formerly Lynnhaven

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2023

■ **Background:**

The applicant is requesting to modify the conditions of a 1984 Conditional Use Permit for a Group Home on property zoned R-10 Residential District. The applicant seeks to extend the amount of time a resident can reside in the group home from 2 weeks to 90 days.

The previous group home operated at this location from 1984 to 2021 and served runaway girls. The proposed group home will serve unaccompanied minors between the ages of 5 and 17, who crossed the southern border of the United States and are seeking to be reunited with their families living in the United States. The facility will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a staff member on-site at all times. All necessary services, including educational, nutritional, and mental health, will be provided on site for the residents. This group home will be run by Commonwealth Catholic Charities which will operate as a tenant to St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

■ **Considerations:**

The previous group home, Seton House, operated successfully on the site for 37 years before relocating to another site in 2021. The request to resume the group home use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's policies and land use goals for the Suburban Area as the use will provide a needed service and a change in the length of stay allowed would not negatively impact the surrounding area. Minor cosmetic changes to the exterior of the building are proposed. The first floor will include office space, dining space, and recreation space while the second floor will be renovated to provide individual and shared bedrooms.

Although the applicant initially requested to extend the maximum length of stay to 90 days, Staff decided not to condition the length of stay since such a limitation is not established in the Zoning Ordinance.



CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH AGENDA ITEM

ITEM: City Council will Hear Public Comment on the Potential Rezoning of a Portion of the Interfacility Traffic Area (ITA) to Allow Light Industrial Uses

PUBLIC COMMENT: May 16, 2023

On April 25, 2023, City Council was briefed on the proposed development of the first phase of an advanced manufacturing facility ("Project Wayne") on approximately 250 acres of City-owned land located within the Interfacility Traffic Area ("ITA"), south of the Green Line in the Princess Anne Commons (the "Project Area").

Project Wayne would bring significant capital investment and an estimated 400 jobs to the City of Virginia Beach. A rezoning of the Project Area to Light Industrial District (I-1) would be necessary for Project Wayne to move forward. This rezoning would be inconsistent with the existing ITA portion of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The purpose of this item is to hear public input at this preliminary stage regarding the possible rezoning of the Project Area to permit Project Wayne or other future light industrial development projects within the Project Area and/or the ITA. If Project Wayne moves forward, then the matter would come back before City Council for formal action on both the sale of City land and the rezoning of the Project Area. Both such actions would have additional opportunities for further public input.

Background: The ITA is the flight path between NAS Oceana and Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress. In 2005, as part of the City's response to the 2005 BRAC Order, the City Zoning Ordinance was amended to significantly restrict residential development, and the City adopted its ITA Acquisition Program and began acquiring land in the ITA.

City Council first adopted the Interfacility Traffic Area and Vicinity Master Plan (the "ITA Plan") on January 25, 2011, which was made a part of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. At that time, much of the ITA was still privately owned. The 2016 Comprehensive Plan included those ITA Plan recommendations, and in 2017, the City Council adopted amendments to the ITA Plan, because the City had acquired large quantities of land in the ITA.

The ITA is south of the Green Line. The Green Line was established by City Council in 1979 to promote growth and urban development in the northern portion of the City, with the southern area to remain more rural. Just east of the ITA is an area designated by

the City as the Transition Area. The ITA, Princess Anne Commons, and the Transition Area, each being immediately south of the Green Line, are intended to smooth the transition between the higher intensity uses to the north and the primarily agricultural uses to the south. "The *Interfacility Traffic Area & Vicinity Master Plan* focuses on conservation and preservation of sensitive uses, amenities for residents, employment, municipal services, and recreation." Comp Plan 2016, pg. 1-106.

Online Survey Available to Virginia Beach Residents to Share Input on Local Election System; Deadline is May 26

On behalf of the City of Virginia Beach, the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia (CCPS) invites residents to share their input on and experiences with our local election system. This is part of Virginia Beach City Council's efforts to collect resident input on city policy and decision making prior to determining how future elections will be conducted in our community, beginning with the 2024 elections. A link to the survey is available at SpeakUpVB.com in the Election System Community Engagement Project.

CCPS has structured the survey to ask questions related to various components of voting and election systems to better understand respondents' preferences. As part of their analysis and preparation of the report to City Council, CCPS will compile the survey results (capturing resident support for individual election/voting components) and community feedback, along with the recommendations from their legal team that identify viable, fully defined election system options.

In addition to the online survey, 4,500 randomly selected residents received a hard copy of the survey in the mail. The Cooper Center devised this sample selection to create a scientific, probability-based representation of the population of Virginia Beach. However, City Council wants to hear from as many residents as possible and has asked for the online version to extend the survey's reach.

Residents are encouraged to complete the [survey](#), which is available in English, Spanish and Tagalog, before it **closes on Friday, May 26**. The results will be compiled by the Cooper Center and presented to City Council at a later date this summer.

To request a hard copy or pdf of the survey, contact Community Engagement Strategist Nancy Bloom, nbloom@vbgov.com, 757-385-6279. All surveys must be received by Ms. Bloom by May 26 to be processed for inclusion in the report.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Bloom

COMMUNICATIONS

Community Engagement Strategist

City Council Formal Session Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at the Municipal Center, Building 1 - Second Floor.

Meetings will be held on the first and second Tuesdays in July and December.

Meetings will be held the second and third Tuesdays in August since National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August.

CYPRESS POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2023 Dues are \$15.00 for
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Renewal

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Here is how I'd like to participate in 2023:

CPERT-Cypress Point Emergency Response Team	_____
Neighborhood Watch	_____
Newsletter	_____
Environmental	_____
Events/Contests	_____
Beautification	_____
Architectural Control	_____
Welcome	_____

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