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The Point

07/15/2023



ASSOCIATION NEWS:

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meeting: We had our last Third Precinct CAC meeting on June 15th at Williams Farm Recreation Center. Our guest speaker was Commonwealth Attorney Colin Stolle. He did a variety of presentations and Public Service announcements. We also discussed the upcoming **Third Precinct Family Day on 8 July** that a few of us participated in. Cypress Point made a donation to help cover expenses.

Association Meeting: Our next meeting will be 7PM on August 1st. We're going to do this one outside (weather permitting) so bring your lawn chairs. We'll use the CYPT CC parking lot. The purpose of this meeting will be to exercise our Disaster team. We're going to simulate what we might do in the various phases of a tremendous storm that takes the whole city off-line and leaves us isolated for as much as 72 hours. You'll all play a part. At the very least this meeting might be amusing. As is normal now there will be a brief social period starting at 6:30 PM.

President's Rant: I don't often take this opportunity to rant on some pet peeves but I will this month so bear with me:

1. **Fireworks:** Of every sort and everywhere in Virginia Beach are illegal except for licensed and registered shows. Besides the very real possibility of someone blowing your head off or having sparks burn your neighbor's roof there is also the residue issue. The biggest issue, for me at least and I bet others is the impact it has on our dogs and I suppose, cats too. Your fireworks frighten the heck out of my animal and as a result nobody gets any sleep. I'm already recruiting a team to drive around in 2024 and take videos and call it in.
2. **The little US flags:** Who doesn't like to see Old Glory in the street or in the mud? I've personally righted about a dozen. Notice too that there is a sticker on them endorsing a political candidate. This is in direct violation of USC Title IV, Chapter 1 Proper Display of the US Flag. "No commercial, political, or religious advertising on the flag, its post, pole or halyard is allowed". I had a lively discussion with the relevant campaign manager who tried to explain that these weren't flags but rather "facsimiles" of a flag. I think that might be illegal too.

Time to Pay Your Dues: No kidding guys; we are off by about 50 from last year. It's past time to pay your dues. Please use the form at the bottom of the last page to mail it in. We use snail mail and a stamp which might be a little old-fashioned but that's how we get the information we need.

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

Disaster Prep- Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here

What is hail?

Hail is a form of precipitation consisting of solid ice that forms inside thunderstorm updrafts. Hail can damage aircraft, homes and cars, and can be deadly to livestock and people

How does hail form?

Hailstones are formed when raindrops are carried upward by thunderstorm updrafts into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere and freeze. Hailstones then grow by colliding with liquid water drops that freeze onto the hailstone's surface. If the water freezes instantaneously when colliding with the hailstone, cloudy ice will form as air bubbles will be trapped in the newly formed ice. However, if the water freezes slowly, the air bubbles can escape and the new ice will be clear. The hail falls when the thunderstorm's updraft can no longer support the weight of the hailstone, which can occur if the stone becomes large enough or the updraft weakens. Hailstones can have layers of clear and cloudy ice if the hailstone encounters different temperature and liquid water content conditions in the thunderstorm. The conditions experienced by the hailstone can change as it passes horizontally across or near an updraft. The layers, however, do not occur simply due to the hailstone going through up and down cycles inside a thunderstorm. The winds inside a thunderstorm aren't simply up and down; horizontal winds exist from either a rotating updraft, like in super-cell thunderstorms, or from the surrounding environment's horizontal winds. Hailstones also do not grow from being lofted to the top of the thunderstorm. At very high altitudes, the air is cold enough (below -40°F) that all liquid water will have frozen into ice, and hailstones need liquid water to grow to an appreciable size.

How does hail fall to the ground?

Hail falls when it becomes heavy enough to overcome the strength of the thunderstorm updraft and is pulled toward the earth by gravity. Smaller hailstones can be blown away from the updraft by horizontal winds, so larger hail typically falls closer to the updraft than smaller hail. If the winds near the surface are strong enough, hail can fall at an angle or even nearly sideways! Wind-driven hail can tear up siding on houses, break windows and blow into houses, break side windows on cars, and cause severe injury and/or death to people and animals.

How large can hail get?

The largest hailstone recovered in the United States fell in Vivian, South Dakota, on June 23, 2010, with a diameter of 8 inches and a circumference of 18.62 inches. It weighed 1 lb 15 oz.

How fast does hail fall?

For small hailstones (<1-inch in diameter), the expected fall speed is between 9 and 25 mph. For hailstones that one would typically see in a severe thunderstorm (1-inch to 1.75-inch in diameter), the expected fall speed is between 25 and 40 mph. In the strongest super-cells that produce some of the largest hail one might expect to see (2-inches to 4-inches in diameter), the expected fall speed is between 44 and 72 mph. However, there is much uncertainty in these estimates due to variability in the hailstone's shape, degree of melting, fall orientation, and the environmental conditions.

A New Fall Event: The board would like to initiate a food drive event for the community this fall just before Thanksgiving. This would be in conjunction with the Foodbank of SE Virginia and their Mayflower Marathon event. Start saving up your non-perishables. More in coming months.

Crime Prevention: Fake Barcodes on gift cards. Law enforcement warn that nimble-fingered crooks can affix fake bar-code labels over the real ones on the back of gift cards hanging up unattended in stores. When you purchase that card the cashier inadvertently scans the fake barcode-directing your money into the scammer's account . Look closely and feel the back of your gift cards that you are about ready to buy. Make sure the packaging is not wrinkled, cut or otherwise been tampered with.

Crime Stats. They are making it harder to find this information but I'm getting better at.

Crimes in Cypress Point since April 2023

2023/04/11	23F	LARCENY,	1000	BACKWOODS R	3	CYPRESS POINT	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/04/20	35A1	DRUG/ NA	1000	BACKWOODS R	3	CYPRESS POINT	327	CLEARED BY ARREST
2023/06/14	90Z2	ANNOYIN	5500	CLUB HEAD RD	3	CYPRESS POINT	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/06/20	26A7	FRAUD, ID	5200	CLUB HEAD RD	3	CYPRESS POINT	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/06/28	240	MOTOR VI	1000	BACKWOODS R	3	CYPRESS POINT	327	PENDING - ACTIVE
2023/07/02	99L	FOUND PF	5300	KINDLEWOOD L	3	CYPRESS POINT	327	PENDING - ACTIVE

Crimes in Cypress Point Area since April 2023

2023/04/17	(2023/04/17 23H	LARCENY, A	5400	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/04/22	: 2023/04/22 23D	LARCENY, F	5400	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/04/23	(2023/04/23 90E	DRUNKENI	5400	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	CLEARED BY ARREST
2023/05/03	(2023/05/03 290B	DESTRUCT	5400	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/05/05	(2023/05/05 90D1	DRIVING UNDER THE		DIAMOND SPRI	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	326	CLEARED BY ARREST
2023/05/10	: 2023/05/10 99L	FOUND PR	5500	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	326	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/05/11	: 2023/05/11 90ZC	HIT & RUN	5500	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	326	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/05/11	: 2023/05/11 13B1	ASSAULT, S	5300	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARE
2023/05/16	: 2023/05/16 290B	DESTRUCT	5400	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/05/19	: 2023/05/19 290B	DESTRUCT	5500	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	326	PENDING - INACTIVE
2023/05/20	(2023/05/20 90D1	DRIVING UNDER THE		DIAMOND SPRI	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	326	CLEARED BY ARREST
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2023/06/01	: 2023/06/01 23C	LARCENY, S	5500	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	326	PENDING - ACTIVE
2023/06/01	: 2023/06/01 90J	TRESPASS	5400	WESLEYAN DR	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	CLEARED BY ARREST
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2023/07/02	(2023/07/02 99W	Warrant Service		BROAD MEADO	3	CYPRESS POINT AREA	327	PENDING - ACTIVE
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Safety Patrol for July-TIRE SAFETY:

Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a placard located on the driver's door pillar or door frame, and don't forget to check your spare if your vehicle is equipped with one. To get an accurate reading, check pressure when tires are cold, meaning they haven't been driven on for at least three hours. Do not inflate your tires to the pressure listed on the tire itself. That number is the maximum pressure the tire can hold, not the recommended pressure for your vehicle. A tire doesn't have to be punctured to lose air. All tires naturally lose some air over time. In fact, under-inflation is the leading cause of tire failure.

Some other tips:

- Inspect your tires at least once a month and before long road trips.
- Look closely at your tread and replace tires that have uneven wear or insufficient tread.
- Tread should be at least 2/32 of an inch or greater on all tires. Look for the built-in wear bar indicators or use the penny test to determine when it's time to replace your tires. Place a penny in the tread with Lincoln's head upside down. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, your vehicle needs new tires.
- If you find uneven wear across the tires' tread, it means your tires need rotation and/or your wheels need to be aligned before you travel.
- Check each tire's age. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend replacing tires every six years regardless of use.
- Tires for electric vehicles are heavier, but all tires require the same maintenance. Low-rolling-resistance tires for conventional vehicles could also have lower tread life.

An inspection is not just about checking tire pressure and age. Remember to check:

- for any damage or conditions that may need attention;
- the tread and sidewalls for any cuts, punctures, bulges, scrapes, cracks, or bumps. The tread should be at least 2/32 of an inch or greater on all tires; and
- your spare tire.

If you find tire damage, take your vehicle to a tire professional.

In The Garden in July

- [Be vigilant about removing weeds](#) or the weeds will soon overtake your garden beds. Weeds flourish in the July heat.
- Continue to remove suckers from [indeterminate tomato plants](#) and [support plants either with stakes or tomato cages](#).
- Be on guard for Infestations of insects including but not limited to [thrips](#), tomato fruitworm, [squash vine borer](#), [tomato hornworm](#), [spider mites](#), [chinch bugs](#), scale, snails, and [slugs](#).
- Monitor plants for diseases such as [septoria leaf spot](#), [powdery mildew](#), and [rust](#).
- Inspect plants for [Japanese beetles](#) (*Popillia japonica*) on [gourds](#), pumpkins, and [squash](#).
- Fertilize heat-resistant flowers such as [coleus](#), [hibiscus](#), [Melampodium](#), [Pentas](#), plumbago, [moss rose](#), and [zinnias](#).
- (Mid-July) [Pinch](#) chrysanthemums one last time. Pinching too late in the summer reduces the blooms that you are counting on for fall displays.
- Harvest ripe vegetables regularly to improve yields. [Zucchini](#) plants, for example, will keep bearing throughout the summer if you harvest the young fruits on a regular basis.
- Pick [blueberries](#) before the birds eat them. To avoid having to be so vigilant, practice [sound bird control](#). The most common way gardeners protect blueberries from birds is by [covering the plants with bird netting](#).
- Inspect [fruit trees](#) for suckering water sprouts and prune to remove them. Water sprouts will steal energy from [fruiting branches](#)

History Corner:

July 1, 1862 - President [Abraham Lincoln](#) signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 1, 1863 - Beginning of the [Battle of Gettysburg](#) during the American [Civil War](#). Many consider this the turning point of the Civil War. It lasted three days culminating in "Pickett's Charge".

July 2, 1776 - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by [Richard Henry Lee](#) of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States,

July 2, 1788 - Congress announced the [United States Constitution](#) had been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

July 3, 1775 - During the American Revolution, George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

July 4, 1863- Vicksburg, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

July 10, 1943 - The Allied invasion of Italy began with an attack on the island of Sicily. The British entry into Syracuse was the first Allied success in Europe. General Dwight D. Eisenhower labeled the invasion "the first page in the liberation of the European Continent"

July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning. *Editor's note: I've listened to it and I'm on Neil's side.*

July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

CCO NEWS: The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) will have its monthly meeting on July 27th at 7PM at Williams Farm Recreation Center. All members of Cypress Point CA are welcome to attend. These meetings are always lively and you can get an idea of the issues bugging other neighborhoods.

CITY NEWS:

Yard waste pickup (from Nancy Bloom, City Liaison) has been delayed by labor shortages. For service on our normal collection day (Wednesday) place bagged lawn debris and tree limbs (under 4 ft in length) inside the black trash cart. Crews will continue to pick up yard waste curbside as normal but delays should be expected.

District 9 Community Meeting: Was held on June 28th at Bayside Recreation Center. It was hosted by our Councilman, Joash Schulman. Topics included: City Schools, Parks and Recreation, the 2024 Operating Budget, Flood Protection Program, Road Projects, Police Operations, and a lively Q&A. They plan to have these Town Halls in every district and shooting for every six months.

CITY CALENDAR: Major Upcoming Events. I know it's hard to read-working on it.

Upcoming Events

JUL-AUG

MON	JUL 17 TUE	JUL 18 WED	JUL 19 THU	JUL 20 FRI	JUL 21 SAT	JUL 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetlands Board Informal Hearing Towing Advisory Board Meeting Wetlands Board Formal Hearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virginia Beach Development Authority (3 or more City Council Members may attend) Electoral Board Meeting City Council Informal and Formal Session Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Citizen Review Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bayfront Advisory Commission - Workshop & Regular Meeting Board of Equalization Thoroughgood House Focus Tours: Herstory (FREE) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Citizen Review Board 	
MON	JUL 24 TUE	JUL 25 WED	JUL 26 THU	JUL 27 FRI	JUL 28 SAT	JUL 29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board Informal Session Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board Formal Hearing Military Economic Development Advisory Committee Parks and Recreation: Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Mayor's Veterans Committee 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAC G.R.E.E.N. Committee - IN PERSON CANCELLED: Process Improvement Steering Committee Historic Preservation Commission Executive Committee Historic Preservation Commission Executive Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAC Transportation, Parking, Pedestrian Committee (TPPC) - Virtual RAC Oceanfront Enhancement Committee (OEC) - IN PERSON Board of Equalization Green Ribbon Committee Councilmember Barbara Henley's Monthly Community Meeting Thoroughgood House Focus Tours: History of Ice Cream (FREE) Council of Civic Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Art Committee Meeting 		
MON	AUG 7 TUE	AUG 8 WED	AUG 9 THU	AUG 10 FRI	AUG 11 SAT	AUG 12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAC Planning & Design Review Committee (PDR) - IN PERSON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Van Trip Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Informal Session Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Formal Hearing Historic Preservation Commission RAC Oceanfront SGA Committee (OSGAC) - IN PERSON 1st Precinct CAC Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Commission Site Visits Board of Equalization Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting 2023 Virginia Beach Champion for the Arts Award Ceremony Transition Area - ITA Citizen's Advisory Committee Conversation with a Curator: Grace Sherwood: The History Behind the Legend (FREE) 			
MON	AUG 14 TUE	AUG 15 WED	AUG 16 THU	AUG 17 FRI	AUG 18 SAT	AUG 19
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Commission Informal Briefing Planning Commission Formal Hearing Historic Preservation Commission Student Leaders Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resort Area Mobility Plan (RAMP) Steering Committee Developmental Services Committee Meeting Behavioral Health Committee Meeting Board of Equalization Flood Prevention Bond Referendum Oversight Board Historic Preservation Commission Executive Committee Community Meeting Hosted by Councilmember Worth Rensick Clean Community Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Business Council (MBC) Friday Night OUT 		

The Agenda (including all backup documents) is available at <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/city-clerk/city-council> under the eDocs Document Archive. If you would like to receive by email a list of the agenda items for each Council meeting, please submit your request to TChelius@vbgov.com or call 385-4303.

Citizens who wish to speak can sign up either in-person or virtually via WebEx. Anyone wishing to participate virtually, must follow the **two-step process** provided below:

1. Register for the WebEx at:
<https://vbgov.webex.com/weblink/register/rff1dc73deb1061e4317a76e1144f090f>
2. Register with the City Clerk's Office by calling 757-385-4303 prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2023.

Virginia Beach Public Library Turns the Page on Overdue Fines

Thursday, July 13, 2023

With the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2023, Virginia Beach Public Library stopped charging overdue fines of \$.25 per item, per day. If you lose or damage a library item, you'll still be charged a fee to replace it. But if your books are overdue? Just bring them back.

VBPL stopped charging overdue fines on youth accounts (for ages 0 to 17) in July 2021. With the recent change, all VBPL accounts are [fine-free](#).

"Providing free, equitable access to information and resources is at the core of what libraries do," said Virginia Beach Public Library Director Kimberly B. Knight. "Overdue fines, and the inability to pay them, keep customers from returning to the library and returning their materials. We want to remove as many barriers to accessing library resources as we can."

If you still have books and materials that were due when overdue fines applied, VBPL is offering you the chance to [return them by Sept. 30, 2023](#) to have related fines and fees cancelled.

"Return to VBPL with a clean slate and resume your access to a wealth of resources to meet your needs," said Knight. Also effective on July 1, 2023, VBPL extended free account access beyond residents of Virginia Beach to include all Virginia and Currituck County, NC residents. The change furthers VBPL's commitment to free and equitable access and brings the library into alignment with policies of other library systems in the region

CYPRESS POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION																	
<p>2023 Dues are \$15.00 for <u>01/01/2023-12/31/2023</u></p> <p>Make check payable to CYPT CA of VB</p>	<p>New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/></p>																
<p>Please mail this form and payment to:</p> <p>Treasurer, CYPT CA VB 5396 Club Head Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23455</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone Number: _____</p> <p>e-Mail: _____</p> <p>Here is how I'd like to participate in 2023:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>CPERT-Cypress Point Emergency Response Team</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Neighborhood Watch</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Newsletter</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Environmental</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Events/Contests</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Beautification</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Architectural Control</td><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>Welcome</td><td>_____</td></tr></tbody></table>	CPERT-Cypress Point Emergency Response Team	_____	Neighborhood Watch	_____	Newsletter	_____	Environmental	_____	Events/Contests	_____	Beautification	_____	Architectural Control	_____	Welcome	_____
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