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ASSOCIATION NEWS:

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meeting: Our last meeting in June featured Senior Chief Warren Wilson from the US Coast Guard talking about boating safety. There are no CAC meetings in July or August. Our next major CAC event will be the annual family appreciation event on September 14th. The Association makes a donation to the CAC Treasury each year but several of you have also donated as individuals. These donations are always appreciated and go to a variety of good causes. If you are so-inclined to donate please send a check made out to “VB 3rd Precinct CAC” and mail it to me (I’m the CAC Treasurer this year) at 5493 Club Head Rd, VB, VA 23455. I’ll see that you get a receipt for tax deduction purposes. The CAC is a 501 C 3 organization.

Association Meeting: Our next Association meeting is Tuesday, 13 August starting at 7PM at the Cypress Point Country Clubhouse with a brief newcomers’ gathering at 6:45. Our new Precinct Captain, Colin Elliot will be there to introduce himself and give a briefing on 3rd Precinct crime so far this year. Our guest speakers will be Jennifer and Christian from the Registrar’s office. The topic will be VB election integrity-what the city does to insure a fair election. Note: this will be a technical discussion, not a political one. Please leave any “causes” you might have at home. If you choose to get political I’ll be happy to escort you home. As a Chief Election Officer I work with these folks and have assured them we will all be on our best behavior.

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

Dues, Dues, Dues: Yes, the inevitable nagging season has opened. Please consider dropping a check for \$15 in the mail to our Treasurer, John Bilzor. Use the form at the end of this email to make that happen.

In the Garden: Pests:

Moles



Moles spend most of their lives underground searching for insects, so you likely won't see them. But you will see their tunnels. This can really disturb your turfgrass, Campbell says. "The best management is, frankly, to have a service come out and manage for them." "There's a reason the game's called Whack-a-Mole," Campbell says. They're difficult to eradicate, to say the least. Ecology experts at the University of Wisconsin say traps are effective and humane, so if you're willing to do that dirty work, mole traps are widely available, but it's important to set them correctly. Poisons are ineffective because moles will sniff it out and avoid the tunnel. Finally, indirect control can work. Since moles are always looking for food, controlling the grub population under your lawn can make them move on and look elsewhere for their meals.

Rabbits



Rabbits will eat almost anything. Flowering plants, veggies, you name it. "They will chew it down to the ground," Campbell says. "You'll just see the stumps left over or the stems without any leaves." In larger gardens, Campbell likes using "sacrificial lambs," aka planting things you know you'll lose. "I have this one hosta that they just love, so I just put it around the edges and say, 'That's yours.'" But while he likes feeding the wildlife, Campbell knows many people don't have that much real estate. If that's the case, "the only way to keep them out is a physical barrier," Campbell says. Use chicken wire or hardware cloth, and if you don't like the look of it, dress it up a bit. "You can always paint the screening black, so it doesn't reflect light and it blends in better."

One more tip that works with bunnies: If you have a dog, let him in the backyard often so the rabbits sense a threat and move elsewhere.

Code Enforcement Issues: Bulky Items

The CLAW

For more detail visit [virginiabeach.gov/Services/trash and Recycling](http://virginiabeach.gov/Services/trash%20and%20Recycling)



Virginia Beach residents who receive curbside services may [schedule a bulky/large item pickup online](#) (preferred), over the phone by calling [\(757\) 385-4650](tel:(757)385-4650), by emailing wastemgt@vbgov.com, or in-person. Requests should be submitted three days (or more) prior to your regularly scheduled weekly trash pick-up day. Residents are encouraged to request this service when multiple items have been gathered rather than requesting multiple pickups of single items.

- Bulky/Large Item Collection Rules & Regulations
 - Bulky/large items should be placed curbside between 5p.m. the day prior to your scheduled day of collection and 7 a.m. on your scheduled day of collection.
 - There should be at least three feet of clearance on all sides of the bulky/large (between the item and any carts, yard waste, limbs, utility polls, mailboxes, cable boxes, vehicles, etc.).
 - Bulky/large items should not be placed on the street, sidewalk, or in any manner that would interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
 - Bulky/large items should not be placed under power lines or low-hanging tree limbs to accommodate the height and movement of the truck used for such collection.
 - Residents are responsible for picking up any small debris left after the pick-up and disposing of it in their black trash cart for regular pickup.

Disaster Prep –Wildfires:



A wildfire is a fire that rages out of control and occurs in the wilderness, such as a forest or countryside. As more people are building their homes in woodland settings, wildfires have become increasingly dangerous.

These fires are often triggered by lightning and spread quickly, igniting everything in their path. In order to protect your family, home and property, it is important to prepare before a wildfire strikes.

Before a wildfire

- Review your [family preparedness plan](#).
- Establish a [family communications plan](#).
- Assemble a [disaster supply kit](#).
- Have a [family evacuation plan](#) in place.
- Design and landscape your home with fire-resistant materials and plants.
- Use one-eighth-inch mesh screens beneath porches and decks. Use screen openings to the floors, roof and attic.
- Know where the fire extinguisher is located and how to use it.
- Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm on each floor of your home.
- Have a ladder on hand, along with items that can be used as fire tools (rake, ax, shovel, etc.).
- Create a 30- to 100-foot safety zone, or two times the size of the tallest near tree, around your home by removing all flammable materials.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any part of your home.

During a wildfire

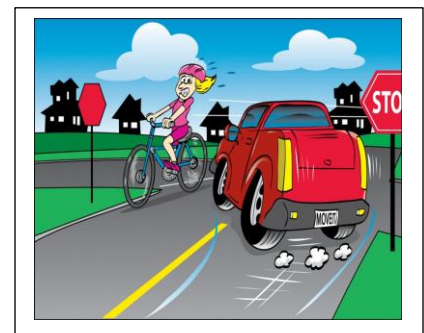
- Be prepared to evacuate, and [do so immediately if necessary](#).
- Wear protective clothing (sleeves, pants and gloves) when outside, and limit exposure to smoke.
- Shut off any natural gas, propane or fuel oil supplies at the source.
- Use a garden hose to fill pools, garbage cans or other large bins with water, and put sprinklers on the roof to soak the structure as much as possible.
- Move flammable furniture into the center of the home, and close all doors, windows and blinds.
- Turn on outside lights and some inside lights to make your home more visible in heavy smoke.
- If you become trapped at home:
 - Stay inside, away from outside walls.
 - Close doors but leave them unlocked.
- If you become trapped in a vehicle:
 - Stay in the vehicle, roll up windows and close all air vents.
 - Drive slowly with headlights on, but do not drive through heavy smoke.
 - If you must stop, park away from trees and bushes, turn lights on and ignition off, get on the floor and cover yourself with a coat or blanket.
- If you become trapped outside, seek a depression or ditch and cover yourself with anything that will shield you from the heat

Safety Patrol-Bicycle Safety

Cyclists, Check Your Equipment

Always inspect your bike prior to riding.

- The seat should be adjusted to the proper height and locked in place
- Make certain all parts are secure and working properly
- Check that the tires are inflated properly
- Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the rear, front, pedals and spokes
- A horn or bell, a rear-view mirror and a bright headlight also are recommended



Wear a Helmet

Helmets appropriate for bicycling should be worn by everyone – adults and children – on every bike ride regardless of length of the ride. Make certain the helmet is [certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission](#).

Follow these [guidelines from NHTSA](#) to properly fit the helmet:

- Adjust sizing pads or fit ring until the helmet is snug
- Position the helmet level on your head, covering the forehead and not tipped backward or forward; this will be about one to two finger widths above the eyebrow
- Adjust the side straps so they form a “V” shape under and slightly in front of your ears
- Center the buckle on the chin strap under your chin
- Buckle and tighten the chin strap until it is snug; no more than one to two fingers should be able to fit between the chin and strap
- When fitted, the helmet should not rock more than 1 inch side to side or front to back on your head
- Watch [Fitting a Bicycle Helmet](#)

Follow These Rules of the Road

[Stay safe by following these rules:](#)

- Get acquainted with traffic laws; bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic
- Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use [hand signals](#) when turning and use extra care at intersections
- Never hitch onto cars
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder

Crime Stats Year to Date:

Date_Occurred	Offense_Description	Block	Street	Case_Status
1/30/2024 14:30	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPER	1200	LAWSON COVE CIR	PENDING - INACTIVE
2/13/2024 15:00	BURGLARY/ B & E, RESIDEN	1200	COURSE VIEW CIR	PENDING - INACTIVE
2/24/2024 18:40	FRAUD, CREDIT CARD	1100	POND CYPRESS DR	PENDING - ACTIVE
2/24/2024 18:40	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS	1100	POND CYPRESS DR	PENDING - ACTIVE
2/29/2024 17:00	LARCENY, FROM BUILDING	1100	CYPRESS POINT WAY	PENDING - INACTIVE
3/9/2024 20:13	THREATEN BODILY HARM	5400	CLUB HEAD RD	EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED
3/11/2024 17:00	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR V	5300	LAKE LAWSON RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
3/25/2024 21:00	DESTRUCTION OF PROPER	5300	LAKE LAWSON RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
4/2/2024 0:11	LARCENY, OF M.V. PARTS C	5000	CYPRESS POINT CIR	PENDING - ACTIVE
4/6/2024 19:00	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR V	1000	BACKWOODS RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
4/7/2024 1:00	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5300	KINDLEWOOD DR	PENDING - INACTIVE
6/3/2024 0:50	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS	5400	CLUB HEAD RD	EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED
6/25/2024 8:15	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR V	1000	BACKWOODS RD	PENDING - ACTIVE

Virginia Beach Releases Request for Information from Nonprofit and Religious

Virginia Beach Releases Request for Information from Nonprofit and Religious Organizations Interested in Making Land Available for Affordable Housing Development
Deadline to respond to the Request for Information is Aug. 14

Virginia Beach Housing & Neighborhood Preservation is requesting information from nonprofit and religious organizations that wish to consider making land they currently own in Virginia Beach available for the development of affordable housing. The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to create a listing of available land that may be suitable for affordable housing development.

“Part of Housing & Neighborhood Preservation’s mission is to create quality solutions that expand housing opportunities. Affordable housing is a top priority for the City, and facilitating the development of decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities is key to achieving our department’s mission,” says Director Ruth Hill. “With this RFI, we hope to not only gauge the interest among the faith and nonprofit communities in engaging in potential affordable housing development, but to also offer knowledge and the connection to resources to help them get started in this process.”

More details about the RFI and the required response form can be found at VirginiaBeach.gov/HousingRFI. Interested organizations must complete and submit the RFI response form by 5 p.m. on Aug. 14. For questions related to this RFI, contact Sharon Shoff, housing finance coordinator, at 757-385-5836 or SShoff@VBgov.com

Virginia Beach Community Services Board Seeks Feedback on FY25 Performance Contract

The public is invited to comment on the [Virginia Beach Community Services Board’s](#) proposed FY2025 State Performance Contract, through which state funding is utilized for public mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use services.

As part of the process, the [Virginia Beach Department of Human Services](#) must hold a 30-day public comment period for residents to offer their input on the contract.

The board will request the plan be added to the City Council’s Sept. 3 agenda. A draft of the plan may be viewed at the following locations:

- Virginia Department of Human Services Administrative Office
3432 Virginia Beach Blvd. | [757-385-0689](tel:757-385-0689)
- The Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd. | [757-385-0150](tel:757-385-0150)
- Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Center, Building 1
2401 Courthouse Drive, Suite 2116 | [757-385-4303](tel:757-385-4303)
- Citizens Services Office, Municipal Center, Building 30
2508 Princess Anne Road | [757-385-3111](tel:757-385-3111)

Written comments should be provided no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 12 to:
Raymond McEvoy, CSB Finance Officer
Virginia Beach Department of Human Services, Administrative Offices
3432 Virginia Beach Blvd.

<u>CYPRESS POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</u>	
Annual Dues are \$15.00 (January to December) Make check payable to CYPTCA VB	New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>
Please email this completed form to cypzca@gmail.com and to discuss/coordinate electronic payment method. If snail mail and check payment is desired, mail to: Treasurer, CYPTCA VB 5396 Club Head Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23455	Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ e-Mail: _____ Here is how I'd like to participate in the Association: Association Officer _____ Cypress Point Emergency Response Team CPERT _____ Neighborhood Watch _____ Newsletter _____ Environmental _____ Events/Contests _____ Welcome to the Neighborhood _____
Look for us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CYPTCA/ or visit our Association website at www.cypzca.com	Routine correspondence should be directed to cypzca@gmail.com Advertising Rates: Full page -\$150, Half-page-\$75, Quarter page \$40, Business Card-\$25