



CYPT CA VB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Point

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ASSOCIATION NEWS: Have a safe and merry holiday season.

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) Meeting: The last CAC meeting was 21 November and featured a discussion centered on trees which is becoming a big topic here in the city with all of the development going on. The talk was lead by the Virginia Department of Forestry and was very interesting. I'm going to try to have them come out to talk to us in February or May. There is no CAC meeting in December; next one will be 16 January at 6:30 at Williams Farm Rec Center.

3rd Precinct Thanksgiving Feast: The annual 3rd Precinct Thanksgiving Feast was held on 20 November at the station house and was a roaring success. Besides the usual turkey and sides, Honey-Baked Ham donated two lovely hams. As usual, Cypress Point made a cash donation. All three shifts were fed and were extremely appreciative.

Association Meeting: As previously (incorrectly) reported in the last newsletter we had our last meeting on May? 12th-actually November 12th. Don't know how my editor let that one by. In any case, the next meeting will be in February-date TBD after we set the annual schedule in January. We'll also be conducting our annual financial review in January prior to turning the Treasurer's books over to Larry Rossen. Don't forget to review our amended bylaws which were attached to the November newsletter and again this month.

Website: Please check out our website from time to time. You'll find it located at: <https://cyptca.com/>

Annual Food Drive: We had our second annual food drive on Saturday, November 23rd in conjunction with Kim Rogers Maxwell Reality. It was a great event. We collected 232 pounds of people food, 21 pounds of pet food, and \$200 in cash-to include three turkeys. The winners of the contest and the \$25.00 grand prize donated by Kim were the McLaughlins coming in at a whopping 49 pounds.

Contests: Our next contest will be the annual Holiday Lights event held on Saturday, 21 December starting at 6:00PM. The grand prize will once again be a fabulous \$25.00 gift card. Things are looking pretty festive out there so let's see who is the leader of the pack.

Advertisers Needed: There will space for a few more advertisers this year in the hardcopy going out in late January. See the last page for rates. The hardcopy gets into about 500 households. I'm told that our rates are very reasonable. Both main street and home businesses are welcome. If interested contact me at wfilbert@gmail.com.

Farm Fresh Development: I met with the builder, Justin Boyd of Boyd Homes the other day. He has agreed to come to our February General meeting (not yet scheduled) to discuss the development plans for this project. I've seen the basic renderings and here are a few points:

1. Two apartment complexes containing 205 1-bedroom units and 140 2-bedroom units, situated near where the Wells Fargo ATM/Wesleyan Road side is currently
2. These two complexes will be five and four stories high and look like the Nexus development on Newtown Road. Boyd did Nexus too. About 600-800 square feet. There will be a central courtyard and rooftop amenities.
3. There will be 22 townhomes located near the old Farm Fresh market. Each will have a garage.
4. All units will be rentals; Boyd will be the landlord.
5. The Sunoco station, the Strickland Oil change facility and the main Sentara outbuilding stay.
6. There will be a mixed commercial/office area on the east side-near the Surfrider side
7. They are working with the Sentara rehab unit to stay and move to the Surfrider area.
8. No bars or nightclubs.
9. All rentals will be at market rate
10. Less asphalt than currently there; more trees.
11. Construction to probably start in late 2027.

Code Enforcement: I'm working with Code Enforcement on the fence line up on Wesleyan and Cypress Point Blvd. as well as the wreckage at the entrance. Please be advised that although the city can enforce certain basic aspects they can't mandate "pretty".



SCAM Alert: Common Facebook Messenger Scams

Facebook messenger scams often seem real and are very convincing. Here are examples of some of the common variants of this scam.

Lottery Scams With a lottery scam, the scammer pretends to either be someone you know or to represent an organization. They tell you you're among a group of people who have won a lottery. However, you can only claim your winnings if you pay a [small fee](#). In some cases, they may also ask for your bank account information or your address.

Romance Scams The first objective of a [romance scam](#) is to get you to trust the scammer and develop intimate feelings for them. They then use that as leverage to ask you for money or pay for something like a trip or visa. To gain your sympathy, they may pretend to be trying to get out of a bad relationship or claim to have recently been divorced or widowed.

Donation Scams With a donation scam, the attacker pretends to represent a [charity](#) or a famous religious person. They are taking advantage of the fact that charities and prominent religious personalities often ask for donations. However, when you donate, the money goes to the scammer.

Government Grant Scams A government grant scam starts with someone reaching out claiming you are eligible for a government grant. They then tell you there is an upfront fee required to receive the funding. To collect the fee from you, they may ask for your bank account information. They may also say you can pay the fee with a gift card, money transfer, cryptocurrency, or a card that allows you to load cash onto it.

Contest Scams A contest scammer uses Facebook Messenger to advertise a contest, but you have to submit personal or contact information to join the competition. They may say you automatically win a prize, such as a gift card, just for entering and may win more later. However, they want to collect your information to either sell or use it to impersonate you online.

Coupon Scams A coupon scam is a type of phishing scam that seeks to get your Facebook login information. The scammer reaches out over Facebook Messenger and says you can take advantage of a coupon from a major retailer or get a vacation at a significant discount. All you have to do is enter your Facebook login credentials on their site. The scammer will then take your information and use it to hack into your Facebook account.

Inheritance Scams An [inheritance scam](#) is also often a [phishing scam](#) in which the attacker tries to get information from you. They may claim to be an attorney who represents the estate of someone who died and that you're entitled to a portion of the money. They then ask for your bank details or address to either sell them or use them to steal from you.

The “Give Money, and You’ll Get More in Return” Scam With this scam using Facebook Messenger, someone claiming to be a friend reaches out and tells you they sent money to someone and got more back in return. They then suggest you do the same. However, when you send your money, you don't get anything sent in return.



In the Garden:

If you have fruit trees, bushes, shrubs, or roses, now's the time to **cut off dead branches** and trim for shape. It's easier to see what and where to prune in the winter, when there's less foliage. See 10 Easy Pieces: Garden Pruners for some of our favorite pruning tools. Got a pine tree that could use a trim?

After all the leaves have fallen from the trees, be sure to have your **gutters cleared**. They are likely filled with dead foliage and twigs, clogging and preventing them from doing their job.

Birds can't rely on worms and fruits in the winter for food. Instead they turn to seeds, and that's something you as their human neighbor can help them stock up on. Make sure to place the bird feeder in a spot that's sheltered from strong winds.

Most plants can weather the colder months just fine, but some need a **layer of added protection**. Spring-blooming shrubs such as azaleas and rhododendron, fragile blooms including dahlias, and citrus trees are some plants that could use an extra layer in the winter.

Gardeners add mulch in the spring to prevent weeds and lock in moisture, but mulch is also important in the winter. A layer of straw as mulch protects the soil from temperature fluctuations, so that the ground stays frozen—and the plants dormant

History Corner:

December 1, 1955 - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus.

December 2, 1823 - President James Monroe introduced his "Monroe Doctrine" during his annual message to the Congress,

December 6, 1865 - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery

December 7, 1787 - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America.

December 7, 1941 - The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.

December 10, 1898 - The Treaty of Paris was signed between American and Spanish representatives following Spain's defeat in the Spanish-American War.

December 14, 1962 - The Mariner II space probe sent back information from the planet Venus, the first information ever received from another planet

December 15, 1791 - The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) became effective following ratification by Virginia.

December 16, 1773 - The Boston Tea Party occurred

December 16, 1944 - During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest

December 17, 1903 - After three years of experimentation, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights

December 20, 1860 - South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union in a prelude to the American Civil War

December 24, 1814 - The Treaty of Ghent between America and Britain was signed, officially ending the War of 1812.

December 30, 1803 - The *Stars and Stripes* flag was raised over New Orleans as the United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana,

CYPT Crime Stats Year to Date:

Date_Found	Offense_Description	Block	Street	Case_Status
1/30/2024 15:00	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	1200	LAWSON COVE	PENDING - INACTIVE
2/13/2024 15:00	BURGLARY/ B & E, RESIDENTIAL	1200	COURSE VIEW	PENDING - INACTIVE
2/24/2024 18:40	FRAUD, CREDIT CARD	1100	POND CYPRESS	PENDING - INACTIVE
2/24/2024 18:40	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS	1100	POND CYPRESS	PENDING - INACTIVE
3/9/2024 20:13	THREATEN BODILY HARM	5400	CLUB HEAD RD	EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAR
3/11/2024 17:00	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	5300	LAKE LAWSON	PENDING - INACTIVE
3/22/2024 21:30	LARCENY, FROM BUILDING	1100	CYPRESS POINT	PENDING - INACTIVE
3/27/2024 17:00	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, PRIVATE	5300	LAKE LAWSON	PENDING - INACTIVE
4/2/2024 2:26	LARCENY, OF M.V. PARTS OR ACCESSORIES	5000	CYPRESS POINT	PENDING - ACTIVE
4/7/2024 10:31	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1000	BACKWOODS RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
4/7/2024 11:30	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5300	KINDLEWOOD	PENDING - INACTIVE
6/3/2024 2:26	LARCENY, ALL OTHERS	5400	CLUB HEAD RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
6/25/2024 11:45	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1000	BACKWOODS RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
7/19/2024 16:15	HIT & RUN	5400	CLUB HEAD RD	PENDING - ACTIVE
7/20/2024 6:05	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5300	CLUB HEAD RD	UNFOUNDED
7/26/2024 21:00	BURGLARY/ B & E, RESIDENTIAL	1200	LAWSON COVE	PENDING - ACTIVE
8/4/2024 21:15	RECOVERED VEHICLE- STOLEN OTHER JURISDICTION		BACKWOODS RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
9/2/2024 22:10	FRAUD, ALL OTHERS	1100	POND CYPRESS	PENDING - INACTIVE
9/8/2024 19:45	ASSAULT, SIMPLE	5300	KINDLEWOOD	PENDING - WARRANTS ISSUED
10/21/2024 4:00	FRAUD, ALL OTHERS	5500	CLUB HEAD RD	PENDING - INACTIVE
11/15/2024 13:30	LARCENY, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	5300	KINDLEWOOD	PENDING - ACTIVE
11/15/2024 14:49	TAMPERING WITH AUTO	1000	BACKWOODS RD	PENDING - INACTIVE

Automatic License Plate Reader Technology Leads to Arrest in Shooting on Atlantic Avenue

On Nov. 16, 2024 at approximately 1:57 a.m., officers from the Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) responded to the 1100 block of Atlantic Ave. for a shooting.

Officers arrived on scene and found an adult male suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was later transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

Thanks to automatic license plate reader cameras, video footage and eyewitness statements, investigators identified Timothy Kashner (M/35) of Suffolk as the suspect. On Nov. 20, 2024, Kashner was arrested and charged with Malicious Wounding, Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony, Shooting in Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

"Cameras help solve crimes," said VBPD Chief Paul Neudigate. "Whether it be security cameras or automatic license plate readers, technology plays an invaluable role in our continuing mission to protect and serve our community."

(Note: The charges mentioned in this press release are accusations, and the arrested individual is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.)

Camera Technology Helps VBPD Thwart Attempted Firearms Theft

On Dec. 14, 2024, at 1:16 a.m., a local firearms dealer contacted Virginia Beach Emergency Citizens and Communications Services (ECCS) to report a burglary in progress at his business.

Officers from the Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) responded to the scene at the 900 block of Reon Dr. They located a 16-year-old male from Chesapeake inside the business. The juvenile was taken into custody and charged with Burglary of a Business, 23 Counts of Attempted Larceny of a Firearm, Possession of Burglarious Tools, Possession of a Firearm by a Minor, and Destruction of Property.

"We are incredibly thankful the owner implemented surveillance cameras in his business. As a result, he was able to discover the crime in progress and quickly alert law enforcement. Our officers were able to immediately respond and arrest the subject. In doing so, they prevented 23 firearms that the subject was trying to abscond with from falling into the hands of those that cannot legally possess them or would use them in the furtherance of other criminal activity," said Police Chief Paul Neudigate. "Cameras and an involved citizen played a direct role in denying criminals the means to commit future acts of violence in our city or elsewhere."

VBPD invites residents and business owners to register and/or integrate their security cameras with the department's Keep Virginia Beach Safe initiative. [Visit the program's webpage](#) to learn more.

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CYPRESS POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Annual Dues are \$15.00
(January to December)**

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Here is how I'd like to participate in the Association:

Association Officer	_____
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Environmental	_____
Events/Contests	_____
Welcome to the Neighborhood	_____

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