IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING NEXT WEEK FOR TRANSIT PLANNING

As a follow up to the City Council meeting on Jan. 17, a community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 31, to begin to gather feedback from citizens on what they would like to see in our future public transportation plans. We will have the input summarized for you in advance of the retreat.
COUNCILMEMBERS TO HOST TOWN HALLS

Councilmember John Moss has two upcoming town hall meetings: Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Princess Anne Recreation Center from 10:30 a.m. to noon (doors open at 10 a.m.) and Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Great Neck Recreation Center.

Councilmember Jessica Abbott will host a town hall meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Lynnhaven Coffee Company in regards to urban homesteading and legalizing backyard hens. A survey is also available to provide any thoughts on the topic to Councilmember Abbott.

OPPORTUNITIES

HUMAN SERVICES TO START NEXT CYCLE OF “CELEBRATING FAMILIES!”

The Virginia Beach Human Services Department’s Behavioral Health and Wellness Prevention Services Unit is launching the third cycle of “Celebrating Families!” The education group provides instruction that focuses on a healthy lifestyle free from drugs and alcohol. This strength-based, skill-building program supports the entire family with the recovery process to move towards a healthy lifestyle. Topics will include healthy eating, communications, anger management, problem solving skills, facts about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, the effects of chemical dependency on the family, healthy relationships and goal setting.

The free class series will start Tuesday, Feb. 7 and meet every Tuesday evening for 13 weeks at the Renaissance Academy, 5100 Cleveland Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, contact Sabrina Pugh at (757) 385-0827 or spugh@vbgov.com.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS/CLOSURES

• **UTILITY WORK IN TWO LOCATIONS:** This weekend, sewer line maintenance and repairs will affect traffic in two locations. Weather permitting, work at each location will start at 8 a.m. and be complete by 11 p.m.

  ➢ Two eastbound lanes on Virginia Beach Boulevard, between Kings Grant Road and North Lynnhaven Road, and three eastbound lanes, from North Lynnhaven Road to Mustang Trail, will close on Saturday, Jan. 28. Yorktown Avenue will be closed to through traffic and detour via North Lynnhaven Road and Virginia Beach Boulevard.

  ➢ One eastbound lane of Princess Anne Road will be closed near the intersection of Newtown Road.

  Contact: William Roberson, (757) 621-1239.
VIRGINIA BEACH RECEIVES SMART SCALE FUNDING

The departments of Public Works and Planning worked together to submit projects for the state’s SMART SCALE funding for FY18. State officials announced this week that funding was approved for all three projects, subject to approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board later this year. SMART SCALE is about investing limited tax dollars in the right projects that meet the most critical transportation needs in Virginia. The funding is not available until FY22 and FY23, so the local funds can be programmed in the outer years. The project schedules show both projects starting July 2021.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

VB CRIME SOLVERS HOLDS 35TH ANNUAL AWARDS

Four people were recognized last week at the Virginia Beach Crime Solvers’ annual awards ceremony for their contributions to combating crime in our community. Virginia Beach Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Scott Lang received the Commonwealth’s Attorney Prosecutor Award, a new award this year. Detective Jennifer MacArthur-Evans received the Clyde D. Hathaway Memorial Award, given for using a Crime Solvers tip to solve a serious crime. The Charles R. Wall School Resource Officer Award was given to MPO Sean Coerse, SRO for Ocean Lakes High School, awarded for making a difference in their school and in the lives of their students. Ray Eisenburg, Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Board member and newly elected vice chair, received the Henry McDonald Award for contributions to the Crime Solvers organization.

In 2016, Crime Solvers received approximately 859 tips that led to 69 arrests on 164 charges and the recovery of $104,660 in stolen property and illegal drugs. It approved $15,813 in awards. Since its inception in 1982, Virginia Beach Crime Solvers has helped solve nearly 16,000 crimes and paid out almost $1 million in awards.
FORUM FOCUSES ON LGBT SAFETY CONCERNS

Sergeant Michele “Shelly” Meister represented the Virginia Beach Police Department at the LGBT Public Safety Forum, a moderated panel conversation focusing on public safety issues surrounding the region’s LGBT community, held on Saturday, Jan. 21. Hosted by Hampton Roads PRIDE and WHRO, the goal was to help educate members of the LGBT community regarding the resources available to them and to raise awareness about some of the unique public safety issues facing that community.

Sergeant Meister is the VBPD’s LGBT liaison officer, a position she accepted in mid-2016. The VBPD became the second police agency in the area to implement an LGBT liaison officer program. Today, almost every agency in Hampton Roads has adopted a similar program. The event was well attended, and included the Chiefs of Police from every agency in the region.

CVB REPORT SHOWS VIRGINIA BEACH GETTING BROAD MEDIA COVERAGE

The Convention and Visitors Bureau’s clip report shows the value of media coverage Virginia Beach received in the fourth quarter of 2016 was nearly $6 million. From mentions in The New York Times about The Cooke House, designed by the iconic Frank Lloyd Wright, to multiple platforms reporting that the Virginia Beach oceanfront was named one of the “most Instagrammed spots” in the state, a total of 42 separate clips were tallied and reported by BCF.
LIBRARY HOSTS SPHERO CODE CLUB AT GREEN RUN HIGH SCHOOL

**Virginia Beach Public Library** launched a new coding experience for teens at Green Run High on Thursday, Jan. 19. Using VBPL’s tablets and Sphero ball robots, purchased through grants from Best Buy and Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library, nine teens received an introduction to robotics and computer programming as they learned to control the robots’ movements, sounds and lights.

The club is project-based, so teens create their own activities and challenges, putting their critical thinking and problem solving skills to the test. The club’s goal is to demystify computer science and spark an interest in coding and robotics for teens, both as a hobby and as a career path. The next meeting is Jan. 26.

PARKS & RECREATION CELEBRATES BODYPUMP’S 100TH RELEASE

On Saturday, Jan. 21, **Parks & Recreation** celebrated Les Mills’ BODYPUMP™ 100th release with a class of 100 participants joining the fitness team at Bow Creek Recreation Center. Every three months for the last 25 years, the BODYPUMP™ workout is refreshed with new moves, techniques, and great music. This scientifically proven, total body workout has helped participants to achieve their fitness goals faster than workouts on their own. But don’t take our word for it: listen to one local’s testimonial about this class, at Virginia Beach TV’s YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/VirginiaBeachTV](http://www.youtube.com/VirginiaBeachTV).
LESSONS LEARNED FROM PITTSBURGH’S EMS DEPARTMENT

EMS Brigade Chief Mike Lewis visited Pittsburgh’s Emergency Medical Services Department Tuesday, Jan. 24, to gather some best practices from their system. This research trip was a result of Chief Lewis’ own initiative to learn about their third-service EMS system, meet with their commissioner of public safety, attend the city’s special events meeting and visit various special operations-related programs. In addition, he obtained information about their EMS Physician (resident) Response Program.

While paired with a Pittsburgh EMS deputy chief, Chief Lewis assisted on a cardiac arrest incident (providing the BLS/CPR care portion) from the scene to the hospital. We are proud to share that the patient is alert today and is expected to be discharged with no deficits. Chief Lewis showed the Steel City how great a Virginia Beach EMS provider is, and made us all proud.

VIRGINIA BEACH 4-H PARTICIPATES IN 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Virginia Beach 4-H had an eventful day during 4-H Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, Jan. 24. 4-H’ers from Virginia Beach and Little Creek – Ft. Story attended this annual event, designed to enhance student knowledge of governmental procedures and emphasize the importance of citizen involvement in the governmental process. The day included a tour of the Capitol and visits to Delegates Barry Knight and Rocky Holcomb and Senator Bill DeSteph, where 4-H’ers saw them in session.
UPCOMING EVENTS

OCEAN FRONTIERS III TO PREMIERE AT THE VIRGINIA AQUARIUM

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center will host the world premiere of Ocean Frontiers III, a unique and hopeful ocean film that explores the intersection of national security, marine commerce and conservation, on Wednesday, Feb. 8 starting at 6:30 p.m. This film incorporates rare underwater footage of stunning marine life along the coast from Virginia to Maine with interviews from a range of people who are leading the way to a sustainable ocean.

After the screening, guests are invited to participate in the post-film conversation with regional experts about the new Mid-Atlantic ocean plan and how you can get involved. The moderator will be the Aquarium’s Director of Research and Conservation, Mark Swingle. Guests can RSVP for the event here: www.eventbrite.com/e/ocean-frontiers-iii-world-film-premiere-at-the-virginia-aquarium-tickets-30466401828

CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH WITH THE HISTORY MUSEUMS AND VIRGINIA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Beginning in February, the Virginia Beach Public Libraries and the Virginia Beach History Museums, will host a Black History Month Film Festival screening three incredible movies by African American filmmakers focused on the history of the Civil Rights Movement in America.

- Feb. 12 – More than a Month
- Feb. 19 – American Experience: Freedom Summer
- Feb. 26 – The Road to Brown

These films will be shown from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library.
January 19, 2017 – Copy of letters from Secretary of Transportation Aubrey L. Layne, Jr. to Delegate Ron A. Villanueva, House Transportation Committee chairman, and Senator Frank W. Wagner regarding preservation of the old Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way for future high capacity transportation improvements in that corridor.

Planning & Community Development’s Quarterly Newsletter | Winter Issue.

Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Jan. 29 through Feb. 4.
The Honorable Ron A. Villanueva  
Chairman, House Transportation Committee  
Room 503, General Assembly Building  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  

Dear Delegate Villanueva:

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The Honorable Ron A. Villanueva  
January 19, 2017  
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Audrey L. Layne, Jr.

cc: The Honorable Frank Wagner, Senate of Virginia  
The Honorable William D. Sessoms, Jr., Mayor, City of Virginia Beach
January 19, 2017

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The Honorable William D. Sessoms, Jr., Mayor, City of Virginia Beach
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well people… welcome to 2017.

We just got over a major storm and then we get snowed in! It was fun though wasn’t it? We have lots of changes and adjustments for 2017.

There is the biweekly pay period (hope that is not causing too many problems); you know it is all about payday! And then there is the election results, new Council members, no light rail and the unknowns on the national level. Not to mention every one of our divisions has had a significant uptick in work. Site Plans, Building Permits and Planning Commission actions are all at an all time high.

So more work is always good… it gives us all job stability. Well that and maybe a little more stress. You all must be handling it well since the compliments from our customers are also on the uptick. Great job!

Some additional changes coming down the line, in 2017: we will roll out an online customer service survey and GPS tracking in all vehicles. I believe this will all be very good information for our customers and stakeholders.

The operating budget is going well; no complaints at this time.

Speaking of no complaints… I have none. Every one of you has been doing a fantastic job. I look forward to another year with the Department of Planning and Community Development.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. It is filled with detailed information on our work, new members and accolades for many of you.

Barry Frankenfield
Director of Planning & Community Development
A Fresh Approach to Improving Connectivity

There has been over 20 years-worth of studying connectivity in Hampton Roads. For Virginia Beach, if you take three different referenda on whether light rail should connect into our city, as part of a regional fixed transit system, the results are right at 50% to 50% (1999 56% No - 44% Yes, 2012 37% No - 63% Yes, and 2016 57% No - 43% Yes).

We need to come up with a set of solutions for transit connectivity that achieves more of a community consensus.

Immediate Next Steps in 2017

Norfolk Southern Right of Way - We will seek concurrence from the Commonwealth that this right-of-way be retained as the city’s connectivity corridor. That means utilities, technology (i.e., fiber) bikeway/trail and potentially some form of transit.

Citywide Bus Service - With the proposed light rail extension, bus service hours doubled throughout Virginia Beach - we remain committed to analyzing options for growing our service levels with support of the public. With over 500 bus stops in Virginia Beach, we are also committed to improving bus stop amenities with shelters, benches and sidewalk connections.

The overall goal is to improve the public transportation system for transit-dependent riders and increase choice readership as a way to increase mobility options in the city and region.

Staff is already meeting with HRT to develop a Citywide enhanced transit plan for Virginia Beach. The new transit plan will focus on recommending increased frequency and evening/weekend hours of existing routes, to increase dependability, and adding new routes, to increase overall connectivity.

That draft transit plan is to be shared with the public and a variety of stakeholder groups through spring 2017 to receive feedback both in person and online. The feedback will be useful to refine and finalize the transit plan for implementation in the next two to three years.

City staff will also continue to implement the capital project, previously funded by Council, to improve bus stops with shelters and benches and improve accessibility to/from those stops.

Welcome New Members

Jason Jinright, Code (Mechanical) Inspector
Permits & Inspections

Gurleen Boparai, Engineer II - DSC

Joshua Segal, Construction Inspector I
Permits & Inspections

Christy Renaud, Administrative Specialist I
SGA Office
Planning Administration provides staffing support for the Planning Commission, City Council, the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Board, Wetlands Board, Historical Review Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission. Planning Administration members work with applicants on each phase of the process to ensure land use compliance with ordinances and plans.

Planning Items

In the fourth quarter of 2016, staff worked with applicants, reviewed and wrote 58 agenda applications for Rezonings, Conditional Use Permits, Street Closures, Subdivision Variances, Alternative Compliance, and Non-Conforming Planning items. Agenda Request Forms and presentations were also prepared for City Council on 53 Planning items.

In totality for 2016, staff worked on 193 requests that were heard by the Planning Commission and City Council. These include 91 Conditional Use Permits, 17 Conditional Rezonings, 2 Alternative Compliance, 3 Floodplain Variances, 16 Modifications, 1 Non-Conforming, 8 Rezonings, 3 Street Closures, 28 Subdivision Variances and 24 Amendments.

Environmental Regulatory Work

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Board - Generally projects located in first 100 feet seaward portion of buffer: 18 submittals, 6 approvals, 1 denied, 11 In review.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Administrative Variances - Generally projects located in the landward portion of buffer: 7 submittals, 6 approvals, 1 In review.

Preliminary Project Request (PPR) - An informal process to determine which formal process is required, if any, for projects located in the CBPA Resource Protection Area (RPA): 40 submittals, 40 approvals. PPR Tree Removal in the RPA: 19 submittals, 19 approvals.

Wetlands Board - Shoreline projects located in tidal wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes: 58 submittals, 49 approvals, 27 wetlands approvals released for construction.

Waterfront - Generally all shoreline projects alongside City waterways not involving tidal wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes: 85 submittals, 14 approvals.
Zoning Administration

Zoning Administration is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the City’s Zoning Ordinance, processing zoning approvals and permits for residential and commercial uses, administering the City’s Zoning Ordinance by processing appeals and variances to the Board of Zoning Appeals, verifying the proffers and conditions of City Council actions are met, and responding to citizen inquiries and concerns regarding zoning regulations and violations.

Zoning Division Accomplishments

Board of Zoning Appeals: Worked with applicants, reviewed and wrote 21 variance requests

Performed 2,012 zoning inspections throughout the City

Removed 6,164 illegal signs from the public right-of-way

Verified conditions for 779 Conditional Use Permits

Serving Our Customers at the P&CD Counter

Zoning Inspectors working at the public counter answered 2,102 zoning related phone calls and e-mails; assisted 908 customers; reviewed 798 business license applications; reviewed 90 site plans and 28 Accident Potential Zone 1 applications.

Congratulations!!!

Kevin Hershberger reached the milestone of 30 years with the City.

Arlethia Wilson had her one year anniversary!

Jeff Manuel was promoted to Code Inspector II
Development Services Center (DSC) reviews, approves, and permits development projects and subdivision plats to ensure public safety while promoting quality development throughout the City consistent with City Council’s Vision of “A Community for a Lifetime.” We do this by applying City Code and policies to all development projects in a fair and impartial manner. Establishing partnerships between the development community and the City helps to assure reasonable time frames and quality results for our community.

Division Highlights

- DSC staff attended mandatory FISH! Philosophy training with Elizabeth O’Parka. The FISH philosophy is a work philosophy made up of four simple, practical principles: Make Their Day, Be There, Choose Your Attitude, and Play. During the session staff talked about how to focus on the positive in any situation, engage with others to increase customer satisfaction, set aside distractions and assumptions to improve communication and strengthen relationships, and turn routine work into “serious” fun!
- Returning to the DSC: Emilee Auyang-Jessen, Single Family Project Manager

Fourth Quarter

Reviewed 839 submittals
Held 31 project meetings with consultants and developers, including pre-submittal meetings, pre-design meetings, and meetings to resolve review issues
Issued 51 Right of Way and Land Disturbing Permits and currently holding/managing
$$33,805,995.78$$ in sureties

Notable Projects Permitted for Site Work

Bayville Golf Club Performance Center - First Court Road
Town Center Unique Shoppes - Virginia Beach Boulevard
Amstel Square - Holland Road
Grand Slam Car Wash - Indian River Road
Camp Redfeather YMCA - Smith Drive behind Virginia Wesleyan College

Town Center Unique Shoppes - Virginia Beach Boulevard
Permits & Inspections

Permits & Inspections administers the Uniform Statewide Building Code and associated laws and ordinances, issues permits for, and performs inspections of building construction, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems installation and alteration.

Permit Totals

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Number of Active Development Sites: 1,791  
Acreage: 33,765.805

Building 2, 1st Floor Renovations

P&CD staff, led by Cheri Hainer, have been working with Building Maintenance and IT to finalize renovation costs. Renovations are targeted to start the first phases in March 2017.

The renovations will transform the first floor of Building 2 P&CD area to provide a professional and attractive space with clear signage. Initial phases include:

- A new conference room accessible from the main hallway.
- Renovation of the old conference room space to open the area to the main hallway to create a central reception and customer service area.
Strategic Growth Areas (SGA) Office coordinates long-range planning, the development of the Comprehensive Plan, and utilizes innovative land use planning, design, transportation, parking, marketing, and financial tools to spur growth within the SGAs (Burton Station, Centerville, Hilltop, Lynnhaven, Newtown, Resort, Pembroke, and Rosemont) to develop distinct areas where people can work, live and recreate.

Transportation & Transit Planning Update

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A New Selfie Spot!

For the most part, parking garages can be stark and visually unappealing. Whether it is design, cost constraints or construction limitations, function can override form and result in a structure without its own unique character or a lively and inviting sense of place. While many new garages are blending art with design features or multicolor murals that depict meaningful events or cultural icons of the community, there is another method to accomplish this same impact within existing garages. To liven up a stairwell within the 31st Street garage, our Parking Management Office contracted a local vendor to place an image of the King Neptune statue on the risers of the first flight of stairs leading into the garage. The cost was relatively inexpensive and was very easy to install. King Neptune has pepped up the boring stairwell and is catching lots of attention. It shouldn’t be long until selfies start flooding social media!
Management & Support

The Director's Office includes a Management & Support team that exists to provide centralized coordination of activities throughout the department. The essential functions fall into three broad categories: customer service, technical services, and financial systems and controls.

The Passing of the Gavel

Planning Commission Chair, Jeff Hodgson, passed the gavel to the newly appointed 2017 Chair, Bob Thornton. Chairman Thornton has served on the Planning Commission since 2011, and in 2016, held the office of Vice Chair. The Virginia Beach Planning Commission consists of 11 members, seven of whom represent each of the Boroughs and four are At Large. The Commissioners are appointed by the City Council for terms of four years. The Planning Commission reviews applications submitted for changes to zoning districts, conditional use permits, street closures, zoning ordinance and plan amendments, and other land use and zoning matters. The commission makes a recommendation on each item to City Council, who then makes the final determination on the recommended items during one of their regular meetings. More information on the Planning Commission and its body of work can be found at www.vbgov.com/planningcommission.

Accela 7.3.3.9 Upgrade Successfully Launched 12/11/16!

You may not have noticed, but on December 11, 2016, Planning successfully upgraded Accela from version 7.3.3.3 to 7.3.3.9. Planning’s main interest in going to 7.3.3.9 was to provide the ability to:

- add DSC approved plans to a record for Release, while also restricting external users access to certain information until all Holds are completed and the approved plans are released.
- add DSC document review checklist for Single Family site Plan Reviews to help Electric Document Review users make sure they are covering all requirements.

Stay tuned for our next major upgrade to version 9x.
In The Office

Career Progressions & Promotions

October 7 - Paul (PJ) Scully - Planning Evaluation Coordinator

December 7 - Kevin Kemp, Zoning Administrator

December 7 - Carolyn Smith, Planning Administrator

December 22 - Jeff Manuel - Code (Zoning) Inspector II

Service Anniversaries

10 Years - Marchelle Coleman, Director’s Office

10 Years - William Miller, Zoning Administration

15 Years - Ed Weeden, Director’s Office

15 Years - Jeff Manuel, Zoning Administration

15 Years - Danny Hall, Permits & Inspections

Welcome New Members

Dalina Cartwright, Development Services Center

Eric Stormer, Development Services Center

Customer Service Survey - How are we Doing?

INPUT WANTED ON PLANNING’S CUSTOMER SERVICE - The Planning and Community Development Department is seeking input to measure customer service satisfaction efforts, with hopes to enhance future service experiences. Customers will be able to provide feedback two ways: online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pcdservices or by completing a survey card, which will be available at Planning’s service counters. A link to the online survey will also be included in all of Planning’s correspondence.
In The Office

A Glimpse of 2016

Mark Your Calendar!

Mark Your Calendar Super Bowl Party!!

Friday, February 3
11 am – 1 pm
Planning Conference Room

Bilweekly Pay Begins
JAN. 2017
Plan now. Save now.

Next Staff Meeting - April 25, 2017

Next P&CD Newsletter Submission Deadline: April 7, 2017 - send submissions and comments to dzynwa@vbgov.com
VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION
Cox Cable Channels 46, 47 & 48
Verizon Cable Channels 46, 47 & 45

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4, 2017

VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION provides locally produced and other specialty programming to support the mission of the Virginia Beach Municipal Government and the Virginia Beach City Public School System. Program listings reflect expected airtimes but may be preempted by public meetings, hearings, and special events.

Streaming is available at https://www.vb.gov/media for all LIVE public sessions of Virginia Beach City Council and Planning Commission meetings, archives of previous meetings, and original VBTV programming. LIVE meetings and previous sessions of the Virginia Beach City School Board can be accessed at http://www.vbschools.com/schoolboard/archive.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

LIFE AFTER LIGHT RAIL — Now that light rail is not coming to Virginia Beach, what transportation improvements should the City make? LIVE from City Council Chambers, Tue 6pm. Recablecast: Wed 9pm; Thu 8am & 3pm; Fri 5am; Sat 6pm.

VIRGINIA BEACH CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP (Cox 48 / Verizon 45) — Recablecast of the January 24 workshop: Sun 9am; Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.

VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47) — Recablecast of the January 24 meeting: Mon 2pm; Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.

ACCESS VIRGINIA BEACH — Monthly news magazine highlighting city & school topics and issues.
- Search dogs from seventeen states converge on Virginia Beach Fire Training Center
- Grand opening of Pungo Ferry Landing Park
- Holiday shopping safety tips from the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office
- Helping Hands volunteer program spruces up yard for elderly Virginia Beach resident
- Fil Fest 2016 celebrates Filipino American heritage
- International Baccalaureate Graduation Ceremony Class of 2016
- Compass Keepers feature: Roger and Krista Mackintire, husband/wife Duo
- Girls On the Run team from Linkhorn Park participate in community service project
- Former VBCPS teacher works with students as Compassion in the Classroom Educator
- Superintendent Aaron Spence holiday greeting to students, teachers & staff
- Stuff the Bus event collects toys for needy kids during the holidays

Mon 12am, 2:30am, 11am, 1:30pm, 9pm & 11:30pm; Tue 5am & 7:30am; Wed 12am, 2:30am, 11am, 1:30pm, 6pm & 8:30pm; Thu 5am, 7:30am & 6pm; Fri 6pm & 8:30pm; Sat 5am, 7:30am, 11am, 1:30pm, 9pm & 11:30pm.
AEROSPACE ACADEMY: PAPER AIRPLANE DESIGN — Using paper airplanes, students test center of gravity and center of lift, and use the scientific method to conduct experiments, collect data, and track results to prove or disprove hypotheses. Mon 2am, 1pm & 11pm; Tue & Thu 7am; Wed 2am, 1pm & 8pm; Fri 8pm; Sat 7am, 1pm & 11pm.

AGAINST ALL ODDS: SIGNIFICANCE TESTS — Discover statistical solutions to the puzzles of everyday life. Learn how data collection and manipulation - paired with intelligent judgement and common sense - can lead to more informed decision making. Sun 6am; Tue & Thu 12pm; Fri 1am.

AMERICAN CINEMA: FILM NOIR — Explore film history and American culture through the eyes of Hollywood insiders. Sun 10pm; Mon 9am & 4pm; Thu 1am; Fri 4pm.

BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA: CONTEMPORARY HISTORY — View history as a living narrative rather than a series of irrefutable facts to be memorized. Prominent historians present America's story as something that is best understood from a variety of perspectives. Sun 5am; Tue & Thu 11am; Fri 12:30am.

BRIDGING WORLD HISTORY: HUMAN MIGRATIONS — Explore global patterns through time, seeing history as an integrated whole. Sun 5:30am; Tue & Thu 11:30am; Fri 12:30am.

CAREER DAY: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND GREEN DESIGN — Get an up-close look at a working solar home with a one-of-a-kind tour from an energy efficiency engineer; go through an energy audit with an energy services consultant; and get a special peek at the research and development being conducted at the University of Maryland's energy research center. Sun 4pm; Tue & Sat 9am; Wed 6am & 4pm.

DISCOVERING PSYCHOLOGY: SENSATION AND PERCEPTION — Explore historic and current theories of human behavior through demonstrations, classic experiments and simulations, current research, documentary footage, and computer animation. Sun 11:30pm; Mon 10:30am & 5:30pm; Thu 2:30am; Fri 5:30pm.

ESSENTIAL SCIENCE FOR TEACHERS: PROPERTIES AND CLASSIFICATION OF MATTER — Sun 1pm; Fri 8am; Sat 2pm.

ETHICS IN AMERICA - RISK, REWARD, RESPONSIBILITY: ETHICS IN BUSINESS — Explore ethical dilemmas in legal, political, corporate, and military arenas through panel discussions with community leaders. Sun & Tue 1am; Mon & Sat 7pm; Wed 10pm; Thu 9am & 4pm; Fri 6am.

FOCUS NNS — Explore current events at Newport News Shipbuilding. Sun 8:30pm; Mon 7:30am; Tue & Fri 11:30pm; Wed 10:30am; Sat 2:30am & 5:30pm.

FRONTLINE FIREFIGHTER — Produced by the City of Virginia Beach Fire Department to explore current training trends and report news of interest to firefighters and citizens alike. Mon 1am, 12pm & 10pm; Tue & Thu 6am; Wed 1am, 12pm & 7pm; Fri 7pm; Sat 6am, 12pm & 10pm.

GEOGRAPHY IN U.S. HISTORY: MOVING NORTH TO CHICAGO: 1900-1945 — Explore the interrelated content of history and geography through geographic learning, using perspectives, information, concepts and skills essential to viewing and understanding historical events and developments. Sun 11pm; Mon 10am & 5pm; Thu 2am; Fri 5pm.

GROWING OLD IN A NEW AGE: LEARNING, MEMORY, AND SPEED OF BEHAVIOR — A realistic and positive picture of older adults challenges the common misconceptions and fears that surround the aging process. Sun & Thu 2pm; Fri 1pm.

HISTORY OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION: THE SEEDS OF THE CONSTITUTION — Learn how the Constitution has protected the American people from abuses of power and tyranny and has empowered them to excel in art, literature, science, and technology. Sun 4:30pm; Tue & Sat 9:30am; Wed 6:30am & 4:30pm.

HOW IN THE WORLD — Join Pilot Lindy aboard the Airship Curiosity and learn about flame working; how K-9 officers are trained; and watch Professor Omnibus make a chicken in a cup. Sun 7pm; Mon 6am; Tue 10pm; Wed 9am; Thu 6:30pm; Fri 10pm; Sat 1am & 4pm.
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY - *BERLIN: A CHANGING CENTER OF A CHANGING EUROPE* — Economic and cultural geography are combined to explore the relationships between humans and their natural environment, and to track the broad social patterns that shape human societies. Sun 7am; Tue & Thu 1pm; Fri 2am.

IMAGES OF AMERICA: *DRESS* — Sun 8:30am; Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 2:30pm; Thu 11:30pm.

KENNEDY CENTER PERFORMING ARTS - CONNECTIONS: *MORE SCIENCE AND MUSIC* — Endangered species, synapses, neurons, condensation, and precipitation—are these terms from a science course or a music class? Learn the answer in this new fast-paced, multimedia performance by NSO musicians. Sun & Tue 2am; Mon & Sat 8pm; Wed 11pm; Thu 10am & 5pm; Fri 7am.

LEARNING MATH: *PLACE VALUE* — Designed for elementary and middle school teachers, and organized according to standards developed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, this series explores topics in measurement, number operations, statistics, geometry, and algebra. Sun 6:30am; Tue & Thu 12:30pm; Fri 1:30am.

MATH MONSTERS — Designed for pre-kindergarten children, this animated series provides an amusing and enlightening introduction to mathematical concepts. Sun 4:15pm; Tue & Sat 9:15am; Wed 6:30am & 4:15pm.

MEET THE AUTHOR: *MICHELLE Y. GREEN* — Sun 8am; Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 2pm; Thu 11pm.

MOM ALWAYS SAID: *DONT RUN WITH SCISSORS* — Discussion between real moms with real experiences and real tips on raising a family. Mon 12:30am, 11:30am & 9:30pm; Tue & Thu 5:30am; Wed 12:30am & 6:30pm; Fri 6:30pm; Sat 5:30am, 11:30am & 9:30pm.

MONEYTRACK: *HOW TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE IN ONE GIANT STEP* — The temptation to make money fast is hard to resist but investing seminars promising just that don't make a long-term formula for success. Learn how patience is an essential ingredient to successful investing. Sun 9:30pm; Mon 8:30am & 3:30pm; Thu 12:30am; Fri 3:30pm.

ON THE OTHER HAND — Sun 8pm; Mon 7am; Tue & Fri 11pm; Wed 10am; Sat 2am & 5pm.

RAILROADS IN U.S. HISTORY — Sun 5pm; Tue & Sat 10am; Wed 7am & 5pm.

READ-ALEE-DEED-ALEE: *A BEARD OF COLD GOLD* — An early reading series introducing sounds and rhyming patterns that unlock words and the meaning of words. Sun 3:45pm; Tue & Sat 8:45am; Wed 5:45am & 3:45pm.

REAL VIRGINIA — Agricultural news and family-oriented stories presented by the Virginia Farm Bureau. Mon 12:30am, 11:30am & 9:30pm; Tue & Thu 5:30am; Wed 12:30am, 11:30am & 6:30pm; Fri 6:30pm; Sat 5:30am, 11:30am & 9:30pm.

ROAD TO RECOVERY: *A SHOWCASE OF EVENTS* — Explore nationwide events as individuals, families, and entire communities celebrate recovery month. Sun 7:30pm; Mon 6:30am; Tue & Fri 10:30pm; Wed 9:30am; Sat 1:30am & 4:30pm.

SHAMU TV: *SAVING A SPECIES - THE ORANGUTAN STORY* — Can these apes survive as deforestation threatens their habitat? Meet conservationists working to protect the remaining populations of orangutans. Sun 3pm; Tue & Sat 8am; Wed 5am & 3pm.

THE 4ORCE — A monthly newscast featuring the latest happenings throughout the United States military. Mon 1:30am, 12:30pm & 10:30pm; Tue & Thu 6:30am; Wed 1:30am, 12:30pm & 7:30pm; Fri 7:30pm; Sat 6:30am, 12:30pm & 10:30pm.

THE MATH DUDE - SOLVING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS: GRAPHING — Middle and high school students can improve their algebra skills with these fast-paced programs devoted to Algebra I as it is taught in the classroom today. Sun 3:30pm; Tue & Sat 8:30am; Wed 5:30am & 3:30pm.
A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA — Thu 8pm.

A HISTORY OF BLACK ACHIEVEMENT IN AMERICA: BLACKS ENTER THE GILDED AGE — Explore the contributions of Black Americans to have influenced our culture, enriched our society, and shaped the history of the United States. Mon 10:30pm; Tue & Fri 11:30am & 3:30pm; Thu 11:30am.

A HISTORY OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION — Thu 5:30pm.

A PLACE OF OUR OWN — Wed 3pm.

ACCESS VIRGINIA BEACH — Sun 9pm & 11:30pm; Mon 7:30am & 6pm; Tue & Thu 1:30pm; Wed 7:30am & 11:30pm; Fri 7:30am; Sat 6pm.

AEROSPACE ACADEMY: PAPER AIRPLANE DESIGN — Sun 11pm.

AGAINST ALL ODDS — Thu 9pm.

AMERICAN CINEMA — Wed 4pm.

ART HISTORY: 17TH CENTURY DUTCH MASTERS — Tue & Thu 6am.

BRIDGING WORLD HISTORY — Thu 8:30pm.

CAREER DAY — Thu 5pm.

CLASSIC ARTS SHOWCASE — Enjoy the classic arts by experiencing short video clips of film and music. Sat 12am through 8am, 1:30pm through 6pm, and 8pm through Sun 8pm.

DEATH: A PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING — Mon & Wed 11:30am; Tue & Thu 7:30am.

DISCOVERING PSYCHOLOGY — Wed 5:30pm.

EARTH REVEALED: GLACIERS — Explore how scientific theories are developed and how our activities today affect earth’s continuing evolution. Mon 10pm; Fri 3pm; Thu 11am.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: THE HIDDEN DANGER: LOW WATER CROSSING — Shallow water can cause a driver to lose control of a vehicle, and the confidence people place in the size and weight of a vehicle can be catastrophic when the vehicle becomes buoyant. Learn about misconceptions associated with driving in water. Tue & Thu 7am.

ESSENTIAL SCIENCE FOR TEACHERS — Mon 7pm; Tue 11pm; Wed 2pm; Fri 5pm & 11pm.

EXERCISE HORIZONS — Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30am; Tue & Thu 2:30pm.

ETHICS IN AMERICA — Fri 8pm.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MUSIC: THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF MUSIC — Explore basic elements of music and how music is an expression of culture. Mon 9:30pm; Fri 2:30pm; Thu 10:30am.

FIT FOR DUTY: KICKBOXING — An exercise program spanning several disciplines, such as kickboxing, Pilates, aerobics, weight training, and more. Produced by The Pentagon Channel. Mon & Wed 12pm; Tue & Thu 8am.

FRONTLINE FIREFIGHTER — Sun 10pm; Mon through Fri 9am; Mon, Wed, & Fri 1pm; Thu 11pm.

FUZION FITNESS — Mon & Wed 11am; Tue & Thu 3pm; Fri 11am.
GEOGRAPHY IN U.S. HISTORY — Wed 5pm.

GROWING OLD IN A NEW AGE — Tue 5pm; Wed & Fri 6pm; Thu & Sat 7pm.

HOMEBOUND EXERCISE — Mon, Wed, Fri 10am; Tue & Thu 2pm.

HOW IN THE WORLD — Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:30am; Mon & Sat 6:30pm; Thu 11:30pm.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY — Thu 10pm.

IMAGES OF AMERICA: DRESS — Tue & Fri 10:30pm; Thu 3:30pm.

JURY ORIENTATION — A helpful guide for anyone called to jury duty. Sun 8pm; Mon 8am & 8pm; Wed, Fri & Sat 8am.

KENNEDY CENTER PERFORMING ARTS — Fri 9pm.

LEARNING MATH — Thu 9:30pm.

MATH MONSTERS — Thu 5:15pm.

MEET THE AUTHOR: MICHELLE Y. GREEN — Tue & Fri 10pm.

MONEYTRACK — Wed 3:30pm.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART - THE QUIET COLLECTOR: ANDREW W. MELLON REMEMBERED — A dramatization of Mellon's life as a collector and his dedication to his vision of an art gallery for the American people. Tue & Thu 6:30am.

READ-ALEE-DEED-ALEE — Thu 4:45pm.

REAL VIRGINIA — Sun 9:30pm.

SHAMU TV — Thu 4pm.

SIGNING TIME: GOING OUTSIDE — An introduction to American Sign Language for children. Mon & Wed 12:30pm; Tue & Thu 8:30am.

THE 4ORCE — Sun 10:30pm.

THE MATH DUDE — Thu 4:30pm.

THE PATH TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY — Sun 8:30pm; Mon 8:30am & 8:30pm; Wed, Fri & Sat 8:30am.

THE WORLD OF ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY: PSYCHOTHERAPIES — See how people with diagnosed psychological disorders actually behave. Case studies, enriched with commentary from experts, help demystify the biological, psychological, and environmental causes of dysfunctional behavior. Mon 11pm; Tue & Fri 12pm & 4pm; Thu 12pm.

THE WORLD OF CHEMISTRY: ON THE SURFACE — Mon 9pm; Fri 2pm; Thu 10am.
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