



CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE



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TO CBDA: WE ARE RESILIENT. WE ADAPT. WE ARE FORWARD-THINKING.

In my first address to the **Central Business District Association** this week, I remarked on how much had been accomplished in the District and throughout Virginia Beach in just over the last 20 years and how challenging it has been to navigate through a global pandemic. I spoke of the resiliency of our business community and how many have successfully adapted to new ways of doing business.

I gave an overview of the financial assistance the City has been able to provide to residents and businesses throughout the pandemic, including relief programs for the City Services bill, real estate and personal property tax bills, grants for arts, cultural and community organizations, and the CARES Act-funded business assistance grants.



Through the Virginia Beach Pandemic Relief Partnership (VBRelief), the City provided more than \$20 million dollars of funding for essential resources to residents and businesses. Workforce training programs, industry credentials, grants for local nonprofits and small businesses were all funded by VBRelief. Without the support of the Mayor and City Council, this assistance would not have been made possible.

With forward thinking and an understanding of how what we do today affects the future, Virginia Beach has set itself apart from other cities in the region and maintained the commitment to our near- and long-term economic development goals. I highlighted many of the new openings that occurred throughout 2021 including, The Hive collaborative workspace, the International Incubator for overseas businesses, and the Virginia Beach Bio Accelerator for biomedical and life sciences start-up companies. I also shared information on the major developments in the City's move toward becoming a main offshore wind energy hub.

The Mayor, City Council and the CBDA were recognized for their advocacy efforts that helped get the \$567.5 million dollar bond referendum vote approved on election day. Having more than 72 percent of this city's residents vote yes to the citywide, multigenerational Flood Protection Program speaks volumes about citizens' confidence in our organization.

It was an honor to address business leaders, members of City Council and the School Board, and several City leaders during the annual luncheon. Thanks to CBDA Executive Director Jeanne Evans-Cox and President Bert Poole for providing me with this opportunity.

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **MONDAY, JAN. 31:** The registration deadline for the next round of the free Bank On financial empowerment classes is Jan. 31 with classes beginning Feb. 1. Coordinated through the Virginia Beach Department of Human Services, Bank On Hampton Roads is a five-month program where participants are expected to attend one virtual class per month and work one-on-one with a personal financial coach. In addition to learning the basics of banking and money management, participants will learn strategies to overcome paycheck-to-paycheck living, reduce debt, increase savings, build a credit score and protect assets. The classes are offered at no cost however online registration is required at VBgov.com/BankOn. Contact: Anita Wyche, (757) 943-9652.
- **THURSDAY, FEB. 3:** Planning and Community Development invites residents and visitors to help develop a comprehensive mobility plan for the Resort Area. The Resort Area Mobility Plan addresses all different types of transportation and strives to achieve an ideal balance by improving the quality of each transportation mode — mass transit, cycling, walking, driving, etc. A virtual public information session will be held via Zoom on Feb. 3 from 6-7 p.m. To participate, [register in advance here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The **Virginia Beach Development Authority** is taking applications for a small business grant program that offers up to \$10,000 in matching funds for impactful exterior improvements. The **Façade Improvement Grants (FIG)** program provides support to existing small business owners with less than 50 employees located on any commercially or industrially zoned property. The grant funds must be used for new projects that make a visible, demonstrable improvement to the exterior of a building or property, such as, façades, fencing, signage or landscape improvements. Visit yesvirginiabeach.com/fig for more details and how to apply.

Applicants may request one grant between \$1,000 and \$10,000 to match their investment of at least the same amount to achieve the proposed improvements. The program has \$100,000 available this year and will be awarded to eligible applicants on a competitive first come, first served basis until the funds are depleted. For more information not addressed on the FIG program website contact Emily Archer, earcher@vb.gov, (757) 385-2912.

DID YOU KNOW...?

VIRGINIA BEACH IS THE SAFEST LARGE CITY IN AMERICA

MoneyGeek recently ranked Virginia Beach as the safest large city in America (up from 7th last year). To rank the safest cities in the U.S., MoneyGeek analyzed violent and property crime data and applied research findings to estimate the cost of crime in 297 cities with populations over 100,000. Virginia Beach ranked 1st among large cities and 65th overall (up from 118th). To read the article and see the complete list, visit www.moneygeek.com.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO SHOWCASE ARTWORK AT VBPL GALLERY

Virginia Beach Public Library is accepting applications from individual artists and groups interested in exhibiting their artwork at the **Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library** for the 2022-2023 exhibit season. Following a competitive, juried process, winning applicants will display their art for one month. To be eligible, the pieces must be a portfolio of artwork primarily larger than 12” x 12” preferred, framed (or photos on metal), original artwork created solely by the applicant. The body of work must also have enough pieces to fill the gallery space and suitable for display in a public library.

Applicant portfolios must include a brief letter of application describing their artwork and art experience; contact information; and 10 or more sample digital images with the size of each piece in inches. Email portfolios for consideration to volunteer art gallery coordinator Robert Kennedy by midnight on Sunday, March 6. Contact: Robert Kennedy, (757) 385-0110, rkennedy@vbgov.com.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

‘WATER PIRATES OF NEVERLAND’ DEBUTS VIRTUALLY IN VIRGINIA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The National Theatre for Children’s ‘**Water Pirates of Neverland**’ livestream tour kicked off on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. Funded by the **Virginia Beach Department of Public**

Utilities, the virtual performance and digital learning materials promote the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our water resources among younger students.



The livestream performance centers around Captain Doorknob, a pirate who must convince the notorious Dame Judy Drenched not to waste water in order to save the world from a water shortage. Throughout the show, students learn about the uses of water, the importance of water, ways to conserve water, and how to use drains properly. By the end, Captain Doorknob teaches Dame Judy Drenched and the student audience that water is a very valuable resource, and they should treat it as such.

The livestream tour, which wrapped up on Dec. 15, included virtual performances and on-demand recordings at 40 Virginia Beach elementary schools and reached over 15,000 students

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **"IMAGINATION THROUGH COLOR"**: The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Sandler Center Foundation and Cultural Affairs will host an opening reception for "Imagination Through Color," by Jorge Saenz. The free reception will be held on Monday, Jan. 31, from 6-8 p.m. in the Sandler Center Art Gallery. Artwork in the gallery will be on display until May 2022 and is available for purchase.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Jan. 23 through Jan. 29, 2022.

GET LOCAL EMERGENCY ALERTS ON YOUR PHONE FROM VBALERT

From severe weather to public safety situations, emergencies can happen at any time. Stay informed with VBAAlert, the City's free emergency notification service, at home and on the go. To register, simply text "VBAAlert" to 67283 or visit VBgov.com/vbalert.





VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION

Cox Cable Channels 46, 47 & 48
Verizon Cable Channels 46, 47 & 45


PROGRAM SCHEDULE


JANUARY 23 – JANUARY 29, 2022

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.

 e~Streaming is available at <https://www.vbgov.com/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

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP (Cox 48 / Verizon 45)** — *Recablecast of the January 18 meeting*: Sun 9am. **LIVE**: Tue TBA. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the January 20 special meeting*: Mon 2pm. **LIVE**: Tue, Workshop 2:30pm; Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.

VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION – COX 48 / VERIZON 45

A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA: THE REFORM IMPULSE — 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 9pm; Mon 8am & 3pm; Thu 12am; Fri 3pm.

A HISTORY OF BLACK ACHIEVEMENT IN AMERICA: A NEW AGE — Explore the contributions of Black Americans to have influenced our culture, enriched our society, and shaped the history of the United States. Sun 9:30pm; Mon 8:30am & 3:30pm; Thu 12:30am; Fri 3:30pm.

A PLACE OF OUR OWN: ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY THROUGHOUT THE DAY — Insight and advice for solving issues related to parenting and child rearing. Mon 2:30am, 1:30pm & 11:30pm; Tue & Thu 7:30am; Wed 2:30am, 1:30pm & 8:30pm; Fri 8:30pm; Sat 7:30am, 1:30pm & 11:30pm.

AMERICAN CINEMA: THE HOLLYWOOD STYLE — Explore film history and American culture through the eyes of Hollywood insiders. Sun & Tue 1am; Mon & Sat 7pm; Wed 10pm; Thu 9am & 4pm; Fri 6am.

ART HISTORY: CHATEAUX OF THE LOIRE — Sun 4:30pm; Tue & Sat 9:30am; Wed 6:30am & 4:30pm.

BRIDGING WORLD HISTORY: IDEAS SHAPE THE WORLD — Explore global patterns through time, seeing history as an integrated whole. Sun 10pm; Mon 9am & 4pm; Thu 1am; Fri 4pm.

DEATH: A PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING - DEATH RITUALS — Gain a greater understanding of death and dying through case studies and moving personal stories of people facing their own death or the death of a loved one. Sun 7am; Tue & Thu 1pm; Fri 2am.

DESERT VISION — A monthly newscast highlighting training, events, and ceremonies in the Army's Central Command area of responsibility. Mon 1am, 12pm & 10pm; Tue & Thu 6am; Wed 1am, 12pm & 7pm; Fri 7pm; Sat 6am, 12pm & 10pm.

DISCOVERING PSYCHOLOGY: *THE SELF* — Explore historic and current theories of human behavior through demonstrations, classic experiments and simulations, current research, documentary footage, and computer animation. Sun & Thu 2pm; Fri 1pm.

ESSENTIAL SCIENCE FOR TEACHERS: *MATERIAL CYCLES IN ECOSYSTEMS* — Sun 1pm; Fri 8am; Sat 2pm.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MUSIC: *THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF MUSIC* — Explore basic elements of music and how music is an expression of culture. Sun & Thu 2:30pm; Fri 1:30pm.

FOCUS NNS — Explore current events at Newport News Shipbuilding. 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.

GEOGRAPHY IN U.S. HISTORY - *THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATO: 1945-1991* — 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 5am; Tue & Thu 11am; Fri 12am.

GETTING ALONG: *HOW DOES IT FEEL?* — Character development and conflict management for ages five through eight. Sun 3:45pm; Tue & Sat 8:45am; Wed 5:45am & 3:45pm.

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 8am; Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 2pm; Thu 11pm.

HOW IN THE WORLD — How in the world does an airplane fly? How does an ice hockey rink stay frozen? How does it snow? How do fish survive the winter? How can a musical note shatter a glass? Hop aboard the Airship Curiosity and travel the globe for an adventure of fun and discovery. Sun 7pm; Mon 6am; Tue 10pm; Wed 9am; Thu 6:30pm; Fri 10pm; Sat 1am & 4pm.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: *GLOBAL TOURISM* — 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 11:30pm; Mon 10:30am & 5:30pm; Thu 2:30am; Fri 5:30pm.

INSIGHTS INTO ALGEBRA: *LINEAR FUNCTIONS AND INEQUALITIES* — Explore strategies for improving typical teaching tactics of Algebra 1. Sun 10:30pm; Mon 9:30am & 4:30pm; Thu 1:30am; Fri 4:30pm.

KENNEDY CENTER PERFORMING ARTS: *SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK* — Capturing the complex sounds of blues, spirituals, rap, hip hop and more, this renowned A cappella ensemble demonstrates how their collective voice is an instrument to create music filled with soulful harmonies and intricate rhythms. Sun & Tue 2am; Mon & Sat 8pm; Wed 11pm; Thu 10am & 5pm; Fri 7am.

LEARNING MATH: *TRIANGLES AND QUADRILATERALS* — 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 4pm; Tue & Sat 9am; Wed 6am & 4pm.

MEET THE AUTHOR: *JENNIFER HOLM* — Sun 5pm; Tue & Sat 10am; Wed 7am & 5pm.

MOM ALWAYS SAID: *MEET THE MOMS* — 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: THE FINANCIAL MAKEOVER SHOW — Learn how to make your money work for you, and keep your investments on track so you can retire in style and enjoy the good life. Mon 2am, 1pm & 11pm; Tue & Thu 7am; Wed 2am, 1pm & 8pm; Fri 8pm; Sat 7am, 1pm & 11pm.

ON THE OTHER HAND — Learn American Sign Language. Sun 8:30pm; Mon 7:30am; Tue & Fri 11:30pm; Wed 10:30am; Sat 2:30am & 5:30pm.

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.

RURAL COMMUNITIES: LEGACY & CHANGE - THINK GLOBALLY — Examine why some rural areas in America are thriving while others are in decline. The social, political, and economic issues these communities face have far-reaching implications for individuals and the country as a whole. Sun 5:30am; Tue & Thu 11:30am; Fri 12:30am.

SHAMU TV: SAVING A SPECIES - THE ORANGUTAN STORY — Within the disappearing forests of Borneo and Sumatra live the gentle, tree-dwelling orangutans. Can these apes survive as deforestation threatens their habitat? Meet conservationists working to protect the remaining populations of orangutans, and explore ways that you can help - right from your own home - to preserve these fascinating primates and their forest homes. Sun 3pm; Tue & Sat 8am; Wed 5am & 3pm.

SHE'S GOT IT! WOMEN INVENTORS AND THEIR INSPIRATIONS — Sun 7:30pm; Mon 6:30am; Tue & Fri 10:30pm; Wed 9:30am; Sat 1:30am & 4:30pm.

SIGNING TIME: MY FIRST SIGNS — An introduction to American Sign Language for children. Sun 5:30pm; Tue & Sat 10:30am; Wed 7:30am & 5:30pm.

THE MATH DUDE: SOLVING ONE-STEP EQUATIONS — 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.

UNION KEMPSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR: 0 — Monthly news magazine highlighting city and school topics and issues. Mon 12am, 11am & 9pm; Tue 5am; Wed 12am, 11am & 6pm; Thu 5am & 6pm; Fri 6pm; Sat 5am, 11am & 9pm.

VBPD ACADEMY CLASS #62 PART 1 — Meet members of the Virginia Beach Police Department Training Academy staff and the recruits of Class 62 as they begin their 26-week journey to become sworn officers of the VBPD. Sun & Tue 12am; Mon & Sat 6pm; Wed 9pm; Thu 8am & 3pm; Fri 5am.

VIRGINIA BEACH COLD CASE FILES: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BARBARA JEAN? — See if you can help solve perplexing disappearances, tragic murders and unsolved crimes from VBPD's cold case files. Sun 6pm; Mon 5am; Tue & Fri 9pm; Wed 8am; Sat 12am & 3pm.

X-POWER: ABDUCTION — Foster the development of algebraic thinking through visualization of concepts rather than abstract symbolic manipulation. Sun 4:15pm; Tue & Sat 9:15am; Wed 6:15am & 4:15pm.

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A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA — Wed 3pm.

A HISTORY OF BLACK ACHIEVEMENT IN AMERICA — Wed 3:30pm.

A PLACE OF OUR OWN — Sun 11:30pm.

AMERICAN CINEMA — Fri 8pm.

ART HISTORY: CHATEAUX OF THE LOIRE — Tue 6am; Thu 6am & 5:30pm.

BRIDGING WORLD HISTORY — Wed 4pm.

CENTURY: THE MILITARY IN HAMPTON ROADS — Witness personal accounts and perspectives from people who lived in Hampton Roads during pivotal events of the 20th century. Mon & Wed 11:30am; Tue & Thu 7:30am.

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 — Thu 10pm.

DESERT VISION — Sun 10pm.

DISCOVERING PSYCHOLOGY — Tue 5pm; Wed & Fri 6pm; Thu & Sat 7pm.

EARTH REVEALED: WIND, DUST, AND DESERTS — Explore how scientific theories are developed and how our activities today affect earth's continuing evolution. Mon 10:30pm; Tue & Fri 11:30am & 3:30pm; Thu 11:30am.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: GREAT WEATHER CATASTROPHES — Comparisons between the Florida Keys hurricane of 1935 and Hurricane Andrew in 1992 offer insight into individual and community responses before and after catastrophic events. Tue & Thu 7am.

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

ETHICS IN AMERICA: TRUTH ON TRIAL — Explore ethical dilemmas in legal, political, corporate, and military arenas through panel discussions with community leaders. Mon 11pm; Tue & Fri 12pm & 4pm; Thu 12pm.

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

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MUSIC — Tue 5:30pm; Wed & Fri 6:30pm; Thu & Sat 7:30pm.

FIT FOR DUTY — 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.

FOCUS NNS — Sun 10:30pm.

FUZION FITNESS — Mon & Wed 11am; Tue & Thu 3pm; Fri 11am.

GEOGRAPHY IN U.S. HISTORY — Thu 8pm.

GETTING ALONG — Thu 4:45pm.

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

GROWING OLD IN A NEW AGE — Tue & Fri 10pm.

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

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY — Wed 5:30pm.

INSIGHTS INTO ALGEBRA — Wed 4:30pm.

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 5pm.

MEET THE AUTHOR: JENNIFER HOLM — Thu 6pm.

MONEYTRACK — Sun 11pm.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART: BEYOND THE YELLOW RIVER — Recent discoveries from ancient China focus on sculpture, decorative arts, and monumental bronze discoveries of the last forty years. Tue & Thu 6:30am.

NEWSWRITING: DEALING WITH SOURCES — Explore techniques to become a better writer through traditional and emerging journalistic styles. Mon 9:30pm; Fri 2:30pm; Thu 10:30am.

REAL VIRGINIA — Sun 9:30pm.

RURAL COMMUNITIES: LEGACY & CHANGE — Thu 8:30pm.

SHAMU TV — Thu 4pm.

SIGNING TIME: MY FIRST SIGNS — Mon & Wed 12:30pm; Tue 8:30am; Thu 8:30am & 6:30pm.

TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES: ROOTED IN CULTURE — Learn about the connection between the national standards for foreign language learning and current research in foreign language education. Mon 10pm; Fri 3pm; Thu 11am.

THE MATH DUDE — Thu 4:30pm.

THE PATH TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY — For over 20 years, the Virginia Beach Visitors Center has served as a gateway to fun in the sun. Now, the building serves as a visible commitment to a city-wide energy savings initiative. This video follows the process as the building goes through an energy audit. Sun 8:30pm; Mon 8:30am & 8:30pm; Wed, Fri & Sat 8:30am.

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

UNION KEMPSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR — Sun 9pm; Mon 7:30am & 6pm; Tue & Thu 1:30pm; Wed 7:30am & 11:30pm; Fri 7:30am; Sat 6pm.

VBPD ACADEMY CLASS #62 PART 1 — Fri 7pm.

X-POWER — Thu 5:15pm.

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