

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE



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PHASE I OF VIRGINIABEACH.GOV IS LIVE

Earlier this week, we launched Phase I of our new website, [VirginiaBeach.gov](https://virginiabeach.gov), designed with a fresh look, improved navigation, and new interactive tools. As the No. 1 resource for residents, visitors, businesses and community organizations to connect with our services and discover what Virginia Beach has to offer, our new site streamlines navigation into easily identifiable categories through which users can readily search for whatever City service they need or topic of interest.



The next phase of this two-phase project includes new, redesigned City department pages that are set to debut later this year. Department content from VBgov.com will be migrated to the new site over the next several months. City content will remain on both sites during the transition.

With the launch, a survey was released for the public to provide feedback on their first impressions and user experience at publicinput.com/newVBwebsite. So far, we have received more than 760 responses to questions related to overall ease of use, overall appearance and mobile user experience. Overall, feedback sentiment is positive with comments such as, “I was very impressed and loved the look of it! It was easy to figure out and will definitely be helpful with all of my needs as a Virginia Beach resident.” We encourage the public to check out the new website and give input through March 14.

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23** Planning and Community Development invites residents and visitors to help develop a guide for commercial and neighborhood area enhancement and flood mitigation strategies. The Community Revitalization Guidelines will be developed to consider environmental sustainability and the overall health, safety, and welfare of the community, exploring ways to improve accessibility, connectivity, and opportunities for residents to live, work, and play. A meeting to gather input will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Central Library auditorium. It will allow for in-person and virtual audiences. For more info and the Zoom link, visit VBgov.com/revitalization.
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2:** The third public meeting for the 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan will take place at 6 p.m. online via Zoom. Residents will have an opportunity to learn about the region's Mitigation Action Plan and comment on the final draft of the plan. The commenting period will remain open through March 9. Register to participate online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdOigpzwrE9bQqArTY8w8OkdYh1YjO4y0>

OPPORTUNITIES

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host a free **COVID-19 vaccination clinic** from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at More Than Conquerors Church, 1101 Eaglewood Drive. Ages 5-17 will be offered the Pfizer vaccine and will need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Adults will have the option of either the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit the following links to schedule: [Pfizer – ages 5-11](#) | [Pfizer – ages 12+](#) | [Moderna](#) | [Johnson & Johnson](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES PARTNER WITH PARKS & REC TO GIVE BACK TO VB

Attendees of the **Virginia Turfgrass Council Environmental Institute’s annual Come to the Bay Conference** participated in a community service project by the Chesapeake Bay on Feb. 14, providing conferencegoers an opportunity to give back to the city. To kick-off the morning, volunteers heard remarks from **Mayor Bobby Dyer** as well as Lynnhaven River Now, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the VTC Environmental Institute.



Fifty-five volunteers planted 15,000 American Beachgrass plants along the beach areas adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay. The Virginia Turfgrass Council funded the purchase of the plants and donated them to the City. Along with Beachgrass planting, they removed and reinstalled damaged sand fencing, and repaired fence sections. Ultimately, the conference attendees contributed 123.75 man-hours to accomplish these environmental projects, which will contribute to the stabilization of this shoreline that is impacted by wind and wave energy.



Parks & Recreation planned this service project initiative with VTC and worked alongside the volunteers to oversee the projects and ensure adherence to safety guidelines. Staff from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Lynnhaven River Now also provided support for this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER: CHECK OUT THESE BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS IN VB NEXT WEEK

- **The African American History Panels:** Cultural Affairs, Virginia Beach History Museums, Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Alumni and Friends Association and Norfolk State University will host “The African-American History Panels,” a free, quarterly virtual panel discussion series kicking off on Thursday, Feb. 24. The first panel, “Black Health & Wellness: The Urgency of Now,” will [stream via Zoom](#) from noon to 1:30 p.m. It will be an open discussion format and will allow for public participation, with assistance from the moderator. [Visit NSU’s event website](#) for more details and to register.
- **Exploring Diversity through History and Culture: Champions for Social Change and Racial Justice:** The VAACC will host Black History Month performances with national storyteller Sheila Arnold and more at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. Register in advance for this free, virtual performance at www.vaaccvb.org.



ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Feb. 20 through Feb. 26, 2022.



VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 26, 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 February 15 meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue 2:30pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the February 15 special meeting:* Mon 2pm. **LIVE:** Tue, Workshop 3:30pm; Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.

During the next four weeks, VBTV will upgrade vital infrastructure and be unable to present our usual spectrum of programming. As noted above, live meetings and replays of those meetings will continue unchanged because of their importance, but the remainder of our schedule will be replaced with Community Matters, our text-based information channel featuring current events and late-breaking news of interest to local citizens.

Visit our web site at
www.VBgov.com/VBTV

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