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PUBLIC INVITED TO SHARE INPUT ON 5/31 PERMANENT MEMORIAL



The next important phase in the work of the **5/31 Memorial Committee's** planning process is to hear from the community. The following are opportunities for the public to provide input.

Citizens are invited to participate through in-person and call-in sessions on Wednesday, April 27. They are designed to allow the public to learn more about the work done to date by the 5/31 Memorial Committee and to offer interested community members an opportunity to provide input through facilitated discussion. Both sessions will be led by facilitators from Kearns & West, the consulting firm contracted by the City to facilitate the memorial planning process.

The in-person session will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th St., in Suite 2, with the call-in session immediately following from 7-8 p.m. Registration is not required.

- To participate by phone in English, call 888-410-3417
- To participate by phone in Spanish, call 844-881-1317

A public survey will go live on April 27 at publicinput.com/virginiabeach and will stay open until May 18. Comments can also be e-mailed directly to Kearns & West at vb531@kearnswest.com.

The 5/31 Memorial Committee will convene the following day, Thursday, April 28, at 3 p.m. at The HIVE, 4636 Columbus St., Suite 100. This meeting is open to the public and will also be available via live streaming on VBgov.com and facebook.com/cityofvabeach.

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **MONDAY, APRIL 25:** Finance will remain closed to in-person services through April 25 as they move to the new City Hall building. The department will open at normal hours on Tuesday, April 26. The City Auditor, Office of Volunteer Resources and Budget & Management Services departments will be open on the third floor in the new building at normal hours on April 25. The Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office, City Clerk's Office, and Communications Office will move April 30 – May 1. These offices will remain open to the public during the transition.
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Residents are invited to the second public hearing to provide feedback on the City's latest budget proposal. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. in Council Chamber in City Hall. Citizens wishing to make comments during the hearing must register with the City Clerk's Office by calling 757-385-4303 prior to 5 p.m. on April 26. If participating virtually, please also register via [WebEx](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC APRIL 23

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host a free **COVID-19 vaccination clinic** from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 23 at New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 3200 Head River Road. All vaccines will be available at the clinic including boosters. A second booster is now recommended for certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least four months ago. Participants ages 5-17 will be offered the Pfizer vaccine and will need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit the following links to schedule: [Pfizer – ages 5-11](#) | [Pfizer – ages 12+](#) | [Moderna](#) | [Johnson & Johnson](#)

BUSINESSES INVITED TO MBC'S SPRING CONTRACTOR ROUNDTABLE

Join the **Minority Business Council** for the **2022 Spring Contractor Roundtable** from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. This [virtual event](#) will feature host guest speaker, Christina Brooks, senior director of NextGen Programs and Special Projects for the Hampton Roads Workforce Council, who will share information every business owner, both big and small, should know.

During this event, the roundtable discussion will include representatives from SB Ballard, W.M. Jordan, and Lane Construction centered around each company's SWaM/DBE supplier diversity goals or programs, any current or upcoming construction projects, potential subcontracting opportunities, and how their company encourages SWaM/DBE subcontractors to bid on construction projects. To register and for more SWaM business information and training sessions, visit VBgov.com/swam.

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR CHAMPION FOR THE ARTS AWARD



The **Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission** is accepting nominations for the City's **2022 Champion for the Arts award**. This award is presented annually to a person, or persons, who has made a significant impact in Virginia Beach's vibrant cultural and arts community through volunteer and/or financial contributions. Deadline for submission to the Arts & Humanities Commission is May 30. Commissioners will review the applications and announce an awardee in July, followed by a recognition ceremony tentatively planned for August. Visit VBgov.com/culture to download a printable nomination form.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

LIBRARY BRINGS CHILDREN'S BOOKS, ACTIVITIES TO RESIDENTS OF FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE HOUSING COMMUNITY

During Virginia Beach City Public Schools' spring break, **Virginia Beach Public Library** staff visited children and families at the Friendship Village Housing Community and provided a StoryWalk for the book, "I Promise," by LeBron James. Staff also provided 54 activity kits to children during the event. Each kit included a quality book to keep, along with related literacy-based activities. An instruction sheet was provided with directions for the activities and tips for parents and caregivers to use while working with their children. Activities included a design-your-own comic book journal, nature scavenger hunt, rhymes, songs, and a hopscotch game tied to the book, "Turtle Splash." The contents of each kit were designed for specific ages and reading levels, from babies through teens.

The funding for this project was generously provided in memory of former VBPL staffer Brenda Beverly through donations to the Virginia Beach Library Foundation by her friends and family. Brenda joined VBPL in 2004, where she worked for 16 years. An avid reader, she enjoyed reading to children of all ages.



EMS MEMBER FINISHES NAVY FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

Emergency Medical Services volunteer **Abigail Ramos** recently finished her Basic Life Support (BLS) internship and was released as an attendant-in-charge with VB Rescue. Ramos joined VB Rescue earlier this year through the Navy's SkillBridge program and Hero to Hero, an organization dedicated to providing active duty service members a pathway to first responder careers. Already a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Ramos began her internship upon her arrival and will now run duties as an EMT on ambulances. The department is thrilled to support Ramos as she gains experience and prepares herself for a career after the armed services.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMPETITION & COUNTRY COMING TO MT. TRASHMORE

Mount Trashmore Park will rock with the sounds of chainsaws buzzing, hoses spraying, and country beats blaring on Saturday, May 7, for the **Virginia Beach Festival of Champions**. The competitions will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the Firefighter Challenge Team Relay event. Competitor registration has begun and interested participants can sign up until the day of the event at firefighterchallenge.com.



Moving over to the main stage from 2-4 p.m., the nation's top 12 ranked lumberjack athletes will compete in the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® US Trophy event. The Mount Trashmore stage will then welcome Nashville-charting recording artist Celeste Kellogg for a free concert from 5-7 p.m. The event will also feature family-friendly activities, the Virginia Beach Monster Fire Truck, food trucks, and alcohol sales benefiting the Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Foundation. For more information, visit VBgov.com/foc.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Flowers don't tell, they show." ~Stephanie Skeem



ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ April 18, 2022 – Copy of a FIOS® TV programming change.
- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | April 24 through April 30, 2022.



Fios® TV Programming Change

On or after May 31, 2022, ESPN College Extra HD (channels 821 – 828) will be removed from the Fios TV lineup. Check the Fios TV on-screen guide for ESPN's other channels' airing college sports programming.



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE APRIL 24 – APRIL 30, 2022

VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION provides locally produced 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 April 19 meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue 2pm; Special Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the April 5 meeting:* Mon 2pm. **LIVE:** Tue, Workshop 4pm; Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.

AccessVB (formerly Virginia Beach Television), is upgrading vital infrastructure and 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

For more information regarding VBTV programming please contact the Creative Services Division at 385-1868 or multimedia@vbgov.com