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**SPECIAL PROGRAMMING  
OFFERED MONTHLONG FOR  
YEAR THREE MAY 31  
REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES**



As we enter the month of May, I want to reiterate some the ways we can honor the victims and their families, as well as everyone whose lives were forever changed by the May 31, 2019, tragedy. Because individuals are at different points in their healing journey, our goal is to continue to provide options for how we remember those we lost. Promoting mental health is also key to our recovery, and this month-long programming reflects our commitment to overall wellness for our employees and the community.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMMING**

The VB Strong Center, Virginia Beach Public Library, Virginia Beach Department of Human Services, and Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation are offering free activities for all ages throughout May, curated specifically to meet people where they are on their healing journey, help improve resiliency, and promote mental health and overall wellness. A StoryWalk®, yoga classes, and virtual moments of reflection are just a sampling of the offerings this month. I encourage City staff and residents to take advantage of the free programming. A complete list can be found on [LoveForVB.com](http://LoveForVB.com).



**SHOW YOUR "LOVE FOR VB"**

- You can display our forget-me-not symbol in your windows or other locations where it is visible to those passing by. We have full color versions as well as versions people can color themselves available for download online at [LoveForVB.com](http://LoveForVB.com).
- Show your love socially by adding a "Love For VB" Facebook frame to your profile picture. There are two new ones to choose from, along with the options from previous years. Visit [facebook.com/profilepicframes](https://facebook.com/profilepicframes) and search for "Love For VB." Choose the frame you want to use and then click "Use as Profile Picture." They are also accessible on [LoveForVB.com](http://LoveForVB.com).
- Wear your "Love For VB" on Tuesday, May 31, by wearing blue, the color of remembrance.



With May 31 approaching, it is very common to re-experience distressing reactions, similar to those felt during the original event. The VB Strong Center continues to offer support and resources for our community. For info and additional supportive activities available, please visit [www.thevbstrongcenter.org](http://www.thevbstrongcenter.org) or call (757) 507-7200.



## NEW CITY HALL IS OCCUPIED & OPEN

Over the past several weeks, more than 300 City staff members have moved their offices and operations into new City Hall, now Building 1. All departments and services housed in the new building are open to the public. Due to supply chain issues caused by the pandemic, the equipment needed to livestream public meetings in new Council Chamber has not yet been installed. For now, all public meetings will continue to take place in City Council Chamber in the former City Hall building, now designated Building 3.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC MAY 7

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host a free **COVID-19 vaccination clinic** from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 7, at Kingdom Cathedral, 3820 Stoneshore 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](#)

### MILITARY MEMBERS FREE EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY AT REC CENTERS

**Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation** proudly salutes our country's military for their bravery, integrity, and courage each and every day. During the month of May, active duty, retirees, veterans, and dependents can access all seven rec centers for free every Friday (valid military ID required). Download the coupon at [VBgov.com/parks](http://VBgov.com/parks).



## BIKE TO WORK TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation and the Bikeways and Trails Advisory Committee invite citizens to take a ride on Friday, May 20, at 9 a.m. to honor our local first responders and to celebrate **National Bike to Work Day** during Bike Month. The ride will follow shared-use paths and on-road bike lanes on a 6-mile roundtrip ride from the Virginia Beach Parks & Rec Administration Building, 2154 Landstown Rd., to City Hall and back, escorted by members of Virginia Beach Fire, EMS, Police, and Sherriff's departments.



Participants of all skill levels are welcome. Riders will need to bring their own bicycle, and a helmet is required to participate. The ride is weather permitting; no rain date is scheduled. All participants must sign a liability waiver and are encouraged to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to gear up before the 9 a.m. start time. For more information, including a calendar of local rides, area cycling events and other resources, visit [VBgov.com/bikemonth](http://VBgov.com/bikemonth).

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### CITY ATTORNEYS RECEIVE AWARDS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS OF VIRGINIA

The **Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA)** presented **Deputy City Attorney Roderick “Rod” Ingram** received the **2022 A. Robert Cherin Award for Outstanding Deputy or Assistant Local Government Attorney**, which recognizes a deputy or assistant local government attorney for exemplary public service and unwavering commitment to the highest ethical and professional principles. Ingram has spent his entire legal career in public service, beginning his local government journey with a summer clerkship in the Virginia Beach City Attorney’s Office and, after judicial clerkships, returning to serve the citizens of Virginia Beach faithfully for almost 25 years. He is regarded statewide as an expert on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the Conflict of Interests Act. He has served as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Local Government Section and as President of LGA.



LGA’s **Walter C. Erwin, III Special Project Award** was given to the Collective Bargaining ad hoc committee, which included **Senior City Attorney Marjorie Smith**. The Erwin Special Projects Award recognizes LGA members who have worked on a project of significant importance to LGA or local government generally. The Collective Bargaining Committee produced a comprehensive guidance document to assist local government attorneys in this new area of law for public employers.

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"Open yourself to the changes: you can then create many different beauties like the skies do!" ~Mehmet Murat Ildan*

## ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | May 8 through May 14, 2022.

### - CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **THURSDAY, MAY 12:** The Minority Business Council will host its 2022 Spring Contractor Roundtable from 1-3 p.m. on May 12. This [virtual event](#) will feature information every business owner, both big and small, should know. A 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](http://VBgov.com/swam).
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 18:** The 5/31 Memorial Planning Committee is seeking feedback from the public with regards to the 5/31 memorial. A survey is available for input at [publicinput.com/531memorial](http://publicinput.com/531memorial) through May 18. Comments can also be emailed directly to Kearns & West, [vb531@kearnswest.com](mailto:vb531@kearnswest.com).



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Verizon Cable Channels 46, 47 & 45

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE MAY 8 – MAY 14, 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 May 3 meeting: Sun 9am. LIVE: Tue, Workshop 4pm; Special Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.*

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (Cox 48 / Verizon 45)** — **LIVE: Wed Noon.** Recablecast: Thu 9am. *Also recablecast on Cox 47 / Verizon 47, Fri 7pm.*

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the April 26 meeting: Mon 2pm. LIVE: Tue, Workshop 4:30pm; 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](http://www.VBgov.com/VBTV)

For more information regarding VBTV programming please contact the Creative Services Division at 385-1868 or [multimedia@vbgov.com](mailto:multimedia@vbgov.com)