NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF 5/31 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE SET FOR JULY 11

The next meeting of the **5/31 Memorial Committee** will take place from 3-9 p.m. on Monday, July 11, at The HIVE, 140 Independence Blvd. The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via live streaming on www.VBgov.com and facebook.com/cityofvabeach.

On Tuesday, July 12, committee members will attend the City Council informal session to give an update on their work. This council meeting will start at 1 p.m., with the committee update scheduled for 2:15 p.m. Immediately following the group's presentation, committee members will adjourn to Building 19, Training Room A (2416 Courthouse Drive) to allow members to reflect on the process they have participated in to date. There is no formal agenda, but rather a period of conversation among committee members with the Kearns & West facilitators. The public is invited to attend both the presentation and the gathering following.

CITY SEEKS HELP WITH IDENTIFYING BROKEN STREET LIGHTS

Last month, we launched a campaign to ask residents to help identify damaged, burned out, or otherwise non-functioning streetlights. Videos related to **the "Street Light Snitch"** campaign are available to watch at youtube.com/AccessVirginiaBeach.

Filing a report only takes a few minutes and can be done over the phone or online. Anyone reporting an issue should provide the ID tag located on the streetlight pole. If it is unsafe to reach the pole, or you are unable to find the tag, the general location, such as an intersection or block number will be enough to get the process started.

To make a report about a light serviced by Dominion Energy, visit dominionenergy.com/streetlights and fill out the form on the page or call 866-366-4357. To make a report about a light serviced by the City of Virginia Beach, visit VBgov.com/reportaproblem and follow the on-screen prompts to submit the report or call 757-385-3111.

- **MONDAY, AUG. 15:** The Department of Human Services is accepting applications for the Cooling Assistance Program, which provides financial assistance for the purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment of an electric bill to operate cooling equipment. Applications are accepted until Aug. 15 and can be completed online at CommonHelp.Virginia.gov, by phone at 1-855-635-4370, or printed off the Human Services Financial Assistance webpage and left in the outside drop box at the DHS Administration Building, 3432 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more info, visit VBgov.com/HS.

- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 1:** Resident and stakeholder input is wanted on priorities and goals for the City's growth and development over the decades to come as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. A survey is available online through Sept. 1 to allow citizens to share their vision for the City's future. Responses will be used to establish the community's desired future and to guide strategic planning for other City services. For more info, visit VBgov.com/compplan.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

VIRGINIA BEACH FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATES EIGHTH CLASS

The **Virginia Beach Fire Academy** celebrated the graduation of its eighth class, **VBFA #8**, on July 1. After six long months of training, 13 fire recruits crossed the stage to be sworn in as firefighters and have their **Virginia Beach Fire Department** badges pinned to their uniforms.

The graduates will spend the next nine months as probationary firefighters, wearing red helmets. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, they will don yellow helmets worn by their fellow firefighters in the field. Congratulations to the newly graduated.

L-R: Ryland Stacy, Erik Noaksson, John Petroni, Ian Taggart, Scott Taylor, Hunter Higgerson, Gabriel Bradley, Tristan Jones, Robin Vermeylen, Ryan Oakley, Brennen O'Shea, Evan Crawley and Sean Grady.
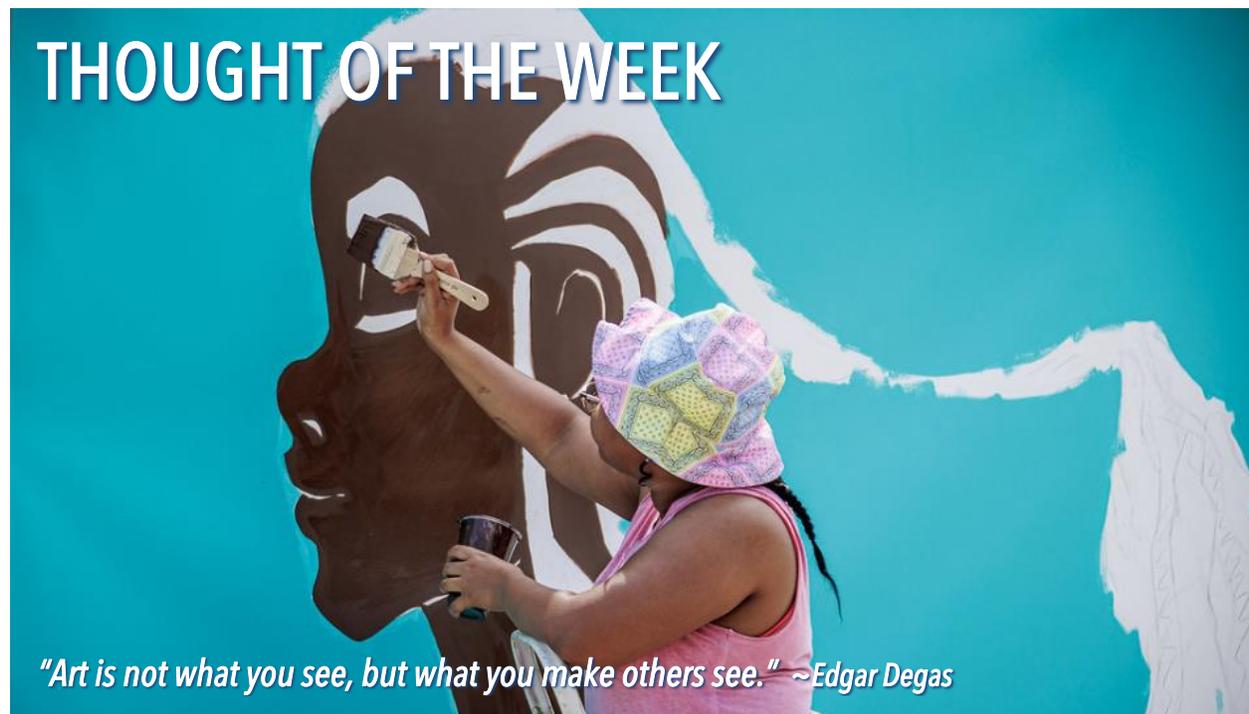
HELP US TELL VIRGINIA BEACH'S STORY

Don't forget to share your memorable pictures or videos of Virginia Beach during the early days in celebration of the City's 60th anniversary in 2023. We'll highlight your submissions and special memories as part of our Nostalgic VB series. Submit entries at publicinput.com/nostalgicVB and visit VBgov.com/nostalgicVB for more info.

2022 CHAMPION FOR THE ARTS AWARDED

The **Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission** posthumously recognizes **Marynell Gordon** as the **2022 Champion for the Arts**, which annually honors citizens who have made a significant impact in Virginia Beach's vibrant cultural and arts community through volunteer and/or financial contributions. Mrs. Gordon, upon becoming a member of the commission in 2018, took on the role of chair of the Champion for the Arts Committee. As chair, she made it her personal mission to elevate and illuminate the importance of honoring those who gave generously to the arts in Virginia Beach. Mrs. Gordon made significant contributions in and for the arts throughout her lifetime, including as a founding board member of the Virginia Stage Company, the founding president of Virginia Stage Associates, a gallery teacher at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary (MOCA), and a volunteer with the Boardwalk Art Show.

The Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission will present the award to Mrs. Gordon's family during a ceremony at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in August.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." ~Edgar Degas

ATTACHMENTS

♦ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | July 10 through July 16, 2022.

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Verizon Cable Channels 46, 47 & 45

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
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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 MEETING (Cox 48 / Verizon 45) — *Recablecast of the July 5 meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue, Informal Session 1pm; 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 June 28 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