




City of
Virginia Beach

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NEW CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OPEN

This week, the new **City Council chamber** opened for business, marking the end of our transition into new City Hall. City staff, members of the public and the local media attended a ribbon cutting ceremony, which was followed shortly after by the first public meeting, a special session of City Council. All public meetings previously held in the former chamber will now convene in the new building.



CITY RELEASES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FY22 REPORT

The City submitted its **American Rescue Plan, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) 2022 Annual Performance Report** to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which describes the City's process for appropriating funds in alignment with City Council priorities as well as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidelines. The FY22 Recovery Plan covers the period March 3, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

The report reflects the City's approach to allocating resources to families and businesses in need and stimulating economic growth and infrastructure investment that will lay the groundwork for a strong recovery. With \$136,429,703 awarded in ARPA funding, Council allocated \$82,063,098 to fund capital projects related to sewer and water and \$54,366,605 to address needs relating to various public health, economic, and community issues, as well as individuals, businesses, and other capital needs that were impacted by the pandemic. For more information about ARPA and to view the report, visit [VBgov.com/finance](https://vbgov.com/finance).

OPPORTUNITIES

COUNCIL MEMBER WOOTEN TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING AUG. 10



Council Member Sabrina Wooten will host a community meeting to discuss the progress of the **Hampton Roads Recovery Center's (HRRC)** current improvements to the landfill gas system. Representatives from HRRC and **Public Works** will be available for a citizen Q&A. Residents near the HRRC and within the Centerville District are encouraged to attend. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Tallwood Elementary School, 2025 Kempsville Road.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

Voter Registration & Elections is looking for people to staff Virginia Beach polling places on Election Day, Nov. 8. Officers of Election help residents have a successful voting experience by checking in registered voters, assisting with paperwork, tallying results and other related duties. It takes up to 1,500 individuals to staff the 100 current precincts in our community, but the office currently has only 1,159 poll workers available. Election officials will receive training and are asked to follow the Virginia Election guidelines and standards. Compensation for attending training and working Election Day is \$182.

For more information including eligibility and to apply, visit [VBgov.com/Election-Official](https://vbgov.com/Election-Official) or contact the Voter Registration & Elections Office at voter@vbgov.com or 757-385-8683.

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **MONDAY, AUG. 8:** The City's SWaM Business Office is hosting an Industry Day, open to engineers, contractors and anyone interested in doing business with the City. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 8 at The HIVE, 140 Independence Blvd. Register at VBgov.com/swam.
- **TUESDAY, AUG. 9:** Citizens are invited to provide input during the City Council informal session on Aug. 9 starting at 2 p.m. regarding the three individuals shortlisted to fill the vacant Bayside District seat. Residents can view each candidate's application package online at VBgov.com/HotTopics.
- **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.

KEMPSVILLE TREASURER'S OFFICE RELOCATES

The new location of the Kempsville branch of the **Virginia Beach City Treasurer's Office** is now open for services. Now located in Kempsville Crossing Shopping Center, 1830 Kempsville Road, Suite 107, the branch relocated from the Fairfield Shopping Center earlier this week.



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

VBFD DONATES EQUIPMENT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT IN NEED

When the **Alicia Volunteer Fire Department** put out a call for help, the **Virginia Beach Fire Department** answered. AVFD is located in a rural community within Lawrence County, Arkansas. Due to limited supplies and budget, AVFD no longer had the equipment needed to continue serving their community.

Thanks to permission granted by City Council, VBFD was able to identify equipment and a fire engine to send to the smaller fire department out of our surplus inventory.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If you tend to a flower, it will bloom, no matter how many weeds surround it." ~ Matshona Dhliwayo

ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Aug. 1, 2022 – Copy of a Channel Lineup Change from Cox.
- ◆ Aug. 2, 2022 – Copy of a notice of a Fios® TV Broadcast Fee from Verizon.
- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Aug. 7 through Aug. 13, 2022.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VIRGINIA'S TAX-FREE HOLIDAY, AUG. 5-7

Starting today, Virginia consumers can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, and footwear as well as emergency preparedness items such as generators, flashlights and batteries tax free during the Commonwealth's annual three-day tax holiday. Energy Star and WaterSense products will also be sold with no sales tax until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7. The tax exemption applies to purchases made in-store, online, by mail or over the phone. Many retailers will also offer additional discounts. For more information such as a detailed list of qualifying items, visit the Virginia Department of Taxation's website at www.tax.virginia.gov.





Department of Government Affairs
1341 Crossways Blvd.
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

August 1, 2022

Mr. Patrick Duhaney
Virginia Beach City Manager
2401 Courthouse Drive Suite 234
Virginia Beach, VA 23703

RE: Channel Lineup Change

Dear Mr. Duhaney,

As of August 31, 2022, the following channels will no longer be available on the Cox channel lineup:

| Station | HD Channel |
|-------------|------------|
| BEIN SPORTS | 183, 184 |

We periodically review our programming offerings based on both viewership and cost. The value proposition did not make sense as the price of the network is not representative of the value of the content for this market. There are other channels on the Cox channel lineup with similar content that customers have access to. We apologize for the inconvenience.

We have notified impacted customers in writing on their billing statements.

Please feel free to contact me at Derrick.Williams@cox.com or 757-897-0209 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Derrick Williams
Government Affairs Relations Sr. Analyst



Fios® TV Broadcast Fee

Effective on or after 60 days from the date of this message, you will receive a Fios TV Broadcast Fee of \$11.49/month. If you currently have a Fios TV Broadcast Fee on your bill, it will increase to \$11.49/month. This helps cover a portion of the costs local TV stations charge Verizon for their programming and is subject to change.



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE AUGUST 7 – AUGUST 13, 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 MEETING (Cox 48 / Verizon 45)** — *Recablecast of the August 2 special formal meeting*: Sun 9am. **LIVE**: Tue, Informal Session 1:30pm; 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 July 18 & 19 Retreat/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