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NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF 5/31 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE SET FOR AUG. 25

The next meeting of the **5/31 Memorial Committee** will take place from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, at The HIVE, 140 Independence Blvd. The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via live



streaming on VBgov.com and facebook.com/cityofvabeach.

The purpose of this meeting is for committee members to review the draft of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the memorial design team. City Council approved the committee’s recommendation to issue an RFQ and select two design team finalists who will then provide conceptual designs for the committee to review.

VIRGINIA BEACH RECEIVES 43RD GFOA AWARD FOR FINANCE REPORT

For the 43rd time, the **Government Finance Officers Association** (GFOA) presented a “**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**” to the City of Virginia Beach for the [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An **Award of Financial Reporting Achievement** has been awarded to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning ACFR.



The comprehensive annual financial report is one of the most complex and “comprehensive” financial documents that the City completes. In order to obtain the award, an extensive technical questionnaire is completed by staff, and then the ACFR and questionnaire are submitted to GFOA for review to ensure that the stringent requirements are met. It is truly a team effort and enthusiastic applause is warranted to all City employees involved in its timely completion. Citizens may view the ACFR online at VBgov.com/finance or at any Virginia Beach Public Library location.

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **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.

OPPORTUNITIES

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC AUG. 20

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host a **free COVID-19 vaccination clinic** from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 20, 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 anyone over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least four months ago. Participants ages 5-17 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 – ages 6-11](#) | [Moderna – ages 12+](#) | [Johnson & Johnson](#)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

VBEMS RECEIVES AWARD FROM AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Virginia Beach Emergency Medical Services received an **American Heart Association 2022 Mission: Lifeline® Gold Plus EMS Recognition Award**, solidifying the department's status as one of the premiere EMS agencies in the country. The award recognizes agencies for having implemented the American Heart Association's systems-of-care guidelines in treating heart attack patients. The award comes one year after the AHA recognized VB Rescue as a Mission: Lifeline Gold agency.



Each year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack which is caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition acknowledges EMS systems for their role in providing timely treatment for heart attack patients. Agencies must track various achievement measures, such as obtaining 12 lead ECG's, performing assessments, transporting in a timely manner and working with the hospitals to make the time from first medical contact to opening the blocked heart artery even faster.

VBPD REACCREDITED

The **Virginia Beach Police Department** has successfully received its sixth consecutive reaccreditation. **Deputy Chief Shannon Wichentdahl** and **Lt. Michelle Wyatt** appeared before the **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)** in Chicago, Illinois and received the news.



In March, CALEA assigned two assessors for VBPD's reaccreditation on-site review. In their final statement to the Commission, the assessors' report gave the department a scorecard that reflects full compliance, with all standards accomplished. Following the review of the assessment report and the department's hearing, the Commission presented VBPD with its highest award, the **CALEA Gold Standard Advanced Accreditation with Excellence**.

The CALEA model helps create clear expectations for public safety personnel and supports best business practices. This system requires forward thinking by leaders and challenges agencies to use data to make sound business decisions with specific outcomes. The CALEA standards are recognized as the benchmark in 21st Century Policing. Adherence to these standards shows our residents, visitors and City members the Police Department is fully committed to providing the very best in police services.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS/CLOSURES

- **EDWIN DRIVE:** Construction began this week Edwin Drive. Work (north- and southbound) will be from Independence Boulevard to South Boulevard, Expressway Drive from Edwin Drive to South Boulevard, Investors Place from Independence Boulevard to the cul-de-sac, South Boulevard from Colonial Parkway West to Independence Boulevard, and Southport Circle at 7 p.m. each evening until 5 a.m. The project is scheduled to be complete by Wednesday, Aug. 24. Contact: Dennis Simon, 757-385-1470, or Lonnie Minson, 757-675-8714.
- **SHORE DRIVE:** Construction began this week on Shore Drive. Work (east- and westbound) will occur from Kendall Street to Beech Street, Lynnhaven Drive from Great Neck Road North to Great Neck Road West, Great Neck Road West from the cul-de-sac to Adam Keeling Road, and Adam Keeling Road from Great Neck Road North to Great Neck Road West at 7 p.m. each evening until 5 a.m. The project is scheduled to be complete by Wednesday, Aug. 31. Contact: Dennis Simon, 757-385-1470, or Lonnie Minson, 757-675-8714.
- **HOLLADAY ROAD:** An ongoing utility project required the closure of a portion of Holladay Road beginning today. Holladay Drive will be closed between Stell Lane and Brinson Arch on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Area residents will have access to their properties at all times. This project will continue for approximately two weeks. Contact: Sandra Koivu, 757-385-8477.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

VBFD PROVIDES SEA OF SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Rescue swimmers, including from the **Virginia Beach Fire Department**, were among the more than 300 volunteers who came together to support “They Will Surf Again”, a program that provides individuals with severe physical limitations opportunities to get in the ocean and ride the waves. Guests come from all over the country to participate in this annual event.



Our Marine Team and rescue swimmers will also be joining this weekend’s Surfers Healing Camp. This two-day event, now in its 17th year in Virginia Beach, is specifically geared towards providing children on the autism spectrum an opportunity to learn to surf and experience the profound impact and overall healing effects of the ocean’s water.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Aug. 21 through Aug. 27, 2022.



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE AUGUST 21 – AUGUST 27, 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 August 16 meeting: Sun 9am. LIVE: Tue 2pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.*

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

*Access**VB** (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.*

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www.VBgov.com/VBTV

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