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5 THINGS ABOUT VOTING IN THE 2022 ELECTION IN VB YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW (OR MAYBE YOU DID!)

YOUR LOCAL VOTING SYSTEM HAS CHANGED: Recent legislation and the outcome of a court case shifted our local elections to a 10-1 system. Due to the staggered terms of representatives,



not all districts are on the ballot this year. Learn more and find your district at VBgov.com/VB10.

ARE YOU REGISTERED VOTE?: To be eligible to vote on Election Day, those not registered and any registered voter who needs to make a change to their registration address or name must submit a voter registration application no later than 11: 59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, on the Department of Elections' website. To register to vote, visit vote.elections.virginia.gov.

YOU CAN VOTE EARLY: Early in-person voting for the Nov. 8 election starts Friday, Sept. 23, at the Voter Registration & Elections office, Municipal Center, Bldg. 14, 2449 Princess Anne Road, and will end on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m. No appointment is needed. Early in-person voting will be available from Oct. 24 – Nov. 5 at these satellite locations: Bayside, Great Neck and Seatack recreation centers and the Central Library. For more info, see the 2022 Election & Absentee Schedule at VBgov.com/Voter.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?: This year's General and Special Elections ballot includes votes for the House of Representatives and several districts for City Council and the School Board. See a sample ballot, when available, at VBgov.com/voter. The sample ballot is identical to the mail-in ballot or ballot at the polls on election day.

VOTING BY MAIL: To request to have a ballot mailed to you for the Nov. 8 election, submit a Virginia Vote by Mail application by Friday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. Vote by Mail voters can return their voted ballot by mail or hand deliver it. Drop-off locations for ballots will be available beginning Sept. 23 at the Voter Registration & Elections office, at satellite locations Oct. 24 – Nov. 5, and at each polling location on election day. Visit vote.elections.virginia.gov to apply to vote by mail.

For more information, contact the Voter Registration & Elections office at (757) 385-8683, voter@vb.gov or visit VBgov.com/voter.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

AROUND TOWN: AUGUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECAP

During this year's **National Night Out**, I attended several community events throughout the city as a show of support for our residents. Neighborhood events, including the ones I visited in Landstown, Chimney Hill, Fairfield Forest, Charlestowne and Virginia Wesleyan University, really brought the community, City law enforcement and leadership together in a positive environment to build and foster police-community relationships. I enjoyed being out in the community and am already looking forward to the next year's National Night Out.



Later in the month, I attended the start of the newest Police Department Academy to provide encouraging words to our new recruits. These recruits will complete a multi-month training process before becoming officers.

OPPORTUNITIES

FREE MONKEYPOX VACCINATION CLINIC SEPT. 15

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host a **free Monkeypox vaccination clinic** on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 4-7 p.m. at MJ's Tavern, 4019 Granby St. This risk to the general public is considered low at this time. Monkeypox can spread from person to person through sexual or intimate contact, hugging, kissing, cuddling, massage and sharing a bed, towel or cloths that have not been washed. In Virginia, a two-dose series of a monkeypox vaccine (JYNNEOS) is recommended for individuals who identify with any of the following groups: 1. All people, of any sexual orientation or gender, who have had anonymous or multiple sexual partners in the last 3 weeks; or 2. Sex workers (of any sexual orientation or gender); or 3. Staff (of any sexual orientation or gender) at establishments where sexual activity occurs (such as bathhouses, sex clubs). Visit the following link to schedule: [Sept. 15 Clinic](#)

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING ON HISTORY MUSEUMS INTERPRETIVE PLAN

The public is invited to a presentation by History Associates Incorporated (HAI) on the new interpretive plan for the Francis Land House, Lynnhaven House, and Thoroughgood House on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Miller Studio Theatre inside the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, 201 Market St. HAI worked with the Virginia Beach History Museums and engaged with Virginia Beach residents, historical experts, and stakeholders to gather feedback, including how guests currently interact with the historic homes, what can be done to enhance the guest experience, and create meaningful educational and community programming for the future. Contact: vbhistory@vbgov.com or 757-385-5100.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE WINS TOP AWARD FOR FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM "RIPPLE EFFECT" CAMPAIGN

The City's **Communications Office** took home two awards from the **City-County Communications and Marketing Association's (3CMA)** annual conference this week. The "Ripple Effect" campaign in support of the City's Flood Protection Program referendum received a **first place Savvy Award** in the category of Communication or Marketing Plans. The campaign also won the coveted **Diamond Award**, which recognizes the "best of the best" among award recipients. As the top winner, "Ripple Effect" beat out more than 600 entries submitted across all categories. It was also the only submission this year to receive a perfect score from the judges. The Savvy Awards competition recognizes outstanding local government achievements in communications, public-sector marketing, and citizen-government relationships.



CITY IMPROVEMENTS/CLOSURES

- **SOUTH INDEPENDENCE BLVD:** A portion of S Independence Boulevard will be closed starting 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, for sanitary sewer repairs. To safely facilitate this work, the following will be closed: two inside lanes of southbound S Independence Boulevard between Baxter Road and Edwin Drive; the left turn lane of southbound S Independence Boulevard onto Edwin Drive; two left turn lanes of eastbound Edwin Drive onto S Independence Boulevard; two inside lanes of northbound S Independence Boulevard between S Plaza Trail and Edwin Drive; and two inside left turn lanes of S Independence Boulevard onto Holland Road. Contact: Barron McPherson, 757-210-8128, bmcphers@vbgov.com.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

ARTIST TO BEGIN WORK ON AQUARIUM MURAL

A marine-inspired mural will soon adorn the façade of the **Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center**. Artist Sarah Gallahan, a Virginia native, was commissioned for this mural project and will begin work on the 2,508-square-foot canvas, approximately 66 feet wide by 38 feet high, at the Virginia Aquarium next week.



Earlier this year, Cultural Affairs assembled a public art committee to review applications received from artists based locally, regionally, and nationally. Gallahan's submission illustrated three sea turtles swimming under water, artistically representing the guest experience at the Aquarium, the work of the Stranding Response Program, and the Aquarium's mission to protect endangered species and the marine environment. The artwork will be revealed at the completion of the project; however, sneak peeks of the artwork will be published on the Aquarium's social channels throughout the duration of the project. The project is estimated to take two weeks with a projected completion date of Sept. 23, weather permitting. To learn more about the City of Virginia Beach Public Art program, visit VBPublicArt.org.

EMS LAUNCHES FIRST ADVANCED EMT ACADEMY



Virginia Beach Emergency Medical Services (EMS) launched its first ever academy to earn an **Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)** certification this week. In this first class, 21 VB Rescue volunteers began a multi-month journey, ongoing until March 2023.

Upon completion, each volunteer will have earned their National Registry AEMT certification and will be released to operate as an AEMT with VB Rescue. Each student in the academy is already an active volunteer EMT and will take the course at no cost to them, provided they continue volunteering with VB Rescue after the completion of their internship process. This academy will further expand VB Rescue's ability to offer Advanced Life Support (ALS), whether it comes from career paramedics or volunteer paramedics and AEMTs.

BLOOD DRIVE OPPORTUNITY ON SEPT. 12

The Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center, 2100 Parks Ave., will host a blood drive on Monday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Blood drive participants may receive a limited edition T-shirt (while supplies last) or be entered to win various prizes. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BLACK HEALTH & WELLNESS SEMINAR:** Join the virtual panel event “Black Health & Wellness: Looking Back to Find the Path Forward” on Thursday, Sept. 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. As part of an ongoing partnership between Virginia Beach History Museums and Norfolk State University, this event will be an open discussion format and will allow for public questions or contributions with assistance from the moderator. Speakers will include Dr. Felicia Mebane, executive director of the Center for Public Health Initiatives at NSU; Dr. Timothy Goler, assistant professor of sociology and urban affairs; Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School alumni and others to be announced. Register on [NSU’s event website](#).
- **MOUNTED PATROL FALL BAZAAR:** Support Friends of the Virginia Beach Mounted Police by joining the Fall Craft Show & Bazaar at the Mounted Police Facility, 2089 Indian River Road, on Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. The event will feature crafts, food trucks and more.



ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Sept. 11 through Sept. 17, 2022.



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 17, 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 September 6 meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue, Formal Session 2:30pm. 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 August 23 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