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CITY EARNS SECOND PLACE DURING FIRST HAMPTON ROADS DATATHON

A group of City employees combined their passion for conservation and data to compete against municipalities, universities, nonprofit organizations, data scientists and other professionals during the first **Hampton Roads Datathon** on Sept. 16. Hosted by CivicLab Norfolk, the inaugural event challenged 16 teams to create the most useful project based on the theme, “Analyzing, Promoting and Protecting Biodiversity in Hampton Roads.”

Participants were given one week to develop their presentations. Staff from the **Office of Performance and Accountability, Virginia Aquarium, Parks and Recreation, and Emergency Communications and Citizen Services** worked together under the name, “Collaborators for Canopies and Pollinators,” and received guidance from the **Information Technology** department. The group’s data-driven approach to enhancing biodiversity across the city won second place. The Hampton Roads Datathon is expected to become an annual event.



L-R: Robin Stamper (ECCS), Alisa Udomvisawakul (IT), Sridhar Katragadda (IT), Frank Fentress (Parks & Rec)

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 23:** Early in-person voting for the Nov. 8 election, which includes votes for the House of Representatives and several districts for City Council and the School Board, starts today 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. For more info: VBgov.com/Voter
- **MONDAY, SEPT. 26:** The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for the 27th Annual Human Rights Awards Ceremony. Submit nominations by Sept. 26 at hrc@vbgov.com or by mailing/dropping off an application at 2424 Courthouse Drive, Building 18, Room 106. For more details, visit VBgov.com/hrc or contact Dominique McKinnon at 757-385-1158.
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28:** The Commercial Area Pattern Book and Bow Creek Neighborhood Resiliency Toolkit is the subject of an upcoming public meeting set for Sept. 28 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Planning and Community Development Office, 2875 Sabre Street, Suite 500. The Planning Department, in partnership with consultant Work Program Architects, will unveil a draft plan developed based on previous public feedback. For more info, visit VBgov.com/revitalization.
- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 30:** The public is invited to submit their recommended changes to the proposed noise ordinance. The survey will be open until Sept. 30 at www.publicinput.com/noiseordinance and can be completed by filling out the online survey or downloading a Word copy of the ordinance to make changes. For those who do not have access to a computer or the ability complete it online, call Nancy Bloom at 757-385-6279 to request a paper copy in the mail.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS/CLOSURES

- **S INDEPENDENCE BLVD:** A portion of S Independence Boulevard will be closed starting 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 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, 757-510-8128, bmcphers@vb.gov.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

TWO VB LOCATIONS ACHIEVE LANDMARK STATUS

- **L & J GARDENS:** The National Park Service has listed the L & J Gardens Neighborhood Historic District in Virginia Beach in the **National Register of Historic Places**. This historically African American neighborhood was developed in the 1950s for African American middle class professionals to provide a suburban environment to raise their families.



The nomination was produced with assistance from the Underrepresented Communities grant program, administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The grant program focuses on documenting the homes, lives, landscapes, and experiences of underrepresented peoples who played a significant role in national history. Additional funding was provided by the City through the **Historic Preservation Commission**.

- **CREST KITCHENETTE MOTEL AND BLUE MARLIN LODGE:** Two 1960s midcentury modern Virginia Beach motels have been listed in the **Virginia Landmarks Register**. The Virginia Board of Historic Resources voted to approve the nominations for the Crest Kitchenette Motel and the Blue Marlin Lodge at its Sept. 16 meeting. Both buildings were nominated under the Virginia Beach Oceanfront Resort Motels and Hotels (1955-1970) Multiple Property Document (MPD) that was approved in 2021 by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the National Park Service.

The Crest Kitchenette Motel, which today operates as the Cutty Sark Motel and Efficiencies, is located at Atlantic Avenue and 37th Street. The Blue Marlin Lodge, located on the east side of Pacific Avenue between 24th and 25th streets, currently operates as the Blue Marlin Inn & Suites. Funding for the nominations was provided by the City through the **Historic Preservation Commission**. The nominations will be forwarded to the National Park Service for listing consideration in the National Register of Historic Places.

LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION TEAM OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

The **Virginia Beach Fire Department**, along with CHKD, partnered to kick off Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 18-24). Early in the weekend, new car seats were distributed to families in our community. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians provided car seat education and instructions to parents and caregivers, including proper harnessing and installation assistance. The Life Safety Education team, along with other City departments and officials, were present for Atlantis Community Day, a now annual event for recognizing a public-private partnership with Fairstead for revitalizing Atlantis Apartments.



UPCOMING EVENT

- **"THE DOOR OF GOOD: A FAIRY TALE" EXHIBITION:** The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Sandler Center Foundation and the Cultural Affairs Department will host an opening reception for "The Door of Good: A Fairy Tale," a solo exhibition by Jean Peacock, on Monday, Oct. 10, from 6-8 p.m. in the Sandler Center Art Gallery, 201 Market St. The exhibition is based on a book she published together with Matthew Bernier featuring 42 oil paintings that were used to illustrate the book.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It is only when you are flying above it that you realize how incredible the earth really is." ~ Philippe Perrin

ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Sept. 25 through Oct. 1, 2022.



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 1, 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 20 meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue 2:30pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the September 13 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.*

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