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HUMAN SERVICES TO HOST DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY DEC. 13

The **Virginia Beach Department of Human Services**, in partnership with the **Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore**, will host another drive-thru food pantry for Virginia Beach residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the parking lot of the Veterans United Home Loans Amphitheater, 3550 Cellar Door Way. The pantry will distribute fresh food on a first-come, first-served basis and will run until 2 p.m. or until supplies run out, whichever occurs first.



Attendees are asked to enter the line through Dam Neck Road. Signs and volunteers will direct traffic to the loading stations. Participants are asked to remain in their vehicles at all times.

Groceries will be loaded into the trunks or rear storage areas of participating vehicles. To load and move vehicles through the lines as quickly as possible, please have the trunk or storage area free of clutter. Pantry items will be prepacked into bags containing a mix of fresh and shelf-stable foods. Photo ID with address required.



- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- THURSDAY, DEC. 15:** As we expand our digital government services by adding an automated chatbot to our website and service request mobile app, we invited residents help us name the new chatbot by selecting their favorite of five proposed names. Voting is available online at publicinput.com/chatbot through Dec. 15. The chatbot's name will be announced when the service launches in January 2023.
- SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 2023:** We have partnered with WPA to conduct community engagement as we work to establish a plan for Rudee Loop. The public is invited to provide feedback via an online survey open until midnight on Sunday, Jan. 8, at publicinput.com/RudeeLoop. Additional information may be found at VBgov.com/RudeeLoop.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

AROUND TOWN: NOVEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECAP

In November, I presented awards to employees and volunteers who went above and beyond in reducing the City's energy usage and costs over the past 12 months at the **Sixth Annual Energy Awards**. The City reduced total energy usage by 6% overall. Employees from Fire Station 9 – Kempsville, Great Neck Recreation Center, the Second Police Precinct, Meyera E. Oberndorf



Central Library and the EMS Administration Building received top honors in their facility categories. The top individual award went to Zoning Administrator Hannah Sabo for her commitment to instituting changes to propel her division to be productive and cost efficient.

I had several other opportunities to enjoy time with staff, including at the swearing in ceremony for our newest recruit graduates from the Fifth Certified Policy Academy and at Red Wing Park during a Public Works staff picnic.

It is always a pleasure to celebrate with companies and individuals who have achieved significant milestones. November marked the 40th Anniversary Celebration for Operation Smile and the dedication of the Thomas M. Leahy, III Municipal Pump Station.

I continued to meet with neighborhood civic organization leaders at two additional listening sessions at Princess Anne and Seatack recreation centers. The valuable information and insight I received will guide the expansion of our community engagement and outreach initiatives in the coming months.

OPPORTUNITIES

HONOR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS WE'VE LOST ON NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

Virginia Beach Housing and Neighborhood Preservation invites the community to join the City, Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission and our partners, as we pause and reflect on the longest night of the year to commemorate the lives of the individuals who have died homeless. The memorial service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Housing Resource Center, 104 N. Witchduck Road.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

The annual **Point-in-Time (PIT) Count** for Virginia Beach will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. This count, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides a snapshot of how many individuals were sheltered and unsheltered during one day in January and helps determine how much funding a community will receive for homeless programs and services. Each year, approximately \$2 million is granted through the Continuum of Care to Virginia Beach agencies that provide housing and supportive services to the homeless.

Housing & Neighborhood Preservation is seeking volunteers to help during the PIT Count, from 3:30-7 a.m. Volunteers will be part of a team assigned to canvass an area of the city, and count and survey individuals living unsheltered. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and attend mandatory training. To volunteer, register [online](#) by Dec. 30. More info is available at VBgov.com/PITCount. Contact: Diane Hotaling, 757-385-1278, dhotalin@vb.gov.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVES GRANT FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECT

The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) awarded the **Department of Public Works** \$9,886,370 from its National Coastal Resilience Fund for a Back Bay wetlands restoration project. Through this project, Public Works will construct marsh terraces within Back Bay to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitats, and reduce erosion of marsh systems that buffer communities from flooding.

The National Coastal Resilience Fund is a partnership between NFWF, NOAA, the U.S. Department of Defense, Shell USA, TransRe and Oxy, with additional funding from the Bezos Earth Fund. NFWF launched the fund in 2018 to support infrastructure projects that provide community buffers against storms and flooding. Find info at: www.nfwf.org/media-center/press-releases/nfwf-noaa-announce-record-136-million-coastal-resilience

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS SEMINAR:** Join the virtual panel event, “Black Health & Wellness: Unwrapping Myth and Suspicion,” on Thursday, Dec. 15, 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 with assistance from the moderator. Register on [NSU’s event website](#).

- **HOLI-RAYS:** The Virginia Aquarium is decking the halls and transforming into a winter wonderland during Holi-Rays on Dec. 16 and 17 from 6-9 p.m. Come dressed in your holiday best or festive pajamas for an evening of family fun. Tickets can be purchased online at virginiaaquarium.com.



ATTACHMENTS

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




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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE DECEMBER 11 – DECEMBER 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 December 6 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 November 22 meeting*: Mon 2pm. **LIVE**: Tue, Workshop 2:30pm; Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.

VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION – COX 48 / VERIZON 45

DUCK CARVERS OF THE TIDEWATER — Decoys were first made to lure wildfowl within shooting range by market hunters but are now sought after by collectors who pay thousands of dollars for those made by the top names in carving. An art handed down from father to son, hear how some of the prominent decoy carvers of the Virginia Beach and Knott's Island areas have preserved the art and lore of this fascinating skill. Sun & Fri 6pm; Mon & Sat 3pm; Tue Noon; Wed 9am; Thu 6am & 9pm.

HOW IN THE WORLD — Hop aboard the Airship Curiosity and travel the globe for an adventure of fun and discovery. How do leaves change color? What was farming like in colonial days? Why are fingerprints different and how do police use them to solve crime? Also, learn how a submarine works, and discover the causes of wind. Sun & Fri Noon; Mon & Sat 9am; Tue 6am & 9pm; Wed 6pm; Thu 3pm.

UNION KEMPSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR — Princess Anne County Training School was the first high school for African Americans in what is now known as Virginia Beach. Today the legacy of the school continues with the establishment of a museum to share stories of family, community, sacrifice, and the importance of education. Sun & Fri 3pm; Mon & Sat Noon; Tue 9am; Wed 6am & 9pm; Thu 6pm.

VBPD ACADEMY CLASS #62 PART 1 — Meet members of the Virginia Beach Police Department Training Academy staff and the recruits of Class 62 as they begin their 26-week journey to become sworn officers of the VBPD. Sun & Fri 6am & 9pm; Mon & Sat 6pm; Tue 3pm; Wed Noon; Thu 9am.

VIRGINIA BEACH COLD CASE FILES: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BARBARA JEAN? — See if you can help solve perplexing disappearances, tragic murders and unsolved crimes from VBPD's cold case files. Sun & Fri 9am; Mon & Sat 6am & 9pm; Tue 6pm; Wed 3pm; Thu Noon.

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DUCK CARVERS OF THE TIDEWATER — Sun & Fri 8am; Mon & Sat 5am & 8pm; Tue 5pm; Wed 2pm; Thu 11am.

HOW IN THE WORLD — Sun & Fri 5pm; Tue 11am; Wed 8am; Thu 5am & 8pm; Sat 2pm.

UNION KEMPSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR — Sun & Fri 5am & 8pm; Mon & Sat 5pm; Tue 2pm; Wed 11am; Thu 8am;

VBPD ACADEMY CLASS #62 PART 2 — Sun & Fri 11am; Mon & Sat 8am; Tue 5am & 8pm; Wed 5pm; Thu 2pm.

VIRGINIA BEACH COLD CASE FILES: *WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BARBARA JEAN?* — Sun & Fri 2pm; Mon & Sat 11am; Tue 8am; Wed 5am; Thu 5pm.

VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION – COX 46 / VERIZON 46

General information about the City of Virginia Beach, plus current events and late-breaking news of interest to local citizens, cablecasts 24 hours a day with audio provided by NOAA Weather radio.

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