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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS WITH OUR EMPLOYEES

As we approached our City's 60th anniversary and announced a brand refresh, one of the questions at the top of mind was how to recognize our employees in the midst of the celebration. Recently, each City member received a lanyard reflecting the refreshed brand. In the early morning of Dec. 29, I met with employees from Public Works and Public Utilities as they prepared for their morning shifts. I wanted to personally say "thank you" and express gratitude for all their hard work, meet with them, answer questions and provide this small piece of recognition. Thank you to all our employees who have dedicated their careers to making Virginia Beach a better place for our residents and visitors. We would not be able to recognize 60 years if it weren't for you.



Please note: Most City facilities and state agencies will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Some agencies have alternate schedules. For the complete listing of open and closed facilities, visit VBgov.com.

- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **SUNDAY, JAN. 29:** 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. 29, at publicinput.com/RudeeLoop. Additional information may be found at VBgov.com/RudeeLoop.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

AROUND TOWN: DECEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECAP

In December, I provided updates to employees on several important initiatives. I filmed two internal communications OnPoint with Patrick videos, one about 60th anniversary plans, the brand refresh and recruitment, and the other about the City's Inclusion & Diversity Council's Belonging Summit. The Belonging Summit was created to provide a greater sense of belonging in our workplace with various activities provided throughout January. I also filmed a special congratulatory message for our



employees who received Service Awards with 30, 35, 40 and 45 year milestones.

To celebrate the season with our business community and community partners, I attended holiday gatherings hosted by the Virginia Beach Development Authority and the Central Business District Association as well as served as a judge for the Commonwealth's Attorney's Ugly Sweater Contest.

Finally, I hosted a listening session at Kempsville Recreation Center with neighborhood community leaders who discussed their experience with our current communications and community engagement opportunities and heard suggestions for improvements.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

EMS HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE SUPPORTING TRAUMA PATIENTS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) successfully hosted a blood drive this week, securing 39 units of donated blood. The blood drive, supported by the Tidewater EMS Council (TEMS) and The Blood Connection, directly benefits the Whole Blood Initiative in Virginia Beach. This pilot program allows EMS providers to offer whole blood treatments to eligible trauma patients in the field, which has been proven to help create better outcomes for patients.



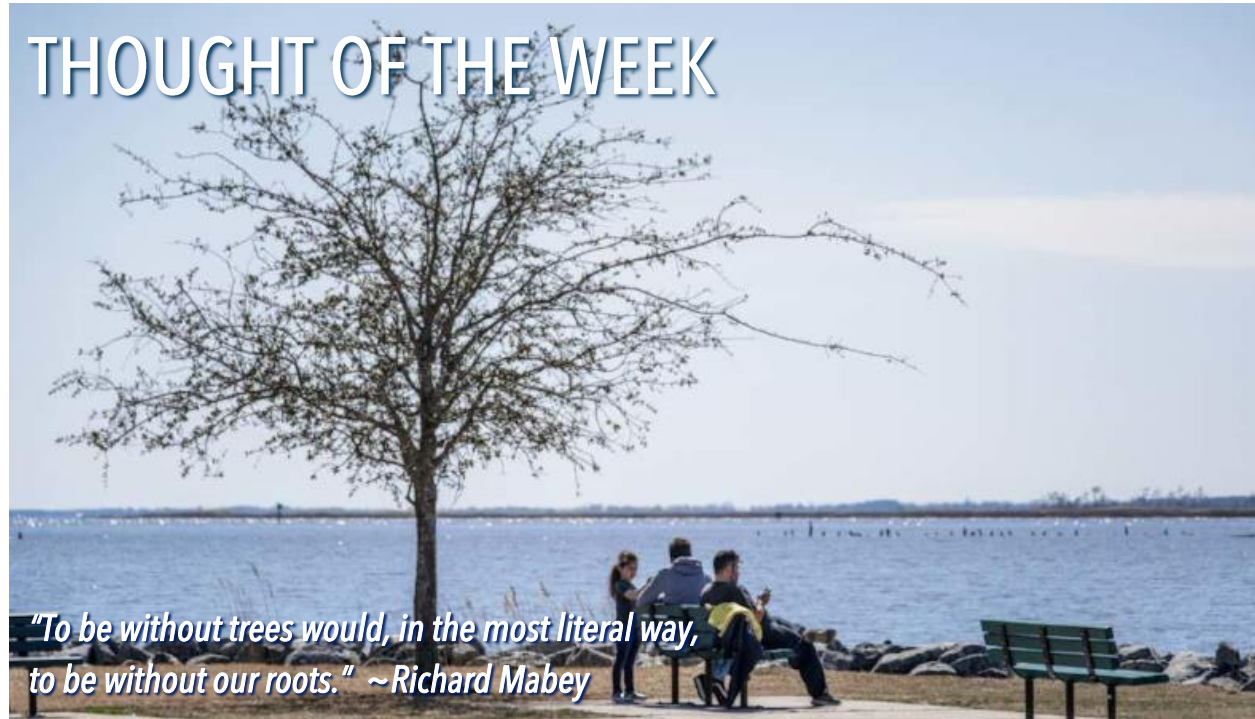
FIRE CAPTAIN COMPLETES MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

Captain Sean A. Betts with the Fire Department recently completed the master's degree program at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS). During the 18-month program, Betts collaborated with homeland security officials and other students from across the nation on current policy, strategy and organizational design challenges. CHDS program participants develop critical thinking, leadership and policy skills.



Betts currently serves as the B-shift captain assigned to the Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team in which he oversees training and emergency responses to special incidents occurring at local, regional and state levels. He is also a member of FEMA's Urban Search Rescue Team VATF-2 with experience in several major incidents that include Hurricanes Sandy, Harvey, Maria and the Champlain Towers collapse in Surfside, FL. Betts has served over 19 years in fire service.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



"To be without trees would, in the most literal way, to be without our roots." ~Richard Mabey

ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Jan. 15 through Jan. 21, 2023.




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


PROGRAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 15 – JANUARY 21, 2023


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 January 10 meeting: Sun 9am. LIVE: Tue, Informal Session 1:30pm; Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.*

 **VIRGINIA BEACH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING (Cox 48 / Verizon 45)** — *Recablecast of the January 17 regular meeting: Thu 9am; Fri 7pm; Sat Noon.*

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the December 10 meeting: Mon 2pm; Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.*

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the January 11 meeting: Fri 7pm.*

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 — Sun & Fri 2pm; Mon & Sat 11am; Tue 8am; Wed 5am; Thu 5pm.

VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION – COX 46 / VERIZON 46

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