

# City Manager's Update



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## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN VIRGINIA BEACH

Every February, the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation are honored. Here are some ways to observe and enjoy **Black History Month** in Virginia Beach.

- **FACTS/UKHS Museum:** Learn about the history of the first high school for African Americans in Princess Anne County, now known as Virginia Beach. Located within Renaissance Academy, the Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Museum shares stories of family, community, sacrifice, and the importance of education. It is open for free, self-guided tours on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Portraits from a Place of Grace:** Located at the corner of Newtown Road and Hampshire Way (the future home of the Virginia African American Cultural Center), take a visit to this public art installation by Richard Hollant which celebrates Virginia Beach's historic African American neighborhoods and their residents. Through interviews, videography, photography and graphics, the aspirations of members of the community that have been captured and accompany this piece can be viewed online at [portraitsofgrace.us](http://portraitsofgrace.us).
- **VBPL Programming and Resources:** Virginia Beach Public Library is hosting several programs and featuring materials celebrating Black History Month. The event calendar features a variety of Black History Month activities for all ages such as scavenger hunts, mini film festivals, genealogy courses and more. There are three opportunities throughout the month to enjoy a Storywalk® of "The Undefeated" written by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Kadir Nelson, a poetic tribute to the black community. To-go kits with stories, crafts and activities to help teach about influential and important African Americans throughout history are available at Central Library while supplies last. For more info visit [vbpl.librarymarket.com](http://vbpl.librarymarket.com). You can also find e-books, audiobooks, movies and music on Black History Month at [hoopla.com](http://hoopla.com) using your VBPL account.
- **Musical Performances and Concerts:** Enjoy several performances planned in the spirit of Black History Month. Virginia Beach Chorale presents "Lift Every Voice: Music of Black Women Composers" on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Susan S. Goode Fine and Performing Arts. See a performance set to African music, drumming and dance at Cirque Zuma Zuma at the Sandler Center on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### AROUND TOWN: JANUARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECAP

I kicked off 2023 with the swearing in ceremony of **Fire Chief Ken Pravetz** in the City Council Chamber. That the best candidate to fill this role was already within the City is a testament to the quality of our workforce. The celebratory spirit continued as I attended the Neptune Festival's recognition event at the Sandler Center in honor of **Nancy Creech**. This event recognized Nancy's decades of generous service to the Virginia Beach arts community, the Neptune Festival and more.

To highlight the importance of working together to help strengthen our sense of belonging in the workforce, the City's **Inclusion & Diversity Council** sponsored a month-long **Belonging Summit initiative** with several planned activities for employees. Through an "On Point with Patrick" video



sent to employees, I provided an overview of the initiative, and on Jan. 26, I hosted one of several watch party locations for the keynote address. Dr. Mary Jo Burchard gave a wonderful presentation and taught employees how to imagine and build an outcome of belonging at work.

Finally, I closed out the month in San Antonio, Texas attending the **Large Cities Executive Forum Conference**. This gathering of senior leaders from across the country and Canada meets to network and share ideas.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### APPLY TO EXHIBIT ART AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

**Virginia Beach Public Library** is accepting applications from individual artists and groups for the 2023-2024 art exhibit season at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library. Art will be selected through a competitive, juried process and displayed for one month. Visit [VBgov.com/libraries](http://VBgov.com/libraries) for eligibility requirements. Electronic portfolios, including application letter and sample artwork images, should be emailed to VBPL's volunteer art gallery coordinator, Robert C. Kennedy at [RKennedy@VBgov.com](mailto:RKennedy@VBgov.com) by midnight on Sunday, March 5, 2023. The art committee will meet in late March or early April and all applicants will be notified of results after the selection process.

### FREE COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC JAN. 21

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host a **free COVID-19 bivalent booster clinic** on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at New Light Full Gospel Baptist Church, 5549 Indian River Road, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccines will be available at the clinics. Participants ages 5-17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit links to schedule: [Pfizer – Bivalent Booster 12+](#) | [Moderna – Bivalent Booster 6+](#)

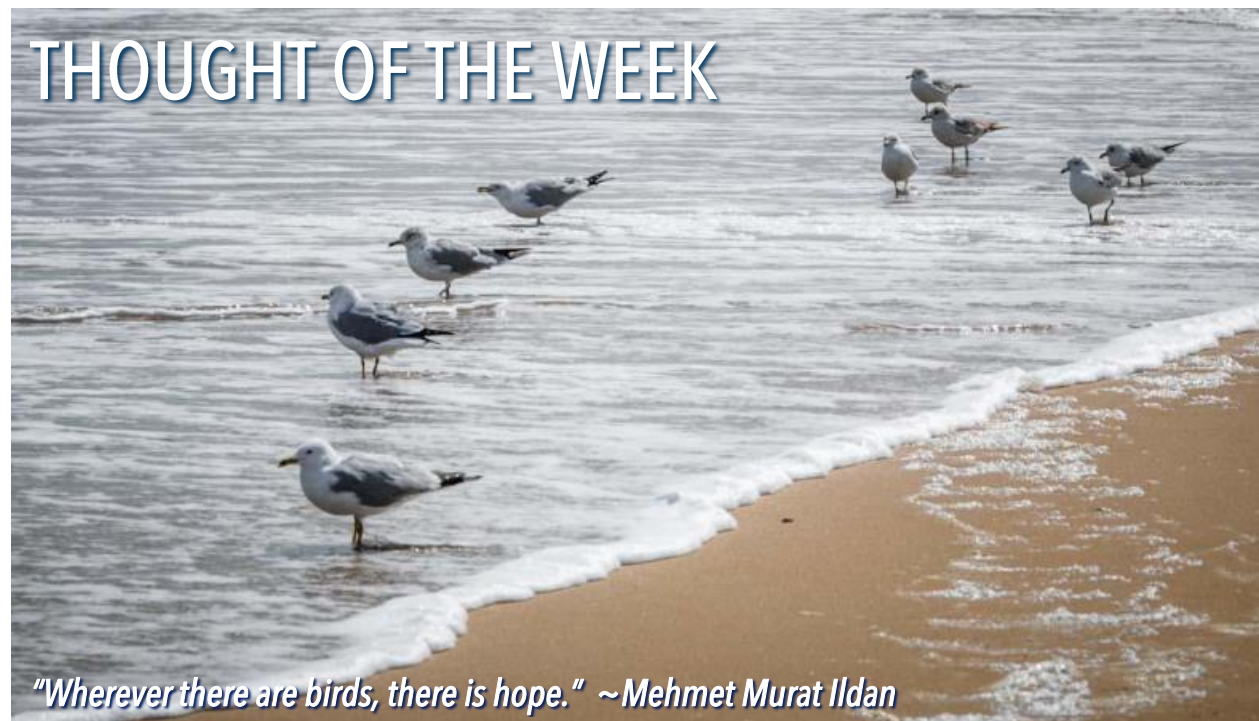
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VB ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION PICKS ITS "TOP 3" ARTS EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

The Virginia Beach Arts & Humanities Commission celebrates arts and culture each month by highlighting its "Top 3" arts events, all of which receive support from the commission.

- **"Fabulous Forgeries: Reboot" Exhibition:** Awards and opening reception will take place at the Virginia Beach Art Center from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, with a Facebook Live simulcast of the event streaming starting at 7 p.m. Exhibition and sale will be open Feb. 3-26.
- **"Heart + Soul" by Ballet Virginia:** Ballet Virginia's professional company will perform a variety of themed classical and contemporary works with a focus on diversity. Performances run Feb. 10-11 at Zeiders American Dream Theater.
- **"Andrew Lloyd Webber's School of Rock" presented by Virginia Musical Theatre:** Straight from the big screen, Andrew Lloyd Webber's kid-driven cast is sure to leave your ears ringing and you singing all the way home! Performances run Feb. 24-26 at the Sandler Center.

For more information about tickets and upcoming arts and cultural events, visit [www.vbarts.org](http://www.vbarts.org).



## ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | Feb. 5 through Feb. 11, 2023.




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

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 11, 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 February 1 special meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue, Informal Session 1pm; 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 January 24 meeting:* Mon 2pm. **LIVE:** Tue 5pm. 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.

**VIRGINIA BEACH TELEVISION – COX 47 / VERIZON 47**

**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**

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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[www.VBgov.com/VBTV](http://www.VBgov.com/VBTV)

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