

City Manager's Update



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FAREWELL TO THE CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

For many years, the City Manager's Update was a staple of the weekly City Council package. Through changes in staff and leadership, the document's purpose evolved. At the same time, the City's communication strategies and tools evolved as well.

With the transition to a new City website, virginiabeach.gov, we launched a blog. This new channel of content distribution provides an opportunity to evaluate how we get updates out to the broader community. To simplify that process, today is the final edition of the City Manager's Update. The updates I used to give here are not going anywhere. Instead of providing important updates in an online pdf document, similar information will be edited for and available at virginiabeach.gov/blog. The blog is more accessible and improves the ability for readers to share and pass along the information gathered.

Readers also have the option of signing up for an email newsletter to receive weekly digests of the articles posted through the blog. Subscribe to the "Be in the Know" email newsletter here: virginiabeach.gov/beintheknow. With these new and improved changes, we hope it'll be easier to stay up to date with City news, events, programs and projects. I look forward to seeing continued interest from residents in finding out more about our City and services from these digital platforms.

Thank you for reading!

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KEEPING RESIDENTS INFORMED + INVOLVED



- CALENDAR REMINDERS -

- **THURSDAY, MARCH 23:** The public is invited to provide feedback on the two design concepts submitted for the **5/31 Memorial**. The survey is open now on [SpeakUpVB.com](https://www.speakupvb.com) and will remain open through March 23. The 5/31 Memorial Committee will then meet to discuss the results. For additional info about the design process, visit [LoveforVB.com](https://www.loveforvb.com) or contact 531MemorialPlanning@vbgov.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED ON HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

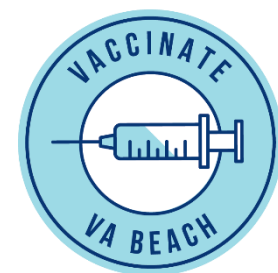
Housing & Neighborhood Preservation is collaborating with the Virginia Center for Housing Research (VCHR) at Virginia Tech to conduct a housing study for Virginia Beach. The study will include VCHR's analysis of the current housing market and the identification of strategies to address the housing needs in Virginia Beach. Eight public meetings were held in January and February where attendees participated in small group discussions to share housing-related needs and issues within the city.

For those who were unable to attend one of the public meetings, an online survey is available at [www.SpeakUpVB.com](https://www.speakupvb.com) to provide another opportunity for the public to share input on housing-related challenges, resources to address these issues and more. The online survey will be open until 11:59 p.m. on March 22. For more information, visit [www.VBgov.com/HousingStudy](https://www.vbgov.com/HousingStudy) or contact Sharon Shoff, 757-385-5836, SShoff@vbgov.com.

FREE COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINICS MARCH 11

The **Virginia Beach Department of Public Health** will host **free COVID-19 bivalent booster clinics** on Saturday, March 11, at the Senior Resource Center, 912 Princess Anne Road, and Kingdom Cathedral, 3820 Stoneshore Road, from 10 a.m. to noon. 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:

- Senior Resource Center: [Pfizer – Bivalent Booster 12+](#) | [Moderna – Bivalent Booster 6+](#)
- Kingdom Cathedral: [Pfizer – Bivalent Booster 12+](#) | [Moderna – Bivalent Booster 6+](#)



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

NEW THERAPY DOG PROGRAM BEGINS FOR EMS PROVIDERS

Virginia Beach Emergency Medical Services (EMS) kicked off a new pilot program where therapy dogs visited on-duty EMS providers. This initiative is aimed at boosting morale and improving the mental health of our providers in the field.

The new therapy dog program, developed by Paramedic Taylor Jones, started with Oy, a German shepherd certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, and Polar Bear, a volunteer therapy dog for the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters. Future dates for the program will be announced as it is further developed.



BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS COMPETE IN LIBRARY’S “BATTLE OF THE BOOKS”

Virginia Beach Public Library’s 2022-23 Battle of the Books: Fifth Grade Edition wrapped up on Friday, March 3. The final six teams represented John B. Dey, Holland, Old Donation, Trantwood and Windsor Oaks elementary schools and a homeschool group. The “Knights of the Round Fable” team from John B. Dey emerged as the ultimate winners.

In its 14th year, the game show-style trivia program for Virginia Beach fifth graders saw 335 students participating on 77 teams from 40 different Virginia Beach elementary schools. Lamar “L.R.” Giles, author of one of the books for the reading competition, served as a judge and also provided a talk last Saturday. Funding for the competition is provided by the Friends of Virginia Beach Public Library.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden." ~Frances Hodgson Burnett

ATTACHMENTS

- ◆ Virginia Beach Television (VBTV) Program Schedule | March 12 through March 18, 2023.




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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE MARCH 12 – MARCH 18, 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 March 7 meeting:* Sun 9am. **LIVE:** Tue 1:30pm. Recablecast: Thu 7pm; Fri 9am.

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the March 7 meeting:* Mon 2pm. **LIVE:** Tue, Workshop 4pm; Formal Session 6pm. Recablecast: Wed 7pm; Sat 9am.

 **VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING (Cox 47 / Verizon 47)** — *Recablecast of the March 8 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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