

NOTES FOR RESIDENTS

BEFORE THE WEEKEND:

- Plan for heavy traffic and potential road closures or traffic diversions from I-264
- If you live near the oceanfront, plan trips early in the day and take local roads instead of the interstate
- Anyone hosting guests are encouraged to inform them in advance to expect delays and potential road closures getting to and from their final destination

DURING THE WEEKEND:

- Did we mention heavy traffic? Plan accordingly
- VBPD will have a strong presence in the area and monitor cameras located throughout the oceanfront
- Maintaining access for emergency services (EMS, Fire and Police) to reach all neighborhoods is a priority
- Traffic Operations will work to minimize impacts of traffic in neighborhoods
- Parking lots will fill up early. For more information on parking issues, visit VBgov.com/CBW18
- City crews will work quickly to empty trash receptacles and clean up the area
- We will use PublicInput.com/CBW18 to obtain feedback from residents, business owners and visitors
- For updates, monitor:
 - VBgov.com/CBW18
 - [Twitter.com/CityofVaBeach](https://twitter.com/CityofVaBeach)
 - [Facebook.com/CityofVaBeach](https://facebook.com/CityofVaBeach)
 - Nextdoor.com
 - [VBTv \(Ch. 46\)](http://VBTv.com)

Only call 911 for true emergencies. Call 385-5000 for non-emergencies and 311 for City information.

FAQs

What has the City been doing to evaluate this event?

We built this year's plan based on lessons learned from previous years, revisions to operational plans, and meetings with stakeholders – college students, residents, business owners, community organizations, city employees, and representatives in other cities – that also attract spring break or beach weekend activities.

What is being done to make sure visitors and residents feel safe?

The most important thing is to provide a sense of safety and security. While Virginia Beach is the safest city of its size and the crime rate is the lowest it's been since the 1960s, we know perceptions and reality can differ. That's why we have robust safety plans and work with local neighborhoods and businesses to address safety concerns. Staffing is increased for these weekends and Police will have a zero tolerance policy for crimes that threaten the safety of our visitors and our community.

Can the Police do something about the loud music and hanging out that goes on this weekend?

Asking people to turn down the volume usually works. Just so you know, Police try to gain voluntary compliance in many situations, like excessive noise, carrying an open container and impeding traffic. What Police absolutely will not tolerate – and will make arrests for – is disorderly conduct, illegal weapons and crimes against persons, like robbery or assault.

For more FAQs and other information, visit VBgov.com/CBW18

MESSAGES FOR CBW VISITORS

#RespectTheBeach

- Respect people and property
- Have a good time
- Keep music and noise at reasonable levels
- Put your trash in the receptacle

ZERO TOLERANCE

For:

- Disorderly conduct
- Illegal weapons
- Crimes against persons

WE DO NOT ALLOW:

- Consuming alcohol on public property, including beaches
- Underage drinking
- Use, possession or sale of illegal drugs
- Destruction of public or private property
- Urinating in public
- Sex in public

Arrests could result in jail time, court appearances and fines. They also could result in Code of Conduct inquiries from a college, university or workplace.

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

Virginia Beach welcomes all visitors. We get more than 15 million every year and during the unusually crowded College Beach Weekend, as many as 40,000 young adults and local residents may visit the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

While most of our visitors are well-behaved, the City and the Virginia Beach Police Department are stepping up communications to ensure there is no misunderstanding about our intent to maintain order and continue to provide a safe, enjoyable experience for all.

A petition calling for an end to College Beach Weekend has been circulating since last year. Of course, even if we wanted to, we have no way to do that. What we can do is provide our residents, businesses and visitors with the information and resources necessary to plan ahead.

We expect everyone to adhere to the laws and ordinances, be respectful of our property and the people who live here. Rest assured, the City of Virginia Beach will utilize all available resources to maintain order and continue to provide a safe, enjoyable experience for all.

Disorderly conduct, illegal weapons and assaults will be met with zero tolerance.

Violators will be arrested.

WE'RE ON IT.

College Beach Weekend
April 27-29, 2018

Preparation Plan

