



# Baylines

*Newsletter of the City Council-appointed*

## ***Bayfront Advisory Commission***

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**Bayfront Advisory Commission meets**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm \***

**Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center**

2800 Shore Drive

### **Tentative Agenda**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and Introductions - Kal Kassir, Chair

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Comments from Kal Kassir, Chair  
Review and Approval of Minutes

#### **STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES -- Mark Shea, Tobias Eisenlohr**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS & UPDATES**

Public Safety, Transit, Parking & Pedestrian Access- Charles Malbon  
Design Review – Joseph Bovee  
Communications – Scott Ayers

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PROJECT BRIEFINGS, OPEN DISCUSSION & COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

Public Comment Period

#### **ADJOURN to Outreach 2018 \***

*See next page*

# Outreach'18 session set for June 21

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To prepare for its annual summer strategic planning meeting, the Bayfront Advisory Commission will hold Outreach 18 an annual information-gathering event June 21 in which civic leagues, condominium associations, homeowners' associations and businesses in the Bayfront area are invited to bring their most pressing concerns.

The Outreach meeting will take place during an extended session of the BAC's regular monthly meeting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on June 21 at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center. As with the first formal Outreach last year, groups will be asked to bring their most pressing issues and recommendations to the commission.

Then the commission will prioritize these issues for its 2018-19 strategic plan at the July 19 meeting. Last year, the Commission's highest priority was to move forward with funding for Phase IV of the Shore Drive improvement program. This spring, the City Council included funding for preliminary work on this phase, from Shady Oaks Drive to the western base of the new Lesner Bridge.

Other high priorities from last year were storm-water management, community readiness and sea level rise; River Walk Phase I funding (a pedestrian promenade under the Lesner bridge along the east side of Lynnhaven Inlet, and improvement to the "sense of arrival" at the Route 13- Shore Drive interchange.

For more information, contact Kal Kassir, BAC chairman, at [bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com](mailto:bayfrontadvisorycommissionvb@gmail.com).

## *Primary election June 12; Absentee deadline looms*

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The Republican and Democratic parties will choose their candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in a joint primary June 12. The primary will be held at and run by the city's Voter Registration and Elections department on behalf of the political parties.

Democratic voters will choose between Elaine G. Luria and Karen Powers Mallard for the right to run against the Republican nominee in the Nov. 6 general election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District House seat. Republicans will choose between Scott W. Taylor and Mary K. Jones to face the Democrat nominee in November.

In the U.S. Senate race, three Republicans are vying to be their party's nominee in November: Corey A. Stewart, Nick J. Freitas and E.W. Jackson. Incumbent Democrat Timothy M. Kaine is unopposed.

Deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail is tomorrow. In-person absentee ballot deadline is Saturday, June 9. All polls open at 6 am and close at 7 pm on election day. Voters must present a photo ID to receive a ballot.

Although Virginia law does not require a voter to register by party to qualify to vote, voters must designate in which party's primary election they wish to participate to receive the correct party's primary ballot.

More election information is available at the Voter Registrar's office at 757-385-8683 or by clicking here:

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/voter-registrar/Pages/default.aspx>.



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## Public school graduations next week

Virginia Beach city high school graduations start next week. Cox and First Colonial draw from the Bayfront area. But many high schools host “magnet school” academies that attract students citywide so dates and times may affect your graduate.

All commencement ceremonies will be at the Virginia Beach Convention Center as follows:

Bayside (and Health and Sciences Academy), Tuesday, June 12, 1:30 pm

Cox, Saturday, June 16, 5 pm

First Colonial (and Legal Studies Academy), Thursday, June 14, 6:30 pm

Green Run Tuesday, Tuesday, June 12, 5:30 pm

Green Run Collegiate, Thursday, June 14, 4 pm

Kellam, Saturday, June 16, 1 pm

Kempsville (and Entrepreneurship and Business Academy) Wednesday, June 13, 1:30 pm

## (Graduations...continued)

Landstown (and Governor's School for STEM and Technology) Friday, June 15, 6:30

Ocean Lakes (and Math and Science Academy), Saturday, June 16, 9 am

Princess Anne (and International Baccalaureate Programs) Friday, June 15, 1:30 pm

Renaissance Academy, Friday, June 15, 4 pm

Salem (and Visual and Performing Arts Academy) Wednesday, June 13, 5:30 pm

Tallwood (and Global Studies and World Languages Academy) Thursday, June 14, 1:30 pm



## Farewell Open House at Thoroughgood set

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Current and past Thoroughgood Elementary School students, parents, staff, neighbors and fans are invited to a farewell Open House June 12 as the school prepares to be closed and razed for a new building. Between 5 and 6:30 pm on that date, visitors can roam the halls and reminisce and can “sign the wall” with memories. There will be “selfie stations,” refreshments, plant raffle and more. The community is invited to loan memorabilia for display – to be returned. Contact Cheryl Miller at [Cheryl.Miller@vbschools.com](mailto:Cheryl.Miller@vbschools.com). Email a candid school photo of students, past or present, to be included in the school's slide show to [Patti.Lauer@vbschools.com](mailto:Patti.Lauer@vbschools.com).

Thoroughgood Elementary will be replaced by a \$28 million new building. It will be about 94,000 square feet, with a capacity of about 725 students. Thoroughgood opened in 1958 and served about 700 students last year in kindergarten through fifth grade. Construction is expected to begin later this year and be complete in 2020; students would move in that September.

In the interim, Thoroughgood students will be housed in a “portable village” at nearby Hermitage Elementary School on Pleasure House Road.

Continuing information about the school is available at <http://www.thoroughgoodes.vbschools.com/>

# Consensus sought on short-term rental issue

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The knotty issue of short-term rentals in certain single-family neighborhoods is expected to be deferred by the City Council from tomorrow to Aug. 21 to allow the council to work on consensus as to whether and how to regulate these properties.

The council was briefed by B. Kay Wilson, deputy city attorney-land use, in a workshop May 22 that presented options ranging from banning short-term rentals throughout the city, except for Sandbridge, to creating zoning overlays in designated neighborhoods to permitting the rentals citywide under conditional-use permit.

The General Assembly has mandated that short-term rentals be allowed in Sandbridge. City staff has proposed additional “overlay” districts that would allow, with regulations, short-term rentals for events such as weddings and reunions in single-family neighborhoods that include the Oceanfront and the North End on the ocean and at Cape Henry and Ocean Park on the Bayfront.

This proposal covers 73 percent of the 1,800 currently registered properties that offer short-term rentals, Wilson told the council.

This has been a contentious issue for years, pitting owners who bought resort properties on the assumption that short-term rental income would help them afford the units to neighbors who oppose such uses as being incompatible with single-family homes.

The council posed several questions and comments during the briefing. Among them, how to notify property owners and residents in any overlay district about proposed ordinances to establish them, how to make sure that any liability insurance mandates are effective and protect the city and what part any regulation would play in rural areas with large lots.

In the end, the council agreed to respond to a staff-prepared questionnaire to more clearly determine areas of consensus by June 12 and to defer the matter from tomorrow’s meeting agenda until Aug. 21.

To view the entire City Council briefing from May 22, click here

<https://www.vbgov.com/media/Pages/default.aspx>

## *“Canoes” artwork to be installed next month*

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“Canoes,” the sculpture commissioned by the Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation, is scheduled to be installed on the Lesner Bridge, the weekend of July 13-14, weather and construction permitting. The sculpture, by artist Donald Lipski, was funded by community donations to the foundation that, to date, have totaled more than \$300,000 and are still being accepted. “This is really exciting,” Bayfront Advisory Commission Chairman Kal Kassir told the BAC last month. To donate, make checks payable to Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation, P. O. Box 61427 Virginia Beach, VA 23466-14257.

