



VBCCO THE VOICE

VBCCO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

**Thursday, DECEMBER 12th
7:00pm**

**GREAT NECK RECREATION
CENTER
2521 Shorehaven Drive, 23454**

**A meet & greet after the
presentation will occur.**



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JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR OUR SPEAKER:

**ACTING CITY MANAGER
Tom Leahy**



VIRGINIA BEACH COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS NEWSLETTER
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President's Corner

We enjoyed meeting with Mayor Dyer and hearing his perspective on the state of the city. Minutes are included in the newsletter on page 8. The City phone number is 757.385.3111 and he encouraged all residents to utilize the number.

We have a new director, John Sutton, that works with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, so we're including school information in the newsletter for those folks that might not have the information available to them. An example is on page 9 & 10.

Thank you for participating in the VBCCO and volunteering for your Neighborhood! We all benefit when neighbors come together.

Keep an eye out this season for doorstep thieves and help one another!

C. Douglas Jr.



IMPORTANT WEBSITES AND INFORMATION

VBCCO: <http://www.vbcco.org/>
VA BEACH CITY SITE: <https://www.vbgov.com>
WIND POWER: <https://va4wind.com>
SEE IT, CLICK IT, FIX IT: <https://seeclickfix.com/>
HRT SURVEY RESULTS: <https://transformtransitpublicinput.com>
BOW CREEK STORMWATER: <http://www.vbgov.com/BowCreekSWPark>

SOUTHERN WATERSHED CHALLENGES:

Vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/storm-water/Pages/south-rvrs-watershed.aspx

USGS Rain & Tide Gauges:

https://va.water.usgs.gov/webmap/precip_va/

VBCCO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES FOR 2020

Thursday, January 9—7:00pm

Thursday, February 13—7:00pm

Thursday, March 12—7:00pm

General Meeting will be at the Great Neck Recreation Center,
2521 Shorehaven Drive, 23454

(while we wait for the Central Library update to be completed)

**Congratulations
to the newly elected VBCCO officers:**

President: C. Douglas Jr.
1st Vice President: Heather Malaby
2nd Vice President: Al Wallace
Treasurer: Patricia Knight
Corresponding Secretary: Garrett Rockey
Director: John F. Sutton III



These officers will take the Oath of Office at the January General Meeting.

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As of November 1, individuals with Short Term Rentals were to follow guidelines:
www.vbgov.com/STR



CITY UPDATES—www.vbgov.com

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TODAY!

Dear Neighborhood Leader,

We, the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations are requesting your input. The next three pages include the 2020 invoice and a survey for us to update our records and information.

Please share the survey questions with your neighborhood association members and return via email or mail.



Thank you for sharing your contact information with the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations, Inc. (VBCCO), as we are working hard on your behalf to fulfill our purpose.

We would like to hear from you about any issues your civic organization may be working with or dealing with at this time. Our monthly meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm (currently - Great Neck Recreation Center). We regularly meet with city leaders, including School Board members, Planning Commissioners and City Council Officials while attending several city wide meetings.

Our monthly newsletter is emailed out after each VBCCO Board meeting to inform your community of current events your neighborhood may be interested in. We welcome input of all city events and would love to have your newsletter emailed to us at VBCCOSecretary@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.vbcco.org!

VBCCO
PO Box 9252
Virginia Beach, VA 23450-9252

2020 VBCCO Membership Invoice: \$25.00

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Primary Email: _____

Primary Phone #: _____

Voting Representatives (name/email addresses) to VBCCO (2):

_____ and _____

Your Organization's Meeting Date/Time & Location:



Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations

P.O. Box 9252 Virginia Beach, VA 23450-9252

www.vbcco.org

In order to better understand the needs of civic leagues and to provide developmental services to the league leadership, we ask that your board members undertake the completion of the following survey. This information will be used to create seminars and projects to enhance the membership and activity levels in the civic leagues. Please email this back to VBCCOSecretary@gmail.com or mail to: VBCCO, P.O. Box 9252, Virginia Beach VA 23450

ABOUT YOUR LEAGUE (Please print)

Name of Your League:

Year Established:

Contact Name:

Phone:

Email:

Do you have a copy of your original or active charter for your group: Yes: No:

What kind of organization are you under the IRS laws:

YOUR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Total numbers members 2018: 2019:

Do you provide a welcome or membership package: Yes No

MEETINGS

Where do you hold your meetings:

Number of meetings: General:

Board:

Social Events:

Other Meetings:

NEWSLETTERS

Number of times you produce a newsletters annually:

ISSUES

What are the top five issues specific to your neighborhood:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What are the top five issues your league is concerned about with the city:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

(continued over)

VBCCO MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Is your civic league a member of the CCO: Yes No If yes, do you make an effort to see that a member of your league attends the CCO meeting every month as your representative and who is that individual?

If you are not a member, can you tell us why not:

What would you like the CCO do for your civic league regarding programs and information, such as:

- Provide information and education on issues without taking sides OR
- Provide information and education on issues and then suggest what is best for the neighborhoods

What would you like the CCO do for your civic league regarding representation with the city (check ONE only)

- Allow each civic league to represent itself to the city on each issue, OR
- CCO be more pro-active as a voice for the neighborhoods by taking a vote on behalf of all civic leagues on issues and represent civic leagues as a solid group to the city

We feel that we will be a stronger voice to the city if we represent a larger membership and a membership that is known to be active and involved with their league leadership. The CCO wants to help new and existing leagues develop their membership numbers and member involvement. What kind of services would you most likely use if offered by the CCO (check ALL that apply):

- Consulting / Mentoring with civic league
- Develop Newsletter
- Develop Website
- Coordinate Seminars
- Draft / Evaluate Bylaws / Manual
- Other (please list):

Please list any suggestions or concerns your group may have for how the CCO is organized and/or operating:

Please email your responses to: VBCCOSecretary@gmail.com or you can mail to the following address:

VBCCO, PO Box 9252, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-9252

Be a Census Taker



2020 is the year for the Census as required by the U.S. Constitution. April 1st is National Census Day. The federal government is appealing to the general public to be Census Takers. These are paid full time and part time positions. Virginia has a vested interest in obtaining complete and accurate population counts that results in the distribution of federal dollars to states and the number of representatives in the House of the U.S. Congress. Next month (January 2020) begins the vetting process in selecting Census Takers.

Apply online now: www.2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-562-2020.

Upon selection, you will go through paid training and be given an I-Pad computer. Average salary is \$18 per hour plus mileage, and pay is weekly. Hours are flexible. In most cases, you will work in your own community. You must be at least 18 years old and a USA citizen with a valid social security number. Employment of Census Takers starts in March and ends in September 2020.

Be a Census Taker! Join the 2020 Census Team!
Get Paid to Help Your Community! Make the call today!

Upcoming General Assembly in Richmond may see many changes as representation shifts from a Republican to a Democrat session. Below are links to stay informed of changes that may affect your community and/or citizens of Virginia. Our Constitution is based on citizen participation in the legislative process. These links may help facilitate participation. Contact your representative to express any desires and concerns (shared as a point of information with no political bias):

Listing of all legislative bills: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/leqp604.exe?201+lst+ALL>

Listing of Legislators' bills: <http://lis.virginia.gov/201/mbr/MBR.HTM>

Listing of Committees: <http://lis.virginia.gov/201/com/COM.HTM>

Legislative Info System: <http://leg1.state.va.us/>

Listing of House Delegates: <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/house/members/members.php>

Listing of State Senators: <https://apps.senate.virginia.gov/Senator/index.php>

Who is my State Legislator: <https://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov/>





General Meeting
Great Neck Recreation Center
2521 Shorehaven Drive, Virginia Beach
7:00 pm Thursday, November 14, 2019

MINUTES

The President welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

Speaker:

Mayor Bobby Dyer was introduced and thanked us for our neighborhood service. He shared information about Virginia Beach being the safest city our size in the nation and that he's attended over 700 civic meetings. The Council looks to improved communication with the residents and would like to see Town Halls in each area. Several important issues for 2020 will be the Census, the City Budget and a new City Manager. After a brief talk he addressed questions.

A brief recess was held for members to discuss questions with Mayor Dyer individually.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report - Minutes of October 10, 2019 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report - As of October 31, 2019 there is \$4,201.72 in the bank account.

Unfinished Business:

Ballots were distributed for every civic league represented. A quorum was declared and Conrad Agresti and Brad Sike tallied the ballots. The following officers will take the Oath of Office in January: President C. Douglas Jr., 1st Vice President Heather Malaby, 2nd Vice President Al Wallace, Treasurer Patricia Knight, Corresponding Secretary Garrett Rockey and Director John F. Sutton III.

New Business:

Surveys have been distributed to all neighborhoods within the city. Due to the variation of meeting dates, these results will be presented and still accumulated until 2020.

Invoices have been emailed individually to all neighborhoods.

Both documents appear in the November newsletter that has been emailed out and on the website.

Announcements:

Please let Board members know which speakers you would like to hear from in 2020 at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library.

Public input for the City Comprehensive Plan is now available and information will be in the newsletter.

December speaker will be Acting City Manager Tom Leahy.
Adjourned at 8:21 pm.



More Successes Under *Compass to 2020*

- All VBCPS testing schools earned full accreditation for the second consecutive year -no other school division in Southside Hampton Roads has done so.
- The Center for Digital Education named VBCPS one of the nation's best digital school districts, awarding the division a top-ten ranking in its annual Digital School Districts Survey.
- The School Superintendents Association named VBCPS one of the top 25 school divisions in the nation for its innovative practices.
- VBCPS is a 1:1 school division, with a Chromebook or laptop available for every student in the city to help extend their learning.
- VBCPS students earned 13,634 industry credentials during the 2017-18 school year, an all-time record for the division.
- Governor Ralph Northam and the state Board of Education (BOE) named VBCPS and 22 of its schools 2018 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) award winners. The annual awards recognize school divisions and individual schools that exceed state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals.
- VBCPS outscored the nation in the overall SAT mean score and mean section scores.
- VBCPS was awarded a \$4 million Department of Defense grant to implement the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) College Readiness Program in five VBCPS high schools (Cox, Kempsville, Landstown, Ocean Lakes and Princess Anne) to increase the number of students taking and excelling in college-level math, science and English classes.
- The American Heart Association named VBCPS the top school division in the state for its ongoing efforts in promoting health awareness.
- All 11 VBCPS comprehensive high schools earned the 2017 National Council of Excellence Award from the National Association of Student Councils (NASC). Only 18 schools in Virginia received this honor which recognizes student councils for their records of leadership and service.
- VBCPS was among the 10 school districts and one school honored with the 2017 Learning Counsel Digital Curriculum Strategy Award. According to the Learning Counsel, recipients "were recognized for their work to not only transform the way they teach but for their management-level restructuring for digital delivery."

October 2018



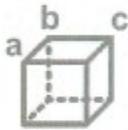
Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS)

has nearly 67K students and more than 10,000 staff members.

The school division is the largest in Hampton Roads and 50th largest in the country.

100%

For the **second, consecutive year, 100 percent of schools tested in VBCPS** earned full state accreditation from the state of Virginia.



According to the College Board, **more VBCPS students – from more diverse backgrounds – enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses**, took a record number of AP Exams and performed better than ever before.



Last year, across the city, approximately 35,000 volunteers and partners in education **donated more than 400,000 hours of service** to VBCPS to support the work and mission of the division.



VBCPS has reached an **all-time high graduation rate** (93.3 percent) and its lowest ever dropout rate (3.8 percent). These are not only division records, they also beat the state performance of 91.6 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively.



The VBCPS **Class of 2018 was offered more than \$104 million in scholarships**. They went on to accept more than \$63 million. Both numbers are all-time records for the division.

What Our Community Says:

Parents, students and staff are issued climate and input surveys to give their feedback on their school and the division as a whole. These are some of the most recent results:

- An overwhelming majority of both students (85 percent) and parents (92 percent) reported that VBCPS schools are safe and orderly places to learn.
- More than 90 percent of families said they were satisfied with division events, programs and resources supporting students.
- More than 80 percent of students reported that academic and career planning helped them make informed decisions about college, employment or military service.
- Parents and students both agreed – more than 92 percent and 82 percent respectively – that school is a welcoming place to learn.
- More than 88 percent of VBCPS staff reported they are proud to work for the school division.

Student achievement continues to rise in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Standards are higher than ever and VBCPS students continue to outperform their peers in a number of critical areas: graduation rates, SAT scores, and SOL performance, just to name a few.



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VBCCO Board Meetings are held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Thank you!

Next VBCCO General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020
7:00 pm

Great Neck Recreation Center