

# VBCCO THE VOICE



## **VBCCO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

## GREAT NECK RECREATION CENTER 2521 Shorehaven Drive, 23454

## Thursday, August 8, 2019—7:00—8:30pm

BREAKING NEWS: Hillard Heintze was selected as the investigative contractor to conduct an independent review of the tragedy at Building 2. To voice your comments and experiences, you may call autonomously at 877.208.5650 or send your comments via email: virginiabeach@hillardheintze. The multi-faceted team is welcoming your comments. A public listening session will be held on Thursday, August 8 at the Sandler Center, 7pm. The Hillard Heintze team will discuss their purpose and methodology.

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## **President's Corner**

Life moves on and opportunities pop up. As such, I am resigning as the President of the VBCCO. It has been a pleasure to serve our neighborhoods and work closely with the city to assist our residents.

Our 1st Vice President Douglas will capably handle the role as President and I am confident the VBCCO is being left in good hands.

It's been a pleasure to serve and meet so many residents!

Sincerely, Brad Sike, President





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# President's Corner—Take 2

I as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, did in accordance with the governing documents of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations Inc., assume the office of President upon the resignation by Brad Sike at a meeting of the Board of Directors on July 11, 2019.

I am deeply honored with this opportunity to serve our community in this capacity and look forward to working with our Board of Directors as we follow the governing documents in meeting our responsibilities to our current member organizations as well as new civic association members. Volunteers in each and every civic association strive to improve their neighborhoods and thereby contribute in making Virginia Beach such a great city. We must acknowledge and support their efforts.

Both Sam Reid and Brad Sike, Past Presidents, are recognized for their contributions in striving to restore the membership of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations Inc., (VBCCO).

The meeting of the membership is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7pm in the Great Neck Recreation Center. PLEASE DO JOIN US, we need your help.

uglas Jr., President



# **CITY UPDATES FROM**

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## 2019 National Night Out (NNO)

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, neighborhoods throughout Virginia Beach are joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 36th Annual National Night Out. National Night Out in 2019 is expected to involve over 38 million people in over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is held annually to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know local communities are organized and are fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as: cookouts, visits from local police and other first responders, parades, flashlight walks, contests and youth programs. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote your neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

Please contact MPO Jim McElligott at the Virginia Beach Police Department's Community Engagement Unit at <u>imcellig@vbgov.com</u> so that police resources could possibly be provided to attend your event.

### National Night Out Event Application

Kindly fill out the online fillable information form that can be found here.

# \*NOTE: Opening and Submitting the Registration Form only works using the Internet Explorer browser.

Ted Logue, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist, City of Virginia Department of Human Services, Beach Peer Recovery Services spoke at our May General Membership meeting. He and fellow workers are available to speak at your membership meetings to share the information the city can provide for opioid addiction.



Did you know?

Unused household drugs can be disposed of safely at police stations.

Or find a deactivation packet from DeterraSystem.com. Drugs can be placed in the bag that deactivates the drug and then can be safely disposed of in the garbage.



# **CITY UPDATE FROM**

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2-4

## Virginia's Tax-Free Holiday Is Fast Approaching

Stock up on school and emergency supplies as well as Energy Star and WaterSense items the first weekend in August.

From 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, as well as Energy Star<sup>™</sup> and WaterSense<sup>™</sup> products without paying sales tax. Many retailers will also offer additional discounts throughout the weekend. For more information, visit tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday.

## What items are eligible?

## School supplies, clothing, and footwear

- Qualified school supplies \$20 or less per item
- Qualified clothing and footwear \$100 or less per item

## Hurricane and emergency preparedness products

- Portable generators \$1,000 or less per item
- Gas-powered chainsaws \$350 or less per item
- Chainsaw accessories \$60 or less per item
- Other specified hurricane preparedness items \$60 or less per item

## Energy Star<sup>™</sup> and WaterSense<sup>™</sup> products

• Qualifying Energy Star™ or WaterSense™ products purchased for noncommercial home or personal use - \$2,500 or less per item

Detailed lists of qualifying items and more information for retailers can be found in the 2019 Combined Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines.



## VBCCO is following the sea level rise and tidal flooding issue:

## The City Is Hosting a Series of Sea Level Rise Public Meetings:

Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.- noon Cox High School, 2425 Shorehaven Drive

Virginia Beach Public Works is hosting the public meetings in partnership with Old Dominion University concerning the City's efforts in developing a comprehensive flooding response plan for sea level rise. Working with Dewberry, Public Works Engineering has been conducting studies and developing long-term plans to combat the growing risks and projected effects of sea level rise throughout the city.

The relative rate of sea level rise in the Hampton Roads region is within the top 10 percent of the nation. Long-term records of water level gauges in southeast Virginia show sea level rise trends that are almost twice that of the global average. This is primarily due to the relatively high rate of subsidence in Hampton Roads.

The trend of sea level rise increase is expected to continue and is projected to accelerate through the end of the century. In 2014, the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS) reviewed sea level rise projections from U.S. Federal entities to establish planning values for Hampton Roads as an aspect of their Recurrent Flooding Study for the Virginia General Assembly. The VIMS report recommended a planning scenario of 1.5 feet for the region over the next 20 to 50 years, but notes that 3 feet is possible in the 50-year horizon. These recommended values are being used in the City's analysis.

For additional information or questions about the meetings, contact Drew Lankford at <u>dlankfor@vbgov.com</u> or (757) 385-8062.

This is a survey that will be sent out separately in the fall to all neighborhood organizations. If you have a summer meeting we would appreciate you considering this information with your neighborhood now.



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 <u>VBCCOSecretary@gmail.com</u> or mail to: VBCCO, P.O. Box 9252, Virginia Beach VA 23450

#### ABOUT YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE (Please print)

| Name of Your League:  |        | Y    | ear Established: |
|---|--------|------|------------------|
| Contact Name:   | Phone: | E    | 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



## VBCCO WEBSITE: www.VBCCO.org

## **VBCCO OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND CHAIRS**

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Next VBCCO General Membership Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2019 7:00 pm

Great Neck Recreation Center