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Museum Dedicated to Former African American School Will Open This Weekend



It closed more than 40 years ago, but Union Kempsville High School is still a vivid memory for many African American residents. Now, a museum dedicated to the school (formerly known as Princess Anne County Training School) is set to open.

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HRT to Brief the Public on Status of Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study



Learn the latest information on bus rapid transit, light rail transit, alignment alternatives east of the Norfolk Southern railroad right of way, possible location for a vehicle storage and maintenance facility, stations and possible elevated crossings at major intersections. The meeting's on June 30.

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Take Care of Your Pets During the Dog Days of Summer



Summer is a fantastic time of the year for you and your pet to enjoy together. Be a responsible companion, and think about your animal's special summertime needs. Also, learn the seasonal regulations for pets on the beaches.

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[View Animal Safety Tips Video](#)

Helping Youth Meet Their Employment Goals

Opportunity, Inc. is funding the Summer Youth Employment Program again! The program provides work experience to young people who meet income and other eligibility requirements. Interested? Here's more.



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Photographer's Corner



The release of 12 rehabilitated Kemp's Ridley turtles into the warm waters off Cape Charles, VA the morning of June 15 may help future oil-contaminated sea turtles. The Virginia Aquarium and the New England Aquarium have combined their "patients" for this release so that "beds" in their individual facilities might be available for oiled turtles from the Gulf of Mexico. View photographs of the release in this week's [Slideshow](#).

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Green Volunteering in Virginia Beach



The city Office of Volunteer Resources has recently launched a green volunteering initiative called Go Green! Virginia Beach. The initiative provides contact information for a variety of volunteer agencies, both city-run and privately run. All of these organizations offer volunteering opportunities that are considered "green" and environmentally beneficial.

Go Green! Virginia Beach can be accessed through the Office of Volunteer Resources webpage, www.vbgov.com/volunteer, by clicking on the Go Green! Virginia Beach logo. If you are interested in helping make our city and our planet a better, more sustainable place to live, please visit the site. For more information, contact Mary Russo in the Office of Volunteer Resources at mrusso@vbgov.com or (757) 385-4722.

City of Virginia Beach Fourth of July Holiday Schedule



The following Virginia Beach facilities will be closed on Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5, in observance of Independence Day:

- All City of Virginia Beach Offices
- All Virginia Beach Community Recreation Centers
- All Virginia Beach Public Libraries
- All Virginia Beach City Public Schools and Administration Offices
- Francis Land House, Union Kempsville Museum, Lynnhaven House and Adam Thoroughgood House
- Owl Creek Tennis Center (Office and Pro Shop)
- The Virginia Beach Circuit Court, General District Court, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts and Clerk's Offices
- Virginia Beach City Landfill
- Virginia Beach Convention Center Administrative Offices
- Virginia Beach Public Health Department

NOTE: The following facilities will be OPEN to the public July 4 and 5 during the following hours:

- All Virginia Beach City Parks and Park Facilities will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- All city-owned golf courses, including Bow Creek, Kempsville Greens and Red Wing Lake Golf Course
- Chesapeake Bay Center at First Landing State Park: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visitor Information Center: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Virginia Beach Animal Care and Adoption Center: July 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and July 5 from 10 a.m.

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- Virginia Beach Farmers Market: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information regarding city services and information, please contact VB311 Citizen Services by dialing 311 within city limits, (757) 385-3111 or visit www.VBgov.com for online assistance.

Celebrate July 4th in Virginia Beach



Sunday, July 4, starting at 4 p.m., Mount Trashmore Park, 300 Edwin Drive Celebrate America's independence starting with live music, fun children's activities, delicious festival foods and, of course, booming fireworks at 9:15 p.m.! Free admission to the park and \$5 onsite parking. For more information contact the Special Events Office at (757) 385-2990 or e-mail PRSpecialEvents@VBgov.com.

Stars and Stripes Explosion at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront

Sunday, July 4, 6 to 11 p.m.

Multiple live performances on oceanfront stages attract tens of thousands of visitors and residents to a star-spangled salute. Musical acts offer something for everyone, with tribute bands saluting some of the biggest names in music.

From 8 to 9:30 p.m., a stage erected on the beach at 20th Street becomes the focal point for performances by Symphonicity (the symphony orchestra of Virginia Beach) together with the Virginia Beach Chorale. This musical program encompasses patriotic songs, Broadway standards, movie themes and folk music. The show segues into a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. Latin music, a Bruce Springsteen tribute band and R&B group 4IIC round out musical entertainment on other stages. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Entertainment schedule:

20th Street Stage on the Beach

8 to 9:30 p.m., Symphonicity, with the Virginia Beach Chorale and the Doorway Singers.

17th Street Park

8 to 9 p.m. & 9:45 to 10:45 p.m., 4IIC

24th Street Park

Noon to 2 p.m., Children's activities
2:30 to 3:45 p.m., Sol Libre
4:15 to 5:30 p.m., Latin Jazz Conspiracy
6 to 7:15 p.m., Kautivo Musical
7:45 to 9 p.m., Tumbao Salsero
9:30 to 11 p.m., Bio Ritmo

31st Street Park

8 to 9 p.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 p.m., Bruce in the U.S.A. (Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band)

For more information, call 425-3111 or visit www.beachstreetusa.com/events/StarsAndStripesExplosion

City Council Meetings

Special VBTV Program Shares "Reflections on a Legacy"



Providing a glimpse into the diverse history of Virginia Beach, VBTV proudly presents a mini-documentary titled Reflections on a Legacy. The program is an oral history of Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School, the first and only school for "colored" children in Princess Anne County, now Virginia Beach.

Former students and staff from the school share their memories and experiences in a video filled with old photos from yearbooks spanning the life of the school.

This program tells the story of the Princess Anne County Training Association, comprised of the county's African American parents, communities, teachers, churches and community organizations. The group raised money to purchase property for a high school to provide better education for African American children in the county. In 1934, a temporary school site was established on the property of the predominantly black Union Baptist Church. It was located on South Boulevard in the vicinity of present-day Mount Trashmore until a four-room building was completed in 1938 at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Witchduck Road.

Classrooms, lavatories, a gymnasium and a cafeteria were added over the years. The school was renamed Union Kempsville High School in 1962. The last class graduated in 1969, when the high school closed after citywide integration of schools started in Virginia Beach.

Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High

School Reflections on a Legacy

Cox Channel 48
Verizon Channel 45
Cavalier Channel 119

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 6:30 a.m.

Saturday: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1:30 a.m.

Monday: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:30 p.m.

For more information concerning VBTV e-stream, schedules or programs: www.vbgov.com/vbtv.

City Council



Formal Sessions

July 6 & 13 - 6 p.m.
 City Council Chamber, City Hall, 2nd Floor
 Preceded by informal sessions
 Times to be determined

Citizens may speak for three minutes about items that are not on the agenda at the end of the first formal session of the month (July 6).

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 385-4303 or visit www.VBgov.com/city_hall.

After the second Tuesday meeting in July, City Council will be on summer break until the first Tuesday meeting in August.



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