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## City News

### [E-scooters returning to Virginia Beach with heavy regulations](#)

13 News Now – Jan. 10, 2020

Speed limits and area regulations are just a few of the rules electric scooter riders will have to follow if they want to get around Virginia Beach this summer. Scooter injuries last summer resulted in an Oceanfront ban. Now, Virginia Beach City Council hopes to ensure safer rides. **Assistant to the City Manager Brian Solis** said this year scooters will be limited to 15 mph throughout the city. Riders will have to go 10 mph on shared bike paths like Atlantic Avenue. They will not be allowed on the boardwalk or on roads exceeding 25 mph. The scooters are equipped with geofences that will regulate this. "Didn't think there was a problem with them," said community member Jonathan Kuntze. "I thought it was pretty cool. People in Virginia Beach have mixed opinions on the return. "I think e-scooters are great," said resident Marc Micheals. "I think that this is not the appropriate place to have them." Micheals said he is worried about people riding while intoxicated. Others were concerned about the appearance. "It seems like a fun thing to do at the oceanfront, so I don't have anything against them," said resident Lindsey Messer. "They kind of litter the ground."

But, the city's permits also means new rules for scooter companies themselves. Solis said they want to cap the entire city at 1,000 scooters. The city only wants 400 of those at the Oceanfront. Council agreed they could raise the cap if they see a demand over the next year. New one-time \$5,000 fees from vendors will go towards building parking areas. Solis said they hope companies will offer some sort of incentive to get users to park their scooters there when they finish. The city is also requiring companies to provide education and safety plans. Solis said the city already has five interested vendors. Two of them are Lime and Bryd that both provided services last year. Permit applications will become available on January 13. Solis said vendors will have to answer how they will manage their scooter rentals. The city will approve permits based on companies that best meet their new criteria.

### [Virginia Beach seeks input on housing needs in city](#)

Southside Daily – Jan. 13, 2020

Virginia Beach Housing and Neighborhood Preservation is developing its 2020-2025 Consolidated Strategy and Plan for the department's federally-funded programs. The plan will help to create affordable housing opportunities, address homelessness and provide home rehabilitation assistance for low- to moderate-income households. City officials are looking for public input to help identify critical housing and neighborhood preservation needs and issues in Virginia Beach. Residents can provide feedback online at <http://www.publicinput.com/VBHousingNeeds> through Jan. 24. The department will also hold a public hearing where residents can provide input on housing needs on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6 -7 p.m., at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, Building 21, 2408 Courthouse Drive. Information gathered online and from the public hearing will be used to guide the strategy and priorities for the city's housing programs over the next five years, according to a press release. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City to develop a Five-Year Consolidated Strategy and Plan to develop priorities for the following federal entitlement grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA). The plan also provides a summary of the City's housing and community development needs, resources and strategies, and is a management tool for assessing performance and tracking results.

### [Stranding Response Program recovers dead manatee in Virginia Beach waters](#)

13 News Now – Jan. 11, 2020

Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center's Stranding Response Program recovered a dead manatee that was recently spotted near Rudee Inlet. The center said in a post on its Facebook page the manatee was recovered by the team on Friday. The mammal was recovered in Owls Creek, a tributary of Rudee Inlet, said **Matthew Klepeisz, Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center spokesperson**. The team believes it's the same one recently spotted near the mouth of Rudee Inlet in December. Klepeisz said they have not confirmed any cause of death but think it was cold stress related. "The body was not fresh, so the animal could have been deceased for days or weeks," he said. During the warmer weather, manatees occasionally visit the area, the [City of Virginia Beach said](#). If someone happens to spot one, they are asked to contact the Virginia Aquarium's Stranding Response Team at 757-385-7575 to report its location. [Read more](#).

### [\*\*Stranding Response Program recovers dead manatee in Virginia Beach\*\*](#)

WAVY – Jan. 11, 2020

### [\*\*Virginia Beach bomb squad clears suspicious package found at Mt. Trashmore\*\*](#)

13 News Now – Jan. 11, 2020

Virginia Beach Police Department's bomb squad cleared a suspicious package found near the Kids Cove at Mt. Trashmore on Saturday afternoon. Police officials said the package has not been deemed a threat, via Twitter around 3:28 p.m. A 13News Now reporter at the scene said the bomb squad picked up the box and it looked like it was filled with sand. A bomb squad member emptied the box. Virginia Beach police have not released more information.

### [\*\*'Suspicious package' located near Kids Cove at Mount Trashmore\*\*](#)

WAVY – Jan. 11, 2020

### [\*\*'Suspicious package' near Mount Trashmore playground not a threat, police say\*\*](#)

WTKR – Jan. 11, 2020

### [\*\*Virginia Beach fire crews conducting training at vacant Belvedere Hotel at Oceanfront\*\*](#)

13 News Now – Jan. 11, 2020

If you see smoke and hear chaotic sounds coming from the old Belvedere Hotel on Atlantic Avenue, it's only for training purposes. Virginia Beach Fire Department is conducting training exercises at the vacant hotel during the next couple of days. The fire department warned citizens in a tweet that they may see smoke coming from the building. The restaurant below the hotel at 36th Street and Atlantic Avenue closed in October, according to a Virginian-Pilot article. The hotel had been a mainstay along the resort city's Oceanfront for 46 years before it was closed in 2015.

## **School News**

### [\*\*Green Run honors retiring school resource officer with '12 Days of Crumpton'\*\*](#)

The Virginian-Pilot – Jan. 11, 2020

Accomplish your mission, but also take care of your people: This is a life lesson Frank Crumpton learned as a master sergeant in the Marine Corps, and he's applied it to his work as a school resource officer at Green Run High School. Crumpton retired in December after serving at the school since 2013, a job, he says, that allowed him to fulfill a dream. "I wanted to be someplace where I could make an impact on the kids," he said. Before he retired, the community honored him with "12 Days of Crumpton," a series of events, including a dance and a parade through the halls, that were held each day from Dec. 5-12. Crumpton served in the Marine Corps for 30 years, retiring in 2003 as a master gunnery sergeant. He

began working for the Virginia Beach Police Department as a patrol officer in 2004, and in 2013, he was assigned to work at Green Run High School as a school resource officer. The biggest challenge, he said, was getting to know everyone, but he approached the work just as he'd approached his job as a patrol officer. He took time to talk to people and to build a sense of community.

The biggest reward was getting to work with the students and to see them mature, he said. With five children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of his own, he has a special affinity for kids and thought it was important to understand the challenges some of them faced. Some students experience poverty, family problems, mental health issues and a whole range of other problems that can affect their behavior and school performance, Crumpton said. He would keep snacks in his office to give to students who hadn't eaten that day, and he dealt with potential behavior problems the same way he did as a patrol officer. Instead of being quick to assign harsh punishment, Crumpton would try reasoning with the students, which, he says, was often successful.

Some students come to visit after graduation, and because of his own military background, Crumpton particularly enjoyed seeing the students who went through the Navy junior ROTC program and launched military careers after graduation. Crumpton also attended school events, said assistant principal Leslie Lehner: "He's made a real effort to get to know our community." Herbert Brandon, a 17-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Police Department, is Green Run's new school resource officer. While he has some big shoes to fill, he's looking forward to the challenge. "It's going to be rewarding working with the kids and establishing a relationship with them, and getting to see them grow," Brandon said. "It's important to make an impact on kids while they're still young." As for Crumpton, he plans to return to Green Run High School as a volunteer. "This has made a big impact on me," he said. "This has been my whole life."

## More News

### [After arena failures, Hampton Roads cities may take a regional approach](#)

*The Virginian-Pilot* – Jan. 11, 2020

Talk of a new Hampton Roads arena larger than existing facilities like Scope and Hampton Coliseum has been percolating for years. For a while, it seemed like an 18,000-seat arena at Virginia Beach's Oceanfront was imminent, but in 2018 the development deal fell apart at the last minute. But new legislation proposed in the General Assembly could set the stage for another run at a major arena, in Norfolk or elsewhere. And this time, cities could work together instead of competing. Jason Miyares, a Republican delegate from Virginia Beach's 82nd District, has put forward legislation to create a regional body to develop and finance an arena. Called the Hampton Roads Regional Arena Authority and appointed by the governor, the proposed body would have the ability to issue debt to fund construction, retain state taxes generated by the facility to repay the cost of building and pass along additional revenue to whichever localities throw in on the project. This mirrored authorization given to Virginia Beach's pursuit of an arena a few years back. The regional body would also determine the location of the arena, which the bill says would need to be at least 15,000 seats and be able to host sporting events, conferences and concerts or other entertainment. Any Hampton Roads locality could participate.

"We have to explore every opportunity we have that will bring wealth to the region, especially if it might involve Virginia Beach and Norfolk," **Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer** said. Norfolk Mayor Kenny Alexander made the same point that arena boosters said about the Beach's failed project: The region is missing out on major entertainment events that just don't have anywhere big enough in Virginia to perform. "You have Hampton Coliseum, you have the Scope, you have the (Ted Constant Convocation Center at Old Dominion University) and (Hampton University) Convocation Center, but they are limited in the ability to attract these large shows," Alexander said. But if the regional vision doesn't come together, Norfolk may have a chance to go it alone. A bill from Del. Joe Lindsey, a Democrat from Norfolk's 90th House District, would give the city of Norfolk that same authority as Miyares' bill would give a regional body to finance and build an arena and then use state taxes generated from it to pay it off. Norfolk has been eyeing an arena for the past several years, including exploring the possibility of expanding Scope, but Alexander announced last year that the city would plan an entirely new arena instead. The city has previously discussed building one near Military Highway, but according to Jared Chalk, Norfolk's interim

economic development director, the city hasn't settled on a preferred location. "It's downtown or the Military Highway corridor. I don't know if one is more (preferable) than the other at this point. Both of the sites have their pros and cons," Chalk said. He said there are a few possible locations in or near downtown Norfolk, including along St. Paul's Boulevard or near Harbor Park.

As for how to make it happen, Chalk said a regional approach may smooth out challenges in getting such a major undertaking off the ground. "The hardest part is the financing mechanism behind it," not the physical development of the facility, Chalk said. "There's a lot of merit in a facility of this caliber being a regional arena." Norfolk's mayor and economic development chief both cautioned that nothing has been decided and no actual deals have been made for an arena. Whether it's a regional authority or the city taking the lead, they would need put out a public call for developers. "While (the regional authority) bill is site-agnostic, the mayor has committed us to bring an arena to Norfolk," Chalk said. He expects staff will bring a proposal to the Norfolk City Council in the near future.

### **Virginia Beach teen dedicated to 'Planting Shade'**

*13 News Now – Jan. 13, 2020*

A high school student in Virginia Beach is planting the seeds for a better future. Evan Nied, 15, may only be a high school sophomore at Kempsville High but he isn't waiting around to make a difference in this world. "Flooding and erosion were a really big problem in Virginia Beach," Evan said. "I did some research and found that a great way to stop this problem is by planting trees." Evan started a nonprofit called "Planting Shade" with the goal of doing just that. "We're just going to try and plant as many trees as we can and get as many people involved and aware as possible of the problem, environmental problems," he explained. Anyone can order a tree from the "Planting Shade" website to plant in their yard this Spring. Evan and his team have already helped plant 60 trees and given away nearly 300 seedlings. "What we're focusing on now is loblolly pine tree seedlings; we're doing those because of how large they can grow and how much canopy they can provide," he said. What started as a little shade from this sophomore in high school can turn this planet a bit greener. "Erosion, pollution, these are detriments and they worsen the quality of people's lives and I really want to improve the quality of people's lives. That's my mission," Evan said. Those who order the seedlings now will be able to pick them up at Kempsville High School, on a date yet to be determined this Spring.

### **CBS SEALs show gives Virginia Beach a boost; former radio host books a new home**

*The Virginian-Pilot – Jan. 13, 2020*

Jennifer Roberts, who for more than 20 years brightened early morning radio in Hampton Roads, has embarked on a new career. She has joined the Virginia Beach Public Library as a media and communications coordinator. Roberts disappeared from the airwaves eight months ago when Max Media cancelled her show for early risers on The Wave, which had been co-hosted by Roberts and Paul Richardson since 2005. It has been a trio that included Dick Lamb until he left the broadcast one year ago. Upon taking the library job in December, Roberts tweeted on Facebook, "You might say I'm beginning a new chapter in my life. The best is yet to be." She said of joining the VBPL: "It's perfect for me. I've always been a library lover, a member of several book clubs and the mother of two kids who participate in many of the fun and educational programs the library offers." Roberts began her career in radio here as a traffic reporter with Metro Networks before joining Joe Hoppel on his WCMS morning show in 1999. She later moved on to Oldies 92.9, which evolved into The Wave 92.9. Will she miss the listeners who more than once voted her best local female radio personality in polls conducted by Coastal Virginia Magazine? "I will indeed. I always believed that during our years on 'The Morning Wave' we had the best listeners. I'll keep in contact with them through Facebook and other social media."

Take a bow, Virginia Beach

While watching "SEAL Team" on CBS, it's a hoot to hear the actors talk about life in the fictional Virginia Beach where the CBS SEALs are based. The real Virginia Beach is home to the SEALs who are part of Naval Special Warfare Group 2. In a recent episode, the girlfriend of SEAL Clay Spenser (Max Thieriot) talks about driving from the Washington area to Virginia Beach to spend some time with Spenser. His SEAL mates ask her somewhat incredulously, "You drove three and a half hours from D.C. just to see this

guy?" The drive was worth it, she tells Spenser's buddies. "I'm enjoying the wonders of Virginia Beach. I visited the aquarium today where I saw some beautiful sand sharks." She was referring, of course, to the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center. That's a nice little boost for the city's tourism. At times the producers of "SEAL Team" get it wrong when filming in the make-believe Virginia Beach in and around Southern California, including at the CBS Studio Center in the San Fernando Valley. The cameras occasionally pick up mountains in the background. The only mountain we have in Virginia Beach is the 60-foot high Mount Trashmore. New episodes of Season 3 will return on Feb. 26.

### **A Virginia Beach retirement community is planning a major expansion on the Chesapeake Bay**

*The Virginian-Pilot* – Jan. 10, 2020

Westminster-Canterbury, a retirement community on the Chesapeake Bay that has been gobbling up adjacent properties to expand its campus, is moving forward with an ambitious proposal to the dismay of some of its neighbors. Plans for two new buildings, including a 22-story bayfront apartment tower with a parking deck on the former Lynnhaven Fishing Pier property, would be connected to the existing campus with pedestrian bridges. The second building — a seven-story Memory Center with assisted living — would be built across the street. The project will cost \$200 million, according to Westminster-Canterbury. Mary Sykes and other residents of Ocean Shore Condominiums, a 63-unit complex east of the fishing pier, first heard about Westminster-Canterbury's plans last month. "Frankly, we were all pretty surprised at the magnitude of the project and the potential negative impact on the surrounding associations that it's most adjacent to," she said.

For starters, Sykes and her neighbors are concerned about traffic on their quiet beachfront street. The apartment building would have 217 units and a 399-car garage on Ocean Shore Avenue, which lies between West Great Neck and Starfish roads. She's also worried about the shadow that the tower will cast on Ocean Shore Condominiums, which is comprised of several four-story buildings. "We're a community here; we're out on the beach; we walk our dogs," she said. "It's going to have a major impact on us." The proposal will require a modification of the retirement community's conditional use permit. The Planning Commission is scheduled to hear the application March 11, according to city planner Bill Landfair. Westminster-Canterbury has been acquiring units in the Casa del Playa condominium complex for years and now has control of the board. In 2017, it bought the fishing pier property for \$6 million. A portion of the pier, which was built in 1956, remains and would become a private feature for campus residents.

### **Virginia is 2020's 7th best state to retire, study shows**

*TKR* – Jan. 13, 2020

Virginia is the 7th best state to retire in, according to a Wallethub study. The study compared the 50 states across 47 key metrics to help retirees find a safe, enjoyable and wallet-friendly place to call home. The data set ranges from adjusted cost of living to weather to quality of public hospitals.

#### ***Retiring in Virginia (1=Best; 25=Avg.)***

- **14<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Cost of In-Home Services
- **24<sup>th</sup>** – WalletHub 'Taxpayer' Ranking
- **13<sup>th</sup>** – Property-Crime Rate
- **21<sup>st</sup>** – Life Expectancy
- **4<sup>th</sup>** – Access to Adult Volunteer Activities

The study also shows that 25 percent of non-retired adults haven't saved any money for retirement, though not necessarily through any fault of their own. Social Security benefits increase with local inflation, but they replace only about 39 percent of the average worker's earnings, according to Wallethub. For the full report, please [visit this link](#).

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Sincerely,  
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Also, same question with the Marina District.

Thank you

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Tom,  
If the developer/land owner has been talking to the City for over two years on this development and Council was not so informed then City Council has not been well served.



What other developments are being withheld from Council notification?

How about McClesky development on the other side of Rudee Loop?

It never ceases to amaze me what we have to learn from the public second hand that we should already know because you have kept us informed via your staff.

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Mayor Dyer and City Council Members,

I just wanted to provide a brief update regarding Saturday's meeting presentation. It was a standing room only event with over 100 attendees. The development plans haven't changed since it was first presented to the general public at a November Bayfront Advisory Commission meeting. The design still shows a 22 story high rise building north of Ocean Shore Ave and a 7 story memory center south of Ocean Shore Ave, both building being connected to the existing facility via elevated enclosed pedestrian bridges over two public roadways. The developer mentioned that they have been talking with City staff for a year on this project and plan to go before the Planning Commission this March.

With less than a month before this happens, it may be a good time for someone on City Council to become familiar with the adjacent communities concerns. It was brought to my attention that having more than two Council Members attend a meeting together can cause legal issues, so maybe one of you can take the lead and pass on information to the others.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and hopefully take the initiative to become informed.

Here's a link with some general information if you haven't heard anything about the project <https://weloveshoredrive.com/2020/01/21/westminster-canterbury-rendering-of-proposed-22-story-building-and-more-plus-modification-of-conditions-application-to-covb-files/>

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**Importance:** High

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I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend a public presentation being made by Westminster Canterbury regarding their planned development of a 22 story high rise and 7 story memory facility.

The developer will be presenting at the Lynnhaven Colony Civic League meeting this Saturday February 8th at 9am at Dockside restaurant. The meeting is open to the public and will be an excellent opportunity for you to hear the concerns of many of the adjacent condo associations.

This project has the potential to set precedence for what the future of the Bayfront could become and should warrant your attention. It is our understanding that the Lynnhaven District Councilman has a conflict of interest and will be recusing himself from this issue, so we hope that one or several others will step up in his place to follow this important project.

We look forward to seeing you Saturday.

Click here for link to Dockside Restaurant location -  
<https://goo.gl/maps/3JQx4koXuLU6iD37A>

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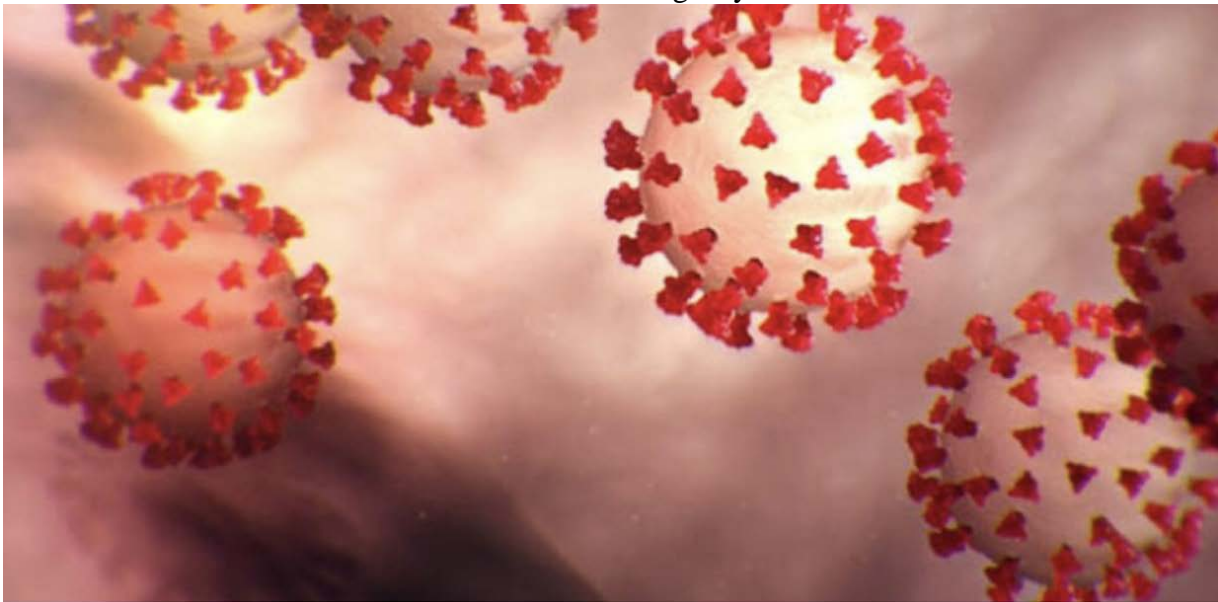
**From:** [Mrs. M](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - MARCH 17, 2020  
**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2020 7:06:23 PM

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And the President declared a National State of Emergency.



## **Virginia Department of Health confirms 41 cases of coronavirus**

## **Virginia reports first coronavirus related death**

It seems prudent to put large Council meetings, where many will gather, on hold. Especially if Westminster is on the Agenda?

<https://www.wavy.com/news/breaking-news/virginia-reports-first-coronavirus-related-death/>

What is more important than the lives & health of Citizens?

Mrs Rona Marsh  
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#5 Justin Miley – [3253 Hungarian Road](#) District 7 Princess Anne – REQUESTS DEFERRAL TO MARCH 31, 2020

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<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/boards-commissions-committees/Documents/PC/2020/03%20March/20200311-PLN-CUR-04-Westminster%20Canterbury.pdf>

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