

CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2026

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Board met this past Monday, March 2nd.

Some important dates to put on your calendar:

- 1) Spring Member's Social on Sunday, April 12th, at Warriors Taphouse. Details soon.
- 2) Garage Sale – Saturday, May 2nd. Details soon.
- 3) Spring Fling 2026 - Saturday, May 30th.

Please make sure you read Connie's Security Notes. As always, he has some very important information on safety and security.

For those of you who have not done so yet, join or renew your membership for 2026. It is easy to do online. Please consider donating to the security fund as well.

The next Board of Director's meeting will be held on Monday, April 6th at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.

All the best and stay safe,

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SAFETY/SECURITY – MARCH 2026

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Shamrock Marathon Impact to Croatan
- **BIG** Parking Changes – Resort Area, Convention Center/Sports Complex, Croatan
- Ding, Dong, Ditch
- Security Fund and Performance
- CAC – Police Chief Paul Neudigate and 2025 City Crime Stats



Shamrock Marathon Impact to Croatan: I learned from VBPD Second Precinct Commander Captain Brad Wessler that enhanced Department of Defense Force Protection posture incident to the war with Iran requires that the route for the Shamrock Marathon (weekend of March 21/22) exclude roads passing through Fort Story and the State Military Reservation (formerly Camp Pendleton). While still being laid out, odds-on thinking suggests that General Booth Boulevard may be closed for longer than usual. This will impact egress from the neighborhood (e.g., to church, airport, brunch) and return to the neighborhood. In the past, people with early morning travel requirements have parked overnight at the Aquarium. Please see the Route Map and Event Road Closure Notice at the end of the newsletter. CCL will pass on any new information as it becomes available.

Parking Changes Coming – April 1: At Deputy Mayor Rosemary Wilson’s District 5 Community Meeting of February 23, Mr. John Crawford, CVB Parking Administrator, outlined significant changes coming to parking. Please pay attention – finances are not cheap and double if not paid within 14 days.

Resort Area: Beginning April 1, a new parking fee structure will be put into place at resort area parking meters, public surface lots (2nd and 4th Streets and Rudee Loop), and garages (9th, 25th, and 31st Streets).

- In the interest of increasing space turnover, the fee structure will begin with \$1 for the first hour, \$2 for the second hour, and \$3 for the third hour. (e.g., If you park for three hours, the cost will be \$6 – the same as currently under the \$2/hour standard rate). After three hours, the fee increases incrementally up to as much as \$8/hour. Daily maximum in parking garages is \$24.
- To help defray costs to City residents, all licensed drivers with a valid VB address will be entitled to a \$50 parking voucher – linked to their mobile payment app and can be used with any vehicle they choose. The city expects their website <https://vabeachpermits.rmcpay.com> to be available for processing of voucher requests by April 1,
- Once that \$50 is expended, there is a one-time opportunity to purchase another \$50 voucher for \$25.
- Once the \$100 is burned through, \$50 sells for \$50.
- Parking management office telephone number is **757-385-2900**. Email is parkinghelp@vbgov.com. Information may also be mined from pw.viriniabeach.gov/city-property/parking.
- Parking at Atlantic Park and the Dome (now known as the “Dome by Rutter Mills”) has its own parking garage (off Baltic Avenue between 19th and 21st Streets). Their website ([The Dome by Rutter Mills Tickets & Schedule | Virginia Beach Concert Venue](#)) only states that the lot is City-managed. The City parking website is currently silent on this topic.

Convention Center/Sports Complex: You may have read, as I did, of a proposal to start charging for parking in these two lots. That proposal has been tabled at least until 2027.


Croatan: Regrettably, Mr. Crawford could not respond to CCL questions regarding the Croatan parking lot, as he was not tasked to review it, despite CCL President Mike Kelly’s October 29 letter of inquiry.

- Here’s what we know:
 - Beginning April 1 – the city will begin charging for parking in the Croatan lot.
 - Even though cars may enter for free before 10a, charges begin at 10:01a. If a parking validation chit (obtained from the kiosk) is not on the dashboard, a \$20 parking citation will be issued.
- Here is what we **do not know:**
 - Whether the Croatan lot will remain a set fee (\$3/day for VB residents, \$7/day for visitors) – as is currently displayed on the city’s website - an hourly fee, or a graduated

hourly fee, as in the resort area. CCL will share information via Constant Contact when known. As of March 4, this is how the city's website addresses the Croatan lot:

The Croatan Lot has more than 500 spaces available for public use. Paid parking is seasonal, from April 1 to Sept. 30.

Croatan Lot
920 Vanderbilt Ave.



- 505 Spaces
- Towing enforced after closing times

Oct. 1 to March 31:
6 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Parking is FREE.

April 1 to Sept. 30:
6-10 a.m. | Parking is FREE.
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Daily: \$7
- Residents: \$3

- Whether the City Parking contractor will assume responsibility to enforce on-street parking in Croatan.

More Parking Notes – disabled, senior citizens, veterans:

- Drivers with plates displaying the international wheelchair symbol (or displaying a state-issued disabled hangtag) are entitled to 4-hours of free parking in any metered on-street parking space, including spaces without the blue handicap logo. On that subject:
 - The driver of the vehicle so parked must be the individual (or driving the individual) to whom the handicap plate/tag is issued.
 - The four-hour free parking does **not** extend to surface parking lots or parking garages.
 - For everyone's safety, drivers with a disabled hangtag should remove it before driving. Not only is it common sense, but the admonition to remove it is printed right on the tag.
- Senior citizens (65+) can register online (pw.virginiabeach.gov/city-property/parking) for a free parking pass to the 4th Street surface lot and for the Little Neck lot down in Sandbridge. (I have asked about Croatan being added to that group, especially since the 4th Street lot will be lost to construction of Rudee Loop soon. I have not received a response to that inquiry.)
- Disabled Veterans (DV license plate), Purple Heart or Air Medal/Bronze Star Medal (and above) plates, and former Prisoner of War license plates exempt the driver from parking fees under state law (§ 21-322.1, Code of Virginia).

Ding, Dong, Ditch: I have been notified by neighbors of teenage boys playing ding, dong, ditch. Boys will be boys, but this seemingly innocent adolescent prank can have significant adverse consequences. First is the potential liability to homeowners if those seeking to flee (“ditch”) fall and injure themselves. Secondly, in their haste to escape, the pranksters could inadvertently damage private property (e.g., planters, railings, automobiles). Repair/replacement isn't cheap. Lastly, upscale neighborhoods like Croatan are not immune to break-ins. While break-ins are few and far between, Croatan has had a couple. Because of this, some neighbors might lounge or sleep with firearms at hand (as is their right to do so). Play nice and don't risk becoming a national statistic. Parents – if you have teenagers, please share this with them.

Security Fund: I wish to express my thanks to those contributing to the Security Fund as they renew their CCL membership. That support is essential.

Security Patrol Performance for February:

- Eight hours of dedicated neighborhood patrol.
- Six traffic stops on Vanderbilt (3) and Croatan (3). One warning and ten summonses issued.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

VBPD Chief Paul Neidigate is scheduled to present the City's 2025 Crime Statistics to the CAC on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM** in the muster room of Police Second Precinct Headquarters, 820 VB Blvd (17th Street). CAC meetings are open to all.

Please park in Convention Center parking adjacent to 17th Street and enter through the main building entrance. Also, please note that 17th street is closed for construction between Pacific and Arctic.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti,
CCL Safety and Security Director



CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB



Croatan ladies, we will be hosting Marthica, owner of The Aromatherapy Shoppe, for our next social! She will be discussing skin care, soaps, oils, etc. which promote physical and emotional well being.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30.
We will be meeting at 740 Virginia Dare.

Hope to see you there!
Elizabeth Kasprak, Croatan Women's Club President



CROATAN "BE BONE STRONG" WALKING CLUB

Spring is around the corner! Let's walk!

Our Saturday morning walks are a simple (and surprisingly powerful) way to build consistency, strength, and friendships, and it'll help kickstart the weekend with fresh air, friendly faces, and a little momentum.

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

We have different pace groups, so you can choose what works for you. Come out Saturday at @8am (weather permitting/an email will be sent ONLY if cancelling), and just maybe it'll turn into a weekly routine.

Meet-up spot: Corner of Croatan Rd. & Kerry Lane. Please feel free to share this with friends, neighbors, or family members who might want to join us.

See you Saturday!

Barbara + Bettina

Croatan *Be Bone Strong* Walking Club

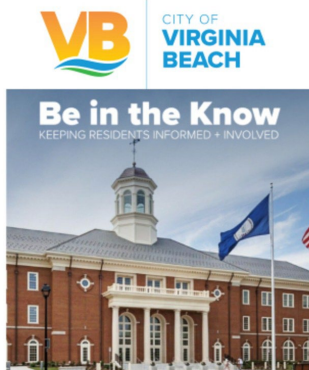


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SHAMROCK MARATHON
&
SENTARA
SHAMROCK HALF MARATHON**

MAP KEY

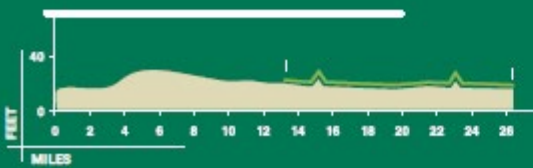
- Half Marathon & first half of Marathon Course
- Second half of Marathon Course
- Boardwalk finish shared by all Shamrock Marathon Weekend races
- Mile Markers
- Medical Tent
- Water and Gatorade Stops
*Porta potties will be at each water stop
- Gel Stops
- Student Art powered by Dominion Energy
- Fuel for Life Final Turn
*Community Cheer Zone
- Virginia Aquarium
- Rudee Inlet Bridge

Marathon & Half Marathon START
(between 40th & 42nd Streets)

Half Marathon / Marathon Split Point
Atlantic & 37th St

Marathon & Half Marathon FINISH
(boardwalk & 30th St)

ELEVATION PROFILE



MARATHON CUTOFF TIMES

LOCATION	MILE POINT	CUTOFF TIME
West Gate of JEB Little Creek - Ft. Story	5.76	9:45 am
East Gate of JEB Little Creek - Ft. Story	9.1	10:45 am
27th Street Half / Full Split	12.68	11:22 am
5th Street (Pleaching out)	15.43	12:05 pm
U-Turn by Prosperity Rd.	18.75	1:15 pm
State Military Reservation (SMR) Exit	22.1	2:15 pm
5th Street (Pleaching back)	22	2:30 pm

Atlantic Ocean

Turnaround



Event Road Closure Notice

Shamrock Marathon Weekend

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Yuengling Shamrock Marathon & Sentara Shamrock Half Marathon

Road Closures

Time	Status	Area Affected	Re-Route
5:00 a.m.	No Access	Atlantic Ave. Southbound Lane from the Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave. Intersection (at Cavalier) to 47 th St. (Bay Colony Dr.)	Holly Rd. remaining open for Northbound & Southbound Travel
5:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Limited Access	Atlantic Ave. Northbound Lane from the Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave. Intersection (at Cavalier) to 47 th St. (Bay Colony Dr.)	Holly Rd. remaining open for Northbound & Southbound Travel
5:00 a.m.	No Access	Pacific Ave. from 35 th St. to Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave. Intersection (at Cavalier)	Holly Rd. remaining open for Northbound & Southbound Travel
5:00 a.m.	No Access	Atlantic Ave. from 35 th St. to 40 th St.	Holly Rd. remaining open for Northbound & Southbound Travel
6:30 a.m.	No Access	Atlantic Ave. from 22 nd St. to 35 th St.	Pacific Ave. South of 35 th St. remaining open for Northbound & Southbound travel
7:00 a.m.	No Access	Atlantic Ave. from Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave. Intersection (at Cavalier) to 89 th St.	
7:00 a.m.	No Access	Shore Drive from Fort Story West Gate to Atlantic Ave. / 83 rd St.	
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Limited Access	One Southbound lane of Atlantic Ave. from the Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave. intersection to 80 th St. will be open for limited vehicular travel	Vehicular traffic in neighborhoods on the East side of Atlantic should travel to a lighted intersection at 47 th Street, 49 th Street, or 50 th Street, 52 nd Street to cross Atlantic Ave. at the discretion of VBPD.
8:00 a.m.	No Access	Atlantic Ave. from Rudee Loop to 9 th St.	
8:00 a.m.	No Access	General Booth Boulevard Northbound Lane from Prosperity Rd. to 5 th St. / Rudee Bridge	Northbound Oceanfront traffic should take Oceana Blvd. North to Virginia Beach Blvd. and East to Oceanfront
8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Limited Access	1 Pacific Ave. & General Booth Blvd. Southbound Lane will be open for Southbound vehicular traffic from 9 th St. to Oceana Blvd.	



Resort Management Office

600 22nd Ave., 2nd Floor, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Phone (757) 385-4800

Fax (757) 422-3666

8:00 a.m.	No Access	Birdneck Rd. from General Booth Blvd. to State Military Reservation entrance at Jefferson Ave.	Prosperity Rd. remaining open to General Booth Blvd.
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Limited Access	Birdneck Road Eastbound Lane will be open for neighborhood traffic to travel to Prosperity Rd.	
Estimated 8:45am – 12:30pm	Limited Access	Pacific Ave. from 35 th St. to 40 th St.	
Estimated 10:30 a.m.	Open	Shore Drive from Fort Story West Gate to Atlantic Ave. / 83 rd St.	
Estimated 12:30 p.m.	Open	Pacific Avenue from 35 th St. to Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave Intersection (at Cavalier) and Atlantic Ave. at the Pacific Ave. / Atlantic Ave. Intersection to Atlantic Ave. at 89 th St.	
Estimated 2:00 p.m.	Open	General Booth Blvd. Northbound Lane from Prosperity Rd. to Birdneck Rd.	
Estimated 2:00 p.m.	Open	Birdneck Rd. from General Booth Blvd. to State Military Reservation entrance at Jefferson Ave.	
Estimated 2:45 p.m.	Open	All General Booth Boulevard Northbound Lanes	
Estimated 2:45 p.m.	Open	Atlantic Ave. from Rudee Loop to 9 th St.	
Estimated 3:30 p.m.	Open	All Roads Open	

VB Municipal Parking Garage at 9th St. will remain open; it will be inaccessible from Atlantic Ave. during road closures.

VB Municipal Parking Garage at 25th St. will remain open; it will be inaccessible from Pacific Ave. during road closures.

VB Municipal Parking Garage at 31st St. will remain open; it will be inaccessible from Atlantic Ave. during road closures.

All VB Municipal Parking Garages will experience heavy traffic. Road Closures will affect certain routes entering and exiting the garages. Please expect delays and plan accordingly.

For more information, please visit VirginiaBeach.gov/RoadClosures or scan the QR code above.

