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Locals hit home run with new little league park!

PA Little League teams up with Ripken Foundation

Even though football season is just getting underway, all eyes are now on the new Princess Anne Little League Youth Development Park, which recently broke ground at 4141 Dam Neck Road.

The PA Little League is teaming up with the city of Virginia Beach and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation to build a complex that will offer children of all ages a place to learn and grow, while playing the great game of baseball. The park will include state-of-the-art, synthetic turf youth fields, a natural grass, full-size field and an adaptive baseball field to ensure the participation of children of all ages. After construction is complete, the PA Little League will operate the ball park, but the Ripken Foundation will continue to work closely

by offering baseball and softball programs for at-risk children. Among those expected to attend the groundbreaking were William Sessoms, Mayor of Virginia Beach; Glenn Davis, City Council Member; Steve Rockefeller; Board Member of the Princess Anne Little League; and Chuck Brady,

The goal is to develop 50 unique, multi-purpose, synthetic turf fields, to provide cohesive recreational and educational experiences for underserved young people across the U.S.

Vice President of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation.

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's Youth Development Park Initiative was created to provide at-risk youth safe places to play and learn. The goal is to develop 50 unique, multi-purpose, synthetic turf

fields, which will provide cohesive recreational and educational experiences for underserved young people across the United States. There are currently youth development parks operating in Maryland, Texas, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts and Minnesota.

The Ripken Foundation and Princess Anne Little League have secured the funding necessary to complete the initial phase of the complex and will continue campaigning over the next several months



to secure the remaining funds. Phase I of the Youth Development Park is expected to be completed by November 2013.

For further information, contact Katy Ford or Marlene Alvarez at Maroon PR at 443-864-4246.

Sister Cities!

City dreams of peace, diversity

Sept. 21 gala at the Sandler!

By Nathan Denny
Staff Writer

There is a certain intrigue that attends our contemplations of distant lands. The intrigue of a different culture, of an unfamiliar landscape, of a group of people whose lives and customs are so foreign to us, they almost seem to exist in a separate reality.

A sense of global connection has never been as strong as in recent years, and our city has a program that provides us an intimate link to distant cultures from around the world.

Sister Cities International partners a U.S. city with one or more like cities from other countries, and Virginia Beach has been a part of that program for decades.

Ruth Fraser, president of the Virginia Beach Sister City Association (VBSCA), has been involved in the program for many years.

"The purpose of this program is to share and learn from each other," said Fraser. "Our 'sister cities' have approximately the same sized population and educational systems. Both sides can learn from sharing ideas."

The idea of linking sister cities came about following World War II during the Eisenhower administration in 1956. The post-WWII global climate was one in which fostering peaceful international relationships was a positive move toward healing wartime rifts and was eagerly embraced by a people longing for peace.

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The Azumaya, patterned after a simple eastern Japanese house, at the Miyazaki Japanese Garden at Redwing Park

2013 Labor Day and Back-to-School!



Pictured from top left to bottom right: Mariah Munroe of Brookgreen Commons, a 16 year-old student at First Colonial High School, shops for school clothes at Pembroke Target store; kite atop Mt. Trashmore; Roy Bixby, Sara Bixby, and Zachary Bixby spend time together as a family; Jaden Dorsey, two and half years old and of Princess Anne Plaza, spends time with his grandmother, Kristin Morell, not pictured, at Mt. Trashmore; unidentified couple enjoy a picnic at Mt. Trashmore; Denise Bryan, a student at ODU, restocks clothing at the Pembroke Target store; Virginia Beach city public school bus; Deshonya Seymoure takes daughters Lashonya, 9, and Destini, 14, shopping at Pembroke Mall for school clothes; Peyton and Noah Palumbo enjoy snow cones at Mt. Trashmore while visiting Virginia Beach with parents Jessica and Jeff Palumbo, all of Richmond, VA; Independence Middle School students Allison, Ozzy, Shikia, and Jojo, all 7th graders, await the bus at Columbus Station; squirrel at Mt. Trashmore; unidentified young girl at Mt. Trashmore.

Beach residents say 'so long, summer' and head to class

2013 Labor Day activities range from leisure to errands

This Labor Day, Virginia Beach residents were busy with a myriad of activities marking the end of summer and the beginning of the school year. At Mount Trashmore, families made the most of their last full day of play for a while. Jaden Dorsey of Princess Anne Plaza was poised to begin school just like the big kids, complete with school supplies and backpack. At Pembroke Mall, back-to-school shoppers were out full force. Mariah Munroe of Brookgreen Commons shopped for clothes at Target in preparation to attend First Colonial High School the next day. Sisters Destini and Lashonya Seymoure shopped with their mother, Deshonya Seymoure, all of whom live near Laskin Road. Destini was preparing for her first day as a freshman at Frank W. Cox High School and Lashonya returns to Trantwood Elementary. Ironically, Labor Day is an extra busy day for retail workers. Denise Bryan was one of many employees retrieving caravans of carts and restocking volumes of clothing and school supplies at the Pembroke Target store. As students return to school they are guardedly optimistic about the upcoming year, but aim to do their best. The Independence Middle School marquee reflects the spirit of the season and messages posted on school signs all over Virginia Beach: success is a little bit luck and whole lot of effort. - Dana Johnson

In the Sunshine: Patrick King - manager of Sal's Pizza

"Nothing's more fun than tossing a pizza up in the air."

By Nathan Denny
Staff Writer

It may not be a "family" business, but the workers here are a lot like a family.

Sal's Pizza has been a household name in the city for many years—especially for its current manager, Patrick King.

King is a Virginia Beach native, grow-

ing up in the Green Run section of the city and attending Green Run High School.

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Sister Cities! City dreams of peace, diversity

September 21 gala at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts

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The program would create bonds between people of different countries and build an appreciation for each unique culture. The relationship created would also be used to share ideas and programs to benefit the citizens of both cities.

Cities are paired together based on similarities. Common geography, demographics, population, and education are criteria used when pairing up sister cities. The city of Virginia Beach has three sister cities. Moss, Norway was the first connection made on May 11, 1974. A statue known as the Norwegian Lady stands at 25th street at the oceanfront, and a replica is erected in Moss, linking the two cities. They stand in memory of a rescue mission of a Norwegian crew that was shipwrecked off the Virginia Beach shores in 1891. The queen of Norway came to visit the Virginia Beach statue in 1995, and a delegation from Virginia Beach has also visited its sister in Moss.

Miyazaki, Japan was adopted in 1992. Miyazaki is located at the southern end of Japan and has a population of almost 400,000, close to Virginia Beach's population of around 450,000. The relationship was initiated by an Old Dominion University professor, Dr. Hiroyuki Hamada. In 1997, Mayor Tsumura of Miyazaki traveled to Virginia Beach with a delegation of 125 officials. To mark the fifth year of the cities' partnership, an authentic Japanese garden, called the Miyazaki Garden was planted at Redwing Park.

"Japan also has a Virginia Beach park in Miyazaki," Fraser said. "It has a 30-foot replica of the Cape Henry lighthouse."

In 2001, North Down County Bangor, Northern Ireland became a sister city. Located on the eastern coast of Northern Ireland in the UK, Bangor is a port city, just like Virginia Beach, and has a military affiliation and an oceanfront resort area as well.

Virginia Beach also currently has two "friendship" cities, one in the Philippines and one in Nicaragua. "Friendship" cities are sister cities in the making, but require an extended period of meaningful relationship before the city is officially adopted as one.

As part of Virginia Beach's 50th anniversary, a celebration of our sister cities will take place this month. Over 100 visitors from the various countries will be coming to Virginia Beach. From September 18 – 21, dinners, conferences, ceremonies, festivals, and performances are scheduled for our honored guests, to share with them the personality and character of our oceanside city, and to indulge our intrigue of their cultures.



A sense of global connection has never been as strong as in recent years, and our city has a program that provides us an intimate link to distant cultures from around the world. Sister Cities International partners a U.S. city with one or more like cities from other countries, and Virginia Beach has been a part of that program for decades.

One of the planned events is the ceremonious installation of peace tokens throughout the city.

"We will be installing two peace poles," Fraser said. "One will be at the oceanfront and one will be at town center."

A "peace pole" shows the directions and the distances to multiple places from a specific point. The poles in Virginia Beach will have signs that point in the direction of each sister city, and it will post the number of miles that separates our city from each sister. Peace benches will also be dedicated at Redwing Park and at the International Sister City Garden at the Municipal Center.

A mayoral summit will be held at City Hall for the leaders of each city.

"Mayors, ambassadors, town executives, presidents of councils—they will all meet at the summit," Fraser said. "They

will be considering the future, what we can expect to find in the next fifty years, and sharing ideas."

And equally important as sharing ideas is sharing our cultures. Various music and dance ensembles from the sister cities will be travelling to Virginia Beach with the delegation to perform a cultural concert, the International Sister Cities Cultural Gala, which will be held at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, September 21.

Local ensembles will perform with the international groups as well. Symphonicity, Virginia Beach's symphony orchestra led by conductor David Kunkel, and the Virginia Beach Chorale, under the direction of Donald Krudop will perform in a combined performance with the visiting international groups for the concert's finale.

"My hope is that Virginia Beach citizens and international delegates will find unanimity through sister city fellow-

ships," Fraser said, "so that one day in the near future there will be peace on earth. I look forward to introducing our international friends to the 'most wonderful city in the world' and to the place where America began in 1607 in the English colony at Cape Henry, Fort Story, Virginia Beach."

Fraser's office is a sister city museum, with tributes and keepsakes scattered throughout, each representing the culture of one of Virginia Beach's sister cities. Japanese dolls and Norwegian statuettes line the shelves and windowsills. A bouquet of novelty national flags stands in representation of the six nations that make up this association, and photographs from each city create a visual montage of our city's storied relationship with Moss, Miyazaki, and Bangor and our nascent friendships in Nicaragua and the Philippines.

For more information about the VB-SCA, visit www.vbsca.org

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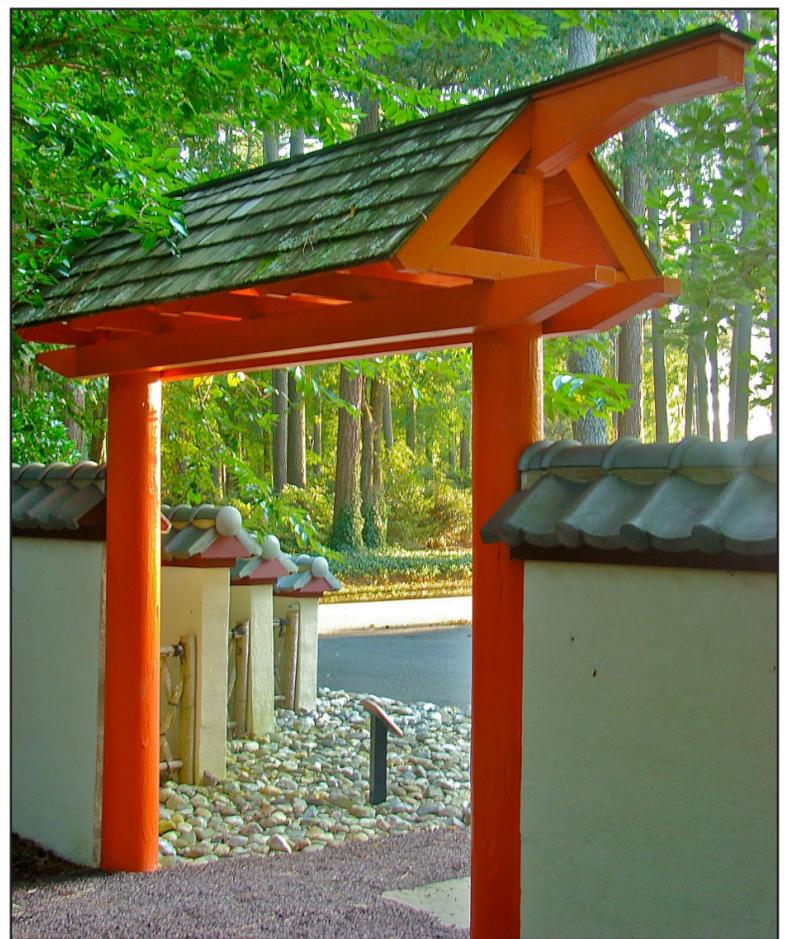
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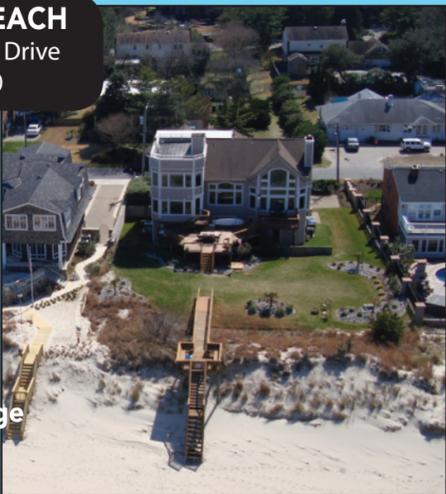
One of the many features some of the 100 visitors from the various countries who will be coming to Virginia Beach from September 18 – 21 will enjoy, will be the Miyazaki Japanese Garden at Redwing Park off General Booth Boulevard.

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It was a beautiful night for football recently, under fair skies cooled by a gentle breeze, as Bayside High School hosted Princess Anne High School for a Friday night gridiron battle that resulted in Bayside's shutting out Princess Anne by a score of 14-0. (Photos by Katrina Recto)

Friday night high school football: *Bayside 14 Princess Anne 0*

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Enjoying the Bayside/PA game, left to right: Michele Parker and Nicholas Gordon, both of Virginia Beach



Princess Anne High School players look on as thier team competes to win the game, which they went onto to bow out 14-0. Bayside scored all of its points in the second quarter on a 41-yard run and a two-yard run.

Wave: Marking the gateway to the oceanfront resort

By Nathan Denny
Staff Writer

There is an abundance of inherent beauty in our city. We have a picturesque stretch of oceanfront and bayfront beaches, acres of maritime forest and cypress swamp at First Landing, and expanses of green farmland in our southern neck.

Beauty exists in our manmade features as well: the lively boardwalk, the Cape Henry Lighthouse, and the most attractive mountain of trash you'll find anywhere, Mount Trashmore.

Still, Virginia Beach is always looking for new ways to enhance the allure of our city. Whether it is remodeling old buildings or beautification projects at intersections and parks, tasks are constantly in the works to improve and diversify our aesthetics.

The latest effort comes from the newly formed Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation. Created in December 2012, this organization raises funds in order to adorn public spaces with original works of art. This is not only to add beauty to the city, but to cultivate an appreciation of art in our community.

Emily Labows, director of the Virginia Beach Office of Cultural Affairs, is on the foundation committee.

"A group of citizens contacted our office about starting a fundraising campaign for public art," Labows said. "I was very appreciative and enthusiastic. We decided that we would make it a permanent, non-profit organization."

The first initiative of the foundation is the Laskin Gateway. Back in 2008, Virginia Beach City Council detailed the Resort Area Strategic Plan, which plans to transform the Laskin Road corridor into the "gateway" to the city's oceanfront resort area.

The Laskin Gateway will have improved infrastructure, new sidewalks and streetscapes, and thanks to the foundation's efforts, a unique, original sculpture

by renowned artist Jeff Laramore as the centerpiece of the gateway's roundabout.

"The foundation solicited input from curators from the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art and the Chrysler Museum," Labows said. "We started with a list of 50 artists and narrowed that down to six."

Those six artists were asked to create a model that was iconic and related to the environment of Virginia Beach, specifically the ocean and the water.

Of the six submissions that were received in January of this year, the foundation committee chose Wave by Jeff Laramore.

"We liked that Jeff's piece was more of an abstract representation of water—we didn't want it to compete with the King Neptune statue at the end of 31st street. We liked that it was open, but also substantial. And it looked good from all sides, which is important since it will be in the roundabout and seen from all directions."

Laramore has created numerous commercial art masterpieces. Many can be seen throughout Indiana (he is based in Indianapolis), at Indiana University, fire stations, museums, and other public areas. He uses a variety of materials including glass, aluminum, water, and stainless steel.

According to the Laramore's website, "in the past decade, he has focused on three-dimensional, site-specific executions that strive to bring people together, while capturing and embodying a spirit of place."

Wave will capture an impression of the ocean and will embody the feel of the Virginia Beach resort area. The sculpture will be made from a combination of stainless steel plates and cables to ensure its durability against the elements, and it will be complimented by LED programmed lighting. Wave has a price tag of \$300,000 and according to Labows the foundation is very close to their fundraising goal.

Installation will take place October 12, coinciding with the celebrations of Virgin-

ia Beach's 50th anniversary taking place at the oceanfront that day. Laramore will be in attendance at the dedication ceremony, which will be open for the public to attend.

"Art adds character to a place," Labows said. "It's memorable—when you visit a place that is one of the things that you remember about it."

And this is just the beginning. Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation will continue to raise funds and seek out inspired art to compliment Virginia Beach's public spaces. The Rudee Walk, Shore Drive and the Virginia Beach Convention Center are all possibilities for future art displays.

"My hope is that we continue this



The Wave.

wonderful momentum that we have," Labows said, "that we continue to add art to our city for everyone to enjoy. One of my favorite things about public art is that it's always open; it's free; you can enjoy it at any time of day."

For more information or to donate to Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation, visit www.vbpublicart.org.

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News of the Day

By Greg Goldfarb, editor

50th birthday bash set for Sept. 21

A gala evening of international song and dance will fill the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in honor of Virginia Beach's 50th anniversary. Hosted by the Sister Cities Association of Virginia Beach, the celebration will feature music from six nations: Ireland, Japan, Nicaragua, the Philippines and the United States. Symphonicity, Virginia Beach's symphony orchestra, and the Virginia Beach Chorale will perform, along with delegations from Virginia Beach's "sister cities": Bangor, Northern Ireland; Moss, Norway; Miyazaki, Japan; San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; and the "friendship city" of Olongapo, the Philippines. Admission is \$25 for adults; \$10 for children 12 and younger. Vouchers are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 2401 Courthouse Drive, Suite 281; or call Ruth Hodges Fraser at (757) 385-4303.

Bishop Sullivan HS loses coach

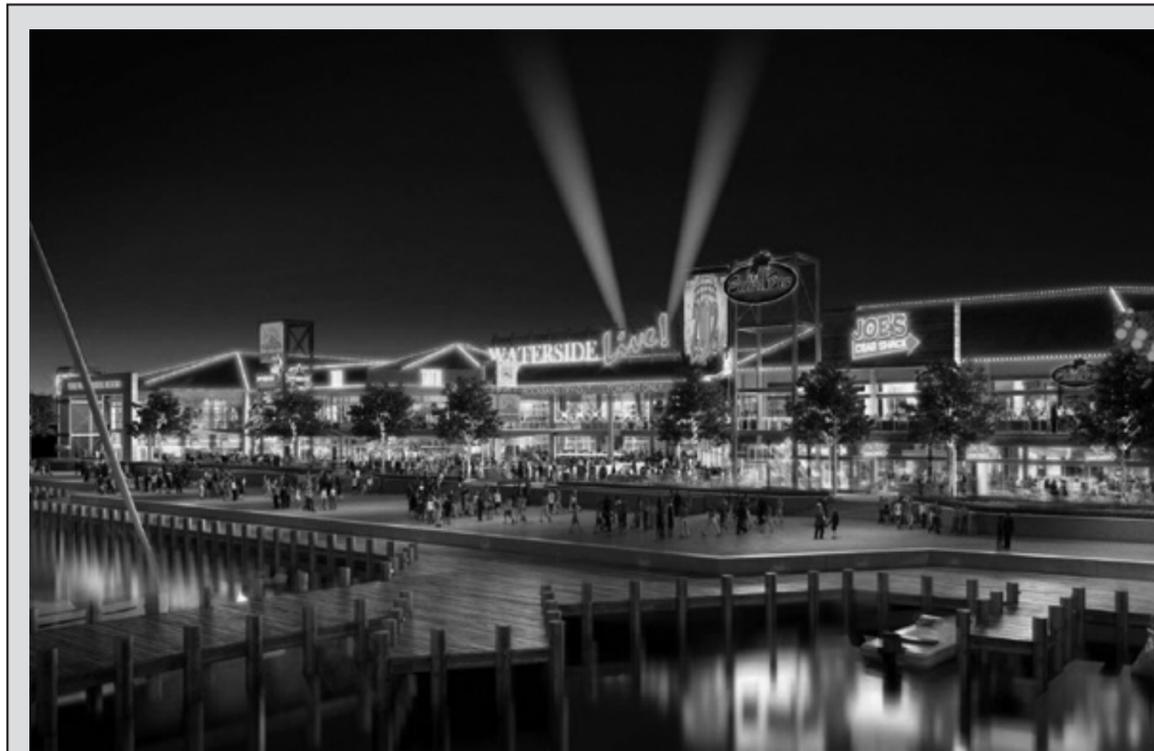
Michele Vernon-Chesley, a Virginian-Pilot senior editor, recently resigned from Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School's advisory board, in the wake of the school's football coach's suspension stemming from allegations that he allowed minors to consume alcohol at a party at his home. Coach Carl Turner, a Chesapeake resident, reportedly was suspended for two games following reports that players drank themselves sick at his house and their parents had to pick them up. It is not clear how many students and how many players were involved. Chesley withdrew from the board, citing a conflict of interest.

Laskin feeder roads may be removed

In the next few months, city officials will present the Virginia Department of Transportation its list of priority road improvement projects for its budgetary considerations. Included will be plans to remove the feeder roads running parallel to Laskin Road. The city and VDOT are preparing for a \$93 million project to widen the busy road from about Republic Road to Birdneck Road. Some 36,000 vehicles a day traveled Laskin Road in 1999, with traffic expected to reach 52,000 vehicles by 2020.

Marathon runner dies

Since 2005, there have been four deaths at the Virginia Beach Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, the most recent one coming recently at this year's special Labor Day weekend event. In total, 13 people were taken to the hospital during the race, for different reasons. Other deaths occurred in 2005, when a runner died near the race's end; in 2009, when a runner collapsed during the race and died; and in 2010, when



Norfolk will work with The Cordish Companies and expects the new development to yield about \$91 million in direct revenue to the city of Norfolk over 30 years.

Waterside Live! Lives!

Virginia Beach residents with ties to Norfolk now know that the controversial Waterside Marketplace, located along the waterfront in downtown Norfolk, will be made over into Waterside Live!, following Norfolk City Council's recent approval of the project, which will utilize \$40 million of private sector investment. Norfolk will work with The Cordish Companies and expects the new development to yield about \$91 million in direct revenue to the city of Norfolk over 30 years.

a runner was having trouble finishing the race and later died at a local hospital.

Valets parking cars again at Town Center

City Council has cleared the way for valet parking at Town Center to continue following questions about the valets using public streets for private gain. A new long-term agreement between the city and private parking companies is expected by Dec. 1.

City Manager Spore's contract extended

Virginia Beach's city manager since 1991, James K. Spore will remain in that position for at least another two years, following City Council's recent 8-1 vote renewing his contract at \$230,508 a year, plus \$1,000-a-month car allowance and \$20,000 a year in deferred retirement compensation.

Chesapeake wants its own "town center"

Chesapeake City Council recently delayed

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a vote on major multiuse commercial de-

velopment near Chesapeake's Greenbrier section, which could spur development similar to Virginia Beach's Town Center



Members of the Tidewater Striders Running Club volunteer to pick up trash six times a year along Shore Drive in front of First Landing State Park and along some of the trails in the park. Pictured from the July cleanup are, from left, bottom: Greg Bright, Portsmouth; Curtis Consolvo, Virginia Beach; Fesshaye Haile, Virginia Beach. Top, from left, Chris Catoe, Virginia Beach; Richard Hildreth, Virginia Beach; Doug Berry, Norfolk; and Preston Fitzgerald, Virginia Beach.

Striders keeping state park area litter-free since 1992

By Karen L. Gill

Automobile tires, lots of fast food wrappers, car parts, a \$20 bill, a lady's dress shoe. These are just a few of the many items picked up by members of the Tidewater Striders Running Club in the past 21 years along a section of Shore Drive in Virginia Beach. Tidewater Striders is responsible for picking up trash along Shore Drive by First Landing State Park as well as some of the trails in the park as part of the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Adopt-a-Programs. About a dozen or so members of the group volunteer to come out for each of the cleanup sessions held six times a year. "It's an opportunity to do something that's clearly constructive to the community, and it only costs two hours on a Sunday morning," said Richard Hildreth of Virginia Beach, who is vice president of the Tidewater Striders and coordinator of the program for the group. The group has been doing the cleanups as one of the original eight groups that started with the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Adopt-a-Programs since 1992, Hildreth said. The group, which includes 1,800 runners from throughout Hampton Roads, celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2012. For more information about the Tidewater Striders Running Club, please visit <http://www.tidewaterstriders.com/>

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Larkspur Middle goes back to school



Larkspur Middle School Teacher Assistants Dorothy Dunakin and Brenda Daub are ready to begin the 2013-2014 school year.



Sara Malone and Victoria Losito are 6th Grade teachers at Larkspur Middle School.

Kempsville Middle students' combos



Pictured left to right: New Kempsville Middle School 6th graders Neil Adams, Melanie Adams, and Benjamin Bair pass their first test; getting their lockers open.

Parkway Elementary first day of school



from right to left: Jennifer Wilhite (P.E. assistant), Ohe Hanson, Carly Wertz, and Heather Hamilton (P.E. Teacher).

Kempsville High says "Welcome!"



Left to right: Kempsville High School seniors, Bailey Rice and Lauren Horne, welcome students back to school.

The Lancer Launch at Landstown Mid.

Landstown Middle School recently started a new tradition with its Lancer Launch event for all incoming sixth graders. The program was entirely student led with over 40 rising 7th and 8th graders meeting with select faculty during the summer to plan and prepare. Student leaders led breakout groups and shared their knowledge and experiences with the new students.

Sixth graders made friends, met their homeroom teachers, opened their lockers, ate lunch in the cafeteria, and engaged in team building exercises facilitated by Challenge Works staff. Students also had opportunities to purchase school supplies and physical education uniforms.

At the end of the day, parents attended a question and answer forum with administrative and guidance staff. The program helped to ease middle school transition anxiety for both students and parents. For more information, please contact Mrs. Paige Scherr at 757-648-4750.

Students earn AP scholar awards

The College Board has designated 1,115 Virginia Beach city public schools students as 2013 AP Scholars for their outstanding achievements on Advanced Placement (AP) exams. These students earned the honor by completing three or more AP exams with scores of three or higher.

According to Peyton P. White, educational manager, K-12 Services for the College Board's Southern Regional Office, about 22 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP exams in the 2012-2013 school year performed at a sufficiently high enough level to receive the AP Scholar distinction. In total, VBCPS students took 8,703 AP exams during the 2012-2013 school year, an increase of 708 exams from the previous school year.

VBCPS also had 61 students to earn the prestigious title of National AP Scholar. This honor is awarded to those students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of the exams.

"The fact that more than 1,000 of our students achieved such a distinction speaks not only to their motivation and willingness to challenge themselves in rigorous college-level courses and exams, but also to the dedicated teachers and staff who make sure their students have the resources and support they need to succeed," said Sheila S. Magula, interim superintendent of VBCPS.

More information about testing and scores is available on vbschools.com.

ATC alums make a big difference



Hard at work, left to right: Carter Rush, William Carroll, Jacob Dulaney, Matt Kelley, Austin Ferguson, and James Spruill

By Ann Marie C. Garvey

Alumni are always welcome at the Advanced Technology Center; this summer however, the returning Cisco Academy alumni are not just visiting.

Carter Rush, class of 2009, William Carroll, 2011, Jacob Dulaney, 2013, and Austin Ferguson, 2013, are all working as network engineers for ABS Technology Architects, one of the ATC's partners. These alumni are playing key roles in the wireless infrastructure upgrade with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools' Department of Technology.

ABS is installing over 3500 access points in about 94 different school-related buildings over the next year. Our Cisco graduates work for ABS at various locations between attending college at George Mason University, Tidewater Community College, or Old Dominion University.

ABS Technology Architects has hired approximately 30 ATC Cisco alumnae over the past 10 years. In addition, our students earned their Cisco Certified Network Associate certification before

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they graduated from the academy at the ATC. They are living the dream as they gain extensive field experience and look forward to a bright future as they explore further opportunities in college. John Nelson is the Cisco Academy instructor.

B.F. Williams' elementary school enjoys make-over

The WAVE City Care Extreme School Make-Over at Bettie F. Williams Elementary School was held on August 24th. Williams Elementary was selected from over 100 city schools for this honor. It was a "glorious day," said Tim Sullivan, the school's principal. WAVE Church volunteers and school staff worked hand-in-hand to beautify the building and school yard by creating murals, landscaping, and general updating for a fresh start to a new school year.

John B. Dey Elem. carnival thrills local families



The John B. Dey Elementary Team showed up and out with 30 participants at the Back-to-School is Cool Carnival at the Fort Story Youth Center on Friday, August 23rd.

The large number of staff members present helped to not only impress parents, but also make positive connections with students and their families.

Special thanks go out to Nancy Reckling, the school social worker who donated school supplies to 50 students, Susan Lambert, the PTA President, and the school staff who are all working together to build relationships with the local community.

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Sal's employees, left to right: Mekki el Kholti, Angelo Jamanko, Patrick King, Corinne Roberts, and Hadley Heskett.

In the *Sunshine*: Patrick King of Sal's

"Nothing's more fun than tossing a pizza up in the air"

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Right across the street from the high school is a small pizza shop that came to Virginia Beach in 1997.

"I've been coming here since I was eight years old," King said of the restaurant on South Independence that he now runs.

After high school, King got a job at the pizza shop that he and his family frequented. Though young at 21 years of age, King did not take long to rise through the ranks to become manager.

"I've worked here a little over two years," he said. "The first night I started, I was supposed to be doing dishes, but they needed someone on counter, so they moved me to the counter. Within the first month they were training me to be a line cook and then a pizza cook."

A pizza and Italian restaurant, Sal's sets itself apart from the others with its authentic Italian freshness. Sal's catch phrase "Often imitated but never duplicated," highlights the unique taste of its products and the freshness of its ingredients.

"Like a good home-cooked meal, everything made here is fresh," King said. "Our menu is one of the most diverse for an Italian place, but most people come for our pizza."

The menu is extensive with options that include calzones, strombolis, pastas, subs, seafood, and of course a long list of pizza varieties. And the list is continually expanding.

"We're always doing some experimenting, coming up with new ideas. We'll take an Italian dish and put our own original spin on it."

Sal's offers free delivery, which is a big selling point to their customers. The restaurant has a dining area as well where many people come to eat-in. Small but welcoming, the dining area is enlivened by the good-natured employees who create that friendly atmosphere.

According to King, about 20 people work at Sal's, and most of them aren't new

to the business.

"Everyone here has been here for multiple years," King said. "After that many years together, it is like a family here, and we have a very easy-going work environment."

As the shop opens, the employees file in, chatting and laughing as old friends do, comfortable and familiar, prepping the shop for the day's business. Co-manager with King is Mekki El Kholti, who has been at Sal's for almost 4 years. Angelo Jamanko has been a cook at Sal's for 14 years. And Corinne Roberts has been a delivery driver for the last nine years. King's fiancé even works at Sal's, which is where the two met.

King has many hobbies outside of work, mostly involving some kind of physical activity, but he's not afraid to admit that for him, work is one of his hobbies.

"Work is actually a hobby for me," he said. "I've been pulling 85-hour weeks for the past few months, and I'm usually here seven days a week. It's very busy, but it's something I enjoy."

King has big plans for the future, desiring to go back to school and open up his own Italian restaurant one day. Italian wasn't always his specialty, but according to King, "it's grown on him" ever since he began working at Sal's. He loves all aspects of the business and plans to continue doing what he enjoys most.

"I enjoy everything about the job," King said. "I've been cooking since I was four-years-old. I've taken many culinary classes—it's what I've always wanted to do. And when it comes to cooking, there's nothing more fun than tossing a pizza up in the air."

Sal's Pizza is located at 1917 South Independence Blvd, and is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

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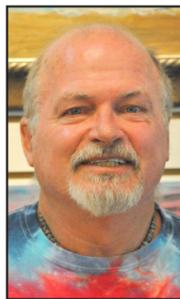
A behind-the-scenes look at what's happening in the local arts community

An artist's reflection at summer's end

The beauty in our backyards

By Randall Jordan
Sun Contributor

With the demise of summer, artists' efforts to capture the fleeting tourist dollar come to an end. For many local artists, this calls for a change of muses, "that inspirational rhythm that brings life to the creative process." The tourist dollar, seeking beach and local scenes to fill their memories, departs. Now the bohemian sub-culture must align themselves with winter venues, expanding their offerings with hopes of attracting beach-scene-weary local art connoisseurs.



Jordan

A growing scene that does just that is plein-air painting, whereby the artist sets up outside and paints whatever is before him. For the local community, the scenes captured all over the city strike a special bonding appreciation for their hometown. From unnoticed waterways to railroad yards to the numerous church spires and other various landmark structures, each one might be a special connection to someone.

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chowski, and Janice Gay Maker are achieving a new "notoriety" as they daily bring local scenes to life. For the winter crowd of art buyers, their depictions bring increased awareness of the beauty unnoticed in our own backyards.

For some artists, the end of summer is a time to tighten their skills, either

Many of the local plein-air artists, including but not limited to Liquidmethod Doug, Karen Wagner Kinser, Mich Grochowski, and Janice Gay Maker are achieving a new "notoriety" as they daily bring local scenes to life.

by taking new classes, attending drawing groups, or just painting daily to renew their hopefully depleted inventory from summer sales.

With the uncertain economy, the life of an artist is one of constant trips outside the box, re-creating one's self at every corner, to keep from starving. Art being the ultimate human expression, demands that we as a society should endeavor to support our artists, keeping hopes and dreams alive through our own positive creativity.



Oil painting by Randall Jordan

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