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## Offshore wind turbines to make new energy!

*Dominion Virginia Power trying to see if turbines can survive hurricane-force winds*

By Jennifer K. Strout

The stage is set.

With Virginia Beach poised to develop wind turbines off of the coast, alternative forms of renewable energy, including underwater wave energy, have come to the forefront of community conversation. The resounding message, both globally and locally, is that various forms of energy need to be utilized to meet everyone's needs.

On the local wind energy front, progress has been made with Dominion Virginia Power's impending two-wind turbine project.

"Final engineering analysis for wind (will take place soon) off the area between Rudee Inlet and Dam Neck Road," said Clay Berwick, Virginia Beach Environment and Sustainability administrator.

Thomas Stout, professor of Electromechanical Controls Technology at Tidewater Community College, teaches a renewable energy course and said that the turbines' location, combined with the existing infrastructure, makes the project ideal.

"We are in the right place," he said. "We can hook it (the power lines running from the wind turbines) right into the substation and hook it right into the grid."

In addition to offshore wind turbines, wave energy is a considerable energy

### Analysis

source for coastal cities. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) reports that the coasts of the U.S. have enough wave energy to supply almost one-third of the total U.S. energy need. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, already by 2030, marine and hydrokinetic energy could already provide 15 percent of the nation's electricity.

Wave energy is also "out there as a prospective option" for the city, said Berwick.

Stout said that wave energy works when "the waves move back and forth to move a generator."

The amount of recoverable wave energy off the East Coast is 160 Terrawatt-hours (TWh)/year, according to The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). The "East Coast" area includes the outer and inner continental shelf from Maine to North Carolina. Researchers

at Virginia Tech and the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory support the report and provided data validation for the EPRI report. One TWh is enough energy to supply 93,850 United States homes annually. The recoverable

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*Wind turbines, like this one, are being built off the city's coast*



*An artist's rendering of the proposed biomedical campus.*

## "Incredibly well!"

*Biomedical task force aims to present formal plan to City Council by December*

By Jennifer K. Strout

The stage is set.

Poised with proposals for job growth and regional healthcare expansion, there is no lack of community excitement as the Virginia Beach Bio Task Force continues developing its mission to bring a world class biomedical facility and campus to the city's Princess Anne Commons area.

"Every place I go people seem to be really interested in it (the proposed healthcare hub) and have a lot of good ideas," said Thomas Franz, task force chairman and CEO at Williams Mullen, a Richmond-based law office. "(The task force has been doing) incredibly well!"

Since its recent public update to the Virginia Beach City Council, the task force and advisory committee has recently met again at the Virginia Beach

### Lead Story

Westin and the consultant group, Facility Logix, is now also on board to complete an in-depth market analysis.

Frantz, as well as Steve Harrison, with the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development, delivered the city council presentation, while Franz presented the task force's mission statement: "To develop a plan for a bio-medical and healthcare hub in the Princess Anne Commons area of Virginia Beach."

With federal-

ly-imposed sequestration underway, resulting in a \$600 billion funding cut from the defense budget over the next 10 years, Franz said that a region reliant on the military for 40 percent of its



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# VOTE

Staff Report

The following is a list of all Virginia Beach City Council and Virginia Beach School Board members and candidates running in the Tuesday, Nov. 4 general election. Incumbents not being challenged are not listed.

#### City Council races:

*At-large* (two seats available): M. Ben Davenport; George Furman, III; Brad D. Martin; John Moss (incumbent). *Princess Anne District*: Pieri E. Burton; Barbara Henley (incumbent). *Rose Hall District* (one seat): Beatrice R. "Petey" Browder; James D. Cabiness, II; Stephen A. Johnston; and Shannon D.S. Kane.

#### School Board races:

*At-large* (two seats available): Dorothy M. Holtz (incumbent); Alvenia F. LeBoeuf; Ashley McLeod; Robert N. "Bobby" Melatti (incumbent); Gregg S. O'Neill; Osmay Torres. *Bayside District* (one seat): Clenise R. Platt; Carolyn Weems (incumbent). *Beach District* (one seat): Sharon R. Felton; Samuel G. "Sam" Reid (incumbent). *Lynnhaven District* (one seat): Michael D. Kelly; Carolyn T. Rye; Gregg P. Strangways. *Princess Anne District* (one seat): William J. "Bill" Brunke, IV (incumbent); Kimberly A. Melnyk; Francis Knight Thompson.

#### Other races include:

*United States Senate*: Mark R. Warner (incumbent); Ed W. Gillespie; Robert C. Sarvis. *U.S. House of Representatives*: E. Scott Rigell (incumbent); Suzanne D. Patrick.

*It's election time!*

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# The Sundowner

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## Dominion Virginia Power must supply wind turbine power to the Virginia Beach by 2017

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number takes into account only the energy that can actually be harnessed when taking into consideration the competing ocean needs such as shipping, commercial fishing, naval operations and environmental costs.

While the East Coast does have a viable amount of wave energy available, it is not as high as that for the West Coast.

"There are a lot of different types of technologies for wave energy, but there is less energy available off the East Coast than West, due to topography offshore," Berwick said. "The waves also break at a higher velocity off the West Coast. Off the coast of Virginia Beach, the coastal shelf is shallow and wide, reducing the amount of energy that can be harvested."

Stout also supports wind turbine technology.

"It's a technology that's proven," Stout said. "The part of the technology that they [Dominion Virginia Power] want to validate with the two-turbine project is, if it can withstand the winds of a hurricane. It's proven technology, but it's like buying

a house, it's all about location, location, location."

One issue of consideration is the potential location of wave energy engines.

"Most of the wind resources, the sustainable winds, are way offshore and wind turbines are further offshore, 24 miles, plus," said Berwick. "Whereas, for wave energy you are closer to the coast, often less than 10 miles offshore. From the shoreline, on an extremely clear day, you may be able to see the tiptop of the [wind turbine] towers."

People may not be able to see the turbines from the city's shoreline.

"The curvature of the Earth is 16 miles," said Stout. "Unless it (the turbine) is really tall, you're not going to see it. You would have to know where to look and have a pretty good set of binoculars."

Stout also addressed some of the environmental concerns.

"People are concerned with [the safety of] birds, but people don't know how many hit glass buildings," he said.

Aside from wind turbines and wave energy, Stout also suggests that the city and region consider solar water/thermal

systems.

"These systems are 80 percent efficient," he said. "It is not free, but it's freedom; freedom from all these other energy sources that are costing us billions of dollars in foreign sources of energy."

Most importantly, changes that affect the environment will also affect lifestyles and national safety. It is no small thing to consider individual, personal roles people play in shaping the nation's future for generations to come.

"We didn't become an oil and gas using country overnight and we're not going to be able to wean ourselves off overnight," he said.

The United States did not become dependent on oil and gas overnight, and no one individual or small group of individuals can make the changes required to change the nation's energy direction.

"One of the big things is conservation of energy and it can be just as useful and a lot cheaper than building things," Stout said. "If people cannot afford a solar panel for example, they can weatherize their home and have an energy survey completed by a certified technician."

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*Photo Caption: The Pelamis Wave Energy converter uses ocean wave energy to generate electricity.*

Dominion Virginia Power must supply wind turbine power to the Virginia Beach by 2017 or risk losing its \$47 million federal grant two, 15-ton, 328-foot tall wind turbines, each with 472-foot wide rotors. If the power company successfully builds the turbines and the two turbines effectively function in the region, then the construction on a wind farm will begin.

The energy generated from the entire

wind farm will be shared across all Virginia Beach homes and businesses through a connection with the power grid. If the power was not spilt across all residences and businesses, but instead pooled into only some, the total energy is estimated to be the equivalent to power one hundred percent of 3,000 homes.

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| 0001            | North Beach   | 08              | 82             | Galilee Episcopal Church<br>3928 Pacific Ave 23451<br>PHONE: 428-3573                                    | 0028            | Thalia           | 07              | 82             | Thalia Elementary School<br>421 Thalia Rd 23452<br>PHONE: 648-3880                       | 0054            | Cromwell          | 14              | 21             | Salem United Methodist Church<br>2057 Salem Rd 23456<br>PHONE: 471-2406                       |
| 0002            | South Beach   | 08              | 82             | Virginia Museum Of Contemporary Art<br>2200 Parks Ave 23451<br>PHONE: 425-0000                           | 0029            | Holland          | 08              | 84             | Holland Elementary School<br>3340 Holland Rd 23452<br>PHONE: 645-2640                    | 0055            | Magic Hollow      | 08              | 84             | Virginia Beach Moose Family Center<br>3133 Shipp's Corner Rd 23453<br>PHONE: 468-4124         |
| 0003            | Ocean Lakes   | 08              | 84             | Ocean Lakes Elementary School<br>1616 Upton Dr 23454<br>PHONE: 648-3200                                  | 0030            | Red Wing         | 08              | 81             | Fraternal Order of Police<br>961 S Birdneck Rd 23454<br>PHONE: 425-5351                  | 0056            | Edinburgh         | 07              | 82             | St. Aidan's Episcopal Church<br>3201 Edinburgh Dr 23452<br>PHONE: 340-6459                    |
| 0004            | Linkhorn      | 08              | 82             | Virginia Beach Community Chapel<br>1261 Laskin Rd 23451<br>PHONE: 428-1881                               | 0031            | Sigma            | 08              | 81             | Red Mill Elementary School<br>1860 Sandbridge Rd 23456<br>PHONE: 648-3560                | 0057            | Sherry Park       | 07              | 90             | St. Matthews Catholic Church<br>3314 Sandra Lane 23464<br>PHONE: 420-6310                     |
| 0005            | Seatack       | 08              | 81             | Mount Olive Baptist Church<br>310 N Birdneck Rd 23451<br>PHONE: 422-3797                                 | 0032            | Creeds           | 14              | 81             | Creeds Fire / Rescue 6<br>595 Princess Anne Rd 23457<br>PHONE: 426-2771                  | 0058            | Glenwood          | 14              | 21             | Glenwood Elementary School<br>2213 Round Hill Dr 23464<br>PHONE: 648-2520                     |
| 0006            | Alanton       | 08              | 82             | Alanton Elementary School<br>1441 Stephens Rd 23454<br>PHONE: 648-2000                                   | 0033            | Capps Shop       | 08              | 81             | Back Bay Christian Assembly<br>1212 Princess Anne Rd 23457<br>PHONE: 426-7943            | 0059            | Shelton Park      | 07              | 83             | Shelton Park Elementary School<br>1700 Shelton Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 648-3760                    |
| 0007            | Kingston      | 07              | 83             | King's Grant Presbyterian Church<br>745 Little Neck Rd 23452<br>PHONE: 340-2840                          | 0034            | Blackwater       | 14              | 81             | Blackwater Fire Station<br>6009 Blackwater Rd 23457<br>PHONE: 421-2200                   | 0060            | Foxfire           | 08              | 84             | Kemps Landing/Old Donation School<br>2509 Seaboard Rd 23456<br>PHONE: 648-3240                |
| 0008            | London Bridge | 08              | 82             | London Bridge Baptist Church<br>2460 Potters Rd 23454<br>PHONE: 486-7900                                 | 0035            | Courthouse       | 08              | 84             | Courthouse Fire Station<br>2461 Princess Anne Rd 23456<br>PHONE: 385-4887                | 0001            | Baker             | 07              | 90             | Ebenezer Baptist Church<br>875 Baker Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 490-0600                              |
| 0009            | Trantwood     | 08              | 82             | Virginia Beach Christian Church<br>2225 Rose Hall Dr 23454<br>PHONE: 481-3494                            | 0036            | Windsor Oaks     | 07              | 21             | Windsor Oaks Elementary School<br>3600 Van Buren Dr 23452<br>PHONE: 648-4120             | 0062            | Landstown         | 08              | 84             | Landstown Community Church<br>3220 Monet Dr 23453<br>PHONE: 468-6509                          |
| 0010            | Great Neck    | 08              | 82             | All Saints' Episcopal Church<br>1969 Woodside Lane 23454<br>PHONE: 481-0577                              | 0037            | Chesapeake Beach | 06              | 83             | Bayside Baptist Church<br>1920 Pleasure House Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 460-2481                | 0063            | Culver            | 08              | 81             | Ocean Lakes High School<br>885 Schumann Dr 23464<br>PHONE: 648-5550                           |
| 0011            | Cape Henry    | 08              | 82             | A.R.E. (Association for Research and Enlightenment) Building<br>215 67th Street 23451<br>PHONE: 428-3588 | 0038            | Witchduck        | 07              | 83             | Bayside Presbyterian Church<br>1400 Ewell Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 400-1188                    | 0064            | Rosemont Forest   | 14              | 21             | Rosemont Forest Elementary School<br>1716 Grey Friars Chs 23456<br>PHONE: 648-3640            |
| 0012            | Plaza         | 08              | 82             | Lynnhaven Elementary School<br>210 Clifton Dr 23452<br>PHONE: 648-3080                                   | 0039            | Pembroke         | 07              | 85             | Pembroke Elementary School<br>4622 Jericho Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 648-3420                   | 0065            | Colonial          | 07              | 21             | Colonial Baptist Church<br>2221 Centerville Tpke 23464<br>PHONE: 479-0755                     |
| 0013            | Mt. Trashmore | 07              | 85             | Windsor Woods Elementary School<br>233 Presidential Blvd 23452<br>PHONE: 648-4160                        | 0040            | Bonney           | 07              | 85             | Holland Road Baptist Church<br>4861 Euclid Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 497-6541                   | 0066            | Hunt              | 08              | 84             | Princess Anne Recreation Center<br>1400 Nimmo Pkwy 23456<br>PHONE: 385-5950                   |
| 0014            | Matibu        | 07              | 82             | Matibu Elementary School<br>3632 Edinburgh Dr 23452<br>PHONE: 648-3040                                   | 0041            | College Park     | 07              | 90             | College Park Elementary School<br>1110 Bonnington Rd 23464<br>PHONE: 648-2280            | 0067            | Eastern Shore     | 08              | 82             | Eastern Shore Chapel<br>2020 Laskin Rd 23454<br>PHONE: 428-6768                               |
| 0015            | Old Donation  | 07              | 83             | Calvary Baptist Church<br>4832 Haygood Road 23455<br>PHONE: 499-1572                                     | 0042            | Brandon          | 07              | 85             | Brandon Middle School<br>1700 Pope St 23464<br>PHONE: 648-4450                           | 0068            | Manor             | 07              | 21             | Providence Elementary School<br>4968 Providence Rd 23464<br>PHONE: 648-3520                   |
| 0016            | Aragona       | 07              | 85             | Bayside Sixth Grade Campus<br>4722 Jericho Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 648-4440                                   | 0043            | Bellamy          | 14              | 21             | Salem Middle School<br>2380 Lynnhaven Pkwy 23464<br>PHONE: 648-5000                      | 0069            | Shell             | 07              | 90             | Unity Church of Tidewater<br>5580 Shell Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 464-0772                           |
| 0017            | Ocean Park    | 07              | 83             | Bayside Community Recreation Center<br>4500 First Court Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 385-5930                      | 0044            | Centerville      | 07              | 21             | Centerville Elementary School<br>2201 Centerville Tpke 23464<br>PHONE: 648-2200          | 0070            | Corporate Landing | 08              | 81             | Corporate Landing Middle School<br>1587 Corporate Landing Pkwy 23454<br>PHONE: 648-4500       |
| 0018            | Thoroughgood  | 07              | 83             | Independence Middle School<br>1370 Dunstan Lane 23455<br>PHONE: 648-4600                                 | 0045            | Timberlake       | 08              | 21             | White Oaks Elementary School<br>960 Windsor Oaks Blvd 23462<br>PHONE: 648-4040           | 0071            | Round Hill        | 14              | 21             | Salem High School<br>1993 Sun Devil Dr 23464<br>PHONE: 648-5650                               |
| 0019            | Lake Smith    | 07              | 83             | Bayside Church of Christ<br>5025 Shell Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 460-4754                                       | 0046            | Green Run        | 08              | 84             | Green Run Elementary School<br>1200 Green Garden Cir 23453<br>PHONE: 648-2560            | 0072            | Rudoe             | 08              | 81             | Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Building<br>740 Virginia Beach Blvd 23451-4234<br>PHONE: 437-4830 |
| 0020            | Bayside       | 07              | 83             | Bayside Elementary School<br>5649 Bayside Rd 23455<br>PHONE: 648-2090                                    | 0047            | Kings Grant      | 07              | 82             | St. Nicholas Catholic Church<br>712 Little Neck Rd 23452<br>PHONE: 340-7231              | 0073            | Dahlia            | 08              | 21             | Green Run High School<br>1700 Dahlia Dr 23453<br>PHONE: 648-5350                              |
| 0021            | Davis Corner  | 07              | 90             | Bettie F. Williams Elementary School<br>892 Newtown Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 648-4080                          | 0048            | Wolfsnare        | 08              | 82             | WAVE Church<br>1000 N. Great Neck Rd 23454<br>PHONE: 481-5005                            | 0074            | Buckner           | 08              | 84             | Green Run Baptist Church<br>1201 S Rosemont Rd 23453<br>PHONE: 427-5087                       |
| 0022            | Point O' View | 07              | 85             | Kempsville Church of Christ<br>5424 Parliament Dr 23462<br>PHONE: 490-3925                               | 0049            | Lynnhaven        | 08              | 82             | Tidewater Area Christian Fellowship<br>2961 Shore Dr 23451<br>PHONE: 650-5226            | 0075            | Colony            | 08              | 82             | Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church<br>2217 W Great Neck Rd 23451<br>PHONE: 481-7674       |
| 0023            | Arrowhead     | 07              | 85             | Arrowhead Elementary School<br>5549 Sarsquahanna Dr 23462<br>PHONE: 645-2040                             | 0050            | Oceana           | 08              | 81             | Scott Memorial United Methodist Church<br>409 First Colonial Rd 23454<br>PHONE: 428-3720 | 0076            | Village           | 07              | 85             | Thalia Lynn Baptist Church<br>4392 Virginia Beach Blvd 23462<br>PHONE: 499-0557               |
| 0024            | Larkspur      | 07              | 85             | St. Andrews United Methodist Church<br>717 Tucson Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 467-1047                            | 0051            | Stratford Chase  | 07              | 21             | Community United Methodist Church<br>1072 Old Kempsville Rd 23464<br>PHONE: 495-1021     | 0077            | Brookwood         | 08              | 84             | Plaza Annex<br>641 Carriage Hill Road 23452<br>PHONE: 263-6998                                |
| 0025            | Avalon        | 07              | 85             | Woodstock Elementary School<br>6016 Providence Rd. 23464<br>PHONE: 648-4260                              | 0052            | Homestead        | 07              | 85             | Providence Presbyterian Church<br>5497 Providence Rd 23464<br>PHONE: 420-6159            | 0078            | Indian Lakes      | 14              | 21             | Indian Lakes Elementary School<br>1240 Homestead Drive 23464<br>PHONE: 648-2660               |
| 0026            | Fairfield     | 07              | 85             | Kempsville Presbyterian Church<br>805 Kempsville Rd 23464<br>PHONE: 495-1913                             | 0053            | Shannon          | 07              | 85             | Church of the Ascension<br>4853 Princess Anne Rd 23462<br>PHONE: 495-1886                | 0079            | Pleasant Hill     | 07              | 85             | Kempsville Bapt Ch Pleasant Hill Annex<br>5184 Singleton Way 23462<br>PHONE: 499-5457         |
| 0027            | Edwin         | 07              | 85             | Kempsville Recreation Center<br>800 Mornmouth Lane 23464<br>PHONE: 474-5492                              | 0054            | Cromwell         | 14              | 21             | Salem United Methodist Church<br>2057 Salem Rd 23456<br>PHONE: 471-2406                  |                 |                   |                 |                |   |

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# Voters must have photo identification in Virginia Beach

All Virginia voters will be required to show a photo identification before casting a ballot on election day or an in-person absentee ballot effective July 1, 2014. However, if citizens do not have an acceptable form of identification and no means of obtaining one then one will be provided to you free of charge for voting purposes only. Additional information will be posted on the city department Facebook page, the Virginia Beach Registrar's website and distributed by its office and through the Department of Elections.

Virginia voters are reminded that state law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification (ID) at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo identification will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of photo identification to their locality's Electoral Board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Please visit the city website about "Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Photo Identification" for more information on how the provisional ballot process will work for those arriving to the polls without photo ID. Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person.

Acceptable photo ID include the following:

- Virginia Driver's License (that is expired for less than 12 months).
- Military ID.
- Any Federal, Virginia State or Local Government-issued photo identification.

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- Employer issued photo identification card issued on the ordinary course of business.
- United States Passport or Passport Card.
- Valid student photo ID issued by any institution of higher education (public or private) located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Student ID issued by a public high school in VA displaying a photo.
- DMV-issued photo ID.
- Naturalization Certificate.
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID (if issued by one of the 11 tribes recognized by VA)

If citizens do not have one of the acceptable forms of identification and no way of obtaining one then a photo ID will be provided to them free of charge for voting purposes only. They will need to visit the registrar's office or any Voter Registrar's Office within the Commonwealth

of Virginia to initiate the process.

A voter who arrives at the polling place without an acceptable form of photo identification will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her photo identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of an acceptable photo identification to the local Electoral Board. Voters may submit a copy of their photo ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or a commercial postage service. Please note

that the copy of the photo ID must be delivered to the Electoral Board by noon on Friday or the provisional ballot cannot

be counted. A Friday postmark will not be sufficient if the copy of the photo ID is not delivered to the Electoral Board by noon

The city's general registrar is Donna Patterson, who can be reached at direct: (757) 385-8683; email: voter@vbgov.com; fax: (757) 385-5632; address: 2449 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.



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For more assistance call 757-385-8683 or the Department of Elections at 804-864-

8901, toll free at 800-552-9745, TTY toll free: 800-260-3466. Citizens can also visit the Department of Elections website at www.elections.virginia.gov for additional details and information on deadlines.

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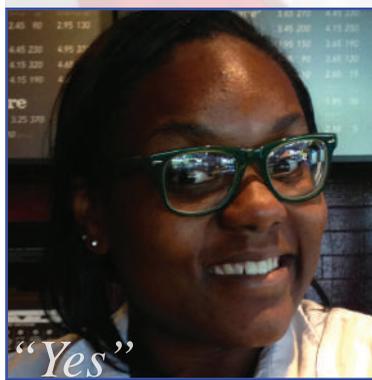
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## Looking Back

*Are you voting in the upcoming Nov. 4 general election?*



"Yes"

"It's important to vote and you can't complain unless you vote to change it."

*Joey Harris, barrista, Pelican Watch*



"Yes"

"I think it's our right. Women have had the right to vote for less than 100 years and we should exercise that right."

*Laura Jarvis, homemaker, Dewberry Farm*



"Yes"

"It's important to vote to put people in there are that are sensible. We need people who're not to party-centric."

*Ed Battelle, business owner, Carriage Hill resident*



"No"

"I'll be out to sea."

*Michael Dlabaj, Navy sailor, Landstown*

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## Artist Interview: The "Glassy Ladies"

*Liz Carpenter and Pat Potter joined talents, becoming popular and successful stained glass makers with local Kempsville and Sandbridge connections*

By Randall Jordan

As I look back on the latest Neptune Art Festival, I remember artists loaded with talent hawking their wares, putting on the best show they can. Some artists, though, due to varying circumstances, aren't able to appear in these shows. This doesn't mean their talent isn't good enough, it's just that they just elect to display in galleries or sell online. This is certainly the case with Elizabeth Carpenter and Pat Potter, better known as the "The Glassy Ladies."

"Liz" Carpenter's first inspirations in glass started in Catholic school, where her thoughts often drifted to the stained glass windows in the church, much to the chagrin of the nuns! The numerous ways light plays through the glass in different images both drew and captivated her at an early age.

"My Mother collected antique glass



*The Glass Ladies*

pieces, crackle glass and I always had a fondness for the strange pieces and the most colorful," she said.

A childhood visit to Coming Glass in New York instilled in her the notion at a young age that she wanted to be able to

create stained glass. Thinking that it would only be a hobby, she never imagined it would turn into a full time career.

The partner in this creative process, Pat Potter, has always been drawn to the beach and the ocean, spending many a weekend with her family playing in the surf and collecting shells or making sandcastles. Sunsets, surf, sand and shells are still a favorite influence in creating glass art work. After Taking many classes of various crafts, sewing seemed to provide the knowledge to help Pat with stained glass, since both use patterns that have to be precise and accurate to achieve a beautiful product.

Liz started out in the health field working for Chesapeake General Hospital. She relocated to Bethesda Md., but when an opportunity arose to return to Virginia

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*"Non-Zero Empty Space 8-3-13" by Paul Moss*

### The Club Scene

*Oceanfront's Barry Clark, aka DJ Aetgy, keeps them dancing locally, nationally*

By Jennifer K. Strout

Music has the ability to form a bond and connection between people who otherwise have nothing in common. Each unique combination of notes leads the listener on a journey through an array of varying emotions. Music is an experience that is not only understood by the auditory senses but is also felt in one's pores.

Local disc jockey and original music creator, "DJ Aetgy," whose real name is Barry Clark, is an Oceanfront resident who knows how to make that sensory connection. Enjoying nationwide popularity, he recently performed at a popular two-day



*DJ Aetgy*

music festival, called Moonrise, in Baltimore, and has lived in Virginia Beach for 10 years, recently moving to the Oceanfront where he performs several times a week. The Suffolk native recently sat down for an interview following a recent show at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront

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### Coming Soon

## Melissa Etheridge playing Sandler Center Nov. 19

Academy Award and Grammy-winning artist Melissa Etheridge takes the Sandler Center stage on Wednesday, Nov. 19 for the "Melissa Etheridge: This is M.E." tour, performing songs from her new album, "This Is M.E.," recently released by ME Records. She also will sing some of her greatest hits, like "Come to My Window," "I'm The Only One" and "I Want to Come Over." Known for her iconic voice, profound lyrics and riveting stage presence, Etheridge will share personal stories about her remarkable journey through life and the inspiration behind some of her most beloved songs. Etheridge loves to tell stories through her music. The video for her first single from the new album,



*Melissa Etheridge*

"Take My Number," includes old home movies, career highlights and memorabilia. To see it, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX5UO4YsxA>. Tickets are now on sale. For single tickets, call

1-877-YNOTTIX, visit [www.ynottix.com](http://www.ynottix.com) or the Sandler Center Box Office, or charge by phone at 1-888-326-9849. The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts is located in the city's Town Center.

*Glass Ladies - Continued from Page 1*

after her two sons were born they jumped on it. Upon returning, she was finally able to pursue glass art by taking a few classes at M&M Glass Works in Chesapeake. After numerous subsequent classes, Liz eventually began working with them, teaching classes and helping fellow glass artists. When her sons started school, it was meeting their kindergarten teacher (enter Pat Potter) and discovering she did stained glass as well, leading to the partnership of "The Glassy Ladies." Please enjoy my talk with the ladies:

Occupation: Liz - Full-time Glass artist, working out of her studio at home. Pat Potter, full-time glass artist partnered with Liz Carpenter making up the "Glassy Ladies," also working out of Liz's home studio.

Family/born and raised: Liz, born and

raised on Long Island, N.Y., and has a husband David, who is active duty in the Navy, and two sons. "I am extremely happy to have raised my sons here in Green Run/Princess Anne neighborhood, growing up in an area that has just the right mix of nature and urban opportunities. The Virginia Beach area reminds us of home." Pat was born and raised in Portsmouth and lived a short time in Newport, Rhode Island. After graduating from Cradock High School, Pat went to college to become a teacher, pursuing this for 40 years, teaching kindergarten through grade 5. Pat has one daughter and a grandson, 6, living in the Sandbridge area of Virginia Beach.

Hobbies: Liz loves to garden so much she became a Master Gardener with the City of

Chesapeake. "Having studied Botany has been helpful when designing flower panels,

as we prefer realism rather than abstract interpretations. I love the exactness that glass requires and combining that with examples in nature can be challenging." Loving photography as well, Liz found that both of these hobbies mesh well with designing and building art with glass. Pat - "I've always enjoyed all kinds of crafts and have taken many classes to learn each including cross stitch, crewel, quilting, smocking, crocheting, embroidery, upholstery, scherschmitte, calligraphy, sewing, and stained glass." Pat also enjoys gardening, reading, cooking, and playing bridge. "It's very satisfying to create something to create something from the beginning whether it's flower arranging, stained glass, home decorating, sewing or any of many art forms."

Where and when are you most creative (from both ladies)? "One of the main reasons we formed the Glassy Ladies was because we have many of the same interests, and we both think and work alike. While we have our specialties within the glass medium, our likes and tastes are so similar we can easily work behind each other. Our usual work days start out with breakfast where we hash around ideas and plans. Believe it or not, once we begin work in the studio, there isn't much talking going on!"

Music: With their studio being located in Liz's home, they begin by cranking up the music. Looking on their playlist, everything from hip hop to classic, country to hard rock can be found. The list that gets played the most would be Jimmy Buffet and steel drums. With the beach on their minds, they are happy campers! With both being retired, they work in the studio part time as both like to travel.

Do you share your work before completion? For The Glassy Ladies, the most satisfying thing about using glass as a medium is

the exactness of it, the diversity it offers, and the science behind it. It is a medium they have been building upon for years by taking new classes in the many different methods. They both started out learning stained glass, which evolved to larger panels, lampshades, three-dimensional pieces and then leaded glass work. Their favorite project would have to be a custom commission, allowing them to get to know the customer, and get a feel for what they would like in a window, not just subject matter but colors. Drawing and designing the window with their input allows their clients to become a part of the creative art process, and in turn, gives the client a connection to the piece the Glassy Ladies are creating. Taking the client's drawing and translating it into a glass window, each component means something special to the client, and it is very satisfying to be able to give them the art that they envision.

Describe your art career: Having always a fondness for hot and warm glass, that naturally lead them to kiln formed glass and lamp worked glass. They made bowls, platters, and art by heating and fusing glass at 1,400 degrees in a kiln, which then can be formed into shapes by slumping it into a mold in the kiln at high temps. For sculptural and bead work, glass rods are melted in a blow torch and manipulated into forms or wrapped onto a metal mandrel to create beads. All of the heated glass gets annealed in the kiln over many hours so that its integrity remains intact. Another pursuit has been mosaics, creating gazing balls, stepping stones, house markers, and pet memorial markers.

Most rewarding part of your work? Learning various techniques and translating that into something original that reflects both our personalities is most rewarding.



"MosaicSquare"

"We often use a fused piece in a mosaic or a stained glass panel sometimes incorporating painting, metals, geodes, and sea shells into our glass pieces. Whenever we create something, it is accomplished as if it were to be shown in our own home. We pay attention to small detail, and view most projects with a tendency toward realism, occasionally going the other way and making it whimsical.

Your advice to aspiring artists? To young artists, keep learning, even in different mediums. Whether your art education comes from a formal college setting or self-taught, continually look at art (both good and bad) and study it - what makes it good or bad? The more you study great art, the faster you will hone your own skills. Keep creating, even when you don't feel like it. Some of your best pieces can come out of "anti-creative" days.

Opinion on local art scene: "We are extremely fortunate for glassaholics to have the Chrysler Museum of Art. They have classes in almost every glass technique. Even if you are not sure of the glass medium, you can dabble in a class or two and take home a piece of art that you made without investing a lot of time or money. If you're like us, that's all it'll take to hook you!"

Where can your art be found? Our creations can be found at Artistic Creations Art Gallery and the Courthouse Galleries in downtown Portsmouth. We've done fund raisers and CHKD fairs in Virginia Beach. At this time there are no plans for any shows, but custom commissions can be done at any time by contacting us or the above galleries.

Reach Randall Jordan at [TheVirginiaBeachSun@gmail.com](mailto:TheVirginiaBeachSun@gmail.com). See his ad in this issue of *The Virginia Beach Sun*.

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*Oceanfront's Barry Clark, aka DJ Aetgy, keeps them dancing locally, nationally*

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Hilton's Sky Bar private club.

Who inspires you to create original music? "Pharrell and The Neptunes! That's been a fact since day one. I can only aspire to create not even half of what they've accomplished, especially since they're from Virginia Beach."

How long have you been making/playing music? "I've been playing music since I was in middle school, actually. I began with drum and guitar lessons after school. Eventually, I played guitar in a few bands where I grew up in Suffolk, Virginia. As far as "djing," it's been about six years since I bought my first set of turntables and a mixer and I've been involved with it ever since."

When did you discover your love for music? "One day while in elementary school, my sister and I decided to create a jam band. Our practice space was my bedroom and our band came to an end with us bashing my old drum set and acoustic guitar into pieces after. Moral of the story is, I loved it; my parents, not so much."

Why did you decide to make the genre of music you create? "I don't necessarily create or play one type of music. There's a genre and sub-genre for everything today, but my influences include hip-hop and electronic music. I try to fuse the gap between the two in my live sets."

Where did you get the idea for your stage name? "A few friends growing up randomly came up with "AETGY" as an acronym for "Ain't Even That Good Yo". It was something we all said about things that weren't so great, mainly with a sarcastic tone. When I first started I did a few house parties, but I realized just a few days before playing at a local bar that I still needed an actual name. My friend said, 'Bro, you're AETGY: you ain't even that good yo' and boom it stuck! I didn't think I would stick with it for as long as I have but still going with it."

Who are some of your favorite artists? "Besides the Neptunes, again, I'll have to say Diplo, Flume, Banks, Mr. Carmack, AlunaGeorge, Anna Lunoe, Disclosure, Ganz, Stooki Sound, Lunice, Wax Motif, Snakehips, What So Not, Cashmere Cat, Hotel Garuda, Ellie Goulding and Kaytrana."

What local venues have you played at? "It's pretty incredible to think of the range

of plays I've played at: from the smallest bar in Virginia Beach to sold-out shows at The NorVa in Norfolk. I do a ton of events at Sidestreet, Waterman's, Lunasea, Sky-Bar and Croc's, but also play at Peabody's and Shaka's when we bring headliners in town."

What were your favorite venues to play? "I think my favorite venue I've ever played at was Webster Hall in NYC. For those who don't know it, it has three levels with a different theme and musical genre on each floor; it wasn't too difficult to get lost."

Besides creating music, how do you enjoy spending your spare time? "Everything, from graphic design, to taking the motorcycle out in the summer and snowboarding in the winter."

Reach Jennifer K. Strout at [TheVirginiaBeachSun.com](http://TheVirginiaBeachSun.com).

*Sandler Art Gallery Hosts "A Brush with Nature," by Kay Hofler and Jean Rawls*

The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts is hosting Kay Hofler and Jean Rawls' exhibit "A Brush With Nature" now through Saturday, November 1.

A painter of natural forms, Hofler enjoys the movement and three dimensional qualities of plants, flowers, shells, vegetables and fruits. Painting close-up views in a large format using oil medium on canvas gives her the opportunity to create a more dynamic impact that emphasizes the beauty found in nature.

Hofler has been a professional artist and a member of The Artists Gallery, located in Virginia Beach, since 1997 and has exhibited in many local shows, currently at The Artists Gallery and at Shore Gallery and Design. She holds a bachelor's degree in art education from Longwood University and a master's degree in humanities from Old Dominion University.

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*Close Up: A local native, Kelly Powell attended Cox High School, now works at Plaza Azteca at Great Neck*

She slices limes while chatting with customers, a pleasant word, a tasty recommendation, and a quick smile for everyone. Salsa music plays softly throughout the bar and the lights are dim. The stone walls are illuminated with brightly colored lights and the shelves are lined with various bottles of liquor. Kelly Powell, 23, has been a bartender at Plaza Azteca for five months, and she loves it. "It's such a perfect spot. I get to meet a lot of great people, lots of locals," said Powell. She was born and raised in Virginia Beach, along with her older brother, who just got married and returned from Blacksburg; and older sister, who lives in the Lynnhaven area with her eight month

old month old baby. Her mother still lives in the area but her father lives in Arlington, Va. Powell attended Frank W. Cox high school. She got her associates at ICC and has plans to transfer to Norfolk's Old Dominion University. She currently resides off of Shore Drive, near the Chesapeake Bay. "I love exercising, being outside, hanging out with friends," she said. "I love doing anything outside." Her first job after high school was waiting tables at Captain George's Seafood Restaurant on Laskin Road. She waited tables at Citrus next, off of Shore Drive and Great Neck, before switching to Plaza Azteca just across the street. She typically works about 30 hours a week at the bar and her

specialty is an organic Margarita consisting of Agave Nectar, lime juice, soda and Herradura tequila. "It's so delicious," she said. "And it's low calorie!" As an expert on the regulars who frequent the bar, Powell names the locals' favorites with ease and confidence. The favorite liquor is tequila, the favorite beer is Dos Equis, and the favorite wine is Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay. The most popular appetizer is the shrimp tostadas and the favorite dessert is the fried ice cream. "The favorite main course is a tie between the Burrito San Jose and the Burrito Roulette," said Powell.



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“Midnight Hydrangea”

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“Creating art, for me, is a way of coming in touch with the mysticism of nature, and to fulfill a kind of spiritual need that is an important part of human existence,” Hofler said.

Rawls finds her painting inspiration in the natural world. Each time she is faced with a new canvas, with brush in hand and an excited heart, she feels the anticipation of the upcoming journey. With each new work, she is taken into the ever-evolving areas of landscape, those spaces where natural systems compete as one section transitions into the next.

A Norfolk native and Virginia Beach transplant, Rawls has held a lifelong interest in the arts. A member and chairman of The Artists Gallery, she served the city as a member and past chairman of the Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission. Currently, her work can be seen at Beach Gallery and at The Artists Gallery. Rawls holds a bachelor’s degree in education,

with a concentration in art, and a master’s degree in humanities, both from Old Dominion University.

The exhibit will be on view in the second and third floor lobbies during the Sandler Center’s normal operating hours: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. or during any performance at the Sandler Center. There will be a free artist reception at the Sandler Center on Sept. 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The reception is made possible by a gift from Tom and Juanita Felton to the Sandler Center Foundation.



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Hampton Roads Beard & ‘Stache Society hoding three-day, inaugural beard and mustache competition

The Hampton Roads Beard & ‘Stache Society is hosting its Inaugural Beard and Mustache Completion, to all proceeds to benefit Wounded Wheels, a program that provides disabled heroes with modified classic cars. Set for Saturday, Nov. 8, at Shaka’s Live, the special event is sponsored by Jake’s Place and 80/20 Burger Bar. Tickets are \$10 compete to spectate and can be purchased at any Hampton Roads Beard & ‘Stache Society event or at the door day of the competition. Doors open and in-person registration starts at 6 p.m., and the championships start at 7 p.m.

The competition consists of 10 categories that represent a wide spectrum of facial hair styles including beards of all lengths, moustaches, partial beards, a fake beard categories so that everyone, including ladies and the (in)voluntarily shaven, can participate and a category for retired military members with any style of facial hair!

The Hampton Roads Beard & ‘Stache



Photo submitted by the Hampton Roads Beard & ‘Stache Society.

Society was founded as a club for men, and women, with all varieties of facial hair to come together, hang out and help make the Hampton Roads community a better place through volunteer work.

Since March of 2013 the Hampton Roads Beard & ‘Stache Society has held a successful blood drive with 35 pints of blood donated to the Red Cross, worked with Jake’s Place to raise money for Hope

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economy is “in need of a new direction.”

Franz points out that, with predictions of The Brookings Institute that with the health care sector consuming upwards of 25 percent of the United States’ gross domestic product in the next 20 years, that Virginia Beach should take advantage of its existing infrastructures with extensive universities, health care providers and bio-medical firms and become the “East Coast’s advanced bio-tech, healthcare research and industry” center.

“We have universities and healthcare centers working together with most of those involved being either the presidents of the universities or the CEOs of the hospitals,” Franz noted.

Edna V. Baehre-Kolovani, the president of Tidewater Community College and a task force member, supports the city’s long-term effort.

“I look forward to working with this group of leaders to explore the possibilities,” she said.

Sharon Cindrich, marketing and public relations manager, Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters, is also proud of the task force’s work.

“CHKD is very much engaged in the process being developed by the City of

Virginia Beach to create a biomedical center in the Princess Anne area of the city,” she said. “This region of the city is a growing hub of activity for CHKD as well. We have a well-established Health and Surgery Center on Concert Drive, and we’re about to come out of the ground with a second major facility that will house urgent care and a state-of-the-art sports medicine and orthopedics facility in Southgate Commons on Landstown Center Way. These CHKD facilities put us in the heart of the proposed biomedical corridor, so we are eager to participate in discussions that could lead to the development of a dynamic concentration of resources that could help advance the mission of healthcare organizations like CHKD.”

The city of Virginia Beach has allocated an area of 1,500 acres for a new construction of the Bio-Medical and Healthcare park in the city’s Princess Anne Commons corridor. The initial construction of the “Princess Anne Corporate Park” will comprise an area of about 155 acres.

The task force seeks to establish the region “from Richmond to the oceanfront ultimately,” Franz said, as the center for advanced bio-tech and healthcare research and industry on the East Coast.

The Princess Anne region is primed for such an expansion due to the already ex-

isting “cluster of bio-medical companies and universities.” The initial construction area will vary depending on what facet of the project initially launches, with “Big Data and Analytics,” “Healthcare Centers of Excellence” and “Life Science and Pharma,” requiring additional space, listed from smallest to largest.

Vital economic factors indicated by the task force include that the hub must add to the existing regional economy by drawing and attracting companies that “derive the majority of revenues from outside of region” and that “research opportunities that can attract substantial funding from external sources.”

One of the hub’s foundational requirements is that it leads to substantial job creation and growth with a focus on high-income employment. Regarding this goal, the task force reports:

“Progress should be measurable and reportable annually. Use existing regional assets and resources in hub development when appropriate. All institutions of higher education, hospitals and large healthcare enterprises in the region will be asked to partner in achieving the mission. Regional governmental authorities and private entities will work together. Obtain state and federal funding for hub development and attract required private equity investment.”

Baehre-Kolovani agrees as to the pivotal economic impact that could be created by such a center.

“A new biomedical and research center such as this has the potential to create high paying jobs in the in-demand healthcare field,” she said.

The two major medical sectors to be explored at the center are diabetes and related complications, and cardiovascular disease.

National Center for Disease Control reports indicate that the diabetes rate doubled between 1990 and 2008, and while it has begun to plateau between 2008 and 2012, the rates continue to remain dangerously high. Moreover, southern states, including many areas of Virginia have even higher rates of the disease. Diabetes remains the leading cause of kidney failure, adult-onset blindness and the second leading cause of lower limb amputation.

“The rate of diabetes is even higher in the military than the civilian population,” Franz said, making the Hampton Roads region even more pivotal in tackling this problem. Since the military also lends to the relocation of many families, it lends to unique research opportunities. Considering that diabetes cost the healthcare system \$245 billion in 2012, the medical issue aligns with the economic focus, as well.

The second focus on cardiovascular disease goes hand in hand with diabetes since it is one of the risk factors resulting from diabetes. Moreover, according to the CDC, in 2010, 48 percent of all deaths were the result of the either heart disease or cancer. Moreover, currently 47 percent of adults have at least one risk factor for

stroke and heart disease. With cardiovascular disease affecting so many Americans, statistics indicate that in 2010, heart disease and stroke cost the healthcare system \$315.4 billion.

“The consultant will analyze the region to confirm [the above regional needs],” said Franz. He also said that the consultant from Facility Logix recently spent two days conducting various interviews and will be spending an additional four days in October.

In terms of financing the program, the task force points out that the region has a lower “cost of business” than other cities, such as San Diego and Boston. The state of Virginia has both state and local incentives and grants, such as, “Refundable Research and Development Tax Credit, Angel Investor Tax Credit, R and D Sales Tax Exemption and Virginia Bioscience Health Research Corporation” grants.

The task force will meet on Thursday, October 23 when the working draft of the market assessment by Facility Logix will be presented.

“I really believe that we will have a plan by December to present to Mayor Sessoms (and city council),” said Franz.

It’s unclear exactly how much money will have to be raised to break ground on the project.

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**In addition** to the members of the task force and advisory committee, key resources are also being provided by the following: Chesapeake Regional Medical Group, Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, HCA Virginia, Medical College of Virginia and University of Richmond.

## IMS Gear shifts into exponential growth in Resort City

IMS Gear, a 151-year-old company headquartered in Donaueschingen in the Black Forest region of Germany, recently officially dedicated its new 112,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Virginia Beach.

Founded in 1863 to manufacture precision instruments for the clock and watch industry, IMS Gear was founded by Johan Morat, and now 150 years later a Morat family member still sits on the company's board of directors. IMS Gear's core competence continues after it shifted its manufacturing excellence to innovative gear solutions, which gained considerable commercial significance 50 years ago.

In 1992, company leaders were determined to grow the business and made a strategic decision to follow its customers and expand worldwide. IMS Gear Virginia, Inc. opened in Virginia Beach in 2000. It was the company's second location in the United States after Gainesville, Ga.

Today, the company has 10 manufacturing facilities around the world including six in Germany and one each in Mexico and China. Success has followed the company, and it now manufactures gears for every major automobile company in the world.

IMS Gear Virginia manufactures gears for power seats. "We have earned 65 percent of the U.S. automotive gear market," said Guenter Weissenseel, president of IMS Gear Virginia, Inc. "Our business has multiplied five times in the last five years in Virginia Beach in both production numbers and revenue. We started producing more than one million gears per month last

fall and have created more than 150 new jobs to support this growth."

The new 112,000-square-foot facility at 489 Progress Lane is nearly three times the size of the company's original Virginia Beach facility, which was developed by The Miller Group to the specific design requirements of the company.

"We looked at several different locations for this expansion before deciding to stay in Virginia Beach," said Weissenseel. "Community is important to us as well as the ability to find and keep skilled workers. We ultimately decided that staying in Virginia Beach is our best option, and we worked with the City's Economic Development Department to find the ideal location for us."

"IMS Gear is a perfect example of how global manufacturers are finding success in the U.S.," said Warren D. Harris, director of Virginia Beach Economic Development.

"It started with strategically locating to an area offering a quality workforce and a logistics network that effectively connects them to their customers. By then understanding how new technologies can improve their processes, IMS Gear created a successful business model that provides cost-effective products meeting the stringent quality demands of the marketplace."

Maximilian Zimmer-Morat, great-grandson of the company founder and majority shareholder, will visit the Virginia Beach facility for the dedication. The event will feature tours of the new facility, refreshments and German beer.



This photo was submitted courtesy of the Hampton Roads Beard & 'Stache Society.

## Hampton Roads Beard & 'Stache Society competition set

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House at the "1st Annual 'Stache Bash," volunteered at the Mariners Museum Craft Beer Festival, to provide staffing, and recently worked with the East Coast Surfing Championships and provided members for staffing in multiple areas. These events are an illustration of the Hampton Roads Beard & 'Stache Society motto of: "Hairy for a reason."

In addition to supporting local charities here in town, the society represents Hampton Roads by traveling around the country and helping other facial hair group's support the charities in their hometowns. The inaugural beard and mustache competition is the society's way of helping redefine Hampton Roads to those distant friends.

"We like to show people that that Hampton Roads isn't just for the military, but is an innovative and creative region, filled with great ideas and amazing people," said Josh Kimm, a society member. "Simply put, this is a fun event that helps us give back to our hometown and hopefully gets people to reconsider some negative stereotypes they may have with guys who have facial hair."

The event schedule includes three main events planned throughout the weekend for local folks and those traveling from out-of-town to enjoy. With the exception of the competition, a \$10 charge, all are free to attend.

A welcome party will be held on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m., at Murphy's Irish Pub, 2914 Pacific Avenue.

Or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1477323242509638/>. A pre-competition lunch will be held on Saturday, November 8 at 12 p.m., at Back Bay Brewing, 614 Norfolk Avenue. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/304378469737106/>. The actual competition is set for Saturday, November 8 at 6 p.m., at Shaka's Live, 2014 Atlantic Avenue. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/535667479877336/>. Farewell brunch is set for Sunday, November 9 at 11 a.m., at Cotton Southern Bistro, 1637 W. Hilltop Shopping Center. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/271120489752866/>.

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## Parkway Elementary School hosts movie night



Photo 1

Photo 2

Photo 3

*Photo 1:* Parkway Elementary School had Movie Night. Families recently celebrated by bringining their sleeping bags and pillows and having pizza, popcorn and soda. Shown above from left to right are: Halynn Marsh, Teel Marsh, and mom Laurie Marsh.

*Photo 2:* Parkway Elementary School had Movie Night. Families celebrated by bringining their sleeping bags and pillows and having pizza, popcorn and soda. Shown above from left to right are: Eleanor Brittle and her daughter Alani Brittle.

*Photo 3:* Parkway Elementary School had Movie Night. Families celebrated by bringining their sleeping bags and pillows and having pizza, popcorn and soda. Shown above from left to right are: Major Gooden and son Malik Gooden. Christina Hutchins 2-5th grade teacher/media liaison Parkway Elementary School 648-3280 clhutchi@vbschools.com.

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## Beach Voter Information

### Voter Identification

All voters casting a ballot in-person will be asked to show one form of identification. Any voter who does not present acceptable identification must vote a provisional ballot.

| Identification  |  | Is it accepted?   |
|---|--|---|
| Photo IDs   | Valid* photo ID  | Yes, if issued by government, employer, or institute of higher education in VA. |
|   | Government-issued ID card from federal, VA, or local subdivision (including political subdivisions)            | Yes   |
|   | DMV-Issued Photo ID Card   | Yes   |
|   | Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID   | Yes, if issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by VA.**                          |
|   | US Passport or Passport Card   | Yes   |
|   | Valid* employee ID card issued by voter's employer in ordinary course of business (public or private employer) | Yes   |
|   | Credit card displaying photograph  | No  |
|   | Membership card from private organization  | No  |
|   | Military ID  | Yes   |
|   | Nursing home resident ID   | Yes, if issued by government facility.  |
| Voter Photo Identification Card issued by the Department of Elections | Yes  |   |
| Identification  |  | Is it accepted?   |
| Student IDs   | Valid* student ID issued by a public or private school of higher education located in VA displaying photo      | Yes   |
|   | Valid* student ID issued by a public or private school of higher education outside of VA displaying photo      | No  |
|   | Student ID issued by a public high school in VA displaying a photo   | Yes   |
|   | Student ID issued by a private high school in VA displaying a photo  | No  |
| Driver's License or non-operating state identification                | Valid* Virginia Driver's License or DMV-issued Photo ID  | Yes   |
|   | Virginia Driver's License that is expired for less than 12 months  | Yes   |
|   | Virginia Driver's License that is expired for more than 12 months  | No  |
|   | Valid* out-of-state driver's license   | No  |

Virginia requirements: Va. Code § [24.2-643\(B\)](#)

- valid Virginia driver's license;
- valid United States passport;
- any other photo identification card issued by a government agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States;
- valid student identification card containing a photograph of the voter issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business

\* Valid = the document is genuine, bears the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months

\*\* Political subdivisions include recognized Indian tribes and governmental divisions with authority to make rules and regulations having force of law. See Va. Code §§ 8.01-385, 51.1-700. Eleven tribes are: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway), Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway of Virginia, Pamunkeve, Patowomeck, Rappahannock, & Upper Mattaponi.



*Seasons of the Sun:  
Looking Back to October 6, 1964*

*Museums for beach proposed*

In October of 1964, a meeting was held at the Cavalier Hotel to discuss the possibility of opening a new museum in Virginia Beach. A woman named Zida, who owned and operated a Nautilus Shop, championed the idea and pointed out that it would be a tourist attraction and fun alternative for students.

*Right-of-way committee is named by city*

Independence Boulevard was not always the bustling stretch of urban paradise that exists today. Fifty years ago, Virginia Beach was busily working to transform the road into a thoroughfare to link the northern and southern sides of the city. City engineer Charles Kiley informed the council that the action would require a stretch of 100 feet-wide road 90 feet from the future shopping centers of Pembroke-Square and the soon-to-built 15-acre Sears Roebuck.

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mental health, I can say that no situation is ever simple and the reality of many people's lives is more unbelievable than Hollywood could ever portray.

How many lost souls flutter through this vast expanse, narrowly missing each other with each heartbeat? Although if they only knew how many others treaded along that same path, would they float along so lost? It is nothing but the opposite of easy to dig up motivation and inspiration; another task to keep perseverance stacked tall, and yet, what alternative do we have?

The rattling of dark thoughts in one's own mind can seemingly consume a person, appearing to the holder to be vaster than the universe. Yet, in Virginia Beach we are lucky enough to see the stars painting the black silhouette of the pitch-black sky at night, and hear the rumbling waves pouncing down along the creamy shoreline. This truly reminds each one of us that the world is broader than all one's imaginings and that there are so many possibilities from which hope may arise.

Extrapolating from local census data and national depression averages, the following numbers of people in Virginia Beach may suffer from bouts of depression. A major depressive episode is a diagnosis given by the Diagnostic Statistical Manual and is defined as a period of two weeks or longer during which a person either experiences a depressed moods of loss of interest in pleasure in activities that one formerly enjoyed. Additionally, four or more of the following symptoms must also be present: thoughts of suicide; change in sleeping patterns; change in appetite or weight change of

five percent or more; change in activity level; fatigue or loss of energy; decreased concentration; feelings of guilt or worthlessness. With 8.4 percent of American females suffering from episodes of depression, 19,175 Virginia Beach residents may be affected and 5.2 percent of males or 11,451 locals. With 7.1 percent of Non-Hispanic whites: 20,188; 7 percent Hispanics or Latinos: 2,355 residents; 6.3 percent African Americans: 5,650; 10 percent American Indians and Alaska Natives: 224; 3.2 percent of Asians: 947 local residents; and 7.7 percent mixed races: 1,347. Finally, with 9.3 percent of veterans between the ages of 21 to 39 experiencing at least one major depressive episode in the last year, around 5,682 local veterans have experienced the same.

Suicide sometimes seems to be a response to the frustrations of not being able to figure life out, as if life is meant to be conquered instead of lived: experienced. The truth is, we have all felt alone at some point, felt as if no one understands us. And yet, how could we ever expect someone else to understand us, when we never even truly understand ourselves. Questions bring along with them fear and uncertainty, but they also can bring hope, cures, solutions, inventions, love and life.

As the famous saying goes, while "correlation does not equal causation," depression rates of higher among the unemployed and recently divorced. The issue of divorce may have much more widespread implications. Divorce does not always include the separation of two loving individuals; it can also be the cessation of a strenuous relationship. This is because divorce often comes along with financial hardships, loss of friendships, change and

plenty of unknowns.

Research has found that states with higher rates of depression also have higher rates of obesity, heart disease, stroke, sleep disorders, lower education levels and less access to health insurance.

A variety of resources are available to the public from organizations including the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Unfortunately, for many individuals who are isolated and not in the constant limelight, signs and symptoms can go unnoticed by anyone besides the individual suffering. Due to the nature of mental illness, those in the midst of a debilitating episode often will not have the resources, insight or strength to seek help on one's own. In instances where suicidal ideation is involved, there are endless examples of situations when a simple, sympathetic acknowledgement of the individual was enough to delay or stop the person from hurting him or herself.

The Virginia State mental health resource page offers a free, anonymous, printable assessment that one can use to determine if symptoms require further examination by a professional. The website also provides additional resources including articles and fact sheets on specific issues surrounding depression, as well as those targeted for veterans.

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## If you'd like for things to change, get out and vote

By Greg Goldfarb

It's all too easy, sit back, watch television, surf the internet, read newspapers and magazines, and wonder what's becoming of the world around us.

It's too easy, to harbor complacency, accept status quo, turn a blind eye to perceived personal, social and political injustices that often times cry out for the public's attention.

And when matters get so out-of-hand that situations attract national and international media attention, real problems come to light, where before they've struggled on in the shadows.

No one law, or rule, or person, is going to change society's ills. No one song, or piece of art, or book is going to bring everyone together. No one ideology, or religion, or cultural heritage should supersede the other. What people of all faiths and cultural heritages must seek and find is an appreciation for the "good" in all people, while divorcing the "evil." The problem is everyone has a different definition of the simple terms, but complex concepts.

If we were all "good," and could trust,

honor and respect each other, would be social paradise. But, inherently, intrinsically, as part of our human nature, we are competitive, and quests for excellence drive and motivate many people seeking more purpose and position in life. These are the people that societies and cultures around the world on which civilized society depends to exact justice in accordance to the law of the land, in all matters, local, state, nationally and internationally.

We call these people, to whom we look to solve the city's, nation's and world's problems, "politicians," many of whom pay a personal and monetary price for the chance to be one of the city's, state's, nation's or world's leaders. But they all come from their hometowns, where local people vote, and decide whom they would like to publicly represent them on city councils, school boards, in state halls and in Congress.

By voting, people who feel "voiceless" and "powerless" to combat the "evils" they see in the world, can take a stand against injustice and reach for personal understanding of perplexing issues, and people, confronting the future every day.

Not everyone can easily get to the voting booths, not everyone has the time or transportation. But if your city, state, country and world matter to you, try to understand the complexities of the world

around you, take a personal action that can affect the future, and vote regularly. That is the hand-of-change that builds bridges of understanding between diverse people and thoughts. Communication and under-

standing is the key to survival. It's often-times a difficult goal to achieve between informed, passionate and emotional people, but a failure to positively interact is a recipe for failure.

## Commentary

### Many questions, few answers for those suffering from depression

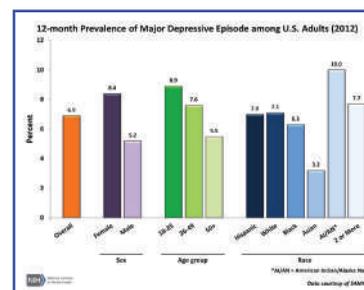
Comedian Robin Williams' recent death brings shadowed issue back into the sunlight

By: Jennifer K. Strout, MA

Black. Shrouded tears. A funeral. But not just any funeral, this one is a suicide.

There are no words. No comfort. Instead there is only stillness ... a heavy, stillness. Pain; relentless, pain. And questions, endless questions: the one that looms the strongest is, "why?" Then "what": what could we have done differently, what should we have done differently?

With the recent death of famous actor, Robin Williams, many Virginia Beach



residents have been focusing on the every pervasive topic of depression. As with

other seemingly inconceivable violent acts, like homicide, everyone appears to be scratching their heads, in search for answers as to why someone would take his or her own life. What was particularly shocking was the victim of this illness, depression. Not lacking in fame, wealth, loving family and friends or a sense a humor. It appears that depression spares no victim.

As a crisis counseling professional, with over a dozen years of experience in

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