

Safety/Security – March 2023

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Security Patrol Update
- Traffic Calming Phase IV - Speed Tables
- Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Pet Walkers
- Parking Lot Charges Begin April 1
- CAC – out of sequence meeting date
- VBCCO seeking volunteers to serve as Directors

Welcome Officers Kelli Maxcy and Chris Wilson: To off-duty patrol services within Croatan. If you haven't contributed to the Security Fund with your 2023 CCL Membership renewal, please consider doing so.

Speed Tables: Croatan has been in the Residential Traffic Calming Program for more than a half-dozen years. Efforts to slow traffic on Croatan Road including reduced speed limit, increased enforcement, speed trailers, increased fines, and ad nauseum appeals have failed. You will soon see the City emplace speed tables as a phase IV (physical barrier) speed reduction effort. The CCL conducted the city-required canvass of those neighbors most impacted by these speed tables (i.e., those living adjacent to Croatan Road) and they voted overwhelming in favor of them. These speed tables have been successfully used elsewhere in Virginia Beach and in other cities. They will not damage your car nor materially delay emergency responses.

Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Pet Walkers: The increasingly pleasant weather brings more of us out to the streets and sidewalks of our community. Sidewalks are few, so please ensure that you can be seen, especially at dawn, dusk, and time with bright, low sun angles. Just because you can see the car, doesn't mean the driver can see you. Drivers, please be alert and drive gently.

Croatan Parking Lot: Charges for parking in the Croatan lot (south end of Vanderbilt Ave) begin April 1. Those parking after 10:00 AM will incur a \$3 VB-Resident (\$7 non-VB resident) fee. There is no reentry provision, so if you leave and return, you will be charged again.

I have been trying to find out what the purpose and intended use will be of the gates that were installed at the parking lot during the off season. I do not have answers at this time, but will promulgate via Facebook, Nextdoor, or on the croatanbeach.org website when known.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) Due to scheduling conflicts, the March CAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM in the conference room of the VB Volunteer Rescue Squad (Building #14) at 720 Virginia Beach Blvd (aka: 17th Street) (east (butterfly garden) side of building). All are welcome. I represent the CCL at these meetings, so if there is anything that you desire to be raised but cannot attend, please let me know and I will try to get you answers. CAC meetings will resume the standard second-Wednesday schedule in April.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) No change since last month's report, although the organization is seeking nominations and volunteers to serve in directorship

positions. If interested in serving, please submit your name, C. V., and contact information to vbccoelections@gmail.com. I expect that elections will be held in April on a date to be promulgated in the henceforth.

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