

# Nostalgic VB

## Project Engagement

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Please tell us your name and share a special memory or moment you have about Virginia Beach.  
Include the year that the moment is from.

You can also attach a photo/image or video that goes along with your special memory.  
**Please see the instructions above for attaching images. Attachments must be images only. PDF files or other documents are not supported.**

To submit a video, copy and paste the video link in the comment section.

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Rachel Balderson Site Coordinator at the Cape Henry Lighthouse. Photo taken early 1960's. Cape Henry Lighthouse located on an active Fort Story.



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This photo is of my mother Jill Seay lighting the Flame of Hope in 1972. It was extinguished in 1973 due to the oil embargo but re-lit in 1984 (I have another photo of my mom and the Jaycee who helped her raise funds) to raise awareness of those left unaccounted for. It is currently undergoing gas line repairs.



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As a member of the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office and city employee, I was honored to have been featured on the front page of the employees newspaper The Beam October 2006 edition. The photographer told me I was the only person from the VBSO to be on the cover and that I would be the last sole employee to be on the cover; they would move forward with group pictures. Fast forward to January 2017 and I became the 1st Filipino American captain in the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office. I've been proud to represent the Filipino community in local government with the City of Virginia Beach and will continue to promote a diversified Virginia Beach.



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The Breeden Company was founded in Virginia Beach in 1961. Over the years, the organization has developed 14 apartment communities and 13 commercial spaces in the city that still provide homes as well as office, shopping and dining spaces for the various communities. In the 61+ years in business, The Breeden Company has remained faithful to the City, also supporting various arts and education endeavors such as Neptune Festival and other great causes such as outfitting the Virginia Beach K9 unit with doggy ballistic vests. The Breeden Company today is nationally recognized and listed as one of Inc's top 5000 private businesses in America.

We have amassed many great photo memories over the years. Attached is the Breeden team in 1977 breaking ground on what would be Great Neck Square. Today, the commercial space is a major shopping area with Harris Teeter or other locals' favorites. Great Neck Square was completed in 1978.



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Suzanne Tolison. I work with Woolpert, who recently acquired Waller, Todd & Sadler a local Architectural firm that works with the City. I am moving our office and came across old plans of the VB Administration Building from 1967, if this is something you would be interested in please let me know. I would be happy to bring them by.  
suzanne.tolison@woolpert.com

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Velvet Smith year 1990  
Rogues staff photo session used for advertising

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Still just two lanes when I took this postcard-ready shot in 1978: the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.



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The “pleasure house” which gave Pleasure House Road its name, taken from the dunes across Crystal Lake just before it was torn down in 1977.



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My name is Herbert J. Bowsher, of Kings Grant in Virginia Beach. I am submitting a photo of my grandmother, Vera P. Bowsher of Wallingford, PA. The photo was taken in 1963 along the oceanfront in Virginia Beach. She was vacationing with my grandfather, Herbert M. Bowsher, who took the photo.

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Wider shot by my My grandfather of the under-construction Virginia Beach Civic Center AKA later the Alan B Shepard Civic Center AKA "The Dome" in 1958.

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My grandfather took these pictures of the under-construction Virginia Beach Civic Center AKA later the Alan B Shepard Civic Center AKA "The Dome" in 1958; my parents and grandmother are in the foreground.

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This is a great idea! I'm Renee' Bradshaw, born and raised here. I have many stories, but my first is from a elderly lady I met years ago. Her story must have been from around 1930. She was from the Brown Pungo Farm Family and told the story of her riding in a covered wagon to school. She remembered the log road that went past Nimmo Church. According to her, they had tree logs layed in the road because it was always so muddy there and she remembered the bumpy bump as the wagon road over them. The wagon had flaps that could be lowered on rainy days. The children would ride the wagon to the store where Kellam & Eaton store used to be at the end of PA Road to be picked up and taken to the old Kempsville Elementary (known as Kemps Landing).

She said some days they would miss the bus and had to walk the 5 mile stretch to school. She said they played all along the way and by the time they got there, it was time to go home. I do genealogy so I told her she should write it down for future generations. Stories like this are a real gem when you find it.

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Buck Lawler, SECOND PHOTO IN A SEQUENCE OF FOUR PHOTOS AS THE TRAIN PROCEEDS NORTH TO FORT STORY. Probably taken Easter Sunday 1949. Photo taken looking east from 201 69th St, residence of Robert&Edith Fanney. The young children: Sue Lawler flanked by her cousins Rob&Tim Fanney.



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Jan 1st 2014. Spent the night at the oceanfront. This was the morning after new years eve.

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Jan 1 2014. E. Matienzo. I grew up with the Lynnhaven Mall carousel. This was the last time you would see it in the mall.

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Form May 31 2019 Rebecca Lear, Bldg 2 survivor. The informal memorial started May 31 with a single bouquet of flowers  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rb5eu-xsMXk>

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Here is a pencil sketch of downtown Pungo, it was in my grandmothers items, happy to bring the actual prints if you need a better picture.

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This is the Little Island coast guard station with all of the Coast Guard Officers, my great grandfather was in this group.

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Elaine Burgess, these photos were from my grandmother's collection. The original courthouse in pencil, Pungo, and the coast guard station. The last picture is of little island coast guard station with my great grandfather Peter T Henley in the photo. Being born and raised in Virginia Beach, I have many memories and photos and am happy to share them.

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A photo of the Cavalier Hotel with the old Norfolk & Southern railroad tracks out front. From a collection of family photos. Estimated time frame, late 1940s to early 1950s.

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In the late 50s fog rolled through the streets of a seaside resort and you could hear waves beyond misted wooden hotels and the wet buffer of soft grass . You passed members of the beat generation you knew by name, you paused at the window of Forbes Salt Water Taffy as a machine chattered rhythmically delivering peppermint and sweet striped candies. Walking the boardwalk after perusing the small News Center and there anchoring the South End was the pink Traymore hotel and onward the Steel Pier, off-season there was no other world.



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My name is Larry French and I am submitting a picture we took of the East Coast Surfing Championships back in its very early days. The first ECSC was held here in 1963, the year the City of Virginia Beach was created. Many internationally known surfers have won this contest. It is the longest running surfing contest IN THE WORLD. My first contest was probably this one, in either the late 60s or early 70s, because WRV opened in 1967.



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From Dotsy Harland: This photo was taken on the beach at the North End in March of 1962, right after the Ash Wednesday Storm. My father took us for a walk on the beach to view the storm damage. I was eight years old at the time. We lived in Birdneck Point, a few blocks from the ocean, and I remember all the flooding in our neighborhood. Thankfully, our house survived the storm.



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The Original Virginia Beach town in Princess Anne county was created by a railroad/railroad company see the attached article in 1882. The railroad was then built in 1883 and the city incorporated in 1906. Warren Leister  
thetfordboy@rocketmail.com

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Anna. Used this for CBDA. LOL whoopee

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Lise, 2010

Mayor Sessoms and staff.



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Lise, 1988, The First Family

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**Do you have an idea for a special event, a ceremony or monthly activities to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Virginia Beach in 2023? Please share your thoughts and ideas with us.**

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It would be amazing to use the green space at Wycliffe Presbyterian Church on Great Neck Road to celebrate Phyllis Jackson's Helping Hands Summer Camp for children with disabilities and their teen volunteers that ran for two decades each summer as well as the home of her Infant Stim Program which eventually became your Early Intervention Program. She is a founding Mother of the special needs community of Virginia Beach and should really be recognized as such. The photo above is of Stephen Todd, as a child, attending the Helping Hands camp in the late 80s. He is now the CEO of Bluebird Beach Bungalows and his mother Jamie Todd is willing to sign a release (757) 406-9229.

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Maybe a yard/sign or banner for businesses that have been a part of the City since 1963.

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Kick off a "Summer of Love" concert series at the Oceanfront! This would be in conjunction with the Virginia is for Lovers campaign!

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Commission a mural that honors the 60th Anniversary of Virginia Beach on a public building. Identify 52 community groups and City Partners to generate good news stories for each week of the year in 2023. Highlight all of the Virginia Beach arts and cultural attractions in October 2023--National Arts & Humanities Month. Pay tribute to Historic Seatack Community with major Seatack Park Renovation and public art component on Birdneck Road.

2015- Virginia Beach City Council adopts an ordinance to Establish the first arts district. Arts and cultural boom follows... with 50+ new small, creative businesses opening in the district, over 350 public works of art added to public spaces, over 200 artists commissioned and paid to create artwork and over 750 earned media stories regionally, nationally and internationally. Private development spurred over \$45 Million increase in real estate values in Central Beach District since creation of arts district. Infrastructure projects have won statewide and national awards for creative placemaking and urban design work. A permanent rainbow crosswalk was added in 2021 a welcoming beacon to all Virginia Beach residents and visitors to the resort.

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### Reenactments

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A time capsule event along with food trucks.

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A block party similar to how Something in the Water was.

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CGIS has a lot of historical maps and aerial photography that might add some value.

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Overall exhibition of art,,photos and cultural events at the Arts Center.

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My mom who was about 16 or 17 years old on VA Beach boardwalk when it was made out of wood. She was born in 1911. Beautiful ❤️

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### Ice Cream Party

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Have a pageant featuring people born in Virginia Beach in 1963.

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If you agree to the use of your photo and/or video as outlined in the release, please enter your name where indicated.

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand the foregoing and fully understand the meaning and effect of the Release and agree to the terms herein.

Are you interested in sharing your local memories in a recorded audio interview as part of an oral history project with Virginia Beach Public Library? If so, please provide your email address.

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Please provide your email address if you'd like to receive the bi-monthly City Page e-newsletter.

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Virginia Beach is a great city!

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**What year is your submission from? (Choose a year from 1962 - 2021).**

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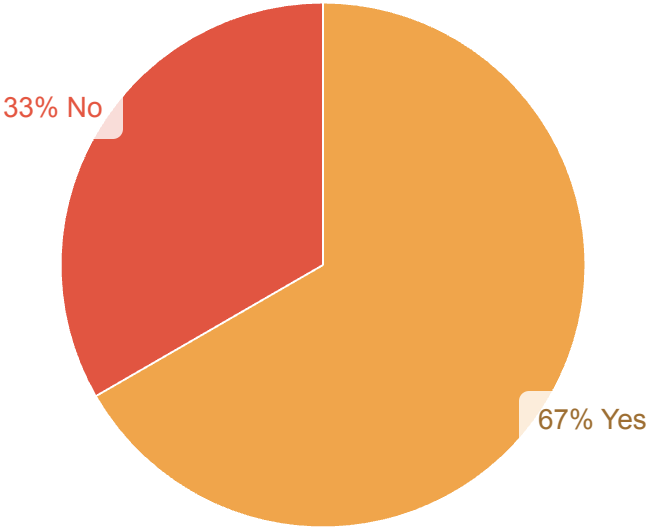
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