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Every kid knows that no vacation is complete until you've seen your parents flat on their backs, flying down a water slide. From mini-golf and skate parks, to sea turtles and harbor seals, there are countless ways to satisfy a kid's fun quota.

### AMERICAN INDOOR KARTING

It's pedal to the metal time with state-of-the-art European-style machines racing on a professionally designed course. 2736 North Mall Dr. (757) 486 - 3003 www.aikva.com

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### ATLANTIC FUN PARK

Virginia Beach's number one amusement park. 233 15th St. (757) 422-0467 www.atlanticfunpark.com \$

### BEACH STREET USA

Beach Street USA is a diverse array of street performers along the sidewalk of Atlantic Avenue between 17th and 25th Streets. Free performances from Memorial where the goats, llamas, bunnies, Day through Labor Day. (757) 385-SURF(7873)

### CAPT. JACKS PIRATE SHIP ADVENTURE

There will be plenty of mischief and mayhem for little pirates and big ones featuring an interactive pirate review, food, beverages and dolphin sightings. The Lost Pearl will be docked at Inlet Station Marina on picturesque Rudee Inlet and will pillage and plunder the high seas of the Virginia Beach oceanfront May

through October. 308 Mediterranean Ave., Rudee Inlet.

www.virginiabeachpirateship.com

### DAVE AND BUSTER'S

Eat, drink, play and watch sports all under one roof at Dave and Buster's in Lynnhaven Mall. Enjoy chef-crafted menus. big-screen sports and over 13,000 square feet of the most popular new games. 701 Lynnhaven Pkwy. (757) 785-3500 www.daveandbusters.com ¢

### JT'S GROMMET ISLAND BEACH PARK & PLAYGROUND

The first of its kind in America, a 100% accessible oceanfront park for everyBODY.

100 2nd St. at the oceanfront www.grommetisland.org

### HUNT CLUB FARM

Spend a day on the farm peacocks and ponies roam. Visit the Farm Market, Petting Farm, or one of the many seasonal events throughout the year.

2388 London Bridge Rd. (757) 427-9520 www.huntclubfarm.com

### MOTOR WORLD FAMILY THRILL PARK

Five distinct zones for everyone in your family: Race Zone, Thrill Zone, Kids Zone, Strike Zone and Game Zone. There are race cars for all ages, kiddie rides, thrill rides, paintball, minigolf and arcade.

700 South Birdneck Rd. (757) 422-6419 www.vbmotorworld.com ¢

### MOUNT TRASHMORE PARK AND SKATE PARK 🕕

A landfill beautification project from the seventies is now a 165acre park complete with fitness trails, playground, picnic areas and lakes. Home to the Whispering Giant sculpture by Peter Wolf Toth. (Number 19 of 67). 310 Edwin Dr. (757) 473-5237

www.vbgov.com

### PLAYGROUNDS ON THE BEACH 🛽

Located in the Resort Area in the sand at 10th St. and 31st St.

### **OCEAN BREEZE** WATER PARK

There's fun for the entire family at this wild water theme park. Choose from over 17 water slides and swim in the million-gallon wave pool. Located 1.5 miles south of the Resort Area, just past the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center.

849 General Booth Blvd. (757) 422-4444 www.oceanbreezewaterpark.com

### OLD COAST GUARD STATION

Join Captain Fishbones or Grandma Beach for stories, activities and fun. For ages 3-9, accompanied by an adult. Wednesdays and Thursdays, June-August.

24th St. and Atlantic Ave. (757) 422-1587 www.oldcoastguardstation.com

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### SKY ZONE INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK **(**)

As the world's first indoor trampoline park, Sky Zone's inventors of "fun fitness" promise one of the greatest workouts combined with a healthy dose of fun. Indulge in the pure joy of flying, bouncing, flipping, and landing in a pit filled with 10,000 foam cubes.

2029 Lynnhaven Pkwy. www.skyzone.com/virginiabeach \$

### THE ADVENTURE PARK AT VIRGINIA AQUARIUM ®

Discover the amazing aerial forest park located in the majestic trees of the Aquarium. Guests can climb among the trees, fly via zip lines and follow aerial rope courses. 13 aerial trails, multiple ziplines, 6 levels, beginner to expert.

801 General Booth Blvd. (757) 385-4947 www.virginiabeachadventurepark.com \$

### VIRGINIA AQUARIUM & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

With all the offerings the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center now has, guests can choose to spend all or part of their day with us either on the land, air or sea. By land guests can explore two buildings and Owls Creek Nature Path that connects them. By sea they can immerse themselves in behind the scene tours or take seasonal Virginia Aquarium Sea Adventures. And by air, guests can climb into the trees and fly via zip lines and aerial rope courses with the new addition of The Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium.

717 General Booth Blvd. (757) 385-FISH www.VirginiaAquarium.com

### VIRGINIA AQUARIUM SEA ADVENTURES 🛽

Join the Virginia Aquarium, the longest running and most experienced whale and dolphin watching entity in Virginia, in an immersive encounter with some of the ocean's most magnificent creatures. The educators onboard will share an amazing program built upon the Aquarium's own scientific research and 25 years of experience connecting guests with the area's marine mammal visitors. Whale & Wildlife: A Virginia Aquarium Sea Adventure begins late December and runs through March. Dolphin Discovery: A Virginia Aquarium Sea Adventure runs from mid-April to mid-October Boats depart from the Virginia Aquarium dock which is adjacent to the Bay and Ocean pavilion parking lot.

717 General Booth Blvd. (757) 385-FISH www.VirginiaAquarium.com

### YOUNG CHEFS ACADEMY® **U**

Children learn the importance and value of cooking in a safe setting that encourages creativity and discovery. Sessions familiarize children ages three and up with diverse foods as they create and taste scrumptious recipes.

1554 Laskin Rd. Ste 106. (757) 422-4337 www.youngchefsacademy.com

## MINIATURE GOLF

### JUNGLE GOLF 🛽

302 23rd St. (757) 425-7240 www.junglegolf.com

### KING NEPTUNE'S INDOOR 3-D BLACKLIGHT MINI GOLF

A cool and different minigolf experience.

213 25th St. (757) 422-1742 www.kingneptunesminigolf.com

#### PIRATE'S PARADISE MINI GOLF ®

2109 Pacific Ave. (757) 422-9822 www.piratesparadiseminigolf.com

### SHIPWRECK GOLF AT MOTORWORLD ®

700 S. Birdneck Rd. (757) 422-6419 www.vbmotorworld.com

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Climbing and zip line fun in the treetops!

Feel the excitement and create memories as you climb, swing and zip line through the trees at The Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium. The park offers 13 treetop trails through seven acres of maritime forest. Put on a full-body harness and use state-of-the-art climbing gear that keeps you always locked on to safety cables while you trek through the canopy. Trails are color-coded for every ability level – beginners to experts ages 5 to adult. These trails include unique bridges, tunnels, swings, and zip lines that connect platforms built at different heights in the trees. The lowest trails are about 10 feet high and the highest are 55 feet above the ground. Enjoy outdoor fun with friends and family while testing your focus, stamina, balance and agility.

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801 General Booth Blvd. (757) 385-4947 www.virginiabeachadventurepark.com \$

### Free Your Wild Side at the Virginia Aquarium

Get up close and personal with Virginia Beach's most beloved residents at the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. From the harbor seals who greet you at the entrance to the sea turtles and sharks that await you inside, you'll be able to explore a wilder side of Virginia Beach.

There are thousands of fish, corals, jellyfish and other marine wonders in 800,000 gallons of aquariums, 300 hands-on exhibits, live animal habitats, and our half-mile nature trail.

Want to see more? Take a Sea Adventures boat trip and see dolphins, pelicans, and other native wildlife. Or help work a trawl net to collect fish and invertebrates during an Ocean Collections trip. In the winter months, Sea Adventures trips head out in search of whales and migratory visitors to Virginia. Each trip is staffed by trained, knowledgeable Virginia Aquarium educators.

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl: Home Sweet Home, a changing exhibit at the Virginia Aquarium through September 5, 2016, uses hands-on activities to demonstrate the importance of protecting forest ecosystems and highlight ways to reduce, reuse and recycle valuable resource.

Don't miss the Virginia Aquarium's National Geographic 3D Digital Theater. With the largest movie screen in Virginia, each seat has a great view for the summer's featured movie, MacGillivray Freeman's National Parks Adventure. Other family-oriented documentaries and yesterday's Hollywood favorites are also regularly scheduled.





# ENTERTAINMENT

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### BEACH MOVIE BISTRO

A vibrant, seven screen movie theater and dinner destination. 941 Laskin Rd. (757) 963-2548 www.beachmoviebistro.com

### BEACH STREET USA

Spilling family fun onto the sidewalks, Beach Street USA is a diverse array of street performers along Atlantic Ave. between 17th and 25th Streets. Performances from mid-June through Labor Day.

(757) 385-SURF(7873) www.beachstreetusa.com

### CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK

Tour the station and join the studio audience for a taping of "The 700 Club" with Pat Robertson.

977 Centerville Tpke. (757) 226-7000 Reservation (757) 226-2745 www.cbn.com

#### ESCAPE ROOM VIRGINIA BEACH ®

This is the latest in fun group experiences in Hampton Roads. Work together to observe your surroundings, search for clues, and solve complex puzzles to escape. You only have 60 minutes. Can you escape in time?

408 Investors Pla. Ste. 107 (757) 228-7577 www.escaperoomvirginiabeach.com

## FARM BUREAU LIVE AT VIRGINIA BEACH

State-of-the-art, 20,000 capacity outdoor concert venue featuring the biggest names in rock,country, R&B, adult contemporary, hip-hop, alternative and jazz. Season runs April through October.

3550 Cellar Door Way (757) 368-3000 www.livenation.com

# GET A CLUE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER **1**

Are you dying to have some fun? Seasonal Locations

Sept - June 941 Profair Way (757) 587-3883

### July - Aug

Waffles and Company 1710 Pacific Ave. (757) 587 3883 www.maverickmurdermystery.com **\$** 

### IFLY VA BEACH 🛽

The no-strings attached skydiving experience. 2412 Pacific Ave. (757) 754-4359 www.iFLYvabeach.com

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# iFLY Va Beach

iFLY is an indoor skydiving experience that creates true free fall conditions, just like skydiving, without having to jump out of an airplane. iFLY's vertical wind tunnel generates 1400 horse power from 4 powerful fans, creating a wall-to-wall cushion of air on which you can safely float. There's no parachute, no jumping, and nothing attaching you to planet Earth. It's just you and the air, and it's the most incredible adrenaline rush.

### No experience is necessary.

Just about anyone can fly, including those with physical disabilities. Children as young as three and adults as young as 103 have flown with us. iFly offers group rates for 8 or more as well as Student, Senior Citizen, Military and First Responder discounts.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

### FUNNY BONE COMEDY CLUB

National and regional comedy talent. 217 Central Park Ave. Town Center. (757) 213-5555 www.vabeachfunnybone.com \$

### LITTLE THEATRE OF VIRGINIA BEACH

Local talent perform a wide variety of productions, from dramas to musicals. Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees. Call for performances.

550 Barberton Dr. (757) 428-9233 www.ltvb.com \$

### RESORT AREA STAGES

Seasonal performances by local and national artists. 7th, 17th, 24th, 25th, 27th, 31st and 34th Streets on the oceanfront, 13th St. gazebo on Atlantic Ave.

(757) 385-SURF(7873) www.beachstreetusa.com

### REGENT UNIVERSITY TIDEWATER STAGE THEATRE **1**

A wide variety of popular performances year round.

1000 Regent University Dr. Box Office (757) 352-4245 www.regent.edu/acad/schcom

### SANDLER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

This state-of-the-art performance venue showcases a variety of cultural programs.

201 Market St. Town Center. Box Office (757) 385-2787 www.sandlercenter.org \$

### TOWN CENTER PLAZA 😳

The Virginia Beach experience stretches beyond the sand. Take your vacation uptown and catch Town Center Plaza's seasonal entertainment.

Town Center Plaza (757) 497-2113 www.vabeachtowncenter.com/events

### VIRGINIA MUSICAL THEATRE -BROADWAY AT THE CENTER ©

Virginia's Musical Theatre presents the sounds of contemporary Broadway and the great traditions of American musical theatre.

201 Market St. (757) 340-5446 www.broadwayatthecenter.com \$



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# HIT THE BEACH

It's the best freebie you could ask for - 14 miles of open, public beaches where access is always FREE. Find a sunny spot and keep your cash.

### FALL FOR A WILD DECOY

Visit the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum for FREE to view shorebird carvings, art and artifacts celebrating migratory visitors.

# TAKE IN A SUMMER SIDEWALK SHOW

Seven nights a week from mid-June to Labor Day, Beach Street USA brings FREE street performances to Atlantic Ave.

### **BE AN ART LOVER**

Check out FREE public art projects from King Neptune to the Grommet Island surfers to the painted lifeguard stands of Project LifeGuART.

### **BROWSE FRESH LOCAL GOODS**

There's no admission to area farmers' markets and local goods are nicely priced – and it's always a new experience.

# GET BACK TO NATURE

Take an outdoor excursion to unspoiled beaches, dunes, ponds and hiking trails of area state parks and wildlife refuges.

# BE A FESTIVAL FAN

Free festivals and cultural events at the oceanfront and various city parks celebrate traditions with music, dancing and fantastic food.



# **SHOPPING**

### HILLTOP **1**

A variety of shopping centers with a range of popular merchants, from Target to Williams-Sonoma and Talbots. Includes Hilltop East, West, and North, Hilltop Square, Regency Hilltop, and La Promenade.

Laskin & First Colonial Roads. www.hilltopshops.com

### LANDSTOWN COMMONS

A new shopping center across from the Farmers Market. Shops include Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Lane Bryant, Gamestop, and more.

3300 Princess Anne Rd. www.shopatthelandstowncommons.com

### LYNNHAVEN MALL

The area's largest mall features a wide selection of name-brand shopping, dining and entertainment. Enjoy 180 stores, 20 eateries, 6 restaurants, an 18-screen AMC with IMAX®-3D and Dave and Buster's.

701 Lynnhaven Pkwy. (757) 340-9340 www.lynnhavenmall.com

### OLD BEACH FARMERS MARKET ®

Fresh seasonal delights. Saturdays, Memorial Day Through October. Third Saturday November through May.

Outside at Croc's 19th St. Bistro, 19th St. & Cypress Ave. (757) 428-5444 www.oldbeachfarmersmarket.com

#### PEMBROKE MALL / TOWN CENTER <sup>®</sup>

For dining, shopping and entertainment, The Town Center of Virginia Beach and Pembroke Mall are in the center of it all. Town Center offers upscale choices in dining and shopping as well as shows and outdoor events. Pembroke Mall, Virginia Beach's first mall, is an ongoing favorite, with large department stores, specialty shops and restaurants.

Virginia Beach and Independence Blvds. (757) 965-5452 ; www.vabeachtowncenter.com

(757) 497-6255 www.pembrokemall.com

### RED MILL COMMONS S

A dynamic shopping center featuring a mix of 80 specialty stores, boutiques, restaurants and services, including Home Depot, Super Wal-Mart, TJ Maxx, Target, Office Depot and others.

General Booth Blvd. & Nimmo Pkwy. (757) 491-1990 www.redmillcommons.net

### **RESORT AREA B**

Forty exciting blocks of souvenir shops, surf shops, boutiques, art galleries, craft shops and more. This is the spot for some of the best restaurants in town specializing in seafood and other international culinary delights, many featuring outdoor cafés.

2nd St. through 40th St.

### VIRGINIA BEACH FARMERS MARKET

This open-air market features fresh produce, home and garden gifts, plants and flowers, homemade ice cream, a restaurant, seasonal entertainment and events.

3640 Dam Neck Rd. (757) 385-4395 www.vbgov.com/farmersmarket

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