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Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Supports the Virginia Beach SPCA

The Virginia Beach SPCA is a great cause that cares for as many as 4,000 animals a year in the biggest city in the Commonwealth.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is delighted to be supporting the SPCA through our fall Facebook "Likes" campaign. We are supporting the Virginia Beach SPCA, one of the most popular non-profits in the Hampton Roads area.

Every year the shelter on Holland Road takes in thousands of abandoned cats and dogs and smaller animals such as rabbits and rats and helps them find a new home via its adoption services. It also has an online registry of adoptable animals. We interviewed Lacy Kuller, the Vice President and CFO of the Virginia Beach Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

For every new 'like' of our Facebook page, we will donate \$1 to the SPCA up to \$500.

"Each year, we care for over 4,000 animals through our shelter," said Lacy. The public clinic sees over 10,000 clients a year. The SPCA clinic has five vets on its staff. One of them is a wildlife vet."

The SPCA clinic also offers a spaying and a neutering service.

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Dr. Diana Sanstrom is the wildlife vet at the SPCA clinic. “We have taken wildlife from all sorts of places in Hampton Roads. We see about 2,600 wildlife cases a year but most of that is in the spring, summer, and fall. We will take in anywhere from 5 to 20 wildlife patients every day,” she said.

The wild animals cared for range from birds of prey like owls to small mammals like possums and raccoons, geese and turtles injured in the Hampton Roads area. On the day of our visit, Diana was looking after a turtle with a cracked shell.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers supports great causes like the SPCA every year via our Facebook Likes campaign and other donations. We recently donated a check to Norfolk-based Tyree Ministries for our summer Facebook Likes campaign and to Heal the Warriors for our campaign in the spring. Please support our campaign.

Read more about our latest Facebook ‘likes’ campaign on our website or watch the video.

Cooper Hurley Sets up 2018 Scholarship Program



Katie Maguire's graduation from Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake



Jimmy and Blair Hurley graduate from Norfolk Collegiate



Matt Cooper graduates from Norfolk Academy

At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers, we are well aware of the importance of a good education as well as the high costs of sending your child to a university or a community college.

With that in mind, Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has set up a scholarship program. The firm will award three scholarships of \$2,000 to 2018 graduating seniors in schools in the Tidewater and Eastern Shore area.

For years, we have been supporting good causes in our community and taking on young people as interns. Now we are happy to be able to help them during their studies.

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We are also using our scholarship program to raise awareness to the dangers of distracted driving, one of the most significant causes of accidents involving teens.

We will begin accepting applications in 2018. You must be a graduating senior at a public or a private school in one of the following cities and counties in Virginia.

- Norfolk
- Suffolk
- Portsmouth
- Chesapeake
- Virginia Beach
- Newport News
- Hampton
- Isle of Wight
- York County
- Poquoson
- Northampton County
- Accomack County
- James City
- Surry County
- York County
- Williamsburg

You must have a confirmed offer to study at an institute of higher education and have a letter of recommendation. You will be required to send us a copy of your acceptance to enter our scholarship program.

Please see our website for further details about how to apply for a scholarship.

Seven Top Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a highlight of the year for kids who take to the streets to go trick or treating. It can also be a hazardous time. Here are Cooper Hurley's top seven Halloween safety tips.

A recent article in U.S. News pointed to the upsurge of accidents that happens every year on Halloween. A lot of things can go wrong on this fun and spooky night.

Pedestrian accidents are clearly one of the most significant dangers. On Halloween, large groups of children are walking the dark streets. This may be the only night of the year that they have walked these streets after dark and their excitement often means they fail to observe proper rules about crossing the road.

There are also a host of other problems associated with Halloween such as dangerous costumes and even contaminated candy. These issues are secondary to the dangers posed by drivers to pedestrians in Hampton Roads.



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Seven Halloween Safety Tips

- 1 – **Don't Trick or Treat Alone.** You are safer in groups. Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult who can protect them from traffic.
- 2 – **Cross Safely.** Look both ways when you are crossing the street and aim to cross at crosswalks. If there is no marked crosswalk, cross at an intersection. Use sidewalks where they are available.
- 3 – **Dress Safely.** Wear costumes that fit properly. If you are wearing a mask, make sure you can see out of it. Avoid costumes that drag along the floor and may be a trip hazard. Wear sensible walking shoes. Given the recent panic over clowns, avoid dressing as a clown. Actually avoid them generally. Clowns aren't funny.
- 4 – **Be Seen.** Consider wearing bright colors or reflective strips on your costumes. Carrying a flashlight or glow sticks can make you more visible. Don't trick or treat with a naked flame such as a candle.
- 5 – **Avoid Dangerous Accessories.** Don't trick or treat with toy knives or guns. Your toy could be mistaken for the real thing.
- 6 – **Know your Neighborhood.** Trick or treat in well-lit neighborhoods that you are familiar with. Going into a new neighborhood carries uncertainty and risk. When you are going to doorsteps, only visit well lit homes that are prepared for 'trick or treaters' and ensure an adult is watching you.
- 7 – **Beware of Choking Hazards.** Most of the lurid stories of contaminated candy are false but you should only eat wrapped candy of a recognized brand. Get an adult to sort through your candy after you have been trick or treating to make sure it's safe. If it looks unpleasant, it probably is. Get dad to taste it first.

Happy trick or treating and be safe. If you are hurt on Halloween due to the actions of a careless driver, please call us at (757) 455-0077.

Enter Cooper Hurley's Great Thanksgiving Turkey Give Away

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is again raffling 15 Food Lion gift cards this year worth \$50 each for a turkey and all of the trimmings.

If you don't like turkey it's no problem. You can get something else. Typically, our turkey raffle attracts more than 300 entries.

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Simply go to our website and look for the Thanksgiving Giveaway under Bill O'Mara's biography. If you experience any problems, email marketing@cooperhurley.com and we can help you through the process.

Don't forget to fill in your address and email so as we can contact you if you are a winner and send you a gift card. The deadline to enter is November 12. Good luck!

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Supported the Virginia Beach Bar Association Golf Tournament

The Virginia Beach Bar Association is a great organization that provides invaluable support to attorneys in Hampton Roads and further afield.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers was honored to be a platinum sponsor for the Richard G. "Dick" Brydges Memorial Courthouse Classic Golf Tournament on Sept. 22.

About 160 golfers took part in the fundraiser for the Virginia Beach Bar Association at Princess Anne Country Club.

Cooper Hurley partner Jim Hurley said the firm is committed to helping great causes across Hampton Roads.

"Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers is proud to go ahead and sponsor the Virginia Beach Bar Association golf tournament here at Princess Anne Country Club," he said. "We are always trying to help bar associations, community events, and worthy charities. We know our success comes from the community that we help serve," Jim Hurley said.

Attorney Griff O'Hanlon said the Virginia Beach Bar Association funds the city's public law library.

"That provides open access to the public for legal information to help them with difficult situations they may find themselves in," he said.

The Wahab Public Law Library is located at Virginia Beach Judicial Center at 2425 Nimmo Parkway in Virginia Beach.



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The library is currently undergoing a major renovation. As well as providing a public law library, the Virginia Beach Bar Association provides continuing legal education (CLE) events for attorneys to help them maintain credits and keep up with the latest developments in the law. It has provided valuable resources to lawyers in Hampton Roads since 1957.

Golfers Jim Hurley, Griff O'Hanlon, and Mike Snellings made up Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers' team. We finished the tournament in third place.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has supported a wide range of golf tournaments this year in Hampton Roads that raised money for great causes.

Earlier this year, we were a sponsor of the Haitian Education Support Team of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. A golf tournament was held at Honey Bee Golf Course in Virginia Beach on May 19.

The Haitian Education Support Team (HEST) works to improve the educational prospects of kids in the impoverished Central Plateau of Haiti.

In October, we supported the Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament at Sewells Point Golf Course in Norfolk.

Trivia

October is the eighth month in the old Roman calendar. The month retained its name from the Latin "octo" meaning "eight." January and February had been inserted into a calendar originally created by the Romans.

October is commonly associated with the season of autumn in the Northern hemisphere and spring in the Southern hemisphere.

October is known for Halloween. The spooky night is said to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off roaming ghosts.

In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some aspects of the traditions of Samhain. The previous evening was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Halloween evolved into a secular and commercial community-based event characterized by kid-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating.



Joke



Q - What kind of key does a ghost use to unlock his room?

A – A Spoo-key

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday if you were born in October. At Cooper Hurley we like to celebrate the birthdays of all of our clients, former clients and friends. Email us your birthday to marketing@cooperhurley.com and we'll send you a card in the mail.



Thank You for Your Referrals

At Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers we rely on our friends and former clients to send us new referrals. Many of you refer us new business and we are always grateful.

Unlike some of the big factory law firms, we value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even years after their case is over. We also value all of our friends and business associates in Virginia and further afield.

By receiving our newsletter, you will have the chance to take part in raffles. In the past we have raffled flat screen TVs, iPads and entertainment centers to lucky winners. You can also receive free copies of publications such as The Best Book About Virginia Car Accidents and Injuries and the Top Twenty Tips for Car, Truck or Motorcycle Accidents. Contact marketing@cooperhurley.com.



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