

NORTH VIRGINIA BEACH CIVIC LEAGUE NEWS



North Va. Beach Civic League
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2011 CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING DATES

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the ARE library auditorium at 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Board of Directors

June 14, 2011
September 13, 2011
December 13, 2011

General Membership

April 19, 2011
July 19, 2011
October 18, 2011

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I attended the Boys & Girls Club dinner last week that featured students from each Hampton Roads City that were selected to compete for a college scholarship. It was inspiring to hear their mentor's describing the high school student's challenges and successes. It reminds me how important it is for each of us to give our time and talents to those in need. Maybe it's an elderly neighbor who would appreciate a visit or ride to the store, or a new or summertime neighbor appreciating a warm welcome. With summer approaching, it's a good opportunity for neighbors and Area Directors to organize informal cover-dish block parties ~ the conversations and connections help secure our friendships and make for a safer neighborhood.

We have an exciting April North Virginia Beach Civic League meeting planned with several guest speakers who will focus on the environment and Beach Safety:

- Mary Reid Barrow and Sharon Adams (SPCA) will attend in support of the Scoop the Poop program;
- Karen Forget, Executive Director with the Lynnhaven River Now will have a brief presentation re their efforts to restore the Lynnhaven River and oyster beds, also providing an overview of our neighborhood resources and concerns;
- John Bianco, Division Chief, Department of Emergency Medical Services for the City of Virginia Beach will share the Department's goals, services and beach safety plans that affect the oceanfront and our neighborhood.

We hope to see you on April 19th.

J. Kimberly Goold
President, NVBCL

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the A.R.E. on 67th Street

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 31, 2011, we have \$1,928 in our checking account with \$14,497 in the money market and CDs totaling \$21,967. We have collected dues from 330 members. Thank you for those who have paid your 2011 dues. If NVBCL has received your \$15.00 2011 dues, it will be indicated above the mailing address on this newsletter.

If you wish to join the NVBCL Civic League and be added to our notification list, please use the enclosed envelope to pay your 2011 dues and be sure to include your email address.

BEAUTIFICATION

ATTENTION DOG LOVERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP! In late April we're going to have our 2nd annual Sweep the Beach day. We're looking for volunteers to take 2 or 3 streets each and scoop the poop. It's our way of showing our appreciation for the beach and the dogs we love. Please contact Mark Chase at 491-1729 or chasemark@msn.com to sign up. We will supply bags and scoopers if you need them. Most of us do a good job picking up after our dogs, but some don't, and even good owners sometimes miss one here or there. So please help us.

The NVBCL beach entryway beautification project remains open to all numbered streets, with two positions for matching funds of \$500 available. Participating streets need \$500, a city approved landscaping plan, which includes (salt tolerant) plants. If interested, Jim Spruance at 425-1225 can provide further details.

BEACHES & RECREATION

There were rumors of a special tax district to be used for sand replenishment of the beach. This did not make it into the city budget.

The storm water project at 61st St. is on track for a late December completion. Atlantic Avenue will have all four lanes reopened by Memorial Day. You should start seeing the cottage-like building going up over the pump house in the median soon. The work on the ocean outfall (1200') will continue through the summer; the pier will go away upon completion in December.

We are working with the city EMS to insure that red flags will be up every other block this summer to signify when the water is unsafe.

LASKIN ROAD GATEWAY PROJECT

The Laskin Gateway Project continues to move forward with a detailed update provided on both the civic league's and the City's websites. Most notably the City plans to have Laskin Road re-open in May.

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RESORT PROJECTS

The city has established a direct link to all resort projects: <http://www.vbgov.com>

Go to upper right side of web page and click on link to “Resort Area Projects” under “Hot Topics”. This is where all updates for the following can be found:

- § 19th Street/Central Beach Corridor
- § 61st Street Pump Station (CIP 7-902)
- § The Aquarium and Owl Creek District Plan
- § Convention Center Headquarters Hotel
- § The Dome Site
- § Grommet Island Park
- § Laskin Gateway
- § Lesner Bridge Replacement Project (CIP 2-168)
- § Light Rail within the Resort Area
- § Resort Area Master Plan and Form-Based Code
- § Rudee Loop (Marina District)
- § South Beach Trail Boardwalk

HOSPITALITY

We want to take this opportunity to thank Theresa Briggs for her leadership of the Hospitality Committee for the past several years. We wish Theresa and her family the best with their new home in Bay Colony. Details regarding the vacancy are listed below.

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE (ZRC)



Land Planning Initiative:

A subcommittee of the ZRC continues to work with planning staff, developers, and zoning staff on expansion/modifications of non-conforming uses. This is about a renovation of an older home and requesting to renovate/expand an existing secondary structure in the rear of the property. This was recently successfully done at 211-70th street and 203 – 69th Street which was supported by the adjacent residents and zoning committee. This is a new approach versus tearing down an older cottage with detached garage apartment and replacing with a big-box duplex. The ZRC feels this is a much better way to preserve the character of our neighborhood in light of the fact that there is no answer to “by-right” duplexes in our zoning district. Our goal is to allow development of two detached small coastal cottages on one site. We are working towards establishing the R5R zoning district between 50th street and 89th street as a special overlay district. This special overlay would take the applicable sections of the Old Beach District Design Guidelines and synthesize them with our neighborhood. Two neighborhood architects, Gerrie West and Duff Kliwer have been working on refinements to the Old Beach Design Guidelines for inclusion into our neighborhood. This incentive based guideline is not mandatory but has worked well in the Old Beach neighborhood over the last few years. Stay tuned for updates about this great planning opportunity for our area. Our plan is to carry our revisions to the planning department in early 2011.

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- *Non-Conforming Uses:*

The ZRC has worked very hard to review non-conformities which wished to exercise the land planning option listed above. Recently a project that requested the demolition and re-construction of a second dwelling on site met with intense scrutiny from the ZRC. We worked with the applicant to reduce the size and mass of the requested re-construction and were successful to a degree. The ZRC remained “neutral” in our position. Several adjacent property owners used this public process to greatly restrict what this applicant would be able to construct even when they had the same type of construction on their own property. This became a difficult situation for the applicant and the adjacent property owners. The ZRC intervened in this contention and was able to assist in working this out to everyone’s approval. Please make sure that before you oppose a project request that you have all the facts and that your own property is non-conforming and non-compliant as well.

- *BZA Variances*

We continue to monitor variance requests in our neighborhood. We have seen a number of new property owners saddled with illegal construction that occurred on their new residential site by a previous owner that affects their ability to expand now. Site feasibility and thorough due diligence is extremely important when purchasing a new home. Should you be in the market for new property at the North End, please contact the zoning review committee for assistance.

THE SHAMROCK MARATHON

The Civic League and the organizers of the Shamrock Marathon and ½ Marathon stayed in touch before and after the race to make sure the lines of communication were open with regards to road closures, race course, schedule of events, access from the ocean side and overall support where needed. Both groups were pleased with the success, with compliments from Jerry Frostick and the 15,000 runners for the support they received from the many North End neighbors who lined Atlantic Ave. to cheer on the many participants.

Open Positions within the North Virginia Beach Civic League

The Executive Secretary position is open. If interested, please review the job description in the By-Laws that are located on our website, www.NVBCL.org. The position is a paid position. If interested in a portion of the duties, such as taking minutes of the Board meeting and updating the website, please let us know. We would like to recognize and thank Rosanne Adam’s for her assistance and service while serving in this capacity for the civic league. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Hospitality Committee leader: The mission is to create and organize activities and events that will provide the North End residents an opportunity to meet their neighbors, develop a sense of community, and create opportunities to volunteer. The committee will also extend appreciation and thanks to all speakers at the Civic League meetings or assist in Civic League projects.

Nominating Committee: We are seeking two members from the NVBCL membership at large for the June through September nominating process of identifying new talent for Board positions. If interested, please contact Kimberly Goold at 687-7570.

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