

# North Virginia Beach Civic League News



*One of your neighbors gardens*

*April 2012*

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Lots to be thankful for this time of year. We have had one of the mildest winters in quite some time. Flowers are blooming, trees are budding and the robins have arrived right on time. As far as the north end is concerned, we are finally ending all the congestion problems from the installation of our new storm water pump station, drainage, and outfall system. From the few storms we have had, it appears that the system is doing as it was planned. This has been a long time coming and I look forward to not seeing cars stalled in the middle of Atlantic Ave. due to a flash storm that would render many sections of the north end streets impassable. My hats off to the city engineers for getting this project completed. I believe it will be worth the aggravation we all endured over the last couple of years. Dan Adams, the project manager for this new storm water removal system, will be our guest speaker on April 17th. Please bring questions you still have on this project, so that Dan can answer them for you.

Summer will be here before we know it and I would like to make it one of our goals to help alleviate some of the major parking issues we face every summer. We will try and pin point the worse sections of the north end where cars park on both sides of the street and feeder roads, and an emergency vehicle cannot pass through without having to find another way around. These few minutes could mean the difference in saving a life and we need to try and solve this issue. I know there are problems deeper into the neighborhoods concerning over crowded streets due to the ever increasing density problems, and we have been trying to find a solution to that as well. Please let one of the board members know if there is a particular section that falls into this category. It may mean only parking on one side of a particular street, but if that is what it will take to make it safe, we need to try. I hope we can all work together as a community to help solve this problem. We need your help and ideas, so please let's all work together.

In closing remember that safety is a prime concern and to watch out for bikers and joggers along the feeder roads. Many obey the laws and stop at all the intersections before proceeding, but many do not and no want wants to have that on their conscious if someone were to be hit. Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activities. From break ins to grafiti, it all comes down to keeping a watchful eye out in our community.

Brian Murden  
President NVBCL

Second Precinct 385-2700, Non Emergency 385-5000 opt. 3, and 911 of course



#### April General Membership Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:30PM at the A.R.E. on 67th Street. Dan Adams will be the guest speaker.



#### 2012 Civic League Meeting Dates

All General Membership meetings begin at 7:30pm. In the A.R.E. Library auditorium at 67th St. & Atlantic Ave.

Board of Directors: June 12, Sept. 11, and Dec. 11

General Membership: April 17, July 17, and Oct. 16

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

As of the end of March, we have a total of \$34,559.28 in the checking, money market and CD's. Income from dues and donations is \$3,980.63. Expenses of \$5,251.20 are for the North End sign, newsletter and setting up the new web page and email list. Please check the mailing label to see if you have paid your \$15.00 dues for 2012.



#### Important Numbers

Non-Emergency Police 385-5000 option 3  
2nd Precinct 385-2700  
Neighborhood Preservation 385-5750  
Emergency 911

#### BEAUTIFICATION

The City has completed its spring mulching of the median. The City has also pulled up all cactuses and many larger juniper beds due to rodents. They will be replaced with rose coreopsis and yaupon holly. The Landscaping Division is also in the process overseeing the removal of green mesh that was used several years ago to reseed the median. This mesh is not biodegradable and remains in many median areas south of 64th Street.

Two separate contractors are currently in the process of tidying up their own disruption of median areas and all should be in order by Memorial Day.

The City is replacing the existing Scoop the Poop Stations with commercial-grade stands containing biodegradable bags. The city intends to replenish as needed. The large damaged planters at the east end of 64th Street will be removed".

#### COMMUNITY CORNER

The Virginia Beach Garden Tour is Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25.00 before tour day and \$30.00 the day of.

There is a Special Event again this year:

THE PAINTED GARDEN an art exhibit and sale featuring 6 artists who will paint from the homes and gardens on the tour and over 35 artists who will feature garden related art. The show opens to the public on Friday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm. Refreshments will be served. The show continues through May 19<sup>th</sup>.



#### HOSPITALITY

The early spring and explosion of flowering trees such as red buds, Bradford pears, and tulip have brought a renewed beauty to the North End. The bluebells, daffodils and candytuft add a hint of springtime in our yards. We would like to follow a few North End gardens through the seasons with a series of photographs. If you are interested in sharing your vegetable, herb or flower garden with us, please let me know. We can include your name or leave it anonymous. We will post the photos to the NVBCL website.

Thanks to all who lined Atlantic Avenue and welcomed the thousands of Shamrock Marathon participants who ran through our neighborhood in March.

J. KIMBERLY GOOLD



## **STREETS, PARKING & UTILITIES**

The annual North End Road Visibility survey will be done over the next few weeks. Line of sight is reviewed at the corner of every westbound street at the corners on Atlantic. Vegetation, fences and other structures are noted and the report is sent to the City for action. If you live at any of these corners and are aware of any limit to the "visibility triangle" required by traffic, please take action to correct the problem. The City will review all such obstacles and take remedial action for general safety.

The City's response to any complaints about lack of parking is to dust off their plan to pave the median. Your Civic league has fought that every time it has come up. It is incumbent upon all residents to ensure they do not impede public parking on the public right of way. Any resident installed signs to the contrary will be removed by the City.

With completion of the new pump station, the threat of major flooding will become history. However, minor flooding caused by blocked drains can be a hazard. Residents are urged to keep materials out of any storm drain. Good exercise and good neighborly to remove it yourself. Any major stoppage should be reported to the City for professional attention; call 385-4650.

## **BEACHES & RECREATION**

The storm water project at 61<sup>st</sup> St. is on track for a March 25th completion. The city will assess penalties for delays past that. Atlantic Avenue work will be completed in March. The ocean outfall is nearly complete. Final work and testing should happen before the next meeting. They hope to have the "pier" removed and the dune at 61<sup>st</sup> St. repaired in time for planting of sea grass in April. Dominion Power will be restoring the forest of telephone poles to their original configuration with an expected completion date of May 1st. The city is setting up a contract to landscape the pump building in the media. This will dramatically reduce its impact. The city will be repaving Atlantic Avenue. This should be my last report on the storm water project.

Sand has been removed from the crosswalks. If there are any problems, please let me know. As discussed at the last meeting, the cost of planned sand replenishment this year was too high so the city will re-bid that project for next year.

### **Current Resort News**

We continue to monitor the traffic alerts on the Laskin Road Gateway. All traffic updates are found on the city's web site. The Rudee Walk Project is funded and will start construction soon. This project connects the boardwalk to a sidewalk under the Rudee Inlet bridge to Winston Salem Avenue. A boat taxi launch is planned for the future to run visitors from the Rudee Bridge to the pier at the Virginia Aquarium. The Law Enforcement Memorial at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and the Boardwalk has begun and the dedication will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a new committee formed to foster the redevelopment of 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The city is in the process of forming the redevelopment of 19<sup>th</sup> Street as a destination place including a Farmer's Market, Art Market and a "Green" destination. It will connect the Convention Center to the Oceanfront.

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
- Laskin Gateway
- Lesner Bridge Replacement Project (CIP 2-168)
- Resort Area Master Plan and Form-Based Codes
- Rudee Loop (Marina District)
- Rudee Walk

Please also check out the Beach Events website for fun activities from now until late fall at all the city venues.

Check out <http://www.beachstreetusa.com>

### **Zoning Review Committee (ZRC)**

#### **BZA Variances**

We continue to monitor variance requests in our neighborhood. We see an increase in applications and building permits at the North End which is good news for the design and construction economies. We are monitoring a planning initiative at the North End that involves several lots within block in which the concept is to redevelop as a planned neighborhood vs. by-right development on individual lots. This has spurred interesting debate amongst the zoning committee. There will be a report out on this plan in the near future.

The ZRC hosted a community meeting regarding continuing redevelopment on 52<sup>nd</sup> - 53<sup>rd</sup> Streets on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at the A.R.E. This was well attended and very informative meeting discussing all the zoning issues that have affected our neighborhood since the 1960s. All ZRC committee were present as were many residents from that neighborhood. We discussed the ZRC's past work and where we are today and how enlightened and energetic citizens can help make things happen. It is important to note that the "property owner" is the first person in any re-development scheme and should a particular street wish to control the type of redevelopment then those property owners need to work together to decide the outcome of their street. We will continue to look at options to guide redevelopment towards properly scaled residential development

We have also 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 land planning assistance.

**For More Information Please Visit Our Website: [WWW.NVBCL.ORG](http://WWW.NVBCL.ORG)**

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