

North Virginia Beach Civic League News

October 2012



A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fall has arrived and the weather has been unbelievable thus far. Although I do like the changing of the seasons, I believe I could live with the 70's year round. I look forward to the fall when we finally get to enjoy a less hectic pace down at the oceanfront. Tourists for the most part have packed their bags and are back home. Our north end beaches are filled with familiar faces. Go out and enjoy the cool air off the ocean and a long walk on the beach without having to navigate around the multitudes of beach goers.

The 61st St. pump station and out flow system is completed and just a few clean up issues need to be resolved. By the time this newsletter arrives it should all be cleaned up and the temporary trailer removed. The pumping system appears to be working as expected. A big thanks to Ron Pearson for keeping us abreast throughout the entire project. He will have a final update at the next meeting. Let's hope we don't need to test it to its maximum performance anytime soon. Still some time left in hurricane season, so let's hope we are spared once again.



50th Street

We are sad to see a couple of our board members leaving us. Susan Pender is moving from the north end and Bob O'Connor is stepping down after many years of dedicated service. They will both be missed. That being said, if anyone has a recommendation to fill Bob's position as Budget, Assessments, and Taxes director, let one of us know and we will put their name in the hat. We need all the dedicated people we can find to help keep the north end one of the best places to live and raise a family. At the October 23rd meeting, we will be hearing from the City's Water Resource Engineer, Phill Roehrs on the sand replenishment project slated to start this fall. Please think about any questions you might have, as this is the time to get the answers. He will fill us in on where, when, and how much sand will be slated for the North End beach. I hope all of you can attend and keep apprised of what is happening in our neighborhood.

Take care,
Brian Murden
NVBCL / President

Guest Speaker

Phill Roehrs

Water Resource Engineer, speaking on
the sand replenishment project.

Tuesday, October 23

7:30 pm at ARE

Civic League Meeting Dates

October 23, 2012

January 15, 2013

April 16, 2013

July 16, 2013

COMMUNITY CORNER

SHIPWRECKS & GHOST LORE ~ Halloween Program



Old Coast Guard Station

October 26 & 27, 2012

6:30 PM, Evening walking
program

Reservations required

422-1587

Join a costumed interpreter as they bring to life true accounts and local legends of shipwrecks, ghosts, pirates and witches. Tours last 60-90 minutes. Tickets \$10 Adult, \$5 Child (ages 6-12).

This program is funded in part by the citizens of Virginia Beach through a grant from the City of Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission.

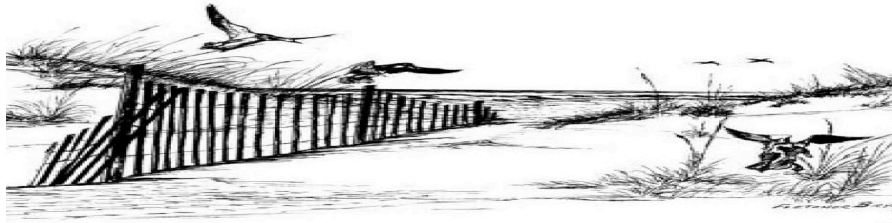
Important Numbers

Non-Emergency Police 385-5000
Option 3

2nd Precinct 385-2700

Neighborhood Preservation 385-5750

Emergency 911



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of the end of September, we have collected \$11,725 in dues from 782 members. We have had expenses of \$12,232.91. Our total balance including the money market is \$39,136.10.

Check the mailing label of this newsletter if you are unsure whether your dues are up to date. Envelopes are included in all newsletters whether you have paid your dues or not.

Please do NOT pay 2013 dues until 2013. All monies collected in 2012 are credited to this year, so please wait until 2013 so your dues are credited in the correct year. Thanks.

BEAUTIFICATION

Dave Jester met with Symsi Houser, City Special Zones Management Superintendent, to discuss removing excess/abandoned newspaper and magazine boxes at 67th and 74th streets, "ugly" landscape beds, obscured parking signs and other visual obstructions. The City Resort Team will address these issues and pruning low and broken median tree branches along the feeder road.

The City intends to "makeover" the 4 worst beds in addition to "working with a garden club to redo beds in the 80th block neighborhood this fall".

The best way to report a sign, pothole, drainage, trash, graffiti, or streetlight problem is to go to "vbgov.com", click on "Departments", click on "Public Works", click on "Report a Problem Center" and complete the easy form provided...or call 385-1470.

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HOSPITALITY

Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy nature's palette as the leaves shed their cool green of summer taking on orange, yellow and reds. Push open the doors and windows, letting the fresh air sweep through the house. You may even be able to hear the waves breaking on the shore just before sunrise. Now is the perfect time to walk through Seashore State Park enjoying the serene beauty of nature. The rich sweet smell of the chocolate colored soil mixed with white sand, the sound of an osprey or cardinals, the marine forest has much to offer the senses.



A walk or picnic in its welcoming arms will leave you uplifted and renewed. It may even inspire a table scape using the pine cones, acorns and leaves from your yard. Bring autumn inside your home and let's celebrate the change of season.

Please let us know if a new neighbor has arrived on your street. Your area director would like to invite them to join the NVBCL, and the Board will send them a welcome letter.

BEACHES & RECREATION

The city will be starting sand replenishment in November. This project will commence in the resort area and extend to our area by its conclusion in April. To get more details on how much sand and where it might go, come to the meeting to hear the city Beach Engineer, Phill Roehrs speak at our general membership meeting

CURRENT RESORT NEWS

The NVBCL continues to monitor the traffic alerts on the Laskin Road Gateway. All traffic updates are found on the city's web site. There is a new committee formed to foster the redevelopment of 19th Street. The city is in the process of forming the redevelopment of 19th 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.

Please go to the city website for resort projects for current information on projects listed below and more:

<http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/sga/projects/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Arena Project**
- **19th Street/Central Beach Corridor**
- **The Aquarium and Owl Creek District Plan**
- **Convention Center Headquarters Hotel**
- **The Dome Site**
- **Laskin Gateway**
- **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)

Variances, Non-Conforming Uses, Planning Initiatives

We have seen an increase in applications and building permits at the North End which is good news for the design and construction economies. A subcommittee of the NVBCL Zoning Committee is making progress with our role in the planning initiative at the North End that would allow two detached single family cottages on one lot. A great deal of work has been done by our volunteers including architects, developers, landscape architects, and ZRC members. Our plan is to have our work completed and delivered to the city for their use in developing incentive based design guidelines under a zoning overlay that would be established for our neighborhood.

We remind residents 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 but the land owner or seller is the major player in redevelopment decisions.

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. If you are in the market for new property at the North End, please contact the zoning review committee for future land planning assistance.

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