

North Virginia Beach Civic League News



January 2013

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Another year has come and gone and the time seems to just fly by. I have been the President of the NVBCL for a full year, and made it through without the threat of impeachment. Life is good! No new projects starting at the North End, which I am sure pleases everyone. We will need to endure the Laskin Road construction at the new roundabout for a good six months or more before we can get the traffic flow in full swing. I am hoping that once it is all completed traffic will move smoothly in all directions. I sincerely hope the city planners have made the right choices with their decisions on this entirely new traffic pattern. If you have any questions on the project, please go to our nvbcl.org web site and click on the zoning and streets tab. Here you can get an abundance of information on not only the Laskin Gateway Project, but there is a link to the City's web site, which contains all the other projects in and around Virginia Beach.

Well it is time to start a new year and continue to study some of the issues that will be on everyone's minds as we move forward. After having Aubrey Layne speak at one of our recent civic league meetings about light rail, but mostly on the transportation strategies for the entire state. I felt we really need to get a bit more specific on the issues facing light rail. This next meeting will be featuring Carolyn McPhearson, past executive director for Light Rail Now, Inc., who will be focusing on the light rail issues between Virginia Beach and Norfolk. Also Mark Schnauer, who is the transportation planning coordinator with the City of Va. Beach Planning/Strategic Growth Area Office, will help enlighten us on the projected stops and cost that will be associated with the project. I for one would like to find out more on just how it will benefit our city as well as the projected funding issues. Please have some questions prepared on any of the concerns you may have.

Please read through the newsletter and see just what the various directors have to say pertaining to their respective areas. From beaches and recreation to zoning, there is much to be aware of. We are here to help as much as possible with the resources at our disposal. If one of us doesn't have an immediate answer, we will do our best to get you to the correct person. With that said, here is hoping for a great 2013 with few problems and many happy benefits.

Take care,
Brian Murden
NVBCL / President

Guest Speaker

Carolyn McPhearson/Mark Schnauer
Strategic Growth Area Plans, speaking
on Light Rail
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013
7:30 pm at A.R.E.

Civic League Meeting Dates

January 15, 2013
April 16, 2013
July 16, 2013
October 15, 2013

COMMUNITY CORNER

MOCA Spring Exhibition Opening Reception



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January 25, 2013
6:30 – 8:30 pm

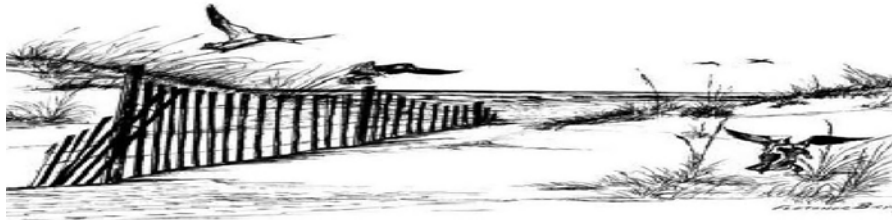
MOCA members + 1 guest FREE
Chrysler Members FREE
\$10 Adults/ Cash Bar/ Refreshments
Celebrate the three new exhibits:

Out of the Box: Trends in Contemporary Jewelry
New Waves 2013

The Nexus: Selections from the Chrysler Museum

Important Numbers

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



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for all who paid dues in 2012. We collected \$12,160 in dues and \$1830 in donations. This almost covered our expenses of \$14,287. For the end of the year we have total assets of \$35,711. We are now accepting dues of \$15.00 for 2013.

BEAUTIFICATION

The City has recently upgraded all the beach entryway doggie bag dispensers with “Dogipots”, which are hopefully idiot-proof enough to prevent them from becoming receptacles for “used” bags. The City is also taking responsibility for replenishing the bag supply. Now if someone can only figure out how to ensure the used bags find their way into garbage cans.

A major overhaul of some median landscaping is currently underway, especially in the 80s, to replace the declining juniper beds with roses, shrubs and bulbs. A special thank you goes out to the Virginia Beach Garden Club for underwriting some of the costs with the City as they plan to continue this effort southward.

A reminder to our good neighbors on 55th Street the Civic League still has \$535 just awaiting a plan to improve your respective beach entryways. Please have a representative contact Jim Spruance (C 646-1225) to jumpstart this program. Other street “organizations” should also contact Jim if they are interested in participating because matching funds are still available.” Note: In 2007 we authorized up to four streets a year and to date, no funds have been paid out!

HOSPITALITY

The holidays bring the allure of time-worn objects used for decorating our homes, and the appeal of time spent with family and friends. Our homes can be our cornerstone with December concluding another year. We want to send special thanks and acknowledge all of the work the 43rd Street neighbors do as they embrace the Holidays with decorating their homes with so many wonderful lights and themes. They truly add to the spirit of the North End. January ushers in another year and a chance to start fresh with setting new goals, exercising and walking more, and maybe meetings new friends. We look forward to seeing you at the next NVBCL meeting.



BEACHES & RECREATION

The city's sand replenishment project has started and will be in full swing by January 7th down at 15th street. We will see it in our area probably in March as it reaches its conclusion.

STREETS, PARKING & UTILITIES

Our annual survey provides information to the City on visibility problems for motorists attempting to access Atlantic Ave. The City quickly responds to those findings and most problems are resolved. Since growth and other events present between the normal surveys, please email any concerns to mlwaranch@cox.net. They will be investigated and communicated to the City.

CURRENT RESORT NEWS

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. As many of you may know the city is working on a major Arena project for the 19th Street Convention Center district. A virtual town hall program has been established on the city's main website for you to provide your feedback and review others. The city website is www.vbgov.com. Once there click on "Arena Proposal". The entry portal for the Virtual Town Hall is located mid-page right side.

Additionally 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>

- **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 thru spring at all the city venues. Check out <http://www.beachstreetusa.com>

Zoning Review Committee (ZRC)

Variances, Non-Conforming Uses, Planning Initiatives

In order to better serve our neighborhood and to establish regularity in our review process the NVBCL Zoning Review Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Visitor's Center at the ARE located at 67th street and Atlantic Avenue. We cordially invite all NE residents to attend with their current or future applications for variances, non-conforming uses, and encroachments for preliminary review or final review. We also invite residents who may simply have a question concerning zoning, land development, or other site and building construction issues. Please contact Billy Almond at 235-0731 or billy@wplsite.com for more information.

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