

North Virginia Beach Civic League News



April 2013

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

April showers bring May flowers"

I for one will be happy to see some warmer weather in our future. Everything seems to feel so much fresher this time of year. The only sad thing I can say about April is it is time to pay taxes. By meeting time, that will be behind a good majority of us.

The past couple of months have been somewhat peaceful at the North End. The sand replenishment project has been working its way from the south end, but hasn't impacted our beach yet. It may very well be in front of us by the time this newsletter hits. They have been moving at a fairly quick pace, which means they will come and go before summer hits. Hopefully it will all go smoothly.

Next on our agenda will be backing any efforts in trying and help save the Old Cavalier on the Hill. The board voted to compose a letter to Mayor Sessoms, asking that the City explore every effort available. That letter has been sent. Whether it is zoning incentives or historic tax breaks, we need to fight for the Grand Old Dame. This is exactly what our next meeting April 16th will be focusing on. Bernice Pope and Mac Rawls are part of a task force initiated by the City to ascertain the best recommendations available to whoever wins the final bid for the property. I know many of us that have lived here for any great length of time have some amazing stories associated with the Hotel and its grounds. We need everyone, in whatever way possible to get involved to help try and save the Old Cavalier Hotel. There is simply just too much history on those grounds to have them destroyed before our eyes.

Please read through the committee reports. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of us on the board. It is the best way to get things accomplished and it is how changes take place. As much as I would like, there is no way possible for the NVBCL to please everyone at the North End. We receive all sorts of compliments and complaints. Thank goodness the praises outweigh the complaints. I do know we have a great group of volunteers that work many hours to help keep the North End a great place to live. Please talk to your neighbors and make sure everyone you know becomes a member. We get a lot more respect from the City with sheer numbers alone. It just better our chances when we truly need help from the City. Ask questions, and get involved. The more the merrier.

Have a very enjoyable spring,
Brian W. Murden / President NVBCL

Guest Speaker

Bernice Pope & Mac Rawls
Speaking on the Old Cavalier
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
7:30 pm at A.R.E.

Civic League Meeting Dates

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

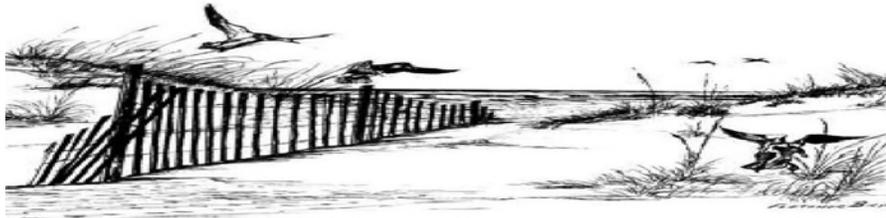
Community Corner

The new magazine out, "The Northender" is a must read. It caters to the north end residents and is absolutely free. I believe it will only help to unite our neighborhood.

The more we know about the people and events in our area the closer we all become. Founder Jack White is doing his best to help keep us informed, and for this I applaud the magazine.

If any of you have something special you feel would fit into the Community Corner section please forward along. It should focus on the North End, but not a prerequisite.

Call To Arms (Arts): Be a part of a tradition older than the City of Virginia Beach. There are lots of fun and interesting volunteer opportunities in this year's 58th Annual MOCA Boardwalk Arts Show. Go to www.boardwalkartshow.com , scroll down to "Get Involved," and click on "volunteer".



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our assets to date are \$40,555.62. We have 422 who have paid dues for 2013. Our income for this year is \$6735.81 with expenses of \$1,894.92. Thank you to those who have kept their dues up-to-date. The enclosed envelope is for those who have not paid. If you have already paid, pass the envelope to someone on your street who is new or is not getting the newsletter. You can either drop off your \$15 membership dues at the General Membership meeting or mail directly to: *NVBCL, Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 1676, Virginia Beach VA 23451.*

BEAUTIFICATION

Annual seasonal efforts of the City Landscaping division are currently underway to prune and mulch the medians. At the last Board meeting of the Civic League, a motion was approved to award \$2000.00 to the Virginia Beach Garden Club to partner with them and the City to enhance median planting and beautification. This is a continuation of the effort the Garden Club initiated last year starting in the 80's and working its way south. All residents on streets with planters by their beach crosswalks are encouraged to take a coordinated initiative with their neighbors in maintaining those planters, keeping them trash free and watered.

Please bring to the attention of the Beautification Committee any new notable efforts for future recognition

As our beach going "guests" return, you are all "deputized" to be a good neighbor and help them pick up any trash "they may have overlooked".

HOSPITALITY

The Princess Anne and Virginia Beach Garden Clubs are hosting the 80th Annual Historic Garden Tour on April 24th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. throughout our neighborhood. The theme for 2013 is "Coastal Living at the North End" with tours through five beautiful North End homes. The members of the Garden Club decorate each home with stunning floral arrangements, while hosts in selected rooms share stories about the families and their collections. We are grateful for the goodwill, and many volunteer hours the Garden Club members contribute by enhancing the beauty of the North End with the Garden Tour, the seasonal plantings along the feeder road and walkways to the beach. Open to the Public, the Garden Tour tickets are \$25 and include passes to several historic homes that are maintained by the City of Virginia Beach. A luncheon will be available at the Princess Anne Country Club (428-4141), for \$15 per person from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at several local shops with locations published on their website.

<http://www.vagardenweek.org/tours>

The following homes are on tour:

- **205 44th Street**
- **112 50th Street**
- **441 Goodspeed Road**
- **8610 Oceanfront Avenue**
- **8810 Oceanfront Avenue**



Garden Club member, Ellen Sinclair designed and made the elegant floral peacock which was featured in the 2012 Garden Tour.

BEACHES & RECREATION

The city's sand replenishment project has progressed to the 40's and will be continuing north to about 70th street. The city expects completion by about Memorial Day.

There were some "sand fences" installed on the beach between 76th and 77th streets by someone. The city removed them. Please contact Ron Pearson if you know the purpose behind the fence. I can put you in touch with the appropriate people on city staff. If they agree with the need, they will install the fence.

I am submitting a list of crosswalks needing sand removal. Let me know if your local crosswalk needs work.

STREETS, PARKING & UTILITIES

The City has completed street resurfacing of our neighborhood. In addition, the Storm Water Pump station is completed. During a recent very heavy rain Atlantic Avenue did not flood. With a sigh of relief we are now through with the detours, trash and broken pavements. While all major work is a City responsibility, there are things we can do to ensure fewer problems for ourselves as well as cost reductions for our City. First and foremost is simply "policing" our areas to eliminate trash that might wash into the new drains. It is also a good idea to check the drains near you to ensure they are not blocked. If you can, simply shovel material away from the drains. If that is too big a job, phone for it to be done. The City phone number is 385-1470.

Apparently, the City replaces water meters about every 15 years or so. You may see some of that work. Just know it is routine.

CURRENT RESORT NEWS

Several new projects are coming on line this spring. Summerhouse on the corner of 31st Street and Pacific Avenue is opening. Several new restaurants, Monarch bank, CVS Pharmacy, and the Sidney Kellam Office Building are all supported by a multistory parking deck accessible on 32nd Street. The deck is very similar to the Hilton Parking deck with shared parking for the apartments and visitors. Additionally several new parking lots are opening up this season along Pacific Avenue. Good news for the Dome site: The developer Michael Jenkins of Leisure and Recreation Concepts, Inc. has secured the financing for the entertainment project. The project will have a parking garage on site as well as a new city garage located to the west where the old treasurer's office now sits.

The NVBCL continues to monitor the traffic alerts on the Laskin Road Gateway. All traffic updates are found on the city's web site www.vbgov.com

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](#)
- [Arena](#)
- [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>

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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