

North Virginia Civic League

October 2014

NEWS

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THE SUMMER season is gone, and I hope you and your families had a memorable summer season. As we head into fall, there is a lot going on around the neighborhood, so here's an update on a few topics of interest.

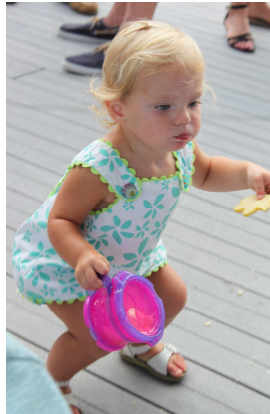
Jim Spruance has been spearheading the efforts to rework the flowerbeds up and down the medians with the city, cleaning the beds, pruning the oleander, and researching ways to enhance their appearance. At the last board meeting, a motion was approved to purchase more live oaks to be planted and maintained by the city where there was space available. The city is to return their estimate for final approval of the amount, and funds needed to fully fund the project so all can be planted at the peak of the growing season. In addition to funds from our budget, a special thanks to those neighbors that made an additional contribution to this project. Additional meetings have been held with the city and HRT to put final approvals on the permanent bus shelters in front of the ARE Center and the Wyndham Hotel.

Important numbers

- Non-emergency police, 385-5000, option 3
- 2nd Precinct, 385-2700
- Neighborhood Preservation, 385-5750

Our general meeting is Oct. 21 at the ARE at 7:30pm. Please plan to be there. Our speaker is Christy Everett, Director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Christy and her staff will make an updated presentation of the new events going on at the new Brock Environmental Center.

Finally, I hope you were able to be one of the more than 650 people who joined us for the Old School Party Under the Stars. It was a terrific night, great



venue, and wonderful opportunity to see just how many great neighbors are a part of the North End. A special thanks goes out to the core group of people who really helped put this together -

Kimberly Goold, Dave Jester and Jeannie Panza, and all the board members who helped sell tickets. But more than that, thanks to all of you who attended to make it special.

Regards,
John Pharr
President, NVBCL



Upcoming civic league general meeting dates
(Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at A.R.E.)
Oct. 21

Guest speaker for Oct. 21
Christy Everett, Director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Hampton Roads Office to give an updated presentation on the new events going on at the new Brock Environmental Center – come enjoy and learn.

Treasurer's report
Total assets:
\$45,103

Members who have paid \$15 in 2014: **858**

Due to accounting purposes, do NOT send in 2015 dues until next year. New envelopes will be included in the January newsletter.



BEAUTIFICATION

To follow-up on our last Newsletter, the City landscaping folks have identified “multiple juniper beds between 46th street and 88th to be removed and returned to sod” and beds at 48th, 55th, 58th, 65th and 66th that will get new plantings. This work has already commenced.

Also, since the NVBCL Executive Committee has authorized a \$2000.00 appropriation (with an additional \$2000.00 in gifts from three generous residents) specifically for the planting of live oaks in the Atlantic median, the City has identified 20 locations between 55th and 88th Streets for planting this fall. A pruning and weeding of the surviving

oleanders continues.

The “North End Gateway” to the resort area should reflect our pride in living here, so each of you can help by picking up any stray trash immediately. This doesn’t need to be an organized group effort—just a piece at a time!

And remember as election time approaches, no matter what your persuasion, political signs do not belong on City property; and for residences: no more than 8 square feet total signage area (shall not encroach into the visibility triangle at street intersections) confined within private property.

STREETS, PARKING & UTILITIES

The City is still planning to add some lights along our feeder road, but they are in a holding pattern until the exact location of the new bus shelters is known.

The next time I see a street cleaning machine at the North End will be the first. It falls to us to pick up and clear debris. I think most do this, but every time you walk your pet is a chance to pick up a little something extra! Yes, I vent WITH you at those who

fail to pick up after their pets! Installing Stocks for any caught would be fitting!

I wrote Public Works on the closing of Pacific suggesting they do away with the trolley lanes on Atlantic to facilitate a detour and perhaps even expedite the work since they could close Pacific.

Report any street light problems to 385-4131, giving them the location and the pole number.

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE (ZRC)

Variances, nonconforming uses, planning initiatives

In order to better serve our neighborhood and to establish regularity in our review process, the NVBCL Zoning Review Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the A.R.E. Visitor Center, 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue. We invite all North End residents to attend with their current or future applications for variances, nonconforming uses and encroachments for preliminary or final review. We also invite residents who might simply have a question concerning zoning, land development or other site and building construction issues to attend. Please contact Billy Almond at 235-0731 or billy@wplsite.com for more information.

OTHER RESORT NEWS

■ The Dome project was re-advertised for interest. The Peterson Company won the exclusive rights to prepare a proposal for the city to review.

www.hamptonroads.com/2014/03/virginia-beach-weigh-new-proposal-dome-sit

■ City Council has appointed a citizens advisory committee to assist in reviewing the ESG Arena proposal. www.esgco.com/virginia-beach-arean/

■ Design work is nearing completion of the conceptual phase for the Sense of Arrival project for the I-264 entry into the resort. Following closely are The Rudee Promenade Walk connecting the boardwalk with Rudee's Restaurant.

Additionally the new Aerial Adventure Park, which includes a system of zip-lines, is now open at the VA Aquarium. www.iflyvirginiabeach.com

■ IFLY Sky Diving facility and associated condominium and retail mixed-use project are under construction at 25th Street and Pacific Avenue. You can find information about IFLY online at www.iflyvirginiabeach.com.

■ formation, including photos and videos of the Myrtle Beach wheel, go online to <http://myrtlebeachskywheel.com>.

■ The Cavalier is in design and the historic hotel is under renovation with exploratory demolition. The project is reportedly well under way.

www.cavaliercollection.com

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

www.vbgov.com/government/departments/sga/projects

- 19th Street/Central Beach Corridor
- The Aquarium and Owl Creek District Plan
- Cavalier Hotel Restoration and Redevelopment
- Convention Center Headquarters Hotel
- Arena proposals
- The Dome site
- Resort Area Master Plan and Form-Based Codes
- Rudee Loop (Marina District)

Please also check out the Beachevents website for fun activities at all city venues: www.beachstreetusa.com

HOSPITALITY

The September 5th NVBCL autumn party at the Old Cavalier Beach Club was a huge success with over 650 neighbors attending. The rain held off and the night proved to be a magical combination of good food, warm ocean breezes and delightful conversation with old and new friends. A huge thanks to the NVBCL Board members who assisted with selling tickets, setting up and cleaning up of the tables and chairs. We owe a thank you and "Hats off" to Dave Jester, Kaye Harris and our Executive Secretary, Jeanne Panza, for their many volunteer hours that made the evening a success. We are grateful to Gold Key/PHR and Bruce Thompson for being such great neighbors and sharing this fabulous landmark with our Civic League.

The evening seemed to conclude the summer and ushered in the fall. As the season changes, and the autumn brings its many colors before the winter winds take over, we hope that you take a moment for a leisurely walk on the beach, through the park or just along the feeder road. We are quite lucky to live in a beautiful coastal neighborhood. Kimberly



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