

North Virginia Beach Civic League News

January 2015

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

IT WOULDN'T BE PROPER, first off, if I didn't thank you all for the tremendous support you have given to the North Virginia Beach Civic League this past year. Thank you indeed, especially to those who give their time and energy to enhance the neighborhood in which we live.

At the same time, I am energized myself when I look at where we've been this past year, and where we hope to go next year, with the hope that more neighbors will join and be a part of the effort.

This past year we have supported quite a few causes that we felt have an impact on our lives here. We became a corporate member of First Landing State

Park, and we continued to contribute to efforts to beautify the medians and the feeder road because they are prominent in our neighborhood and form a gateway to the resort area. We also dedicated money to place two permanent HRT bus stops with shelters on Atlantic Avenue – one at the A.R.E. Center at 67 Street, the other across from the Wyndham Hotel at 57th. And, finally, we decided to support the new Brock Environmental Center at the Pleasure House Point Natural Area off Shore Drive with a substantial funding campaign over a five-year period.

We all feel strongly as a board of directors that we should utilize the money from dues and donations to improve our neighborhood – that and, of course, to have one of the best parties of the year, which we are planning again.

Where are we going? That is where your input tells what is important to you. Can we do more? Absolutely, merely by each of us contributing. Continue to be a dues-paying member, and encourage your neighbors to join. Come to the membership meetings, and get involved if you have the time. As successful as we are, there are plenty of households that are not members – we welcome all who can support our great North End.

Finally, I trust you all had a wonderful holiday season, filled with family, friends and neighbors. As I always say, we are blessed in many ways to live at the North End – just stepping outside and walking around confirms that. Let's keep making it better together!

See you around the neighborhood,
John Pharr, president, NVBCL



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

Jan. 20
April 21
July 21

Guest speaker for Jan. 20

Barry Frankfield, director of strategic growth, city of Virginia Beach

Treasurer's report

Thanks to everyone who paid dues in 2014. At **917**, we had the most dues-paying members ever. At year's end our total assets were **\$39,415**. We are now collecting dues for 2015.

Important numbers

Nonemergency police, 385-5000, option 3

2nd Precinct, 385-2700

Neighborhood Preservation, 385-5750



Kate Wilson, left, Chesapeake Bay Foundation's development director, on Dec. 8 accepts the North End civic league's first \$3,000 check to the foundation in support of the new Brock Environmental Center. Presenting it are Kaye Harris, league treasurer and membership director, and league President John Pharr.

BEAUTIFICATION

WANTED: Trash collector. With the departure of Bill Lackland, our erstwhile feeder road walker and trash collector, we have a vacancy in the 43rd to 63rd streets median area.

Seeking self-motivated, energetic, all-weather walker. (Joggers, power walkers and bikers need not apply. Dog walkers take care of your own business!)

Requirements: One hour, three days a week minimum (Tuesdays optimal). Extra credit: Atlantic Avenue (walk on the wild side!). Experience: None. Educational requirements: Less is more. Physical requirements: Keen eyesight, knee flexibility, strong back. Equipment: disposable (morning paper) bag. Gloves optional.

Supervision: None. Compensation: Personal satisfaction. Benefits: Becoming intimately familiar with neighbors' trash cans. Recognition: Beautification Committee Annual Award Luncheon. Apply: Beautification Committee. Internships accepted throughout (43rd to 89th).

– Jim Spruance



DON NADEN

The city's contractor has begun planting the first of 50 live oaks (at least four per block is the goal) in the median along Atlantic Avenue. This photo was taken Dec. 10 between 66th and 67th streets.

BEACHES

The city's Beach Operations staff reports it is removing excess sand up against the bulkheads in the 40's and 50's to reduce sand blowing into yards. They will work on beach accesses in the 60's through 80's soon, although most are reported in pretty good shape.

– Ron Pearson

RESORT PROJECTS UPDATE

■ Pacific Avenue improvements are under way from 16th Street north to 23rd. Pacific Avenue is planned for construction over a three-year, off-season construction cycle that began Oct. 1. Southbound Pacific will be closed through May 15 each of the three years for 24/7 construction. All traffic for Pacific Avenue will be within the northbound lanes, with one lane in either direction. Mike Tippin is the project manager for Public Works; he can be reached at (757) 385-5639 or MTippin@vbgov.com.

■ The City Council on Dec. 9 approved the nonbinding "term sheet" for the 19th Street arena proposal. The term sheet outlines "what the city is willing to provide in exchange for United States Management to build the \$200 million facility," The Virginian-Pilot reported Dec. 10. "It means USM can

move forward with private financing for the project." For more information, check out these websites:

www.esgco.com/virginia-beach-arena

www.yesvirginiabeach.com/resources/arena-information

■ The city's Development Authority on Nov. 18 granted The Peterson Cos. a six-month extension for the Fairfax firm to create its proposal to develop the former Dome site, according to The Pilot. You can learn more about the company at this website: www.petersoncos.com.

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

Also, this city website offers information on these projects and more: www.vbgov.com/government/departments/sga/projects

- 19th Street/Central Beach Corridor
- The Aquarium and Owl Creek District Plan
- Convention Center Headquarters Hotel

- Arena and Dome site proposals
- 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

– *Billy Almond*

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 second 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. If you are considering buying property in the North End, give us a call so we can advise you before your purchase. Contact Billy Almond at 235-0731 or billy@wplsite.com for more information.

HOSPITALITY

With the holidays behind us, it's time to relax and enjoy the many opportunities available in our coastal city.

■ The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center offers whale-watching cruises January through March. Add a few layers of warm clothes and enjoy a day of whale-watching.

www.virginiaaquarium.com, (757) 385-3474

■ With a \$4 admission, you can enjoy a trip back in time with a tour of one of the oldest surviving Colonial houses in Virginia Beach, built in the 1680s: the Adam Thoroughgood House, a National Historic Landmark. With its late 17th and early 18th century English furniture and gardens, the house offers visitors a view of the lifestyle of a wealthy Colonial Virginia family. It's at 1636 Parish Road. www.museumsvb.org, (757) 460-7588

■ The Old Coast Guard Station & Museum preserves the maritime history of Virginia's coastal community. Its website offers digital historical maritime books and information about exhibits and upcoming events. www.oldcoastguardstation.com, (757) 422-1587

■ Jan. 17-18: Coastal Virginia Wine Fest – Coastal Virginia Magazine hosts this festival at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, with wine tastings from 40 Virginia wineries. It will include a Virginia craft beer garden featuring eight breweries, and 80 other vendors will showcase specialty foods, arts and crafts.

– *Kimberly Goold*

STREETS & UTILITIES

No doubt you've noticed we have excellent trash and recycling service, but no one has ever seen a street sweeper in the North End. Please put accumulated leaves, sand, etc. into a trash can to keep such debris from slowing the flow into drains. If afterward your drain is still not doing its job, call Public Works at 385-1470 for drain service.

If you have large items for trash pickup, you need to call 385-4650.

Finally, if a street light is out, email pdclrks@vbgov.com and report the street and pole number. Yes, there is a number, on a tag on the pole.

All of us are responsible for keeping our neighborhood bright and shiny. If someone has created an eyesore, you can always call the city's Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation at 385-5750.

– *Martin Waranch*

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