

North Virginia Beach Civic League News

JULY 2018

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Short-term rentals remains an important focus for your civic league – we're lobbying for one rental per week.

Will Fluharty
NVBCL president

SUMMER IS HERE, the water is warm and I hope you all get some sand between your toes as soon as possible.

The civic league is working hard at preserving both our culture and community. We are actively engaged in the challenging question of short-term rentals. Although we understand the importance of owner's rights, it's critical that we maintain our quiet standard of living; therefore, the civic league is lobbying for one rental per week.

We have attended many meetings, both public and private, to communicate our stance. Although there has been no city decision, we do hope our efforts will be successful.

There have been several efforts recently to either rent a property for a large party or obtain a permit for

a large beach gathering (recall Dusalooza 2017). The civic league has been actively engaged on both fronts coordinating with both the local police and rental properties to ensure our neighborhoods remain undisturbed. I'm happy to say that our efforts were successful.

On Aug. 14 we will host a social event and membership drive at Smartmouth Brewing Co.'s Pilot House on 32nd Street. (*See the story below.*) An invitation will be emailed in the near future. I hope to see many of you there. Thank you to Smartmouth Brewing owners, Porter and Elizabeth Hardy and Chris and Chris Neikirk, for hosting this fun event for the community!

Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday, July 17, at the A.R.E. Center, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please consider attending and bringing your voice to the discussion.



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

July 17, Oct. 16

Speaker for the July 17 meeting

Joshua D. Holt, city Public Utilities project manager, on the 48th Street pump station project.

Treasurer's report

As of June 26, our league had 769 members, and our total assets were \$26,290.54.

Thank you to all donors and to members who have paid their 2018 dues. Please note, however, our dues are now \$20 per year. For those who paid \$15 due to a misprint on the return envelope with January's newsletter, please remember for next year that our dues will be \$20.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the membership meeting Tuesday, July 17. Only those who have paid their dues may vote; you may pay by check or cash at the meeting, but you also can pay online at our website, www.nvbcl.org.

NVBCL dues have allowed us to support landscaping, bus shelters, the neighborhood welcome signs and several organizations.

– Bonner Styles

HOSPITALITY / MEMBERSHIP

SMARTMOUTH TO HOST NVBCL SOCIAL AUG. 14

Please join us for our Summer North End Social membership drive Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Smartmouth Brewing's Pilot House on 32nd Street – the former post office building next to Sea Pines station.

Come enjoy the many varieties of Smartmouth's original, well-crafted beers and seasonal eats with the featured food truck Smoked Biscuit.

This is a great opportunity to visit and meet your North End neighbors. New members and residents who renew NVBCL membership at this event will receive a complimentary beer!

(Dues for 2018 are \$20 and can be paid



in cash or check, made payable to the NVBCL.)

Please reply to contact@nvbcl.org if you plan to attend.

Thank you Smartmouth Brewing for hosting this fun event for the NVBCL.

– Kate Michaels and Monica Stein

IF YOU GO

What Summer North End Social

When 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14

Where Smartmouth Brewing's Pilot House, 313 32nd St.

Cost Free; featured food truck: Smoked Biscuit



Public safety phone numbers
Nonemergency police, 385-5000, option 3
2nd Precinct, 385-2700
Fire/police emergency, 911

TOURISM

ACCESS TO FT. STORY HISTORICAL SITES ABOUT TO GET A MAKEOVER

The city, Preservation Virginia and the military are about to change the access procedure for visitors driving into Fort Story that will involve parking and boarding a shuttle bus to visit the historical areas within the base.

“This would make it a little more user friendly,” says Scott Mohr, public affairs officer for Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. The procedure now involves a time-consuming search of visitors’ vehicles outside Gate 8, at 89th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

The new procedure is designed to meet Department of Defense requirements to strengthen base security by restricting visitors’ access only to the late 18th century Cape Henry Lighthouse and other historic sites inside the base, Mohr said. Visitors would park in a designated parking lot – initially, the existing lot just beyond the gate



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on the left – where they would have their identifications checked before boarding a bus or van. Gate 8 also might be redesigned to strengthen security and better accommodate this plan, Mohr said, “when money is available.”

Preservation Virginia operates the original Cape Henry lighthouse and has worked on this plan with the city and base command staff. (The lighthouse will be closed sometime in

September to begin a six-month, \$1.5 million project to repair and restore it.)

The City Council voted May 15 to fund \$210,857 from the city’s Tourism Investment Program, under the fiscal 2018-19 budget, to fund “two 12-passenger shuttle buses and related operating costs” for the program, according to city budget documents. Preservation Virginia will fund the shuttles’ operators, according to the city budget. When they’re not being used at Cape Henry, the shuttles will support other tourist-related activities.

“We are trying to work out the details with all parties involved,” city Transportation and Transit Planning Manager Brian Solis said in a May 23 email, “and are doing all we can to get the shuttle up and running by 8/1/18 if there are no setbacks.”

– Don Naden

STREETS/UTILITIES

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS ABOUT TRASH PICKUP

We’ve covered the topics of poop pickup, reporting burned out streetlights and visibility impediments to safe driving. One item mentioned over the years bears fleshing out: trash. That is, we need to match pickup procedures with the city’s rules, and our neighborhood’s residents need to keep our streets clean and clear.

The North End’s trash is collected every week, recycling every other week – both on Tuesdays. The rules say cans should be at the street *after* 5 p.m. Mondays and returned *before* 2 p.m. Tuesdays, but it doesn’t seem to be a problem if these are not strictly followed. Yet this sometimes presents a problem for those who come into town for a weekend and leave late Sunday. It is neither legal nor nice to put the cans out Sunday night and hope they are taken off the street before the following weekend trip. Lean on a friend, hire a kid or whatever, but the responsibility cannot be ignored. Also, the city can issue a ticket (I think it’s \$25) if cans are on the street other days.

Most know this, but still some leave their cans backward. The lid is supposed to open toward the street, not the house; otherwise the trash trucks’ automatic emptying process doesn’t work!

If you have large items for pickup, call 385-4650 and advise them *before* Tuesday. Yard debris needs to be reduced to lengths no longer than 4 feet, with loose material in clear plastic bags.

A message from me would be incomplete without this request: Pick up anything that missed the truck, and put it into the can for next time.

Have a great summer!

– Martin Waranch

A REMINDER

Cans should be at the street after 5 p.m. Mondays and returned before 2 p.m. Tuesdays.



BEAUTIFICATION

A DO-OVER

The city has redone the screening landscaping around the pump station in the 8300 block of Atlantic Avenue, to form a single contiguous bed to facilitate mowing and improve the screening.



This is how it looked last year, before any plantings were added.



In the spring the city added shrubs in separate beds that did little to enhance the screening effect.

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CITY LIAISON, WE WORK WELL TOGETHER

Summer is kind of a slack time for beautification innovation as we just let nature just do its thing and the city “maintains.”

We are finding the city’s landscape coordinator for the North End, Kenny Denson, to be very responsive to our inputs. The staff is now focusing on some of the beach accesses, mulching, general pruning and weeding, especially around the pump stations.

Tree replacements are scheduled to be made in the fall.

Please continue to let me or Anne Abraham know of any problem areas and help keep our neighborhood beautiful in any way you can.

– Jim Spruance

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE-RESCUE'S A FEW MINUTES CLOSER

Emergency services are a little closer to North End residents now that a joint-use, city-military fire station has opened at Fort Story. It's a first for the city and the Navy, the city says, and it includes surf and water rescue.

Virginia Beach and Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story dedicated the new station June 22, according to a city news

release. "It gives us closer access to the North End," Art Kohn, public information officer for the city Fire Department, told southsidedaily.com, "and it provides additional manpower for the base if needed."

The closest crew to the North End had been Station No. 1 on Shore Drive near Great Neck Road. Our neighborhood also could be served by stations 11 (on the Bou-

levard) and 12, on South Birdneck.

"Mayor Louis Jones said a 2001 study that identified areas of the city ... more than four minutes from an existing fire station was a driving factor in finding a location in or near the North End," the southsidedaily report said.

"It was an easy decision for me," southsidedaily quoted JEB commander Capt. Joey Frantzen. "It's all about saving lives."

— Don Naden

RESORT AREA UPDATE



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THE CAVALIER

The Cavalier Beach Club opened for hotel guests and Cavalier residents Memorial Day weekend. It is across the street from the refurbished Cavalier Hotel and is the first building finished on the Oceanfront side of the Cavalier project. Under construction next to it is the 20-story Marriott hotel tower.

FOCUS IS ON MANY PROJECTS

Dome site, Sports Center, pier, public 17-19th streets active

The city continues to focus its energies in the Central Beach District area as defined by the Resort Strategic Action Plan from 2006. The Dome Site, Sports Center, pier projects and public infrastructure projects on 19th, 18th and 17th streets are active. The 19th Street streetscape project has commenced.

The selected developer for the Sports Center has been authorized to proceed. The center will be west of the war memorial and south of 19th Street, close to the Convention Center.

The Dome site, now called "The Wave" (photo), continues in the feasibility stage, with the Venture Realty Group team along with Pharrell Williams, to develop an entertainment complex featuring a Wave Garden Cove



RENDERING COURTESY OF VENTURE REALTY GROUP

surf park, experiential retail, office space, restaurants, a 3,500-seat music venue and residences. The schedule has slipped due to the multiple studies required by the city, which are due soon. There is a great deal of information on this by googling "The Wave" Surf Park in VB.

The 15th Street pier project

was released by the city for new proposal submissions. A second proposal, named "Pier 17," was submitted along with a submission from the city's Economic Development Authority.

Recent news about these resort projects can be found at the city website, www.vbgov.com.

— Billy Almond

STRANDING FYI



MARGIT NADEN

In April this young gray seal found itself on the beach near 81st Street, resting and injured, possibly from a shark attack. The Virginia Aquarium arranged for it to be sent to a rehabilitation facility on the Eastern Shore.

Which reminds us: The aquarium's Stranding Response Program can be reached at (757) 385-7575 or at vaqstranding@gmail.com.

BEACHES & REC

LOOKS LIKE OUR BEACH WILL GET BIGGER IN 2019

The city will receive \$17.6 million to replenish the Resort Area beach next year from Rudee Inlet to 89th Street, according to a June 13 news release from city staff.

The funding will come from the Army Corps of Engineers. "The beach was last renourished in 2013 using money Congress provided for Hurricane Sandy relief," according to the news release. That project also included the North End up to 89th Street.

"The City of Virginia Beach and the Corps of Engineers have a partnership agreement for renourishing the resort beach as needed," the city's news release added. "The funded project provides for the maintenance of a high, wide beach that, in combination with the Boardwalk and seawall, protects the Resort Area from significant damage during extreme coastal storm events."

Not all of the North End's beaches will get more sand, however, because much of our northern beach actually gains sand.

"We may place some sand on parts of the North End, but only where it is needed," city engineer Phillip Roehrs said. "And most of the sand will be placed in the core of the Resort, where the need is greater."

The city said \$925,000 also was approved for dredging at Lynnhaven Inlet and \$720,000 for dredging at Rudee Inlet by the Corps of Engineers.

— Don Naden

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Have you paid your \$20 dues for 2018?

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ZONING

ZRC is fine-tuning 2-cottage language

The NVBCL's Zoning Review Committee has refined the language for our R5R NE initiative to restrict the two-cottage options to lots with a minimum of 7,500 square feet.

The new R5R NE language recommends those owners of properties of fewer than 7,500 sq. ft. have the right to petition the city's Board of Zoning Ap-

peals for the land entitlement to develop two detached cottages on a single lot.

The ZRC will continue to work with the city Planning Department until these issues are resolved. The R5R NE zoning district runs from the north side of 49th to 89th Street.

– *Billy Almond*

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