

North Virginia Beach Civic League News

OCTOBER 2018

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What matters to you likely does to us, too – so together, if we all get involved, we can improve things that matter.

Will Fluharty
NVBCL president

SOMEONE RECENTLY asked me why I got involved in the Civic League. A developer clear-cut a lot on our street, taking out 100 percent of the beautiful trees and building two houses where one once stood.

It infuriated me.

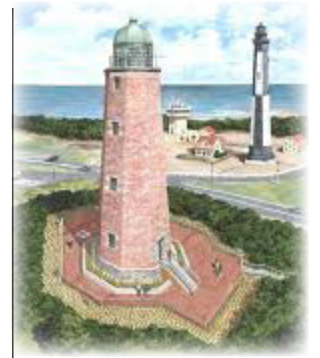
So, instead of complaining, I got involved on the Civic League zoning committee, which is led by our esteemed colleague Billy Almond.

In order to preserve our neighborhood and community, we must get involved. Complaining makes little difference unless we work to make the change we seek. Echoing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.”

Not only does the North End and our way of life matter, so do Virginia Beach, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the greater America. Please remember to vote next month. Participation in both the Civic League and our election is critical to ensuring we live in a world that exemplifies our ideals.

I hope to see everyone at our next general meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. State Delegate Jason Miyares will be there to update us on the state of affairs in Virginia and answer your questions. Virginia Beach police Captain Mike Ronin of the 2nd Precinct will give us his annual update on crime in the North End.

Many thanks to Civic League co-hospitality chairs Kate Michaels and Monica Stein for arranging our second NVBCL event at Smartmouth’s Pilot House brewery on Thursday, Oct. 18. The first gathering was a huge success, and I expect the second to be no less fun.



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

Oct. 16, Jan. 15

Speakers for the Oct. 16 meeting

State Delegate Jason Miyares and Virginia Beach 2nd Precinct Capt. Mike Ronin

Treasurer’s report

As of Sept. 30, our league had 762 members, and our total assets were \$25,771.19.

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 are \$20.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the membership meeting Tuesday, Oct. 16. 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

NVBCL’s August social at Smartmouth was a hit, so we’re going to do it again!

Neighbors had such a good time at the August event at Smartmouth Brewing, we thought to make it more of a regular thing.

Come join us Thursday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Smartmouth’s Pilot House on 32nd Street. The brewery will have a variety of its original, well-crafted beers ready to sample and, just released for the season, the Princess Oktoberfest. Featured food truck, the Bumbling Bee & Cast Iron BBQ, will be ready to serve a little something for the meat lover and the vegan.

New members and residents who renew civic league membership will receive a complimentary beer! (Dues for 2018 are \$20 and can be paid in cash or by check, made payable to NVBCL. You also can pay online at nvbcl.org.)

Thank you, Smartmouth Brewing Co., for hosting the NVBCL and friends!

– Kate Michaels & Monica Stein



IF YOU GO

What Autumn North End Social

When 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18

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

Cost Free; featured food truck: Bumbling Bee & Cast Iron BBQ



NVBCL PHOTOS

The August social drew civic league members and new members alike.

« Organizing thank-you’s go to NVBCL hospitality co-chairs Kate Michaels, far left, and Monica Stein, center. Smartmouth’s Chris Neikirk is on the right.



Public safety phone numbers

Nonemergency police, 385-5000, option 3

2nd Precinct, 385-2700

Fire/police emergency, 911

VETERANS DAY

NOV. 11 IS A DATE TO REMEMBER, AND LEARN FROM

At 11 A.M. on Nov. 11, 1918, the book title “All Quiet on the Western Front” became a reality. Millions had been bombed, shot, gassed or otherwise harmed in so many ways. The war’s end was commemorated as Armistice Day.

What we call PTSD was then Shell Shock. Today’s medical understanding was not available then, and many who survived the war physically were forever damned mentally.

But it was the “War to end all Wars,” so it was worth it – or so we thought until the late 1930s when the world again came in for a beating. We had that, Korea, Viet Nam and the recent violence in the Middle East. While individual families all certainly learned, those who took their nations to war had no such memory.

The decline of national memory of WWI and subsequent conflicts gave rise to Armistice Day’s renaming: Veterans Day, in 1954.

We live in an area with strong ties to the military. Hardly a family lacks a connection to someone who served or is serving. Many of us served and knew some who gave their lives.

This Nov. 11 will be the 100th anniversary of the end of a terrible conflict. Sadly, the world seems determined to repeat actions that brought it to us.

We all know the phrases “Pray for Peace, Prepare for War,” “Keep your powder dry,” “Stand up when others stand down,” “Never forget” and/or “Never again.” Individually, we can do little to impact history. However, those who came together to defend life and liberty have, as a group, impacted and provided our nation with a wonderful land where peace, freedom and opportunity exist.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, we should remember, and honor, those who made that possible.

They talk about “accumulated knowledge” and how we build upon the past. It would be wonderful if the world noticed.

– Martin Waranch

STREETS/UTILITIES/PUBLIC SAFETY

RECYCLING Do you know what to leave in, what to leave out? Here’s a reminder.

A man came across a young girl on the beach throwing starfish into the sea. Wave action had littered the beach with them.

“I’m afraid you can’t make much of a difference,” he told her.

The little girl looked at him, reached down, picked up another and heaved it, saying, “Well it makes a world of difference to that one!”

We at the North End can just see that. Blessed with the ability to understand humans’ impact, we can do things that might make a “difference to that one.”

The adult, of course, was right. No one, alone, can change much of anything. However, we all know there are ways we can make a difference. I believe we, as a community, are more involved, volunteer often in many ways and contribute to those in need.

Unless you live under a rock, you’re aware of the pollution of land and sea by things we use and throw away. No single person can make a dent in that problem, but we all have an easy path to begin-

ning. It’s that big, blue bin we put out every two weeks.

The big problem is knowing what should go into the bin. The wrong stuff is a one-two punch – it can’t be used, and it might well make other material unusable or more difficult to recycle.

The following is based on my emailing with Kristi Rines, recycling coordinator for the city’s Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department.

They’ve made it easy for us: Paper, cardboard and chipboard recycle. Plastic bottles,

food and beverage containers (juice, milk, soup, etc.) are good to go. Virtually all plastic (except plastic bags) are good: #1 through #7. Aluminum, steel, tin cans and clean aluminum foil make the list. Glass bottles and

jars, but remove the tops to allow metal separation before glass is broken down.

Do not put in garbage (that messy pizza box is garbage), yard waste, motor oil containers, ceramic or ovenware dishes and **no** Styrofoam or those little packing peanuts.

Our efforts will not reduce that Texas-sized patch of plastic in the Pacific, but the effort will do some good while it creates institutional memory to keep us doing it.

There is a tipping point where more is recycled than thrown away. We need to believe that our doing what is right might make the world different.

Finally, if you see something, say something. If that thing you see is trash, put it where it belongs and, since I’ve seen less and less sitting around, I personally thank you for scooping the poop! I’m still ticked, though, that smokers consider the landscape acceptable for butt disposal.

– Martin Waranch



FINALLY FIXED

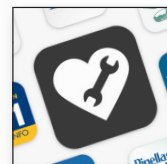
Sometime in late July the utility pole you see below, between 81st and 82nd streets on Atlantic Avenue, finally – and we do mean finally – got fixed. Our own Martin Waranch, the NVBCL’s chair of the streets/ utilities/safety committee, began his quest to have the old, damaged pole replaced more than a year ago. However, neighbors can assure that the pole’s first aid had been applied to it some years before and stayed there even after the new pole was installed.



DON NADEN PHOTOS | NVBCL

SEE A PROBLEM IN THE NORTH END? TRY A CLICKFIX:

We’d like to remind you of a really helpful website, www.seeclickfix.com/virginiabeach,



which is available to all residents to report such things as street light malfunctions, traffic signs down, potholes and general problems on city property.

From the website you also can access SeeClickFix’s mobile app, for Apple and Android devices.

Give it a try. We’ve found it to be very responsive.

– Jim Spruance

TOURISM / MILITARY

FORT STORY SHUTTLE SERVICE SET TO START ROLLING MONDAY

The new shuttle service for visiting Fort Story's historical areas is scheduled to start Monday, Oct. 15, after some delay.

The shuttle buses were delivered to the base Wednesday, according to Scott Mohr, public affairs officer for Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.

"The shuttles arrived today," he emailed the NVBCL Wednesday, "and look great! The shuttle service starts 15 Oct."

The city, Preservation Virginia and the military created this plan to replace the 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 lot – initially, the existing lot just beyond the gate on the left – where they would have their identifications checked before



COURTESY OF SCOTT MOHR

This is one of the buses for the Fort Story shuttle service, photographed Oct. 9, the day they were delivered.

boarding a bus. 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 was closed 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.

The plan was to have the shuttle system "up and running by 8/1/18," city Transportation and Transit Planning Manager Brian Solis

said in a May 23 email, "if there are no setbacks."

There were setbacks, however, that delayed the start of the service, Solis emailed Oct. 9:

"The vehicles were to be delivered to the Base the week of 9/10/18; however, the City asked the manufacturer, Blue Bird, to delay the delivery until after the passing of Hurricane Florence."

As of Oct. 9, he added, "We just delivered the shuttles this afternoon."

So come Monday, those buses are scheduled to start rolling.

– Don Naden

BEAUTIFICATION

REPLACING TREES BACK ON TRACK

The city's landscaping division began work on the first round of tree replacements in the Atlantic Avenue median along the feeder road in September, continuing into October. August's rain delayed the work schedule.

Also, the city said crews would begin working on cleaning and mulching some of the beach-access walkways.

– Anne Abraham

BEACHES & REC



TAKE THINGS (A BROOM!) INTO YOUR OWN HANDS

Hurricane Florence brought some wind (and a dash of rain) that swept quite a bit of sand onto our crosswalks in September, and Hurricane Michael was likely to add to it around Oct. 11-12.

Beach Operations has a limited number of people (14) to maintain the eight beaches in our city, so please consider taking a broom and/or shovel to your local crosswalk and clearing as much as you can!

– Ron Pearson

RESORT AREA UPDATE



RENDERING COURTESY CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

▲ BEACH SPORTS CENTER TAKING SHAPE ON 19TH

As you might have noticed, the Virginia Beach Sports Center is well under construction across the street from our Convention Center. In addition to the 19th Street Streetscape, this project marks the beginning of a renaissance in the Central Beach District.

The Dome site surf park and pier submissions for 15th and 17th streets appear to be on hold until after the November elections.

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

– Billy Almond



RENDERING COURTESY CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

◀ **ALMOST FINISHED** OK, so the new Lesner Bridge isn't exactly in the resort area, but how important is it to North End folks? That's what we thought. Just so you know, it's scheduled to be finished in December, says the city's Public Works director, Mark Johnson.



The Princess Anne Garden Club's Eighth Annual Party in the Park will be 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at First Landing State Park off Shore Drive.

There will be music from the '70s, '80s and '90s by The Intangible Cats while folks leisurely dine on food and drink. Silent auction items include gift baskets, art, wine, vacation homes and more.

Proceeds benefit First Landing State Park and PAGC projects.

Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 day of the event; available online at www.pagardenclub.org.

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Have you paid your \$20 dues for 2018?

You can pay online, at www.nvbcl.org, or send a check (payable to NVBCL) to P.O. Box 1676, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

ZONING

NVBCL committee provides guidance for NEnders

We remind our neighbors that developers have three options for North End properties: a single-family house, duplex or two detached cottages on one parcel.

The detached-cottages option is an incentive-based design guideline, and a developer must comply with the design criteria in the overlay ordinance.

We also remind our neighbors that any opportunity to determine what type redevelopment happens on your street starts with the "Seller of the Parcel." Once a parcel has sold, it is in the hands of the buyer, who has the three by-right options listed above.

The NVBCL's Zoning Review Committee meets

at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the A.R.E. Visitors Center unless there is no business before the committee that month. If you wish to attend the ZRC, please contact Billy Almond at 235-0731 or billy@wplsite.com for additional information before our meetings.

— *Billy Almond*

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