



## WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE

# CROSSROADS

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November, 2006

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### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY

November 20, 2006

7:00 PM

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER

#### Agenda

Marie Arnt -HRT  
Light Rail Discussion

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim English [jenglish@odu.edu](mailto:jenglish@odu.edu)

Illness in Jim's family has necessitated his being out of town frequently in the last few weeks. His message will return next month.

#### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Mayor Paul Fraim and members of City Council hosted town hall meetings in each of the council wards as well as downtown in October and early November. The purpose was to seek input from citizens on issues of interest and concern as they relate to the City overall, the respective wards and downtown.

These town hall meetings come on the ten year anniversary of **Neighbors All: A Conversation About Our Community and Its Future**. That city-wide meeting-attended by nearly 400 citizens- produced eight priority areas that since have been the catalyst for a number of council actions and for follow-up meetings in the community.

In the spirit of **Neighbors All**, Mayor Fraim and the City Council invited citizens to meet with them to offer input on issues of interest and concern as they relate to the City overall and the wards. These have been working meetings with participants broken into small groups so that everyone has a fair chance to participate.

The final meeting will be November 29 at the Marriott Waterside, 7-9:00 PM. Questions? Call 664-4253.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Bring some canned goods to our meeting on November 20 for donation to the Food Bank*

*WCCL December meeting (the 18<sup>th</sup>) will include election of officers and our Holiday Party*

*WCCL is again sponsoring our Holiday Home Decoration Contest. Have your lights on by 6 PM the evening of December 17 when the judges will be touring the neighborhoods. Prizes will be awarded at our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Categories include Most Traditional, Most Whimsical, Best Overall and Honorable Mention.*

*The next Adopt-A-Spot clean-up day will be Saturday, December 2, at 8:00 AM. Meet at the corner of Ruthven and West Little Creek Roads. Gloves, bags, and anything else required will be provided. Call Ray Duron with questions at 423-4337.*

#### WEBSITE

[www.wardscorner.com](http://www.wardscorner.com)

**Have you taken the opportunity to look at our website?**

*Martin Thomas, Jr. keeps it up to date with many interesting pieces of information. There are links to the Norfolk News, which provides timely articles about City happenings, plus links to Valuable Contacts and Elected Officials pages. This website is a great resource for our area, allowing new or potential residents, in addition to our long-time residents, sense the involvement and pride that we have in our community. Martin is always open to suggestions for additions to the site.*

#### Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center

We are fortunate to have Linda Transeau, a Civic League member, as our representative on the Fitness and Wellness Center Board. She reports that the Center hours have been extended to open on Sunday afternoons from 12-5, new fitness equipment has been added, and membership dues have been increased slightly. It's still a bargain to join and take advantage of all that the Center offers!

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Joan Griffey

October 16, 2006

Wards Corner Civic League met on October 16, 2006 at 7PM in the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Jim English introduced our speakers, Elyse Kalfus (VaPERL) and Louis Jordan (SPSA).

-Elyse, from Suburban Park Civic League and a local activist for a statewide coalition against payday lending (VaPERL...Virginia Partnership to Encourage Responsible Lending) explained that we should discourage predatory, car title and mortgage lending practices because of the pronounced negative effect on the military and vulnerable citizens. With nearly 500 lenders operating in our area (2 times more than Mc Donalds and 3 times more than Starbucks), 300-790% interest is charged. These loans encourage added borrowing, repossessed cars, increasing debt, etc. The Consumer Finance Act is recommending a 36% cap on the interest for the military.

-Elyse also invited all to attend the First Annual Halloween Spooktacular held on Halloween eve 6-8PM at the WC Business district. Many donations of prizes, entertainment, music, candy, food, costumes, and seasonal window art are available. The city is supporting the effort with a portable stage, security, litter control, etc. to aid in revitalizing the area.

-State Delegate Paula Miller was introduced and spoke of the VA Assembly listening to VaPERL and stated that this is a concern.

-PACE Officer Curtis Jackson reported decreased crime in the area. There were 2 robberies (Farm Fresh and a Hispanic Restaurant), a carjacking, 2 autos stolen, and 4 car break ins. We will receive extra bicycle police and patrols. A fake group of repairmen have frequented Titustown. Be aware of whom you hire for repairs. He answered concerns of skateboarding, parking on the grass and panhandling.

-Our second speaker, Louis Jordan, from the regional trash authority, SPSA (Southeast Public Service Authority), addressed the history of this group, its means of disposing of wastes in an environmentally sensitive manner, reusing it as power (Navy assistance), landfills and transfer stations (locations), financing (\$250 million debt), fees (tipping increase, burdens on cities), problems (revenue decrease from private haulers), new revenues (accepting out of town trash) and difficult choices ahead (higher taxes and fees).

-Les Demmin reported on the Wards Corner Taskforce meeting at The Workforce Development Center. He addressed the many damaged phone/power poles on W. Little Creek Road and the new lane markings at the Granby Street/ W. Little Creek Road intersection. Joan Griffey reported new trees for the medians, Granby High flags, green neighborhood signs, and playground upgrading and Norfolk Southern Railroad assistance with trackside litter removal.

-We were reminded to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

-Treasurer Ray Duron requests dues payments in January.

-Martin Thomas has added info to our website, [www.wardscorner.com](http://www.wardscorner.com).

-Our 500 block W. Little Creek Road "Adopt-A-Spot" site needs new volunteer ownership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Joan Griffey

## ***YOUR WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE WORKING WITH YOU***

-Two new replacement green mermaid neighborhood signs at Newport Avenue/ North Shore Road (Pinehurst) and Newport Avenue / West Little Creek Road (Restmere)

-New lane markings for vehicles turning left at intersection of W. Little Creek Road and Granby Street

-Newly repaired telephone/utility poles at West Little Creek Road near Eckerd's and Church's Chicken. (more to follow)

-Anticipation of 5 new willow oaks trees to replace ones felled during the last hurricane in median near Norfolk Collegiate Upper School.

-Promise of mermaid flags in the median at Granby High School / Oxford Street soon

-\$20,000 budgeted for new playground equipment and landscaping at North Shore Road and Restmere Road., possibly next year.

-Research into No U Turn at Post Office median.

-HRT Transfer Station traffic count pending.

- Litter control/removal obtained from Norfolk Southern Railroad for track/road crossings at E. Little Creek Road (near McDonalds, Wendy's) and Granby Street at the Post Office.

-New black iron fencing in the median at the business district awaiting bid by the city.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance			<u>\$1386.12</u>
+ funds received	\$30.00		
-funds disbursed		\$69.25	
Ending Balance			<u>\$1347.87</u>

## Autumn Leaves

Unlike mixed household waste, yard waste is recycled and does not go into a landfill. Because of this, the City pays a lower rate for yard waste disposal. You can help the City keep disposal costs down by keeping your yard waste separate from your household waste. If you follow these tips, you won't need to call Waste Management to schedule yard waste collection:

-Use clear plastic bags to contain grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs. Personal 30-gallon containers may be used but must contain only yard debris.

-Tie up limbs that are less than four feet long into bundles for collection. Bundles should not exceed 18" in diameter or weigh more than 75 pounds.

-Place both bagged and bundled yard waste at curbside no earlier than 5 PM the day before your regular collection day. Debris should be placed at least 3 feet from your container.

-A maximum of 20 clear bags or bundles, or a combination of the two, will be collected on your collection day.

-Special collection **is required and must be scheduled** when limbs exceed four feet in length and are too large to be bundled.

-The City will collect a maximum of **three cubic yards** of yard debris on your collection day **when scheduled**. Quantities in excess of this limit may be collected by City forces at a cost of \$150/truckload.

## Important Phone Numbers

Police Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Pace Officer	664-6921
Police Red Sector	664-6914
Code Enforcement	664-6532
Environmental Health	683-2712
Sewer Backup	823-1000
Waste Management (Call here for large pickups)	441-5813
Norfolk Cares Call Center (Don't know what office to call on the problem?)	664-6510

## WCCL MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues are \$5.00. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31. If you are a continuing member and you have not renewed your membership for 2006, please submit your payment at a meeting or mail to the Treasurer, Ray Duron, at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. If you haven't joined yet, please consider doing so now.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## WCCL Board of Directors

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