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CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

MONDAY

November 16, 2009

6:45 PM

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS
CENTER

Agenda

Reverse Mortgage Specialist
Dierdre Liles, Wells Fargo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim English ajim.english@gmail.com

Dear Neighbors,

As you read this edition of the newsletter, another election day has come and gone and we have selected our representatives for the 87th and 89th Districts to the Virginia General Assembly. We have also elected our Norfolk Sheriff and Commissioner of the Revenue.

Our congratulations go out to Kenny Alexander and Paula Miller as they head back to Richmond to serve another term in the House of Delegates. May you continue to serve us well. We know that we may always call on you whenever needed to assist us with state or local problems that we cannot solve. Congratulations also to Robert McCabe and Sharon McDonald on your re-election to Sheriff and Commissioner of the Revenue. All of these folks have won contested elections and have been awarded their respective offices by the citizens of Norfolk they serve. We wish you all the best.

Please take time to read the many interesting articles in this edition of the newsletter. We strive to bring you the latest news of the Wards Corner area that we are aware of since the last newsletter. Sometimes we have slow news months and struggle to find something to write about. Well this happens to be one of those months.

Sometimes the signs of progress are not visible, but yet we do move forward. In case you hadn't heard, the ground for new the Norfolk Police Precinct for our area was recently broken and construction should begin soon.

According to the city's website, "the Norfolk Police Department officially broke ground on the new Second Patrol Division building on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 11:00 am, at 901 Asbury Avenue. City of Norfolk Mayor Paul D. Fraim, City Manager Regina V. K. Williams, Chief of Police, Bruce P. Marquis, other City officials, and members of the community joined together to celebrate the much anticipated construction kickoff.

The new Second Patrol building will house the Second Patrol Division, the Homeland Security Division, comprised of the Bomb Squad, Special Operations Team and Harbor Patrol, as well as the Traffic Unit. The current Second Patrol Division is located on Military Highway.

Chief Marquis said that he has looked forward to this day for quite some time, "I am gratified to see this moment come to fruition. The new Second Patrol building has been one of many projects that I envisioned for the department. With the advent of this facility, we continue to move forward as a department, positively accelerating our partnership in this community."

The start date for construction of the Second Patrol building is October 26th, 2009. The 40,000 square foot, 12 million dollar project, is scheduled for completion December 2010."

We look forward to this much-needed facility in our area. It is long overdue.

Thanks and I hope to see you at the next civic league meeting on November 16th, 2009

Jim English

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WCCL Membership

Our membership seems to be stuck at 116 people. Let's try to push that number to at least 125 this next month. If you're reading this newsletter and haven't paid dues, please consider joining. Make it your New Year's resolution. Civic League membership is a bargain for \$5.00 (\$10/two household members). Send your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31.

We will remove a number of names from our membership list in December when their membership expires.

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

E-mail

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1,969.49
+ funds received	\$5.00		
-funds disbursed		\$68.25	
Ending Balance			\$1906.24

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Pace Officer	831-3484
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

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:45PM in the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. 48 were in attendance. PACE Officer Curtis Jackson gave a brief report on 2 robberies, 3 break-ins, larceny (car), 1 stolen vehicle. Pres. Jim English introduced our guests/speakers, persons all vying for elected office on Tuesday, November 3.

For 89th District Delegate: Kenneth C Alexander and Anthony J Triplin (absent); for 87th District Delegate: John N Amiral and Paula J Miller; for Commissioner of the Revenue: Douglas E Knack and Sharon M McDonald (absent); for Sheriff: Robert J. McCabe (absent) and Sean C Jones (absent).

Ken Alexander, presently 89th district delegate and a businessman within our civic league boundaries, spoke of his work on various committees. He proposes fiscal responsibility, revenues for Transportation, Medicare budgeting, improving public safety and the environment.

John Amiral, a Navy vet and small business owner, wants lower taxes, education reform and higher teacher pay, jobs creation, transportation relief, elimination of unnecessary regulations for businesses and zero tolerance for gangs.

Doug Knack, a licensed realtor, Past Kiwanis and Hope House President, wants to ensure state and local tax codes are applied fairly, uniformly administered, ensuring accountability. He aims to protect jobs and keep businesses in Norfolk. .

Paula Miller, 87th District delegate, and Public Info Officer for Norfolk Sheriff, has worked to support our military, seniors and children. Her priority is to kill bad bills, make laws and to prepare the state budget.

All four answered questions from constituents, such as qualifications for the job, their ambitions for Wards Corner, stimulus monies, gangs, Chesapeake Bay Act, tax cutting, high speed rail, property taxes, ABC stores, ethics and leadership, and conflict of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Griffey, Secretary

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

This is the month when we express our thanks for our many blessings. Your civic league is grateful for members who devote their time and energy to our neighborhood-providing assistance on our clean-up projects, helping their neighbors, and maintaining their homes and yards.

There is one group whose work goes unnoticed much of the time-our newsletter deliverers. They are a faithful cadre of people who can be counted on to take our 1000 newsletters each month to your homes.

We'd like to acknowledge them by name, and express our thanks for their dedication.

Dee Stowell	Sue Bunting
Joan Griffey	Gary Ashburne
Dee Dorman	Ray and Betty Duran
Captain Nash	Robert Lester
Judy Eichelbaum	Mary Edwards
Jennifer Mack	Jim Pressler
Linda Spear	Clem Blanco
Bill Schumacher	Jack Blair
Irene Ulman	Henry Chandler
Donna Daniel	Pat Shumacker
Diane Dubay	Michele Mieuler
Stephen Wilmer	Linda Transeau
Linda and Dan on Maycox	Laura Maloney

TIP OF THE MONTH

Cell phone companies charge us \$1.00 or more for 411 information calls unnecessarily. And, most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: 800-FREE-411 or 800-373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. This is sponsored by McDonalds. Or, Google offers the same type of service and it's also a free service. Dial: 1-800-466-4411. Program one of these into your cell phone now.

Happy Thanksgiving from
the Wards Corner Civic
League Board

News and Notes

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Join Us!!

We Need Participants!!

Your help is needed to pick up litter at our Adopt-a-Spot area (Ruthven and W. Little Creek Roads) on Saturday, November 21, 8:00 AM. It only takes about an hour, and makes an impressive difference in the area.

Questions?? Call Ray Duron at 423-4337.

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DMV Services Available at City Hall

The office of the Norfolk Commissioner of Revenue now offers limited DMV service. They will provide help with Titles, Registration, Name and Address Changes, Special and Personalized Plates, Dealer Title and Registration Services, and Voter Registration. Services can be paid for by a major credit card.

*Contact them at 664-7884 or at
www.norfolk.gov/revenue.*

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At our December meeting, we will present the slate of candidates for election of our officers. If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for an office, please notify Jim English.

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It's hard to believe, but the Holiday season is right around the corner. Were you thinking about adding some new decorations to the ones you've used previously on your front porch, door, or yard? Now's the time to finalize your plans. Several Board members will be traveling around our neighborhoods the night of December 20 to select winners from each of five categories for our Holiday Decoration Contest.

We Need Ads

Do you know someone who would like to advertise in our newsletter? We currently have space for several ads. As you know, our newsletter is printed monthly from September through July, and is distributed to 1000 homes in our Wards Corner neighborhood. That's a lot of exposure for \$100. We also accept advertising on a per month basis at \$10 each month. Pass the word around to your friends or business associates. It's a great deal! Interested people can contact Ray Duron or Barbara Ross.