



Wards Corner Civic League

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CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY

**November 15, 2010
6:45 PM**

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS
CENTER**

Agenda

Sheriff Robert McCabe

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim English ajim.english@gmail.com

Dear Neighbors,

The Planters have arrived in the business district. I am sure that our Secretary, Joan Griffey, is jubilant if not ecstatic. She has worked tirelessly for over two years trying to get the city to provide these in an attempt to add another piece of beautification to the area. It has been a long "fight" with many setbacks and stonewalling by the city. Now they are being put in place. Our thanks also to Councilman Andy Protogyrou who helped push this along since he was elected. Of course, there is a catch in that we must provide the upkeep on the planters including watering and weeding. If you would like to assist Joan and her "gardeners" in this endeavor please contact her. I am sure she would be most appreciative.

There are more updates regarding the Collins property on Newport Avenue. Several of us met with Mr. Collins at his property in the Westport complex a couple of weeks ago. At that time, Mr. Collins provided us with a new revised plan for the property. He has taken many of the suggestions that we have presented at previous meetings although he continues his plan for apartments and not condominiums. He has made some compromises to his original plan and we are closer to agreement with what he wants to do as a result of his presentation. I wish to thank Martin Thomas Jr., Sue

Classick, Linda Transeau and Sam Ross for attending this important meeting with me. There were also other community leaders present including Jim McDonnell, President of the Talbot Park Civic League as well as Louis Eisenberg, a member of the Wards Corner Task Force and Wards Corner Now. We all generally felt better about the revised plan that was presented although we have not committed to it yet.

In order to begin the process of moving forward with the Collins' proposal, a few of us met with the City Planning Director and Zoning Administrator. We did this to discuss how we can proffer an agreement with Mr. Collins and include what we want to see when this plan does get approved. This of course means that we want to ensure that what he proposes is indeed what is ultimately built on the site. It is our intention to keep all interested parties informed and updated as we move forward with this process. To that end, all of Mr. Collins' new proposal documents are now posted on www.wardscornernow.com and www.wardscorner.com. I would encourage anyone with an interest in this project to visit the website and post your comments about his new plan.

Finally, at the next Wards Corner Now meeting to be held on November 20th at the Wellness Center, Mr. Collins will be present to discuss his plan and listen to your comments. This is your chance to come and hear about his new plan and to present your comments. I encourage you to attend. In addition, I will have the documents available at our next civic league meeting on November 15th for you to review.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on November 15th at the Wellness Center at 645PM. Sheriff Bob McCabe will join us and give us updates on his office and how he can help us.

Thanks for your continued support of our area and hope to see you at the next civic league meeting.

Sincerely,

☀ Major Kudos to Residents of Newport Avenue north of W Little Creek ☀



I have been delivering newsletters to this area for several years. On my last delivery I noticed someone/some people have set out a community trash can at the corner of Birmingham and Newport Ave. Thanks for helping keep the litter down. I only counted 2 pieces of litter on the whole street on my walk. I promise next time to have gloves and a trash bag to pick up any litter I see.

Second set of kudos to all the folks on Newport Ave. North for using the community trash can that sits on the corner of Birmingham and Newport Ave.



Third set of kudos to all the folks on Newport Ave. North for all the work that has been done painting and sprucing up your homes and yards. Several homes are sporting new paint jobs!! Also, a lot of work has been done cleaning up the yards, planting new grass, and other masonry work.

There are new neighbors in 7736 Newport Ave. North. Please introduce yourselves and say "Hi".

Linda Spear, Civic League newsletter deliverer

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Community Police 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
Police Emergency	911

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$2,240.33
+ funds received	\$20.00		
- funds disbursed		\$82.95	
Ending Balance			\$2,177.38

WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
1 st VP/ Membership	Martin Thomas, Jr.	618-6468
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WCCL Membership

Our civic league now has one hundred and three households that are members. At least half of these households has two members each.

Thanks for your support!

Membership in your civic league 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.

If you are a continuing member, please renew for 2010. If you haven't joined yet, please consider doing so now.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and e-mail:

NEWS AND NOTES

JOIN US!

We need Volunteers!

Your help is needed to pick up litter at our Adopt-A-Spot Area (Ruthven at W. Little Creek Roads) on Saturday, November 20, 8 AM. It only takes about an hour or two and makes an impressive difference in the area.

Questions? Call Ray Duron at 423-4337. Gloves, trash bags and safety vests provided.

More Help Needed!!

Can you donate an hour a month to deliver our newsletters in your area? We have an empty route which is located on the 300 and 400 blocks of Maycox. Thanks to Donna for picking up the vacancy on the north side of Little Creek Road. Please call Sue Classick at 489-2315 to volunteer.

Don't forget your flu vaccine! Check with your doctor, or stop by one of our local pharmacies where you can walk in and get one.

We need your ideas! This is your Civic League. What would you like to hear discussed at the meetings? Please attend the meetings and let us know your thoughts and concerns, or contact a Board member with your ideas.

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

October 18, 2010

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:45PM in NFW Center. President Jim English led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 20. Jim acknowledged the death of a longtime valued member, Mike Trempler.

Our new Community Resource Officer, Odell Davis, who worked in the past with now retired Officer Jackson, reported crime stats (9 larcenies... GPS, cameras, purses, license plates from cars, 5 burglaries) and addressed questions of observing suspicious persons in the neighborhoods (call police 911), Granby High truancy, lighting after 9 PM in WC area, parking on the grass, loitering in WC and at the Post Office and the Tag Out program (Maycox Avenue graffiti). Speaker for the evening was George E. Schaefer, one of 5 Constitutional Officers, who is Clerk of the Court (term 2003-2011). He is the spouse of Delegate Paula Miller. This Circuit Court department handles election returns,

marriage licenses, divorces, deeds, jury duty, court dockets, passports, wills, estates, concealed weapons. His staff of 51 has a \$2 million budget, opens from 8:45AM – 4:45PM daily, and has a huge docket (2nd highest in the state). He pledged to run the department like a business, frugal and efficient, modernize, spend money to save money and work to reduce labor costs. He cut 18% of staff, digitalized/computerized files and docket, uses Face book and Twitter, and has a kiosk available to patrons. Schaefer believes he may return money (\$150-200,000) to the State this year and was complimented by a member as having "the best run office".

President Jim gave an update on the Collins Property. Another meeting with some WC members is scheduled that week. The 4 Kids Charity will open a thrift store in the old K&K Toys site. Are we opposed? No, as long as a decent storefront is maintained. (Better than a vacancy). The Pulse has reopened in the former Nutty Buddy space as a new dining club establishment with new music, menu and clientele. The owner also maintains The Green Onion on Colley Ave. Off duty police will provide security.

The 12 flowering planters in the business district are to arrive the week of October 25. More volunteers are needed to "adopt" a planter to water once each week. Council reps will inquire about the nonfunctioning median Irrigation system and the cracked asphalt parking lot in the Auto Zone area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectively Submitted, Joan S Griffey, Sec'y

The Norfolk CARES Assistance Center

The Norfolk Cares Assistance Center was established in direct response to requests from Norfolk citizens and City Council to improve the processing of citizens' complaints and concerns.

To file a complaint, just dial 664-6510 and state the nature of your complaint or concern. The staff will assess your information and forward to the appropriate City Department.

They can help you with questions like these:

- The outside of my neighbor's house is in disrepair-what can I do?
- The vacant lot up the street is full of trash – who can I call?
- How tall is too tall when it comes to weeds and grass?

So, call them with your problem-they can help you!
664-6510