



## Wards Corner Civic League

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January 2011

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### **CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY**

**January 24, 2011  
6:45 PM**

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

#### **Agenda**

**2010 Highlights  
Voting for Civic League Officers  
Vote on ForKids Store Opening**

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#### **ENT'S MESSAGE**

By Jim English [ajim.english@gmail.com](mailto:ajim.english@gmail.com)

Dear Neighbors,

As we begin a New Year we look forward to increasing progress in the redevelopment of Wards Corner. At our next civic league meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a very important vote regarding a business that wants to open in the business district in the near future. This is important because this type of business (a thrift store) needs the approval of the neighborhoods in order to obtain an adult use permit. The For Kids organization last spoke at our December meeting regarding their plans to open a thrift store in the storefront that was once operated by the Sports Zone. They have made presentations at most of the area civic leagues, the Wards Corner Task Force and Wards Corner Now. Formal and informal votes have been taken at some of these meetings and most have been against such a venue in Wards Corner. As a membership we will vote on this issue and present our decision to the Planning Commission prior to their vote on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Since this is a membership vote, ONLY those members who have paid their dues through 2010 will be allowed to vote. If you wish to vote on this issue you must pay

your dues prior to voting. We will collect your dues of \$5.00 at the door and verify that only members vote.

Also on the agenda for that meeting will be my annual highlights of our civic leagues activities for 2010. We will also conduct our annual election of officers. So far all of the current officers have expressed their willingness to continue in their respective offices. Those officers include in addition to myself, Martin Thomas Jr., Vice President for membership; Sue Classick, Vice President for newsletters; Joan Griffey, Secretary; and Ray Duron, Treasurer. We are also grateful for Barbara Ross who will continue as our newsletter editor. A slate of candidates will be presented and nominations will also be taken from the floor.

In other developments, the Norfolk Police are requesting our assistance regarding the following crimes that have been recently occurring throughout the Hampton Roads area.

There have been more than 50 Propane Gas tanks stolen from several locations throughout the Hampton Roads area between December 21 and December 24. No suspect information is available at this time. All the thefts were from convenience stores where the tanks are located in an outside storage container, locked with a padlock. The padlocks have been found broken or missing from the scene. If you see someone, or something, suspicious around propane tanks, please call the non-emergency # at 441-5610 or Crime Line at 1-888-LOCKUUP.

Also:

There have been seven incidents where vehicles were stolen by an unknown person or persons. In four of the cases, witnesses report they observed a dark blue or black pick-up style tow truck possibly operated by a black male. The tow truck may be unmarked or may have very small lettering displayed. Most of the vehicles were inoperable at the time they were stolen. If you observe a tow truck matching this description, please notify the Police at 9-1-1 or 441-5610.

As the new year begins we will be once again provide you with speakers on timely and relevant issues at our civic league meetings. We also want you to attend

and bring your issues and concerns to us so that we may help address and/or rectify those issues and problems. You may keep track of the civic league happenings in this monthly newsletter but your presence at the meetings is greatly appreciated. Please consider attending.

Finally please note that our meeting dates for January and February have changed due to holidays on our regular meeting days. The January meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 645PM and the February meeting will be the 26th at 645PM. Both meetings will be at the Wellness Center.

Thanks for allowing us to continue to serve you as officers of the Wards Corner Civic League. If reelected we will continue to do our best.

Happy New Year to all and wishes for a prosperous and healthy year.



#### 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			\$2,254.43
+ funds received	\$40.00		
- funds disbursed		\$82.95	
Ending Balance			\$2,211.48

#### WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/ Membership	Martin Thomas, Jr.	618-6468
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/ Newsletter Distribution	Sue Classick	489-2315
Secretary	Joan Griffey	440-9508
Treasurer	Ray Duron	423-4337

Web Master – Martin Thomas, Jr. (618-6468)  
 Newsletter ideas/comments-Barbara Ross  
 (Bookworms@WHRO.Net or 489-1024)

#### WCCL Membership

***Here it is-January- and time to renew your membership in your civic league - a bargain for \$5.00 (\$10/two household members). As you noted in Jim's message, a membership provides a myriad of benefits! Among them is being able to vote on important issues at our meetings. Send your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31.***

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**Phone and e-mail:**  
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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### ***Please Help!!***

***Isn't there someone in our Civic League area who has decided to do more exercising in this new year? We can help you achieve that goal just by donating an hour each month to deliver newsletters in your area!!! We have an empty route which is located on the 300 and 400 blocks of Maycox. Please call Sue Classick at 489-2315 to volunteer.***

### ***Holiday Decorating Contest***

***Winners in our 2010 Holiday Decorating Contest are:***

**Best: 421 Burleigh    Whimsical: 7718 Nesbitt  
Traditional: 7811 Ruthven  
Honorable Mention: 618 Maycox, 7241 Newport.**

**Winners will receive \$20 gift certificates to the Wards Corner Pub, and those who received Honorable Mention will be given a \$10 Gift Certificate to the Book Exchange.**

### ***Elections***

***Elections for Wards Corner Civic League Board members will be held at the meeting this month.***

workers to break a cycle of poverty and homelessness, provides 30 days to 4 months transitional housing. It serves 250-300 families with 500 children. Financially, the need is great for a thrift store. Ed Kimple, a Board member, approached Chris Perry, owner of a shopping center in Wards Corner, to offer a reduced rental fee to the group. He stated that an empty mall does nothing to attract customers for the merchants already in place. Questions offered: why this site? special exemptions for thrifts? (44 already in the area), does this fit with the Comprehensive Plan? disappointments and frustrations for the future of the business retail center?, planning council recommendation? Area civic leagues are asked to support or deny this transaction at the January Council hearing.

President Jim informed us of recent issues with the Collins Property, rumors of a Country Rock Bar (Craig's List), Wards Corner Now business and the planter placement in the Granby St/Little Creek Road intersection.

Election of officers will be slated for the January meeting (late by one week because of MLK holiday). Dues are due for 2011 now. Holiday Decorating judging will be held the week of December 19. The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectively Submitted,  
Joan S. Griffey, Sec'y

## ***Wards Corner Civic League Minutes***

December 20, 2010

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:45PM in NFWCenter. President Jim English led The Pledge of Allegiance. 20 attended. Officer Davis reported 3 burglaries (Restmere, Doris and Millbrook), 6 Larcenies (autos), 1 stolen car (keys left in sight) and 2 vandalisms (Restmere and West Little Creek).

Guest Speaker, Thayler McCormick of FOR KIDS, related a history of this 22 yr old organization which shelters homeless families. Founded by Holy Trinity Church in Ocean View as a food pantry, it expanded as Haven House and was supported by 13 churches. The professional group, supported by business and social

## ***HAPPY NEW YEAR***