



## Wards Corner Civic League

# Crossroads

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May 2011

Web site [www.Wardscorner.com](http://www.Wardscorner.com)

## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

**MONDAY**

**May 16, 2011  
6:45 PM**

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

**Agenda**

**Updates on Construction at DePaul  
Hospital and Norfolk Collegiate  
School**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dear Neighbors,**

The City of Norfolk Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Budget was presented by the City Manager to City Council on April 26.

The proposal includes \$1,000,000 to be used in the implementation of the Wards Corner Neighborhood Plan. The project description states:

Provide funds to improve the residential and business areas of Wards Corner consistent with the Neighborhood Plan. Land Acquisition of blighted property from willing sellers will be pursued based on prioritizing areas in a strategic manner.

The budget (2010) allocated \$1,010,000 to the Wards Corner Neighborhood Plan and proposed \$1,000,000 for 2011. The 2011 budget allocated \$1,767,500 and proposed \$1,000,000 for 2012.

Notably, the 2012 proposal includes a proposed future allocation of \$1,000,000 in 2013 after which the funding dries up. The 2011 budget proposed \$1,000,000 each year through 2015.

### Financial Summary

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
FY 2012 Proposed	N/A	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0
FY 2011 Approved	1,767,500	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Operating Budget Impact	N/A	0	0	0	0	0

2012 Proposed Budget for Wards Corner Neighborhood Plan

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	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
FY 2011 Proposed	N/A	1,767,500	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
FY 2010 Approved	1,010,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0
Operating Budget Impact	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0

2011 Budget Proposal for Wards Corner Neighborhood Plan

Check the WardsCornerNow website for the complete Financial Summary which we are unable to fit on this page.

In other news please know that we are working with the city of Norfolk regarding the location of the proposed new sewer Pump Station that was discussed at the last civic league meeting. We are meeting with the Department of Utilities to come up with an acceptable location and design of this facility which currently is planned along the fence on Newport Avenue in the Wellness Center field toward the parking lot. The picture below shows the proposed location located between the 2 large trees looking straight ahead, red and blue flags are staked in the proposed area, You may also go to [www.WardsCorner.com](http://www.WardsCorner.com) to view pictures of the proposed location and some views of pump stations in other locations in the city. A final proposed version and location is to be presented to the civic league membership at its June meeting. If you have concerns regarding this proposed location or design please come to our next May civic league meeting to voice those concerns.

Thanks and Sincerely,

Jim

## NEWS AND NOTES

### *The Great American Cleanup*

***Thanks to the seven participants who volunteered their time and efforts to the annual Great American Cleanup on April 23, 2011. Throughout the city of Norfolk, volunteers were cleaning up their neighborhoods. Each year, Keep Norfolk Beautiful and Norfolk's residents team up for the Great American Cleanup, a national program that encourages individuals, groups and businesses to support their local environment through cleanup and beautification efforts.***

***Our volunteer participants who took part were Tom and Elizabeth Lockwood, Pat Yaros, Jim Pressler, Robert Lester, Betty Duron and our group leader, Ray Duron. We gathered thirteen bags and two large limbs for a total of 209 pounds of litter from our neighborhood. We hope to see you at the next cleanup.***

***Found at the cleanup-a set of keys for a vehicle with one other key on the ring. Call 423-4337 and leave a message if these are your keys.***



PS 150 - 7300 Newport Ave. - proposed ps site

### **WCCL Membership**

***Please join your civic league. Annual membership is a bargain for \$5.00 (\$10/two household members).***

***Ninety seven households in our area have paid their dues.***

***Send your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31.***

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

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance			\$2,223.26
+ funds received	\$85.00		
- funds disbursed		\$137.32	
Ending Balance			2,170.94

### **WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Jim English	423-7154
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## Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

April 18, 2011

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:45PM in Norfolk F&WCenter. President English recognized newer members and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that invited guest speaker, Marcus Jones, City Manager, was unavailable until our June meeting.

Councilman Andy Protogyrou and Kristen Lentz (Dept. of Utilities) were graciously welcomed. Councilman Protogyrou stated he is only as good as we make him and he vowed to answer questions and concerns if we contact him. He outlined the redistricting process and noted that he will lose 6,000 homes north of the cemetery to Councilman Smiegel. As to Wards Corner, commercial property may become available for sale after May and \$1.5 mil in this years' budget is set aside for development. Attempts to acquisition property in Denby Park are underway and letters were sent soliciting owners to discover who wants to sell. Eighty-eight units are for sale but no deal was closed. The primary focus of City Hall until the end of April is the budget. Any initiatives were set back one year because of workings with old, interim and new City Managers. Andy talked about Ocean View Beach settlement with Ed Clark, the Compass article about an arts district, Mason Creek upgrade, and the search for a new Police Chief.

Officer Odell Davis and Lt. L.D. Boone (390 0384) of the 3rd Patrol Red Sector updated us on burglaries (3), vandalism (3), larcenies (4) and robberies (4). They stated that neighbors assisted with an episode on Bradford Ave. A summit has been called for July to discuss police and codes. A mutual help system in Colonial Place has been successful in alerting citizens of crimes.

Kristen Lentz, Rick Dempsey and David Spear addressed the new pump station to be built on land fronting Newport Ave at the Fitness Center. The current facility is overtaxed. The City, beginning construction in the Fall, expects to replace water and sewer infrastructure and then resurface the streets. Traffic patterns will change with this process. Design Review will give feedback at the June meeting.

A neighbor near the North Shore Play lot asked for placement of a streetlight or motion light in the area to discourage late night visitors. Alice Kelly, Director of Public Works, will be asked to investigate feasibility.

Updates include:

1) Martin Thomas, Jr, our VPresident, has been appointed to the Planning Commission

2) The Collins property was reintroduced to Planning and was advised to return to 2008 original plan  
3) Wards Corner Pub closed and rumors are a country western bar is interested in the site  
4) Mayors Committee on Disabled Citizens will help families/persons with disabilities in time of hurricane or disaster by housing them at Lake Taylor Middle School  
5) City Manager Jones wishes to focus on neighborhoods and has invited Taskforce, Councilpersons, Codes and Police to meet in July  
6) Bon Secours Hospital exhibited plans at the April Taskforce meeting with street configurations, buildings, care van, etc.  
7) neighbors desiring accessibility to Blair Junior High are still awaiting answer to their dilemma and  
8) new signs have been purchased for our civic league, to be placed at Ruthven Road and W Little Creek Rd. and at the Fitness Center on the day before our meeting as a reminder to all. The cost was \$108.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Griffey, Sec.

### City Infrastructure Facts-from the Civic Connection April 2011

- The average age of City municipal buildings is 33 years old.
- Norfolk Public Schools has 58 buildings with an average age of 41 years.
- Libraries have 12 buildings averaging 33 years old.
- The City has 33 recreation centers with an average of 32 years.
- Fire Rescue has 17 buildings with an average age of 46 years.
- The city's fleet has an average age of 8.6 years with a backlog of \$16.5 million.
- There is an \$8.3 million backlog for maintenance and repairs on buildings.
- There is a backlog of 425 requests for sidewalk and curb repairs.
- \$13.5 million is needed to complete accessibility ramps for sidewalks.
- Out of 50 bridges, 12 are rated poor and in need of attention.
- \$9-10 million is needed annually for street resurfacing.
- The city has 304 traffic signals and over 60,000 signs.
- Significant flooding requires major projects, and the storm water drainage system is old and/or nonexistent in some areas and requires over \$100 million to improve.
- The backlog of water and wastewater improvements is \$412 million.