



Wards Corner Civic League

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June 2012

Web site www.wardscorner.com

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

MONDAY

**June 18, 2012
6:45 PM**

**Invited
Sharon Chamberlin
Acting Police Chief**

**Rick Dempsey, Engineer
Norfolk Department of Utilities
Update on Pump Station,
Neighborhood Sewer Repairs**

Neighborhood Updates

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS
CENTER**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is just around the corner and schools will be out and hopefully we will all enjoy some vacation time. Hopefully this summer will be great and we will once again be spared any major hurricanes just like we were last year. However make sure you are prepared just in case. Over the summer please continue to enjoy the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. There are over 7000 members now. If you are not a member please consider joining. Please take advantage of this facility in our back yard.

Ordinarily the June meeting would mark the last meeting of the first half of the civic league year

until we resume our schedule again in September. However this year we will have a July meeting. The membership voted to hold a July meeting at our last June meeting. There is quite a lot happening in our area right now and the membership felt it would be a good idea to remain informed during the summer. **Therefore we will have a July 16th meeting at 645PM at the Wellness Center.** We will not have a newsletter in July however. We will post the meeting notice on our website and email our membership of the meeting. We will not have a meeting in August.

I wish to thank Barbara Ross for her dedicated service as our newsletter editor. She has done an excellent job of preparing the newsletter each month. This takes a significant amount of time to complete and Barbara's newsletters are informative and always on time. Barbara, we thank you for your service and look forward to your newsletters again in the fall. Enjoy your two months of newsletter free time. Speaking of keeping us informed, a hearty thanks goes to Martin Thomas Jr. for keeping our website www.wardscorner.com up to date and informative. We also thank Martin for the good work he is doing on the Planning Commission for our area and the city. Also a special thanks to Joan Griffey and Ray Duron for keeping the records of our meetings and ensuring that our finances are in order. Joan, also thank you for your continued efforts as Chair of the Beautification Committee with the Greater Wards Corner Task Force. Joan is now also the Secretary of the Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues. A thank you also to our 2nd VP Sue Classick for organizing the delivery of our newsletters each month with our many newsletter carriers. Thanks also to our many newsletter carriers for their time in delivering our newsletters to you. This also is no small task. It is yet another valuable service that we are providing to all of the residents of the Wards Corner Civic League area. It is also the envy of many of the civic leagues in the Greater Wards Corner area as well as citywide. Thanks also to

Betty and Ray Duron for organizing and conducting our Adopt-a-Spot street cleanups over the last several years. Thanks also to the members of our civic league who help in each of these cleanups. Thank you all for your service.

Finally, I extend a very grateful thanks to all of our paid members for your continuing support and attendance at our monthly meetings. Your presence and input at our meetings is much appreciated. Please tell your neighbors to join us in attendance and membership as more numbers mean a bigger voice at city hall.

One thing is for sure. The dedication and commitment of the membership of the Greater Wards Task Force, and area Civic Leagues (including and especially ours) will continue the push with our city elected officials and senior city management staff to help us correct and develop the area and rid it of the dysfunctional and criminal element that has unfortunately been drawn to the area. We will not be taking the summer off but will continue our fight. Please join us in that fight as numbers speak to elected officials.

Please have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. We will continue our work to improve our area throughout the summer. We hope to see you again in June and July and then in the fall at our September meeting.

Sincerely,

Jim

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Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

Joan was out of town for May's meeting.

NEWS AND NOTES

PLEASE NOTE

Because of all the activity in the Wards Corner area, we will also hold a Civic League Meeting to discuss updates on July 16, 6:45 PM, at the Fitness Center.

There will not be a newsletter in July or August, as is our usual practice.

Messages will be posted on our website.

Reminders

Do you know someone who would like to advertise their business? Please remind them that a business card size ad in our newsletter costs only \$10/month. We distribute 1,000 newsletters each month for 10 months of the year.

If you own a flag that is no longer in top shape, bring it to our next Civic League meeting and give it to Ray Duron. His Boy Scout troop will arrange for its disposal.

Finally, don't forget to put your flag out for the Fourth of July.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police N	Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Commun	Community Police Officer	831-3484
Police Re	Police Red Sector	664-6914
Enf	Code enforcement	664-6532
Environ	Environmental Health	683-2712
Sewer B	Sewer Backup	823-1000
Waste M	Waste Management (Call here for large pickups)	441-5813
Norfolk what offi	Norfolk Cares Call Center (Don't know what office to call for the problem?)	664-6510
Police E	Police emergencies	911

Membership

Our current membership is 100! That sounds like a big number, but it's only approximately 10% of the newsletters we deliver each month. Our dues amount is a bargain-\$5.00/person or \$10/household. Send your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31, but you can join at any time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

As we drive through the neighborhoods around the city, it's impossible not to notice the heavy equipment working on the streets and the barricades that have been erected that keep us from our usual pathways. The once rather direct route home from work has become very convoluted. Here's some information from the Civic Connection newsletter, May 2012:

Public Works Coordinates Infrastructure

Improvements throughout the City. Public and private utilities are investing millions of dollars to replace and improve infrastructure systems in our City. The Department of Public Works coordinates these utility projects along with the City's internal Capital Improvement Projects. This coordination is required to avoid conflicts in scheduling, partner on street restoration and to have the work accomplished as quickly and efficiently as possible, minimizing disruption to citizens and businesses. Coordination challenges include old, unmapped pipes and systems as well as parking and traffic control. But the effort pays off; when the projects are complete, residents and businesses will enjoy new, more reliable infrastructure as well as restored roads, driveways and

sidewalks that accompany the completion of these projects.

Below are some of the projects currently in progress:

- Virginia Natural Gas (VNG) Pipeline Replacement Projects. VNG has been improving their infrastructure in Norfolk for the past several years. Over the next four years, VNG will continue their progress by replacing at least 50% of their gas pipelines throughout the city. These improvements will insure safety, reliability, and protect pipes from corrosion. As part of the work, older cast iron and steel gas mains will be replaced with state of the art plastic and steel pipes. Completion date: Summer/Fall 2012. The projects are financed by fees paid by VNG customers and federal grants.
- HRSD Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement Projects. HRSD is undertaking major projects to replace and relocate the following: three miles of sewer line located in the Young Terrace, Ghent and West Ghent areas, one and a half miles of sewer line in the Riverview and Colonial Place areas and 4,000 linear feet of gravity sanitary sewer located in the Riverview area. Completion date: Fall 2012. The projects are financed by fees paid by HRSD customers.
- Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) Network Upgrade Project (Downtown). Over the last five years, DVP has upgraded its downtown underground network system to prepare for light rail. An upcoming project will finalize the upgrades and improve reliability and redundancy to downtown developments. Completion date: Winter 2012/2013. The project is financed by fees paid by Dominion Power customers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1,406.72
+ funds received	\$25.00		
- funds disbursed		\$125.89	
Ending Balance			\$1310.83

