



Wards Corner Civic League

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June 2014

Web site www.wardscorner.com

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS CENTER

MONDAY
June 16, 2014
6:45 PM

Program

Speakers Invited
Suburban Management
Norfolk SPCA
Discussion of Stop Signs-Burleigh,
Maycox, and North Shore

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

The June meeting marks the last meeting of the first half of the civic league year until we resume our schedule again in September. We will not have a newsletter in July and August. We will, however, post any news that you should know about on our website and the Wards Corner Now website. We will not have a meeting in July and August.

I wish to thank Barbara Ross for her dedicated service as our newsletter editor and newly elected board member. 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 thanks for your continued efforts as Chair of the Beautification Committee with the Greater Wards Corner Task Force. A thank you also goes 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-street cleanups over the several years. Thanks also to the members of our civic league who help in each of these cleanups. I thank Scott Guirlinger for all his help as a newly elected board member. We are pleased that you have joined us. 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 Wards Corner Civic League is one of the strongest and most powerful civic leagues in the city and you helped us with getting that distinction. 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. Maybe by the time the September meeting comes around we will see new businesses open or opening in the shopping center on the Northeast corner of the business district. You know that shopping center with all the vacant parking spaces that exist now!

In closing, let us all remember in our thoughts and prayers slain Norfolk Police Officer Brain Wayne Jones and his family and murdered high school student Mark Rodriguez and his family. Officer Jones and Mark were killed May 30th by the same gunman. They will be missed by all.

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 then in the fall at our September meeting.

Thanks,



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$2,164.80
+ funds received	\$35.00		
- funds disbursed		\$106.00	
Ending Balance			\$2,093.80

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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
Police Emergency	911

NEWS AND NOTES

If you own flags that are no longer in top shape, bring them to our civic league meeting and give them to Ray Duron. His Boy Scout Troop will arrange for them to be retired properly.

During the month of July, the Tidewater Winds Concert Band will give free concerts every Sunday at 7:30 PM in the auditorium of Norfolk Collegiate on Granby Street.

Ascension Episcopal Day School will be holding their 5th Annual Children's Fair at the Church of the Ascension, 405 Talbot Hall Road, Norfolk, on June 28th from 10:00-2:00 to raise funds for a new playground. This year they are offering several different ways you can help: donating items for the silent auction; becoming a sponsor of the Fair and having your name/company posted on a fair activity or throughout the fairgrounds; renting a vendor's table to promote your products and services; or just coming to enjoy the fun!

Activities will include a pony ride, petting zoo, "fun bus", dunking booth, bake sale, cake walk, corn hole, and more. Call 351-0566 or E-mail dayschool@ascension-norfolk.org if you have any questions.

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

May 19, 2014

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, May 19, 2014 in NWFCenter at 6:45PM. President Jim English welcomed 5 guests and new members, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance:34

Community Resource Officer Old reported 10 larcenies (300 block Bradford, (2) 200 and 500 block W. Little Creek, 500 block Timothy, (2) 100 block Burleigh, 7600 block Granby, 400 block Birmingham, 7600 block Bondale); 2 burglaries (500 blocks Birmingham and North Shore); and 2 vandalisms (100 blocks Birmingham and W. Little Creek Rd); an assault (100 block W Little Creek); and a robbery (100 block Birmingham). Three incidents included license plate theft. Our Officer answered questions of loitering at the Fitness Center field near Cedar Level, door to door canvassers with/without a city permit and street light outage on W Little Creek Rd.

Councilman Andy Protogyrou thanked voters for reelecting him to a second term . He updated us on budget monies for Wards Corner apartment acquisition in Denby Park, Capital Improvement funds for a safe bike and pedestrian trail from WC to Bayview past the cemetery, education changes affecting Granby, Blair and Maury. He answered questions about scam games at the laundromat, trashy parking lot near the Dollar store and at 7/11, unattended trash left out for pickup for weeks, zoning allowing 4 unrelated adults to reside in one house and another mattress store coming to the business district.

6th District Senator, Lynwood Lewis, was guest speaker who recapped the past session of General Assembly actions. He addressed VA mental health care system, SOLs reforms, ethics reform, transparency, not Obamacare but Health Marketplace VA, polarization, climate change, flooding, internet tax, judges for the circuit court, redistricting, and good news that revenue receipts are up but he lamented the non passage of a state budget of \$96 billion. He announced that Town Halls in Norfolk would be forthcoming at ODU and Pretlow Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.
Respectfully Submitted, Joan S Griffey, Sec.

DISCUSSION OF NEW STOP SIGNS

Neighbors on Burleigh, Maycox, and North Shore Roads (100-300 blocks) are proposing that the city install stop signs at the intersections of Cedar Level and Burleigh, Maycox, and North Shore, and the intersections of Colonial and Burleigh and Maycox. It's hoped that these will slow down the traffic that cuts through these streets. There is a map on our website that identifies these corners. We will discuss this at our meeting on June 16, and if approved, will make the recommendation to our Councilman, Andy Protogyrou. Please come and share your thoughts about this proposal.

PICNIC TIME

It's almost summer and that means picnics!

The Civic League is planning to sponsor a picnic on Saturday, June 28th from 11am to 2pm on the Fitness Center grounds if enough of our members show interest. If you would like to attend and/or are willing to help with the basic planning, please send an e-mail to Scott Guirlinger at scott.guirlinger@gmail.com

Newsletter Help

We still need help to deliver our newsletters in three neighborhoods. They are:

Newport Avenue -7600, 7700 blocks

**Ruthven - north of Little Creek Road
Meads - 500, 600 blocks**

**Timothy - 400 block
Michael - 7800 block**

**Please call Sue Classick if you can help at
489-2315**