



Wards Corner Civic League

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September 2014

Web site www.wardscorner.com

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS CENTER

MONDAY
September 15, 2014
6:45 PM

Program

**Katherine Horst-Suburban
Management (K&K Shopping
Center)**

**Richard Broad-Public Works
Speaker Invited from Virginia
Natural Gas**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome back to the last half of this civic league year. The summer of 2014 is now almost in the history books as it has once again sped by very rapidly. I hope your summer was enjoyable and relaxing. Mine sure was and I actually slowed down from my normal hectic work pace and was able to spend a lot of time at my summer home in Maine. I hope you are now ready to begin the fall activities. With fall fast approaching, school is in session and the Wards Corner Civic League will begin holding its regular meetings again. Our first meeting will be held at 645PM on September 15th at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center.

Over the summer we continued to see several major projects keep moving forward. For once in many months, I don't have to report a vacant Wards Corner Shopping Center parking lot. Fire House Subs has opened and there are two other stores being prepared for opening there- they are Liberty Tax Service and the Original Mattress Factory. This is good news. Also the land previously occupied by the BP station is now being prepared for construction of other stores. Business is picking up. The Rite Aid has been completely remodeled

inside and has reopened. The new beautiful Town Bank opened in June in the K & K Square shopping center of Wards Corner. All of these will add more positive visibility to the revitalization of Wards Corner that impacts all of us. Other projects that we have been following include but are not necessarily limited to:

- DePaul Hospital renovation
- Norfolk Collegiate athletic field improvements, rearrangements.
- Perry Property additions
- Dalis Property additions
- Denby Park demolitions

We will be discussing these projects as well as others over the course of the next several months. We will also have informative speakers on timely city topics for you to hear. Therefore, I want to welcome you back to another year of good productive civic league meetings. If you regularly attend our meetings please bring a neighbor. If you have never been to a meeting or you are new to the area please join us. A strong active civic league like ours gives us good and continued political clout, which we have built with our council representatives for this area. The Wards Corner Civic League is recognized as one of the strongest civic leagues in Norfolk.

We have a great fall program lined up and we hope to see you at the meetings. Please enjoy this newsletter. Please join your civic league. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on the 15th of September at 645PM at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center.

Sincerely,

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$2,093.80
+ funds received	\$425.00		
- funds disbursed		\$197.49	
Ending Balance			\$2,321.31

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, June 15, 2014 at 6:45PM in NFWCenter. President Jim English welcomed guests, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. 18 attended.

Dept. of Utilities update was presented by Gabriel Phelps for Rick Dempsey. We were told that the pump station on North Shore Rd was undergoing ventilation work, that Millbrook was the present site of sewer removal/replacement, that utility markings are drawn for ADA handicapped curb cuts, that VA Natural Gas is installing multiple gas lines along our streets. Traffic will become congested through the summer.

Community Police Resource Officer (CRO) listed 7800 block Restmere (2 larcenies, stolen vehicle), 500 block Birmingham (assault, auto larceny), 7800 block Doris Dr (forced entry), 500 block Timothy (larceny) and a call for service 300 block W. Little Creek and Burleigh. Apartment owners should be made aware of high noise levels. Near 7-11, lights were out. Was it related to the vandalism on Terminal Blvd? A neighborhood picnic is planned for June 28 from 11-2PM at the Fitness Center play lot. Drinks, condiments, etc. are supplied. Please come.

Invited speaker, SPCA Veterinary Practice Director Carole Lewis, recently recruited from Lexington, KY oversees 5 vets and 10 assistants. It is a no kill facility and offers spay and neutering, dental, amputation, radiology, vaccines, discount rates for adoption, and a Sr. for Sr. program. To help, donate time, money, old newspaper, towels and blankets.

A request to the city to install 4 way Stop signs for a few intersections in the area requires a signed petition. With increased traffic from the new shops in Wards Corner, neighbors are noticing cut-throughs and over speed limit traffic. Some streets have no sidewalk. A motion was made to request 4 way stop signs at Colonial and Maycox, at Cedar and Maycox, at North Shore and Cedar, at North Shore and Colonial, and 3 way stop signs at Colonial and Burleigh. Chris and Carolyn DePalma have canvassed these neighborhoods. The civic league voted in support of this action. Andy Protogyrou will receive our petition for Council.

Task force report is listed on wardscornernow.com. Low placed transformers in Wexford Terrace will be reported to utilities. Our next meeting is September 15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Griffey, Sec.

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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

Newsletter Help

A huge thank you to all who are continuing to deliver our newsletters. We've had a great response from those of you who delivered last year.

However - we still need help to deliver in a few neighborhoods.

Please contact Sue Classick if you can volunteer- 489-2315

Be Aware and Beware

Before you plant something in your garden, do some research. Here is a list of commonly available plants that are listed as invasive in Coastal Virginia. That means that they can easily take over your yard, and continue on throughout your neighborhood.

- Norway maple
- Bugleweed
- Five-leaf akebia
- Mimosa
- Giant reed grass
- Japanese barberry
- Fennel
- English ivy
- Cogon grass
- Chinese privet
- Maiden grass
- Golden bamboo
- Periwinkle
- Japanese wisteria
- Chinese wisteria

The Virginia Cooperative Extension (located on Diamond Springs Road) has a great website with much information about plants, trees, and lawns. Their website is www.ext.vt.edu

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 92 households. Please join-\$5 (individual), and \$10 (family). Send your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues amount is a bargain: \$5.00/person or \$10/household.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

NEWS AND NOTES

Want to Be a Good Neighbor???

Wards Corner Civic League believes in preserving our neighborhood from blight and neglect, untidiness, overgrown shrubs, grass growing through cracks in the sidewalk, litter and trash, parking on the grass (a \$30 fine if ticketed), peeling paint, cracked driveways, crape myrtle "suckers" growing at their bases, excessive noise and fast moving vehicles. Please do your part...help YOUR neighborhood. Many trees were cut down due to the gas and sewer replacement construction. We need trees for shade and esthetics. Please bring your address to our attention and we will contact the department involved to replace a tree on your property. Your civic league is a conduit to keeping the area safe and tidy. Join us at the next meeting. Thanks!

IF YOU PUT IN THE WORK, RESULTS WILL COME.

(Michael Jordan)

Your help is needed to be a volunteer and to help us pick up litter at our Adopt-A-Spot area (Ruthven Road at W. Little Creek Road) on Saturday, October 4, 8:00 AM. It only takes about an hour or two and makes an impressive difference in the area.

Gloves, trash bags and safety vests are provided.

Questions???

Call Ray Duron at 423-4337