



Wards Corner Civic League

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### JANUARY MEETING DATE

**CHANGED TO JANUARY 20, 7 PM**

#### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

**TUESDAY  
January 20, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**Program  
Follow-up to Collins Enterprise  
Development**

#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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

Dear Neighbors,

Our January meeting will be held on Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Wellness Center instead of January 26<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE.** We are making this change in order to hold a hearing on the Collins Property Development proposal on Newport Ave. A few of us have met with Mr. Collins and his staff several times over the holidays trying to come to a reasonable agreement on his development proposal prior to his Planning Commission hearing on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Collins will make a presentation regarding his proposal and there will be several art renderings of this development complex for us to view. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of that presentation. This will be a joint meeting with the Talbot Park Civic League. At the close of this meeting we will ask for a vote on whether we as a civic league are supportive or not

of this proposal. Following that meeting I will send a letter to the Planning Commission of our decision of support or not support of this proposal. This is a very important meeting and we would like to have a good turnout. We will have to live with this complex for many years so we want to make sure we get the best Development mix for our neighborhood as possible. Please join us.

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 our monthly newsletter but your presence at the meetings is greatly appreciated. Please consider attending. Please also visit us at [www.wardscorner.com](http://www.wardscorner.com) or [www.wardscornernow.com](http://www.wardscornernow.com)

Finally please note that our meeting date for February has changed due to the holiday on our regular meeting day. The February meeting will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 645PM. The meeting will be at the Wellness Center. At that meeting we hope to have the Principal of Granby Elementary as our speaker. We also will have our annual election of officers. I hope you can attend.

Thanks for allowing us to continue to serve you as officers of the Wards Corner Civic League.

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

Sincerely,

## Newsletter Help

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to exercise more? You can do that and also help your Civic League by adopting a street to deliver our newsletters. We still need two persons to deliver in the 300 and 400 blocks of Maycox and the 400 block of Timothy and 7800 block of Michael.

Please call Sue Classick at 489-2315  
to offer your help

## **WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Membership

***It's now time to pay your 2015 dues.***

Our dues amount is a bargain-\$5.00/person  
or \$10/household.

***Our current membership is 100 households. Send  
your check with the form below to Ray Duron at  
530 Sterling Street, 23505 or bring it to a  
meeting.***

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

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

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Wards Corner Civic League Minutes**

December 15, 2014

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 6:45PM in Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. President Jim English welcomed guests and led The Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: 19.

Community Resource Officer William Old reported 5 burglaries (Birmingham, Timothy, W Little Creek Rd), 3 larcenies, 1 stolen vehicle, 1 stolen license plate and 2 shoplifting charges. He answered concerns of truancy (phone 441-5610 or 911 to report), local panhandlers and security at area stores. He also suggested holiday safety tips.

Norfolk Public Library Sergeant Memorial Historical Room archivist and historian, Robert Hitchings, presented with energy and enthusiasm, a program on The Baroness of Norfolk (1826-1907), Mary Ludlow Selden. He has recently left NPL after 14 years and is now with Chesapeake Public Library Wallace Memorial History Room.

President Jim stated that our Holiday Decorating Event, with 3 categories, was to be judged by 3 volunteers beginning Sunday, December 21. Winners would be announced in January. Board member, Scott Guirlinger, proposed a civic league social event at Guads Restaurant in January. Issues of recent neighborhood problems were addressed in the vicinity of Arbor Point Apartments, Doris and Grantham.

The planned Collins project, Westport Commons condos, apartments and town homes, to replace the apartments adjacent to Granby Elementary School on Newport Avenue, will be presented and discussed for civic league acceptance at our January 26 meeting. We are urged to attend.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan S Griffey

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Holiday Decorations

The winners will be announced at our February Meeting. Many homes were decorated this year, and the neighborhood looked great.

### Spring Cleaning?

If you're cleaning out your closets or just getting rid of some old things, your Civic League will sponsor a neighborhood yard/garage sale in the Spring. More to come later, but contact a board member if you'd like to be on the organizing committee.

### Elections are Coming

Announcement is being made that elections for the Wards Corner Civic League Board will be postponed until till our February meeting because of the special meeting being held in January to discuss the Collins' property development.

Nominations can be made at the February meeting. Current Board members have indicated that they are willing to continue serving.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$2,054.26
+ funds received	\$30.00		
- funds disbursed		\$106.00	
Ending Balance			\$1,978.26

### **NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER**

*Meet & Greet @ Guads*

*Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30pm -  
8:00pm*

*Come meet your friendly neighbors and civic league board members, catch up on what is happening, and share what you want to happen in Wards Corner this year.*

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Pace Officer	252-207-4361
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

*Guads is family-friendly and will feature neighborhood happy hour specials.*

*Please plan ahead to attend and bring a neighbor too!*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FROM THE CIVIC LEAGUE BOARD**