



Wards Corner Civic League

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June 2016 Web site www.wardscorner.com

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS CENTER

Speakers

Norfolk SPCA
Robert Blizzard

Prime Plus Senior Services
Jeanita Castille

Community Resource Officer
William Old

Monday

June 20, 2016
6:45 – 8:30 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Everyone is invited!
Saturday, June 25th, 1-3pm

North Shore Playground

Presidents Message

By Jim English ajim.english@gmail.com

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is just around the corner and schools will be out and hopefully we will all enjoy some relaxing 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 many great activities to be enjoyed at this facility. If you are not a member yet please consider joining. Please take advantage of this exceptional facility in our back yard. Also please consider joining our social media Next Door Ward Corner at www.nextdoor.com. It is a great way to keep up with many of the things happening in our civic league area.

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 Wards Corner Civic League website and the Wards Corner Now website. We will not have a meeting in July and August unless absolutely necessary.

This brings me to the critical point of electing a replacement councilman for Ward 1. As you are aware Councilman Andy Protogyrou will no longer be our councilman as of July 1. At its July 1st meeting the newly elected city council will determine when a special election will be held to fill that seat. We are pushing for an August election. If the election date is held in August then we will have an election forum or meeting in July, a date to be determined. As you are as aware I have endorsed Martin Thomas Jr. for this seat and our Board of Directors has also done the same at its meeting on June 6th. Therefore please look for announcements about this important election on our website www.wardscorner.com as well as the Next-door website. It is vitally important that we elect Martin Thomas Jr. If the election is not held in August, then I will let you know when it is planned.

This is the time of year that I like to thank all of those folks who have made our civic league great over the course of the year. First, I wish to thank Barbara Ross for her dedicated service as our newsletter editor and 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. He also manages the website www.wardscornernow.com for the Greater Wards Corner area. 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 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 residents. 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 past 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 board member. Thank you for organizing the evenings at Guads and planning our civic league picnic. We are pleased that you have joined us. Lastly I want to thank Socko Pearson who is now coordinating and soliciting the ads for our newsletter. He has already brought in several new advertisers that you will see in the future. Thank you all for your service.

I also wish to thank our Police Officers who keep us safe every day and also provide us with needed information each month at our meetings. They do an outstanding job. We especially thank Officer William Old for his service to our civic league. Please make sure we follow their advice about how to keep ourselves safe. With the rise in car larcenies this means keeping our cars locked at all times and not keeping any valuables in our car. It also means calling the police at either the 911 number or non-emergency number to report any and all crimes that are witnessed. If they don't receive the calls, the crime is not registered with them and there is no record.

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!

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. Please also join us for our civic league picnic on June 25th at the Northshore Ave playground. There will be food and fun for all.

Sincerely,
Jim

PICNIC

Our civic league is hosting a neighborhood picnic on Saturday, June 25th at the North Shore Playground from 1pm to 3pm, or later if the good times keep rolling... Plan ahead to attend and bring along a friendly neighbor and side dish to pass if you like. Picnic essentials like burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, lemonade, iced tea, plates, utensils, etc. will be supplied by donations from local businesses and by the civic league. We'll be grilling out from 12:30 pm onwards.

It will be a fun time with food and games for adults and kids (and dogs) of all ages and abilities and a great way to celebrate our neighborhood and kick off summer with all of our friendly folks here in Wards Corner! So spread the word and bring a friend, family member, and/or neighbor along with you.

Please contact Scott Guirlinger at 489-3938 or scott.guirlinger@gmail.com or refer to WardsCorner.com or NextDoor for more information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1,990.60
+ funds received	\$225.00		
- funds disbursed		\$132.50	
Ending Balance			\$2,083.10

WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
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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

NEWS AND NOTES

Please remember to honor our country by displaying your flags on the 4th of July.

Our Civic League has received a donation of 300 flags from Martin Thomas, Jr., and we need your help to distribute them along the curbs of our major thoroughfares that weekend. If you are willing to help place 20 or 30 flags (it takes about an hour and can be done Friday night or Saturday morning), please let Sue Classick know. Her phone number is 489-2315.

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

May 16, 2016

WCCL met on Monday, May16, 2016 at 6:45PM in NFWCenter. President Jim English welcomed guests and led The Pledge of Allegiance. He acknowledged a visitor, John Andrews, a candidate for City Council. In attendance: 28.

Community Resource Officer Wm. Old reported 7 larcenies (vehicle), 2 burglaries and a stolen vehicle. He stated that a patrolling bike unit will soon begin in the evenings.

Guest Speakers from Norfolk Public Health Department (George Khan) and from Environmental Health Services (Norman Greffe) spoke about vector control, Zika Virus and rabies. They named Aedes Albopictus (Asian tiger) as the major nuisance mosquito in Norfolk. 5-7 days from egg to adult, it lives for 3 weeks. Common breeding sources are standing water in tires, flower pots, toys, tarps, buckets, gutters, and bird baths. Protection is using insect repellents that contain DEET, pinardin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. It can carry diseases such as West Nile Virus, Dengue, Zika, Dog Heartworm, and Equine Encephalitis. For help, phone 683 2840.

Rabies is an infectious viral disease affecting the nervous system of humans and other mammals. It is almost always fatal, unless preventive treatment is administered before symptoms. Seek medical attention promptly after being exposed. People get rabies from the bite of an animal with rabies. (raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, bat).

Wild animals (raccoons, skunks, foxes) and domestic animals (cats) and bats are affected. Vaccinate your animal for protection. Report to the Health Department if bitten. Restrict your animal on your property. Never keep wild animals as pets.

President Jim stated the By Laws have been revised and will be presented at our June meeting.

Vice President Martin Thomas Jr reported on the Planning Commission: Talbot Hall Conservation easement, new Starbucks on Hampton Blvd. revision, Roosevelt Shopping Center Thrift Store opposition, new Mattress Store pending on Hampton Blvd near Terminal, Waterside de-construction, Terminal Blvd resurfacing, Collins Properties near Granby Elementary. A public meeting at Good Shepherd Church will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 6PM.

The meeting adjourned at 820PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Griffey, Sec'y