



Wards Corner Civic League

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November 2016

Web site www.wardscorner.com

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS CENTER

Speakers

Superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools invited

Dr. Melinda J. Boone

Community Resource Officer

William Old

Update from Stormwater Managment

Monday

**November 21, 2016
6:45 – 8:30 PM**

Presidents Message

By Jim English ajim.english@gmail.com

Jim's message will return next month.

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

Updates from October Meeting

Arbor Pointe Apartments

As you are aware, the Arbor Pointe Apartments are up for sale. Inspector Michael Minton spoke with Mrs. Elizabeth, the representative for the potential buyer, and they have set up a meeting on Thursday, November 10th to discuss compliance. Mrs. Elizabeth asked for an extension for the repairs and Inspector Minton indicated there will be no extension until they meet on November 10th.

In the meantime, the maintenance crews for the complex are cutting back all the shrubbery and bushes, and repairing and painting all the back door seals that were damaged and needed to be painted.

We will provide you with an update after the meeting on Thursday, November 10th.

James A. Rodgers, Director, Neighborhood Development, Codes Enforcement

Wards Corner Sculpture

At this point, we are investigating the best possible way to repair the sculpture. We are definitely considering different materials that will be able to withstand the loads in the event of another storm.

The artist and his lead fabricator are researching the best way to accomplish the repair. Once they have a couple of viable options, they will discuss with the engineer that was originally on the project, but also will take it to an engineer they know and trust. The piece was engineered to take 100 mph gusts, which we did not experience.

We are dedicated to seeing the sculpture made whole again.

Karen Rudd, Manager Norfolk Arts

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

October 17, 2016

WCCL met at Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center at 645PM with 32 in attendance. President Jim English was out of town. VP Sue Classick welcomed guests and led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Community Resource Officer Wm Old reported 8 vehicle larcenies, 3 parts from auto thefts, 2 burglaries (500 block of Birmingham, 7700 block of Gloucester), vehicle larceny (600 block of Sterling), rape Oct 11 (Birmingham). Police will adjust hours and work later. He advised us to call/report truancy, motor bike on street by underage person and school bus traffic. In response to new reports of flooding yards, Burleigh and Maycox home crawl spaces and poor street drainage, representatives from Utilities, Cheryl Barnett, and Public Works, John White, addressed these problems. Federal mandates pushed the city to replace sewer lines to eliminate ground water seepage. With recent heavy rainfall and then Hurricane Matthew rains, the saturated soil had no run off. Ruthven, Timothy, Grantham, North Shore all experienced flooding. This department will investigate, follow up ASAP with a solution. The Burleigh Avenue heavy asphalt resurfacing caused the loss of a curb. Standing water more than 3 days is a health issue. Martin Thomas Jr, our Councilman, Scott Guirlinger, WCCL board member, manager Rick Dempsey and others met for an explanation. Further sewer line replacement projects will go on hold until this fiasco is addressed.

Guest speakers, Scott Mahone, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Department of Emergency Preparedness and Response CERT and Nathaniel Jones, Norfolk CERT Manager, explained their purpose in preparing volunteer citizens to help neighbors in times of disasters, hurricanes, tornados, emergencies, pandemics. There is a city emergency alert system available. (441-5600). If interested in volunteer opportunities, a CERT class begins in March.

Old business: Martin Thomas, Jr updated his advocacy in addressing the Arbor Pointe Apartments' deterioration. It is owned by an out of town group but locally managed. Through persistence, money was made available to replace and repair. The City is doing a codes sweep. Property crime is rising throughout the City. Burleigh flooding is his priority for our area.

WC Taskforce will be held second Thursday at 830 AM in NWFCenter.

Nominating Committee for slate of officers 2017 will be announced next month with elections in December.

The meeting adjourned before 815PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan S Griffey, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1,970.48
+ funds received	\$45.00		
- funds disbursed		\$132.50	
Ending Balance			\$1,882.98

103 Households are members of our Civic League. Is yours one of these?

Dues continue to be only \$5/person and \$10/household.

WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
1st VP/ Membership		
2nd VP/Newslet- ter distribution	Sue Classick	489-2315
Secretary	Joan Griffey	440-9508
Treasurer	Ray Duron	423-4337
Newsletter Editor	Barbara Ross	739-3600
Member-at-large	Scott Guirlinger	489-3938

Web Master – Martin Thomas, Jr. (618-6468)
Newsletter Editor –Barbara Ross
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There may be a couple vacancies on our Board of Directors, and a Nominating Committee will be announced in December. They will prepare a slate of candidates for election in January. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, or in running for an office on the Board of Directors, please send an e-mail to Jim English, or give him a call at 423-7154. Candidates will be asked to provide a short biography for our newsletter.

NEWS AND NOTES

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

Are you thinking about New Year's resolutions yet?

More exercise, volunteering for an activity that will benefit our neighborhood and those who live in it?

Consider this:

We still need 2 people who are willing to deliver our newsletter on a monthly basis for ten months.

The routes consist of approximately 20-30 papers, in a 3-4 block area.

Maybe you and your children would like to walk around the neighborhood, and would be willing to start out with just a couple blocks. Possibly you'd like to remove an electronic device from your child's hand for awhile and get him into the great outdoors. This could be your opportunity!

It takes about an hour, and is great exercise!

Please contact Sue Classick if you are willing to help. (489-2315)

WARDS CORNER 10K RUN

This inaugural run, postponed from Saturday, October 8, 2016, is now scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 8:00 AM. It will start at the Church of the Ascension, Newport Avenue and Talbot Hall Roads, go north on Newport, and through some of our neighborhoods. Some streets will be blocked for several hours.

Check the website at wardscorner10k.mettleevents.com for additional information on the run.

Another Few Reminders

Keep our neighborhood safe-report telephone pole lights that are out to the Norfolk Cares Center-664-6510. Provide the pole number to the operator.

Our neighborhood streets are swept the first Friday of the month. If possible, remove your vehicles from the street prior to sweeping.

News and Notes Continued

The Holidays are just around the corner, and we're planning on holding our annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest in December, with prizes to be awarded. Board Members have been impressed with the Halloween/Fall decorations that have appeared in the neighborhood recently, and we're considering a contest for them next year! More information to follow at the meeting and in December's newsletter.



Your Civic League Board is thankful for:

- *the wonderful people who live in our area*
- *our Norfolk government*
- *our Military*
- *our newsletter supporters*
- *our Freedoms*
- *our National government*

We wish you, your families and friends a wonderful Thanksgiving.