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### Come join us!

*Our next meeting:*

**Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center**

**Monday, November 20, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

*Guest Speaker:*

**Dr. Lynnell Gibson, Principal, Granby High School**

***\*\*Please note the  
6:30 start time\*\****

### President's Message

As many of you already know, Jim English passed away on November 7<sup>th</sup>. He served as president of our civic league from 1999 through 2016 and was a strong advocate for our neighborhood and city. He will be missed in this neighborhood and beyond. Please see our tribute to him on the pages that follow in this newsletter.

This month our guest speaker will be Dr. Lynnell Gibson, principal of Granby High School. We will hear about what's new and exciting going on at the school, discuss neighborhood concerns with truancy, and find out if there's anything the neighborhood can do to assist the school and its staff and students. Please plan to join us at 6:30pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting.

Our board has discussed the future of our newsletter at length over the past year or so and has come to the conclusion that now is the time to transition to an electronic version. Our longtime newsletter printer has sold his business and some of our volunteer deliverers have had to step down for various reasons. This December will be our final print newsletter distributed to all households.

We have seeded our emails distribution list with current member email addresses on record. We've included information in this newsletter, and will put the same in the December newsletter, on how to subscribe to our e-mailing list if you are not already subscribed. If you would still like to receive a print newsletter, please contact a civic league board

member to let them know your preference and we will ensure that you receive a print copy each month. We trust that this new means of communication will provide you with easier and more timely access to pertinent neighborhood issues each month.

I know you may all be tired of hearing about elections at this point, but... our civic league board elections take place every year at our December meeting. We will have at least one open position on our board on the upcoming ballot. If you have any interest in helping to lead our neighborhood and would like more information about what a board position entails, please feel free to reach out to any of our current board members with questions.

Finally, the Suburban Acres civic league has invited all Wards Corner civic league members and residents to a holiday party on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Suburban Park Elementary. Please do mark this on your calendar and plan to attend this joint celebration with our neighbors across Granby Street. I look forward to see all of you there!

*Scott Guirlinger*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$2140.81
+ funds received	\$155.00		
- funds disbursed		\$182.50	
Ending Balance			\$2,113.81

## A Tribute to Jim English

Jim English was the WCCL president for 17 years. He was also our friend and neighbor, and among other things, a Navy Veteran and ODU professor. Jim's positive impact on both Wards Corner and the City of Norfolk was substantial, as shown by the proclamation presented to Jim by Mayor Kenny

Alexander in January of 2017. With Jim's passing on November 7, we say a sad goodbye to our friend -- a true Norfolk leader for over 40 years. Jim, you will be missed.

<http://www.hdoliver.com/obituary/A.-James-English-Jr./Norfolk-Virginia/1763418>



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<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>664-6532</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>683-2712</b>
<b>Sewer Backup</b>	<b>823-1000</b>
<b>Waste Management (Call here for large pickups)</b>	<b>441-5813</b>
<b>Norfolk Cares Call Center (Don't know what office to call on the problem?)</b>	<b>664-6510</b>
<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>

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**Wards Corner Civic League –  
Membership Meeting October 16, 2017**

Meeting Started at 6:30 pm with 44 in attendance  
(Including presenters)

There was a written crime report there for review. Given the number of speakers, WCCL Board elected to let Officer Old turn that in so that we could get right to the presenters. A brief update on Westport Commons was provided. The building that has been in question will remain the same with only widow's porches on the front instead of actual balconies. There has been a clarification that now the city cannot approve any changes without approval by the Civic Leagues. Previously, this was a sort of courtesy agreement, now it is a requirement. Final update was the reminder of our Halloween Decorations Contest. At the time of this printing, it is complete, and results are posted elsewhere. Congratulations to the winners!!

The bulk of the meeting was a forum for the candidates in several elections that were completed on November 7. Each candidate that chose to join us, 10 in all, was allotted 4 minutes to give a brief description of where they stood and what they would bring to the position if elected. No questions were allowed during the time of their speakers, so they were able to give a good accounting of their plans. After all of the candidates had spoken, it was then opened for an informal meet and greet where anyone could go and speak directly to any candidate they chose and get answers to their questions. This went on for the remainder of the meeting, and it went very well.

Meeting adjourned promptly at 8:00 pm.

**Invite from Suburban Park Civic League**

Our friends and neighbors across Granby Street have invited the Wards Corner Civic League to their annual Holiday Party. The civic leagues will provide the food (we may ask for a few potluck dishes!) and the Norfolk Public Schools Jazz Band will be performing jazz and Holiday songs. Come for dinner, music, and friendship!

**When:** Monday, December 11; 6:00 (setup) – 8:00 pm

**Where:** Auditorium at Suburban Park Elementary School, 310 Thole Street

We need a headcount, so if you plan to attend please text/call Carolyn DePalma at 757-641-2398.

**Thanks to All Who Decorated!**

Announcing the winners of our Halloween Decorating contest:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** 601 Timothy Avenue (Guads gift card)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 429 Maycox Avenue (Guads gift card)

**Honorable Mentions:** 306 North Shore Road, 512 Burleigh Avenue, 7448 Decreny Circle

**Upcoming Holiday Decorating Contest!**

Get ready to decorate for the holidays! Board members will judge the best holiday decorations on Friday, December 22. We'll be judging in several categories, so whatever your spirit of the holiday – we have a category for you! Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations.

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