



## Wards Corner Civic League

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June 2018

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### President's Letter

Have you ever walked or driven past something that was broken or neglected and thought, "someone should call that in"? Maybe it was a pothole, or a street light outage, or bulk waste in need of pickup. Then we bemoan the state of the problem (and perhaps the state of our city in general) to our families, friends, and neighbors. Perhaps we notify the civic league. I'm guessing that we have all done this at some point.

The good news is we can all be that "someone" who calls in the problem. As civic league president, I often hear residents say that they don't know who to call. The Norfolk Cares Center is the city's single point of

### *Come join us at our next meeting!*

**Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center**

**Monday, June 18, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**\*\*\*\* Special Guest Speaker: \*\*\*\***

**Mayor Kenneth Alexander, City of Norfolk**

#### *Guest Speakers:*

Art Collins, Westport Commons & Greg Knapp, Ryan Homes

This month we will welcome Mayor Alexander as the featured speaker at our meeting on June 18th. With the new city budget, a lot of major changes have been approved by city council in an effort to ensure

Norfolk's success into the future. I am certain you all have questions for him about the budget, his vision for Norfolk, and other concerns. Please do plan to attend our meeting and learn and share with the mayor.

We will also hear a presentation from the developers of Westport Commons, perhaps the

### Dates to Remember

**Monday, June 18, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center: WCCL General Meeting

**Wednesday, June 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**, Workforce Development Center: Community Meeting #2

**Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 - 9:00 pm**, Guads at Granby: WCCL Summer Social

**Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 - 9:00 pm**, Guads at Granby: WCCL Summer Social

**Saturday, September 8, 12:00 – 3:00 pm**, Northshore Playground: WCCL Community Cookout

contact for visitors, residents, and businesses to request a city service, report a concern, seek information about Norfolk, or follow-up on a previous request. They can be reached by phone at 664-6510 during business hours or online anytime at [www.norfolk.gov/askaquestion](http://www.norfolk.gov/askaquestion). No concern is too small or too large to report. The city cannot fix what it does not know about. I regularly report issues myself, and can say that most are resolved in a timely manner. For any issue that is not resolved satisfactorily, the civic league can be an advocate to bring attention to it.

final presentation we will see on this development. Our relationship with this developer and development have been ongoing for the past decade. Art Collins would like to turn over the remainder of the development work to Ryan Homes and essentially let them finish the project. Ryan Homes will show us renderings of the remaining buildings to be built and will take comments from the floor.

This June newsletter and meeting will also be our last formal newsletter and meeting until

September. In the interim, I look forward to seeing all of you around the neighborhood as well as at our summer socials in July and August and our neighborhood potluck cookout on September 8th. Enjoy your summer!

Scott Guirlinger

### Wards Corner Civic League Membership Meeting 5-21-2018

The meeting opened at 6:32PM with a moment of silence in honor of Ray Duron. Ray was the former Treasurer of the Wards Corner Civic League Board, and supporter of both the Boy Scouts and Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. Officer Old followed with a short report: a burglary in the 500 block of Timothy, which was closed by arrest. He also noted thieves targeting personalized license plates and recommended as a safety precaution, using tamper proof license plate screws.

Our speaker was Joe Dillard with HRT. He discussed the approximately 100-million-dollar budget for HRT and how they not only spend it, but how it is raised. Norfolk carries the lion's share of the contributions. He discussed the lack of, but need for, regional cooperation to create a cohesive transit system through all the Hampton Roads Cities. A complete system is attractive to large businesses when they are looking for cities to move into. He also talked about two distinctions for HRT: HRT is the largest bus system in Virginia, and HRT is also the only transit system in Virginia with light rail. Mr. Dillard discussed the Core 20 plan, which included taking 20 heavily used routes and dedicating resources to them to better link our metro, malls, schools and other business areas. He fielded questions about Park and Ride and Light Rail plans to continue to Naval Base Norfolk.

Next to speak was Jo Anna Tremper, President of the Wards Corner Optimist Club. She petitioned for volunteers to help in their fundraising efforts. The Optimist Club, established in 1987, has tried to support the youth in our and many other areas by providing scholarships. The scholarships are awarded as prizes in Spoken Word and Writing contests in conjunction with our local school system. They also try to promote safety, nonviolence, and internet safety. For more information, contact the WCCL Board and we can put you in touch with a member of the Club.

WCCL President Scott Guirlinger updated us on the North Shore Playground improvements. The plants for the playground area have been purchased, a time needs to be picked, and volunteers need to be secured to help get the plants in the ground. He pointed out that the new Wards Corner Adopt-a-Spot is the large open field next to the Norfolk Wellness and Fitness Center. Out next cleanup effort will be sometime between July and September.

Councilman Martin Thomas updated us on a few things. This year's budget includes \$900,000 to purchase more blighted properties around the Wards Corner commercial area and to have them torn down to make space. Talk has been leaning towards Soccer and Lacrosse fields going in that space. Martin also mentioned that SL Nusbaum will be taking over the construction of the retail and restaurant areas proposed around the new outlet mall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

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*Join us! Dues are \$10.00 per household per year. You can pay Treasurer Brian Daniel by cash or check at the next meeting or go to [wardscorner.com](http://wardscorner.com) and pay via PayPal.*

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### Treasurer's Report

	ACCOUNT	
	CHECKING	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,470.42	\$14.10
Funds received (cash/check)	\$20.00	0
Funds received (PayPal)	0	0
Funds deposited (cash)	\$10.00	
Funds dispersed	100.00	0
Ending balance	\$1,400.42	\$14.10

Cash on hand = \$0

Funds dispersed = Donations in member of Ray Duron: Boy Scouts: \$50, Bishop Sullivan Catholic HS \$50

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### Summer Hiatus!

June 18 is the last civic league meeting before our summer hiatus. WCCL traditionally takes the months of July and August off, so there are no meetings scheduled. However, we do want to

socialize so we have neighborly events planned for both months. Last year, we held a social each month at Guads at Granby, which were a great success – many of our neighbors showed up at Guads for good food and good conversation. We'll be providing appetizers; Guads will be providing happy hour drink prices. This year, our summer socials will be held at Guads at Granby on:

- Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

We also look forward to our next neighborhood cookout, scheduled for:

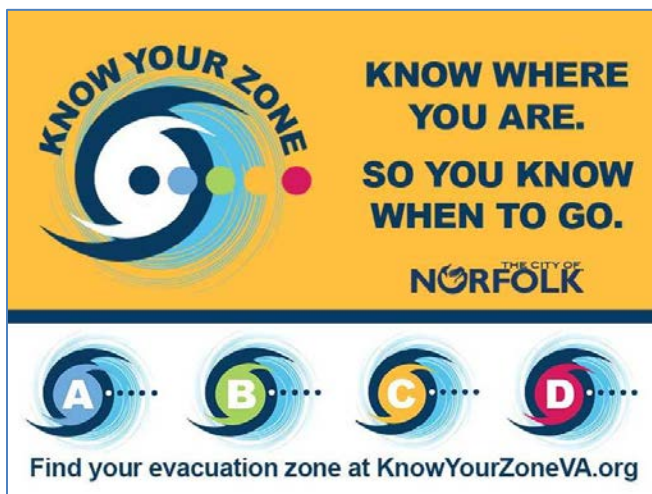
- Saturday, September 8, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

WCCL provides the grill and hamburgers/hot dogs. Please bring chairs and a side dish to share.

Our next Adopt-a-Spot day has still not been scheduled, but please be on the lookout through Nextdoor.com or our wardscorner.com website for the next date and time. WCCL will resume our regular meetings beginning Monday, September 17, 2018, at 6:30.

## June Announcements & News

*Courtesy of the City of Norfolk public website  
www.norfolk.gov*



## Hurricane Season 2018 Has Started

June 1 starts hurricane season each year. Some items from the Norfolk website:

- Know your evacuation route by going to KnowYourZone.org.
- Register for Norfolk Alerts to get information on your phone (Norfolk.gov)

- Get tips and information about Hurricanes and Nor'easters (Norfolk.gov)

## Summer Library Season


Don't forget Norfolk Public Libraries are a great place to take the kids this summer! You can go to [Norfolkpubliclibrary.org](http://Norfolkpubliclibrary.org) to find out about the programs offered to kids of all ages, as well as adults. And check out Norfolk's newest library – Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library at Broad Creek!

## Don't Get Scammed!

As a reminder, the Norfolk City Treasurer's Office does not try to collect taxes over the phone. The office has been notified of scammers calling Norfolk residents and trying to collect taxes. If you receive a call, hang up. To find out if you owe taxes, call 757-664-7800. The Treasurer's office will let you know if you owe taxes and the proper way to pay them.

## Community Meeting - June 20, 2018

# COMMUNITY MEETING #2



### HELP REFINE THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF WARDS CORNER

Building on what we heard from you at our February community meeting, we need your input and feedback on a potential new vision for the Wards Corner commercial area.

Key opportunities to be outlined include:

- Transportation opportunities and issues including making Wards Corner more walkable
- Appropriate future land uses and community amenities that will make Wards Corner a stronger community asset
- Steps required to realize the vision

*All are welcome, even if you did not attend the first meeting!*

**DATE AND TIME**


Wednesday, June 20, 2018  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

**LOCATION**

Workforce Development Center  
201 E. Little Creek Road  
Norfolk, VA 23505

**Information**

(757) 664-4772  
[paula.shea@norfolk.gov](mailto:paula.shea@norfolk.gov)  
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**Important Numbers**

<b>Police Non-Emergency</b>	<b>757-823-4433</b>
<b>Pace Officer</b>	<b>252-207-4361</b>
<b>Police Red Sector</b>	<b>757-823-4450</b>
<b>Norfolk Cares Call Center</b> <b>Call for:</b> Sewer Backup, Code Enforcement, Waste Management, Animal Control – everything else!	<b>757-664-6510</b>
<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>

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