



Wards Corner Civic League

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President's Letter

Happy early thanksgiving to everyone! In this time of gratitude, I must express my thanks to all of our kind neighbors in Wards Corner. People are the essence of a neighborhood and we've got some of the best around. (I especially love our neighborhood on Halloween night - we do it great!).

This month our guest speaker will be Dr. Michelle Covi, Professor of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences at Old Dominion University and one of the Virginia Sea Grant extension staff. In her role as an extension agent, she helps to connect expertise in our universities to address climate change and sea level rise adaptation issues. We've had an especially wet and rainy fall season and we all know what that means for the tide waters in our city. She will be talking about resiliency, what we can expect and

Come join us at our next meeting!

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center

Monday, November 19, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Regular Speakers:

Martin Thomas, Vice Mayor, City of Norfolk

Adale Martin, School Board, Ward 1

William Old, NPD Community Resource Officer

Guest Speaker:

Michelle Covi, Assistant Professor of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Old Dominion University

Park Elementary. Please do mark this on your calendar and plan to attend this joint celebration and meeting with our neighbors across Granby Street. In lieu of this holiday event, we will *not* host our own separate meeting in December.

Our civic league board elections will therefore take place at our January 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.

We awarded prizes for Halloween decorations and will once again do the same for holiday decorations this December. So get those lights ready and start stringing them up here soon! We're also looking for

Dates to Remember

Monday, November 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center: WCCL General Meeting

Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm, Suburban Park Elementary School, Suburban Acres Civic League Holiday Party

Monday, January 28, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting and Board Elections

what we can do. It should be a very interesting conversation.

The Suburban Acres Civic League has once again invited all Wards Corner Civic League members and residents to a pot-luck holiday party with musical entertainment provided by the fabulous Norfolk Public Schools jazz band. This fun event will be held on Monday, December 10th at 6:00pm at Suburban

a couple of volunteer judges to go around on the night of December 22nd. If you're interested in judging, please let a board member know.

Thanks again to all of you for being a part of our neighborhood. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your loved ones.

Scott Guirlinger

Wards Corner Civic League Membership Meeting, October 15, 2018

Attendance: 26

The meeting opened at 6:34 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Old provided the following update:

- A vehicle larceny with two guns missing
 - Officer Old also reminded us again to secure weapons in your house, and not leave them in the vehicle.
- There was also a stolen vehicle from Shirley Ave in Norfolk.

Martin Thomas gave the following update:

- A city council retreat is scheduled for October 29 to discuss upcoming agendas and open items.
- Kotarides is working on designs for where Kroger and the City of Norfolk presently reside. Possibilities include combination apartments and parking, or possibly a hotel.
- NRHA is buying more properties in Denbigh Section; the money is already available and has been allocated.
- Razzo's restaurant in the Old Fire Station#12 hopes to open around the beginning of 2019.

Adale Martin stated there have been no major developments in schools (Update: since this meeting it has come out that they are considering consolidating schools).

Jay Jones, Delegate, 89th District also provided an update:

- Virginia House of Delegates is expecting a 45-day session in January, with tax Reform on the agenda as well as Medicaid approvals.
- Delegate Jones also held a brief Q&A with attendees on a variety of subjects.

The primary topic discussed thereafter was the bike lanes. There was a spirited discourse with lots of information, both new and old, disseminated. Speakers were Brian Donnagan with Talbot Park Civic League, Matt Paddock of the Bike and Pedestrian Trails Commission, as well as Paul Fillan and Susan Pollock with the City of Norfolk. The latest bike plan can be reviewed at <https://www.norfolk.gov/BikePlan>. At a cost of \$825,000 and still not 100% completely planned out in its execution, there are debates for and against the lanes and the route it presently

expects to use. The route from downtown to Willowood is already complete, with the Bay Ave to Oceanview section being designed soon. The section from Willowood to I-564 is not yet being discussed (possibly expected around 2021), with a master plan that was written in 2014. Safety for bikers using the lanes through the congested areas of Wards Corner were a large part of the discussion. For those interested, there is a meeting on the 1st Thursday of every month at 4:00 PM on the 10th floor of City Hall to hear the latest info and possibly be heard as well.

President Scott Gurlinger updated with:

- Adopt-a-Spot clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 9:00 AM.
- Plants for North Shore Playground are now up in the air due to City of Norfolk Red tape.
- For any creative minds that are interested, please come up with a bumper sticker/logo (like the oval ones so many other destination locations have for themselves) with a logo, acronym or catch phrase. Please submit your idea to the Board and let us let everyone know how much we love being in Wards Corner.

Adjourned 7:55pm

Become a member!

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 and pay via PayPal.

Treasurer's Report*

	ACCOUNT	
	CHECKING	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,400.42	\$14.10
Funds received (cash/check)*	\$250.00	0
Funds received (PayPal)	0	0
Funds deposited (cash)	\$10.00	
Funds dispersed	\$578.49	0
Ending balance	\$1,031.93	\$32.92

Cash on hand = \$40.00

*No change since October

A Successful Morning at Our Adopt-a-Spot



On Saturday, November 17, ten Wards Corner neighbors (and their dogs!) showed up to help clean our assigned Adopt-a-Spot, the green space/grounds of the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. They collected seven bags of trash and enjoyed neighborhood camaraderie. The dogs had fun, too.

Stay tuned for our next date and time, and plan to show up and help keep your neighborhood clean!

Are You Interested in Becoming a WCCL Board Member?

At our January 28 General Meeting, we will be electing a board for the 2019 year. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact a current board member with the position in which you are interested, and then make sure you are at the January meeting. Or, you can nominate yourself or someone else at the January meeting.

And even if not running, please make sure you show up so your vote can count. Our board positions include:

- President
- 1st Vice President (Membership)
- 2nd Vice President (Website and Social Media)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- Up to 3 members at Large (Events)

Board members meet on a monthly basis, usually the week prior to the general meeting.

Halloween Contest

We have our winners! Congratulations to 7732 Newport Avenue for their Halloween decorations as our first place winner (see the picture below). Second place goes to 111 Burleigh Avenue. Guads gift cards will be awarded to both of our winning neighbors.



Holiday Notes

Holiday Party

Wards Corner Civic League is partnering with Suburban Acres Civic League for the annual Holiday Party. Last year's party featured great conversation, good food, and wonderful entertainment by the Norfolk Public Schools Jazz Band. The festivities begin on Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm at Suburban Park Elementary. And don't forget to bring a potluck dish to share!

Holiday Decorations

WCCL will hold its annual Holiday Decorating Contest again this December. Guads gift cards will be awarded to the top two best decorated houses. Judging will be done the weekend of December 22-23, so make sure your decorations are up by that weekend to be considered. Interested in judging? Please contact a board member and let him or her know you'd like to participate.

Next Meeting

With the holiday party and upcoming holiday season, we will not hold a general meeting for the Wards Corner Civic League. Our next meeting, during which we will be electing board members, will be held on January 28, a week later due to the Martin Luther King Monday holiday. We hope to see you here!

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