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April 2019

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President's Letter

Spring is here, and with it comes a barrage of pollen. I sometimes wonder if the mermaid in the city logo is lime green because of this...

Many residents found that temperatures were not the only thing rising this spring. From discussions I have had with other residents around the city and dialogues I have seen online,

property assessments are all on the rise as well. I've heard a lot of complaints, concerns, and confusion about the new numbers and so have arranged for city assessor Pete Rodda to come educate all of us this coming Monday on how the assessment process works. Hopefully, his speech will demystify the process for all of us. I certainly hope it does for me! He will field some questions as well after his speech

Some of you also received another piece of government email in the past week or two, this one with a new voter registration card. While the redistricting of Hampton Roads and Richmond for the Virginia House of Delegates is still not completely through the federal courts, it has come far enough

Come join us at our next meeting!

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center

Monday, April 15, 2019, 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:

Rick Dempsey, Civil Engineer, Department of Utilities

Pete Rodda, City Assessor, City of Norfolk

that new districts have been drawn and approved and voters have been reassigned. Our neighborhood used to be split between the 89th district represented by Jay Jones and the 100th district represented by Rob Bloxom. With the new districts, we are now part of the 79th

district and no longer the 89th district. Steve Heretick is our elected representative for the 79th district. There is no change to those neighbors represented by Rob Bloxom in the 100th district. If you need or want more details, the state's website has the latest district maps. We are inviting delegate Steve Heretick to speak at an upcoming civic league meeting.

I hope to see many of you Monday at our meeting. Until then, enjoy the weather and avoid the pollen.

Scott Guirlinger

Dates to Remember

Monday, April 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting

Monday, May 20, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting

See other scheduled dates throughout the newsletter!

Granby Elementary PTA Spring Festival

April 27th

10am - 3pm

Games, food, vendors, & more!

Open to the Public

Want to volunteer? Contact

granbypta@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes

Wards Corner Civic League Membership Meeting

March 18, 2019

The meeting opened at 6:31 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

WCCL President Scott Guirlinger invited new attendees to introduce themselves.

Officer Old advised that there was another stolen license plate in the 100 block of Little Creek Road, with no arrests as of yet.

Our featured speaker was Fleta Jackson, Project Coordinator for Keep Norfolk beautiful, a division of Norfolk Public Works. She explained that KNB has been responsible for an astounding 200 tons of trash removed in a single year. The cleanup was accomplished through community cleanups, residential cleanup, and hazardous waste disposal events, in conjunction with several regional and national initiatives. You can see the results of past projects, as well as upcoming volunteer opportunities, at the [Keep Norfolk Beautiful](http://www.KeepNorfolkBeautiful.org) website.

Steve Traylor, Norfolk's Forester, spoke about the work being done to help Norfolk's dwindling leafy canopy. There are two (2) primary canopy improvement events where trees are given away. Both ornamental and fruit and edibles are provided. He also noted that if you see any issues with trees in your neighborhood, you can call Norfolk Cares at 664-6510, or visit the [Norfolk Cares](http://www.NorfolkCares.org) website and create a case. It can be trees that are dying, that are overgrown, or even if the roots are interfering with sidewalks. The proper city services, including Forestry, will be notified to review what can be safely done to mitigate the situation.

Adale Martin updated us on the latest Norfolk public Schools initiatives. They are still working to find ways to lower bullying, looking into dress codes, and possibly lowering the amounts of homework for pre-k students. She also noted that some revamping of school uses will start next school year. Lake Taylor will become a 3rd – 8th grade; Fairlawn will be K-2. Poplar Hall will be closing its doors and the students will be sent to other schools, likely along with the same teachers and fellow students. NPS will be changing start times for high school students in the 2020-21 school year. The exact process is still up for debate. NPS employees got a 3.2% raise this year and can expect a 3.1% raise next year.

Scott ended the meeting with an appeal to any talented Wards Corner residents with some marketing experience and who want to show off their skills to volunteer with Wards Corner rebranding. We are looking for ideas to rebrand Wards Corner to let people know it really is the place to be. If interested, please reach out to a Board Member; contact information can be found in this newsletter or at www.wardscorner.com.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Notes from Norfolk

From the City of Norfolk website: www.Norfolk.gov

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection is Relocating

(HHW) will be collected at SPSA's Norfolk Transfer Station located at 3136 Woodland Avenue, Tuesdays and Saturdays only, Noon – 4 p.m.

NORFOLK, VA – Effective May 1, 2019, Norfolk's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) will be collected at SPSA's Norfolk Transfer Station located at 3136 Woodland Avenue, Tuesdays and Saturdays only, Noon – 4 p.m. The Towing and Recovery facility will continue to accept electronics and paper shredding. Towing is open 24 hours, 7 days a week at 1188-A Lance Road.

Returning HHW collection to SPSA will eliminate potential environmental hazards and ensure continued safe handling and disposal.

Free NEON District Art Tours Begin April 19 through NEON Festival in October

NORFOLK, VA - Downtown Norfolk Council has partnered with Norfolk Tour Company to offer free monthly walking tours of the NEON District April through October. The tours explore the District that now has more than 87 pieces of public art and a multitude of local businesses that make up the neighborhood fabric.

Art installations include murals, statues and lighting from works by nationally celebrated visual artists like Esteban del Valle and HENSE, to local heroes like Carl Medley III and Hannah Kirkpatrick, to the world-renowned Chrysler Museum of Art.

Each tour also highlights a NEON District business or partner, which provides tour attendees with a special experience or promotional offer.

"We want to welcome new visitors through these tours," said Rachel McCall, special projects manager with Downtown Norfolk Council. "We hope it creates a relationship with our businesses and repeat visits throughout the year."

- April 19, 6:30pm, Chrysler Museum of Art
- May 18, 7pm, d'Art Center
- June 14, 7pm, Virginia Opera
- July 19, 7pm, Norfolk Printing Company
- August 16, 7pm, Zeke's Beans & Bowls
- September 20, 6pm, Be a Local LoveVA
- October 17 & 18, NEON Festival

The Finest Hours: The True Story, and the Making of the Book and Disney® Movie

Featuring author Michael Tougias and his book *The Finest Hours*

NORFOLK, VA – Slover Library presents a two-part event featuring author Michael Tougias and his book *The Finest Hours*, a re-telling of an astonishing, true-life maritime event. On February 18, 1952, a ferocious nor'easter split in half a 500-foot long oil tanker, the *Pendleton*, approximately one mile off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Incredibly, just twenty miles away, a second oil tanker, the *Fort Mercer*, also split in half. On both fractured tankers men were trapped on the severed bows and sterns and all four sections were sinking in 60-foot seas. Thus, began a life and death drama of survival, heroism, and a series of tragic mistakes. Of the 84 seamen aboard the tankers, 70 would be rescued and 14 would lose their lives. The following events are taking place at Slover.

The Finest Hours: Film Screening – Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 2 PM to 4 PM, Room 305

Enjoy a screening of the 2016 film *The Finest Hours*, starring Chris Pine and Casey Affleck, where the Coast Guard makes a daring rescue attempt off the coast of Cape Cod after a pair of oil tankers are destroyed during a blizzard in 1952.

The Finest Hours: Author Talk – Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Room 640

The *Finest Hours* author Michael Tougias will discuss this true-life event and the development of *The*

Finest Hours book and movie. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Volunteer to Team Up and Clean Up the Elizabeth River Trail

Celebrate Keep Norfolk Beautiful Day, May 4th, on the ERT

NORFOLK, VA – Keep Norfolk Beautiful and the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation have teamed up to host a litter cleanup along the 10.5-mile riverfront trail, and they need your help!

Bike, walk, run or drive to the trail and lend a hand to tackle litter and help keep the city's iconic trail beautiful. On Keep Norfolk Beautiful Day, Saturday, May 4th, 9 am – 12 pm volunteers of all ages will work together to pick up litter in 10 different locations along and near the trail. After the cleanup, volunteers are invited to spend the afternoon in the Chelsea Business District to celebrate. This event is part of the regional kickoff for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

For more information and to register for this event, visit Keep Norfolk Beautiful's website at www.norfolk.gov/knb or contact knb@norfolk.gov or 757-441-1347.

NORFOLKWORKS

"**NORFOLK WORKS** is the workforce development arm of the Norfolk Department of Economic Development."

Intended for both job seekers and businesses, Norfolk Works is a city resource to help those looking for employment to get help with resumes, applications, job searches, etc., as well as provide a database of local jobs. It is also a resource for businesses to find local talent, promote job openings, find research on the job market such as wage information, salaries, etc.

For more information, please go to www.norfolkdevelopment.com/norfolk-works

Job Fair

April 27, 2019
 Registration 18:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
 Job Fair 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We are hiring
for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

- Art Teachers
- Elementary Education, K-5
- English Teachers
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Applicants are required to complete the online application at www.npsk12.com. Print the completed application prior to submitting. Bring the application and copies of supporting credentials to include a valid teaching license, transcripts, assessment scores (VCLA, RVE, Praxis II), recent summative or student teaching evaluations, and references with you to the job fair. Applicants may contact the Department of Human Resources at 757-628-3905 for additional information.

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NORFOLK RESIDENTIAL E-CYCLING COLLECTION

Division of Waste Management
 1176 Pineridge Road
 Monday - Saturday • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 757-441-5813

Division of Towing
 1188-A Lance Road
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 757-823-1093

Norfolk's Electronics Collection Service is available **FREE OF CHARGE** for Norfolk residents only. Proof of residency is required.
 *Proof may include driver's license or utility bill.

ACCEPTED ELECTRONICS ITEMS

- Audio equipment
- Cable cords
- Calculators
- Cameras
- Camcorders
- Cassette tapes
- Cell phones
- Circuit boards
- Circuit breakers
- Communications equipment
- Computer peripherals
- Connectors wiring
- Consumer electronics
- Copiers
- DVDs
- DVD players
- Electrical equipment
- Fax machines
- Floppy discs
- Household appliances
- Internal circuits
- Keyboards
- Laptop computers
- Mainframes
- Monitors
- Networking equipment
- Personal computers
- Printers
- Power supplies
- Servers
- Stereo equipment
- Switches
- Telephone equipment
- Televisions
- Typewriters
- VCRs (Magnetic tape removed)
- Visual equipment
- Voltage regulators
- Workstations: (Entire computer set-ups, phone, electric pencil sharpener, multiple cord jack and battery back-up)

* Limited to 5 gallons or 75lbs. of material per visit

Questions: Call 757-441-5813 or visit www.norfolk.gov/waste



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

YOU ARE INVITED TO
NORFOLK'S SHORELINE BUFFER WORKSHOP

Hands-on Activities

The City Departments of Planning, Public Works and Recreation, Parks, and Open Space are teaming up to offer the 6th annual buffer workshop. Shoreline buffers are forested or landscaped areas next to streams, rivers and bays that are valuable ecosystems.

- Discover the benefits of buffers
- Tour Lakewood Park's shoreline restoration
- Identify native shoreline plants
- Participate in spring pruning and clean-up
- Plant shrubs along Lafayette river shoreline

DATE AND TIME
 Saturday, April 20
 9:00 - 11:30 AM

LOCATION
 Lakewood Park
 ODU Women's Rowing Center
 1600 Willow Wood Drive

REGISTER TODAY
 Call (757) 664-4751
 Volunteers welcome
 Bring water to drink

THE CITY OF NORFOLK

Treasurer's Report

March 2019

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balances	\$1231.93	\$180.00	\$239.94
Funds received	\$100.00	\$0	\$18.82
Funds deposited	\$150.00	\$0	0
Funds dispersed	\$(100.00)	\$(150.00)	0
Ending balances	\$1381.93	\$30.00	\$258.76
Total Ending Balance			
All Accounts	\$1670.69		

Treasurer's notes:

2 new/renewed membership PayPal
 0 new/renewed membership cash
 \$150 check from last month deposited + \$100 new check received
 \$100.00 check cleared from holiday party


WCCL 2019 Board of Directors

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Member-At-Large	Dan Graves	617-2240

Important Numbers

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

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