

# Wards Corner Civic League Crossroads

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#### President's Letter

Welcome back! School is back in session and our civic league newsletter and meetings have resumed as well. Thank you to everyone who came out to our summer social at Guads in July and our annual picnic this past weekend. It was great to see everyone and catch up on what you've been

doing this summer. Our family had some fantastic vacations, some that I know we will talk about for a long while to come. I hope you were all able to enjoy your summer as well.

Looking ahead, our next meeting will address a topic that is selfishly very close to my own interests as I commute most weekdays to Hampton for work. Our featured speaker this coming Monday is Paula Miller, communications manager for the HRBT Expansion Project. This is the largest project in VDOT's history and will without a doubt have a significant impact our neighborhood and community. We've opened up the meeting invitation to our surrounding civic leagues Talbot Park and Suburban Acres as well and expect to have a good turnout.

Speaking of the future of Wards Corner, I am also

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

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center Monday, September 16, 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:

**Paula Miller**, Communications Manager HRBT Expansion Project

forming a committee of residents and business representatives to conduct a "rebrand" or "refresh" of our Wards Corner image. Similar to Oceanview's recent "Old Salt. New Vibe" campaign, the committee's goal is to define who we are in Wards

Corner and formulate a marketing campaign around that definition. I know some of you have volunteered already. For anyone else that has a passion for seeing this happen, we are forming now and plan to have our first meeting within the next month. Please reach out to me if you are interested in lending your talents and joining the team. In particular, we are looking for a pro-bono photographer to help take some updated photos of our area.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Monday's meeting. And for everyone else, don't be a stranger... I'll see you around the neighborhood :-)

Scott Guirlinger

#### **Dates to Remember**

Monday, September 16, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center grounds, Adopt-A-Spot cleanup

Monday, October 21, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting Saturday, October 21, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Military Circle Mall, Neighborhood Expo Look for other important dates throughout the newsletter.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Wards Corner Civic League Membership Meeting 6-17-2019, 11 attending

Opening – Scott Gurlinger , Pledge of Allegiance Crime Report – Sott Gurlinger, Officer Old not in attendance but provided the following:

Over the last couple months, we have seen a reduction in property crimes in the neighborhood, specifically Larceny of Parts from Auto (License Plates). We have had two over the last month but that is a great reduction from a few months ago when we had eight or nine in one month. With school being out, I would encourage residents to be extra vigilant in reporting minors after curfew hour (11 PM). We want to do all we can to prevent as much crime as we can. The non-emergency number for those who don't know it, is **757-441-5610**. My number is **252-202-2262**, if there is an incident I need to be aware of, my email

is <u>mailto:william.oldiii@norfolk.gov</u>.

5/29- at 0920 a Larceny was reported in the 200 Blk. of Burleigh Ave. The Victim left their phone in the back seat of a Lyft drivers vehicle and it was stolen.

6/3- at 1645 a Shoplifting incident was reported at Walgreens in wards Corner.

6/9- At 1530 a Larceny of Parts from Auto was reported in the 300 Blk. of N. Shore Rd. Both License plates were taken from the vehicle.

6/10- At 0807 a Larceny of Parts from Auto was reported in the 200 Blk. of N. Shore Rd. Both License plates were taken from the vehicle.

6/10- At 0824 an Attempted Larceny From Auto was reported in the 7600 Blk. of Sheryl Dr. Nothing was taken.

6/10- At 0846 a Larceny from Auto was reported in the 7600 Blk. of Sheryl Dr. Victim left the rear window slightly cracked overnight. Returned the following morning to discover the window pushed down, and his Bulova watch and wallet missing.

Featured Speakers were Oliver Love with Norfolk Public Works, Chief Brooks, and Battalion Chief Donald with Norfolk Fire and Rescue. Mr Love provide a static display showing finishes, as well as renderings of the proposed new Fire Training Center to be built behind Fire Station #9 on Thole Street. The new Training buildings will include a 3-bay garage for use in training as well as equipment

storage as well as a two-part "burn building." No actual burning is done, but with one side being a story tower with windows, and the other built to resemble a 2.5 story Cape Cod, it will provide relevant and up to date training for our firefighters. It will cost approximately \$900,000 and is funded with State dollars, not Norfolk money. This will immediately represent savings, as we presently have to pay for time, transportation (equipment and personnel) costs, food, and rental of other municipal training facilities. For citizens, NFD hopes this facility will improve our ISO (Insurance Safety Operation) score from a 3 to a 1, and that can improve our insurance rates over all. They hope to replace the Fire Station itself in 2023.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas reiterated the city's plan to spend approximately \$2 million to purchase more properties in the Denbigh Park area and get closer to having the land to work on the "Vision" for Wards Corner as an area, improving housing and businesses in that area. He also answered questions about restaurants , Razzos, Chipotle, and Clean Eatz' coming into the area.

Norfolk School Board Member Adale Martin updated us on plans for Norfolk Public Schools. 6-19-2019 will be the vote for an interim School Superintendent following the resignation of Dr. Boone. After that, they will begin the national search for a full time Superintendent for NPS commensurate with the vision of the School Board. Other votes will be changes to homework and dress code rules, as well as new priorities addressing bullying. There is a slight drop in student population to roughly 30,000 students. Accreditations are going to also be a focus.

Scott Gurlinger gave the following items as an update:

- Clean the Bay Day will be 6-23-2019 9am beginning with the wetlands near the Norfolk Wellness Fitness Center.
- WCCL Adopt-a-Spot cleanup for the field next to the Norfolk Wellness and Fitness Center will be on Saturday 6-29-2019, 9am.
   Meet in the Parking Lot adjoining the field.
- Our summer Social will be at Guads from 6-8pm, 7-24-2019. Join your Board, friends, and neighbors. Light finger foods will be provided by the Board, and there will be

drink specials extended beyond Happy Hour for those in attendance.

- WCCL Picnic will be Saturday 9-7-2019 12-3.
   Bring a dish to share, hamburgers will be provided by the Board.
- Our next WCCL Membership Meeting will be 9-16-2019 6:30pm at the Norfolk Wellness and Fitness Center conference room.

Adjourn 7:39pm

#### From the City of Norfolk website:

#### Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center to Use Facial Recognition Technology for Lost Pets

Partnership with Finding Rover brings new tool to Norfolk

**NORFOLK, VA** – Facial recognition technology can help lost and adoptable pets find their way home thanks to Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center's new partnership with Finding Rover.

Now every dog and cat that enters NACC becomes registered on Finding Rover. Users of Finding Rover can search the shelter and surrounding areas right from their smartphone or computer to help find their missing pet, a neighbor's missing pet, or the family of a found pet.

Looking for a pet to call your own? Finding Rover also allows those seeking furry family members to search for adoptable pets.

Finding Rover's mission is to reunite all lost dogs and cats with their families. Here's how it works: NACC will add photos and profiles of all dogs and cats in its care into Finding Rover. The human owners of lost pets can upload a photo and Finding Rover's facial recognition technology will search for a match with any of the animals in the shelter at NACC or those in Finding Rover's registry of found animals. Additionally, any animals adopted from NACC will go to their families with a Finding Rover profile.

Every dog and cat that leaves NACC, through a reunion or an adoption, can remain protected when the pet parent registers on Finding Rover with the same email address that the shelter has on file. If that dog or cat ever gets lost, their record will already be in the system, and identifying that pet will be a snap.

Registration of your pet is FREE and as simple as 1, 2, 3! Just go to www.FindingRover.com and:

Upload your pet's photo

- 1. Enter a few details about your pet
- 2. Enter your name, email address, and zip code

That's it! Once your pets are registered, they're protected for life.

"NACC is the first stop for those seeking lost pets in Norfolk, and we help reunite more than 1,000 animals with their owners each year," said Jake Roos, Operations Manager at NACC. "We are thrilled to have this new tool to help get those furry family members to their homes."

"We want to do everything we can to safeguard our pets from being lost forever," said John Polimeno, CEO and Founder of Finding Rover. "Registering on Finding Rover is another step all pet parents should take."

It's easy to find Finding Rover: on <u>Facebook</u> or at <u>Norfolk.gov/nacc</u> to view found and adoptable pets with our Finding Rover widgets!

You can also locate Finding Rover:

online at www.FindingRover.com

- on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/FindingRover/
- on Twitter at <a href="https://twitter.com/findingrover">https://twitter.com/findingrover</a>

Help reunite lost dogs and cats with their families and place adoptable pets in new homes. Register for FREE on Finding Rover today.

## Norfolk Sheriff's Office Warns Residents of Scam Calls

NORFOLK, VA — The Norfolk Sheriff's Office is warning residents about a new scam call impersonating Norfolk Sheriff's Office Staff.

On Monday, September 9th a local resident reported receiving a call from the "Norfolk Sheriff's Department Sex Offender Registry." The caller reportedly stated there were warrants out for the person's arrest – unless the person brought \$1000 to the jail to pay for a "bond.

The caller identified himself as an actual employee of the Norfolk Sheriff's Office.

#### This is a scam.

We do not maintain a sex offender registry. Most importantly, we would **never** demand a cash payment over the phone.

The Norfolk Sheriff's Office believes this scam has been going on for at least a week. If you receive a call similar to this, please notify the Norfolk Police Department Economic Crimes unit at (757) 664-7018.

#### City Hall South Garage to Close

Short-term parking available in new East Street surface lot

NORFOLK, VA – The city will soon begin work to demolish the City Hall South Garage at Union and Main streets across from City Hall.

This garage was built in the 1960s, at the same time as the recently demolished City Hall North garage. At more than 50 years old, both garages exceeded their useful life.

A structural consultant has recommended the closure and demolition of City Hall South Garage. It will close permanently at the close of business on Friday, September 13.

Effective Saturday, September 14, visitors and those conducting business in City Hall, the Courthouse, the Sheriff's Office and the jail should use the paid hourly/daily parking in the new East Street surface lot located at the corner of E. Main Street and East Street on the same site of the former City Hall North garage. This lot is first come first serve. Additional parking is available in the MacArthur North Garage, accessed by Market Street. Ample free 45-minute parking and handicap parking is available underneath the I-264 overpass.

We strongly encourage those expecting longer parking stays – lawyers, jurors or witnesses for example – to use park in the MacArthur North Garage. Light rail is available at the Monticello and MacArthur Square stations.

#### From the City of Norfolk Facebook:

Come meet your neighbor at the 8th Annual Norfolk Neighborhood Expo on Saturday, September 21st from 11am – 3pm inside Military Circle Mall!



There will be...

- Over 40 exhibitors
- Music and entertainment for people of all ages
- Door prizes and giveaways
- Refreshments

Registration will be near the food court. (880 N. Military Hwy.)

For more information:

757-823-4217

neighborhoodengage@norfolk.gov

#### Adopt-A-Spot Time

Please join us and help clean up our WCCL Adopta-Spot, the field adjacent to the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. Meet us there for our next cleanup on Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am. Bring your gloves; bags, and pick-up tools will be provided. Dogs are welcome and we hope to see you there!

#### Visit our Website!

Can't find what you want in the newsletter? Visit our website at <a href="www.wardscorner.com">www.wardscorner.com</a> for more information.

#### Treasurer's Report

#### **April 2019**

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning			
balances	\$1381.93	\$30.00	\$258.76
Funds received	\$0	\$0	\$37.64
Funds deposited	\$0	\$0	0
Funds dispersed	\$(291.88)	\$0	0
Ending balances	\$1090.05	\$30.00	\$296.40
Total Ending			
Balance			
All Accounts	\$1416.45		

#### Treasurer's notes:

- \*Archbell Signs 7/15/19 for <u>wardscorner.com</u> sign \$132.50
- \*Guad's 7/25/19 for summer social \$159.38
- \*2 new and 2 renewed members

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#### **Important Numbers**

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

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Contact Socko Pearson @ 757-663-8878



# Get the Shot, Not the Flu!

As part of our commitment to keep residents of our community healthy, Bon Secours will be offering **FREE** drive-thru flu shots.

## Saturday, October 19, 2019

8 to 11 a.m. (while supplies last)

Please visit **BonSecours.com/flushots** for more information or directions.



# Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center

150 Kingsley Lane Norfolk, VA 23505

#### Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital

2 Bernardine Drive Newport News, VA 23602

#### **Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center** 3636 High St.

Portsmouth, VA 23707

#### Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View

5818 Harbour View Blvd. Suffolk, VA 23435

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