



Wards Corner Civic League

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November 2019

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President's Letter

After what seemed like an extended summer, it appears that fall weather is finally here. This month our guest speaker will be Superward 6 councilwoman Andria McClellan. She give us the latest updates on infrastructure, Granby corridor transit, school buses, and of course, the elephant in the room, the casino. It should be an interesting conversation and I hope you will all join us to learn more about what's happening in our city and our neighborhood.

The Suburban Acres civic league has once again invited all Wards Corner civic league members and

Come join us at our next meeting!

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center

Monday, November 18, 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 Speakers:

Andria McClellan, Council Member, Super Ward 6

Robyn Thomas, Guads at Granby

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 a couple of volunteer judges to go around on the night of December 22nd. If you're interested in

Dates to Remember

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

Saturday, December 7, 9:00 – 10:00 am, Norfolk Fitness Center Grounds, Adopt-a-Spot cleanup

Monday, December 9, 6:00– 7:30 pm, Suburban Park Elementary, Suburban Acres Civic League/Wards Corner Civic League Holiday Party

The SACL/WCCL holiday party takes the place of our regular WCCL general meeting for December.

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 in early December at Suburban Park Elementary. Please keep your eye out for the event date, mark it 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 a few open positions on our board on the upcoming ballot.

judging, please let a board member know.

And finally, happy early Thanksgiving to all of our residents and your loved ones! 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!)

Scott Guirlinger

Meeting Minutes

Membership Meeting, October 21, 2019

Scott Guirlinger, President WCCL board, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance 6:30pm

Officer Old reported a stolen auto (recovered) and 2 burglaries in the last month. Also advised us that NPD is trying to show heavy presence in Wards Corner Business District to clamp down on crimes there. Reminder, if you see possibly truant juveniles, call Police non-emergency, 441-5610.

Steve Patton, Division Head Landscape Services, City of Norfolk and Bryan Tarvin discussed their plans moving forward to try and cull the excessive trash that overflows in the cans outside of NFWC. Mr. Patton advised us that there are only 2 employees in a single trash truck to handle all of the properties they manage. Suggested enlisting the citizenry to paint new cans that they would provide as a means of promoting ownership and pride in the area. Mr. Tarvin pointed out that he is the main contact for grounds maintenance issues and his phone number is 823-4301.

Following these announcements, there was a lively discussion of candidates up for election on the November 5th ballot. Jay Jones was in attendance speaking on behalf of Lynwood Lewis as well as Elizabeth Lankford was there for the 6th District Senate seat. Robert Bloxom and Phillip Hernandez were both in attendance for their race for the 100th District in the House of Delegates. They discussed the topics of resiliency, the upcoming Casino, taxes and highways, as well as touching on the subject of gun control. They all stood for more help for Norfolk Schools and NPS employees, but as always, the problem is paying for it.

Adele Martin gave us updates on Norfolk Public Schools. November 26th is bring your politician to school day at Bolling Elementary. Also, she advised that McPherson & Jacobson has been hired to find the best candidate for NPS Superintendent at a cost of approximately \$150,000. Talks on the NPS School Board also include recess time, the new budget, approval of the Safe School Task Force, and also noted that they are requesting a raise for NPS Council members to be at a level with their contemporaries in other municipalities.

Scott Guirlinger's update was stating simply that the effort to re-brand Wards Corner is on hold at

present. Hopefully the cause will gain traction as well as local volunteer help in the near future.

Adjourn 8:15pm

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Please contact any current board member to nominate yourself or someone else to a board position.

Wards Corner Loses a Neighbor

Karen Ann Zablocki passed away October 23, 2019, after being hit with a vehicle while crossing Little Creek at the Newport Avenue intersection. From her H.D. Oliver obituary:

"In 1988 Karen came back to the East Coast and settled in Norfolk, VA where she would raise her beloved daughters. Always extremely generous with her time, she volunteered with many organizations in the Tidewater area. Karen volunteered as a Lay Eucharist Minister at Blessed Sacrament Church but she was especially proud of her work as a Girl Scout leader. She loved the Scouts in her Troop like family and she was thrilled with the exceptional women they all grew to be."

From the City of Norfolk website:

6th Annual Holiday Yule Log Bonfire and Christmas Marketplace Holiday Celebration Scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at Town Point Park

The 6th Annual Holiday Yule Log Bonfire and Christmas Marketplace is Saturday, December 7th, 2019, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. The event runs from 12pm to 8pm and is free and open to the public.

Filled with plenty of holiday cheer and good tidings, the Yule Log Bonfire and Christmas Marketplace is the perfect way to welcome in the 2019 holiday season. Town Point Park is transformed into a festive outdoor wonderland featuring unique and local crafts, a towering Yule Log Bonfire, Christmas caroling, hot chocolate and whiskey tastings, and a visit from the Big Man himself.

2019 Holiday Yule Log Bonfire & Christmas Marketplace Schedule of Events:

12pm – 8pm: Holiday Marketplace opens
 4pm – 8pm: Yule Log Bonfire
 6pm – 8pm: Christmas Caroling featuring The Standard Time Quartet
 6pm – 8pm: Santa Claus visit and photos

Festivities begin at noon on Saturday with the opening of the Christmas Marketplace. Featuring more than 20 local artisans, the marketplace is a one-stop shop for the upcoming holiday season with a focus on locally owned businesses. Whether you are shopping for a last-minute stocking stuffer or a sincere gift for a loved one, the Christmas Marketplace features a wide array of products, including handmade jewelry, one-of-a-kind

Grand Illumination Parade



It all begins with the brilliant illumination of the Downtown Norfolk skyline and the beloved Grand Illumination Parade stepping off at 7pm on November 23, 2019. The 35th Annual Grand Illumination Parade, "Toy Land," brings thousands of spectators out to take in the beauty, magic, and electric holiday spirit.

Norfolk Harbor Half Marathon Weekend

Lace up your running shoes and get ready to take on the Chartway Norfolk Harbor Half Marathon Weekend, offering two days of scenic coastal city running. The Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, and Kids Mile offer flat, fast courses through the Norfolk.



Norfolk Fire-Rescue Needs Your Help to Reach PulsePoint Goal

NORFOLK, VA –Norfolk Fire-Rescue (NFR) launched the PulsePoint app on June 1, 2018 to empower CPR-trained citizens and off-duty professionals to improve patient outcomes and save lives during cardiac emergencies. Since its launch, a total of 4,327 residents have downloaded the app with 2,419 of those being certified and registered to provide CPR, if alerted. Now, NFR is asking the public to help them reach a new goal before PulsePoint's 18-month mark.

By December 1, 2019, NFR aims to have 5,000 PulsePoint followers with 3,000 of those users registered to provide CPR. The department has steadily worked to train their fellow employees within the city, with 1,200 of Team Norfolk now trained in hands-only CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to further encourage and empower those around the city to act during a cardiac emergency.

NFR provides free training to groups of 10 to 20 people. Request training on the MyNorfolk mobile

app, click on MyNorfolk on Norfolk.gov or call 757-664-6510.

The PulsePoint app also includes the registration of AEDs throughout the city. By registering these devices within PulsePoint, emergency responders, including nearby citizens trained in CPR, can easily locate an AED nearby when a cardiac emergency occurs. To date, 331 AEDs in Norfolk are registered in PulsePoint.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths. For every minute that passes before help arrives, cardiac arrest survival decreases by 7 – 10%. Early CPR and rapid defibrillation before an emergency team arrives can boost survival by 50%.

WHRO Public Media Debuting *City Voices* in Conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Norfolk, VA – Prior to its national release, WHRO Public Media will air *City Voices: Homelessness to Hopefulness* on WHRO TV 15 on November 18 at 8 p.m. The documentary follows members of the Norfolk Street Choir, a choral group founded in 2016 by Robert Shoup, Chorus Master & Conductor of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. The Norfolk Street Choir is comprised of Hampton Roads residents affected by homelessness.

WHRO producers followed the choir through their first season, and then followed some of the choir members for two years. "To know that you represent possibly the only chance that these people will ever have to tell their rich stories, and show their value as human beings to the masses, there is a lot of responsibility in that," said WHRO Producer Kenny Hawkins.

This film gives a voice to the voiceless while showing how a powerful art form, like singing in a choir, can provide a sense of community and optimism to a very vulnerable population. Every Friday morning the group gathers at Freemason Baptist Church for breakfast and a choir session under Shoup's tutelage. With each rehearsal members attend, they earn rewards like bus passes, sweatshirts or gift cards--but for many members there are benefits that go beyond these tangible items.

"There's a saying that music can change the world because it can change people," explains Bert

Schmidt, President and CEO of WHRO Public Media. "That saying really sums up City Voices and we couldn't be more proud to share this story."

The documentary "City Voices" will air on WHRO TV 15 on November 18 at 8 p.m. Visit City Voices Countdown Website to learn more.

To learn more about WHRO Public Media's work, please visit www.whro.org. Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Norfolk Opens Commonwealth's Only Family Justice Center

NORFOLK, VA – Virginia's first Family Justice Center will formally open in Norfolk this November. The on-site partners of the newly formed Norfolk Family Justice Center are Chesapeake Forensic Specialists, Norfolk Department of Human Services, Norfolk Police Department, Office of the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney, and YWCA South Hampton Roads.

With grant funding from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the multi-agency center will co-locate law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim witness advocates, social services specialists, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) clinic where Physical Evidence Recovery Kits (PERKs) can be completed, and victim services including a crisis hotline and intervention, victim advocacy, counseling, support groups, wellness classes, and childcare.

The Norfolk Family Justice Center is intended to improve two concerns in Norfolk that can impede a victim's ability to receive needed services and support and can reduce the likelihood of offenders being held accountable. The first concern is lack of co-located services to address the immediate and long-term needs of victims of crime, particularly victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The second concern is lack of a recognized location to refer or transport victims to where knowledgeable, trauma-informed care professionals are available 24 hours a day to provide appropriate help as soon as it is needed.

The Norfolk Family Justice Center is following the evidence-based, best practices model of the Family Justice Center Alliance (FJCA), a program of Alliance for HOPE International. FJCA finds

outcomes of Family Justice Centers include a reduction in domestic violence-related homicides, increased victim safety, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, increased prosecution of offenders, and increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers. The Norfolk Family Justice Center anticipates providing services to at least 3,500 victims through each fiscal year going forward.

The Norfolk Family Justice Center will celebrate its grand opening on Thursday, November 14, 2019 with a ceremony outside beginning at 2pm and a reception and tour following inside at Plume Street Plaza (500 E. Plume Street, Downtown Norfolk). For more information, please call Jewel Hale, (757) 625-4248, or send her an email, jewel.hale@ywca-shr.org.

Reference Links:

Alliance for HOPE International –
<https://www.allianceforhope.com>

Family Justice Center Alliance –
<https://www.familyjusticecenter.org/>

BUDGET & BREWS

Real talk with City of Norfolk staff about budget questions and city priorities.
 Ask us questions or just say hello over a beverage.
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OCT. 30 | 6-8 P.M.
 O'Connor Brewing Co., 211 W. 24th St.
 Strengthen Our Infrastructure

NOV. 7 | 8-10 A.M.
 Coaster Coffee, 8418 Tidewater Drive
 Connect and Engage Our Residents

NOV. 8 | 2-4 P.M.
 Café Stella, 1907 Colonial Ave.
 Cultivate the Arts

NOV. 14 | 6-8 P.M.
 Bold Mariner Brewing, 1901 East Ocean View Ave.
 Foster Collaboration & Efficiency

DEC. 5 | 6-8 P.M.
 Smartmouth Brewing Co., 1309 Raleigh Avenue
 Promote Inclusive Economic Growth

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We Have Winners!



Congratulations to our neighbors at 306 North Shore Road and 420 Maycox Avenue for your Halloween decorations! Each will receive a \$20 gift card from Guads.

Holiday Events



Don't forget about our Holiday decorating contest! A Wards Corner Civic League member will drive around to judge decorations the night of December 22. Two winners will receive \$30 and \$20 Guads gift cards for first and second places. Please contact a board member if you are interested in judging.

Monday, December 9, 6:00– 7:30 pm,

Suburban Park Elementary. Wards Corner Civic League will be joining our Suburban Acres Civic League neighbors for the annual holiday party/potluck. All are welcome. Bring a dish and come share in friendship, good food, and great music from the Norfolk Public School Jazz Band!



Next Adopt-A-Spot: Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9:00 am at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness center grounds. Rain date is Saturday, December 14. Come help and keep Wards Corner at its best!

Treasurer's Report

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balances	\$899.01	\$40.00	\$371.68
Funds received	\$190.00	\$20.00	\$9.41
Funds deposited	\$0	\$(30.00)	0
Funds dispersed	\$0	\$0	0
Ending balances	\$1089.01	\$30.00	\$381.08
Total Ending Balance All Accounts	\$1500.10		

Treasurer's notes:

4 renewed memberships and 1 renewed ad

Can't find what you want in the newsletter? Visit our website at www.wardscorner.com for more information.

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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