

Wards Corner Civic League

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December 2019

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President's Letter

Ok, neighbors, let's see what you've got! Hang those lights! We will once again be holding our informal holiday lights contest this month. Some of you have already put up your decorations. Others are like me and trying to find time to get it done! Judges will drive around on the night of December 22nd and pick two winners, who will receive gift cards to Guads compliments of your civic league. If you would like to help judge, please contact myself or another WCCL board member.

And in the spirit of coming together for the holidays, we will once again partner with the Suburban Park civic league for a joint holiday party on Monday, December 9th. It should be a great time to meet, mix, and mingle with some of our neighbors just across Granby St and discuss some of our shared triumphs and struggles over the past year. (This will be our official December meeting.) By popular request, we will once again be entertained by the fabulous Norfolk Public Schools jazz band. The civic leagues will be providing chicken and beverages and

Come join us at our next meeting!

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center

Monday, January 27, 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:

TBA

we are asking that residents please bring a side dish to pass. Please feel free to show off your culinary exploits (or the culinary exploits of one of our local grocers).

As we prepare to enter another decade here in Wards Corner, let us know what matters to you. The

civic league is here to serve the residents of our neighborhood. And the civic league and its board are themselves made up of residents. We are looking for some new board members this coming year. Elections will be conducted at our meeting on Monday, January 27th. The primary requirement for being a board member is that you care about our neighborhood. I can speak from personal experience that if you have an interest, the rest is relatively easy. Please let a board member know if you are interested. Either way, we look forward to seeing all of you on the 9th for our holiday party.

Happy Holidays!

Scott Guirlinger

Dates to Remember

Monday, December 9, 6:00– 7:30 pm, Suburban Park Elementary, Suburban Acres Civic League/Wards Corner Civic League Holiday Party (*NO REGULAR WCCL GENERAL MEETING FOR DECEMBER*)

***Monday, January 27, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting and Board Elections

***Monday, February 24, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**, Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, WCCL General Meeting

**Our January and February meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of both months due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Presidents Day Holidays.*

Meeting Minutes

Wards Corner Civic League Membership Meeting 11-18-2019

Opening 6:30pm

President Scott Guirlinger observed a moment of silence for Karen Zablocki, Wards Corner resident and friend to many. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Old advised of lessening but still prevalent larceny autos, most of which were license plates being stolen. Reminded us to not leave any Christmas shopping visible in your car as an incentive for thieves to break in.

Our featured speaker Andria McClellan, Councilwoman for Superward 6. She spoke on many subjects inclusive of possible cooperation between several Hampton Roads cities to utilize the large high-speed internet line that terminates in Virginia Beach. Although not for residential service, it could add some competition for commercial internet services.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas provided some updates. Clean Eatz at Wards Corner is open for business and Chipotle has been up and running for a while.

Noelle Gabrielle took Adale Martin's spot to give us an update for Norfolk Schools. They have upcoming sessions to discuss the budget and may other subjects. The Fitness Center Pool is soon to be closed permanently as the structure is compromised. There has been talk about a reorganization of the Fitness Center grounds to accommodate another Aquatic Center with Olympic size pool and other attractive options to make it a multi-use for both citizens as well as schools using it for competitions.

Scott updated us with the 2 Halloween Decoration winners, 306 North Shore Rd and 420 Maycox Ave. Congratulations to both households and thank you for helping the neighborhood a friendly and welcoming place.

There is no December Membership meeting, but please join your neighbors and those in Suburban Park at Suburban Park Elementary for their yearly holiday party. Keep an eye out for details.

Other dates to remember are:

9:00am Saturday, December 7th: Adopt-A-Spot @ NFWC Field

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6:00pm Monday, December 9th: Holiday Party @ Suburban Park Elementary

6:30pm Monday, January 27th: Membership Meeting & Board Elections

Board Elections January 2020

Board elections will be held at the January 27, 2020 general membership meeting. Please consider running or nominating someone to run. Official board positions are:

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member at Large (2 positions)

The Board meets monthly at Guads the Monday before the general meeting.

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

Newsletter Editor: The newsletter editor is a volunteer position that is part of the board. If you have any skills in newsletter editing/writing (or are just very comfortable with Microsoft Word!), please consider volunteering. The position will be vacant as of January 2020.

Adopt-a-Spot

The Wards Corner Civic League Adopt-a-Spot is the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, specifically the big field attached to the center. We meet on a regular basis to clean up the grounds as part of our efforts to keep our neighbor looking good, but also to keep the fields usable.

Five members took part in the Saturday, December 7 Adopt-a-Spot cleanup at the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness center grounds. Our next cleanup will take place in February, with the date to be determined. Thank you to all who participated on December 7, and we look forward to seeing volunteers in February!



WCCL Holiday Events

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!

Sunday, December 22, Evening. 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 being a judge.

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		

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Pace Officer	252-207-4361
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