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President's Letter

In this month of love and Valentines, I'm heartened by examples of neighbors showing compassion and helping one another. We've helped one another through major headaches like cold snaps, hurricanes, government shutdowns, and more. As active residents in our community, you and I are also there for our neighbors when they need more simple assistance. There are too many of these simple acts done every day in our community for me to try to list them here. Community service is not just for the courts. Sometimes all a neighbor needs is someone to talk to - a simple hello can go a long way.

My family is currently in the midst of a major home improvement project. And it's gotten me thinking about possible improvement projects elsewhere around us. As spring approaches seemingly more quickly than usual this year, I'm thinking of ways to improve our neighborhood beyond my own property. I hope you are as well. A little bit of attention and help from everyone makes things move along so much more easily and quickly.

The civic league is working on more plantings at the North Shore Playground, among other projects. Sometimes, improvement doesn't have to mean a project. It can be as simple as a phone call or online submission to Norfolk Cares. Street light out? Contact Norfolk Cares. Need a bulk waste pickup? Contact Norfolk Cares. Need information on city services? Contact Norfolk Cares. Have a question and not sure who to contact? Contact Norfolk Cares.

Come join us at our next meeting!

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center

Monday, February 24, 2020, 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:

Sheriff Joseph "Joe" Baron, Norfolk Sheriff

Our civic league board cares about your interests and concerns. Have an idea for a neighborhood project? Interested in a particular speaker or department presentation at an upcoming meeting? Concerned about an upcoming development project? Let us

know. Our board is always available via email or phone at the contact information listed on WardsCorner.com.

Scott Guirlinger

Norfolk Cares

<https://www.norfolk.gov/392/Norfolk-Cares-Center>

(757) 664-6510

Or visit the MyNorfolk Citizens Services Portal at <http://mynorfolk.org> or download the new MyNorfolk App in Google Play or the Apple Store



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. Our next cleanup will take place February 22, at 9:00 am.

Treasurer's Report

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balances	\$1019.01	\$70.00	\$381.09
Funds received	\$170.00	*\$40.00	\$65.87
Funds deposited	0	-\$70.00	0
Funds dispersed	0	0	0
Ending balances	\$1189.01	\$40.00	\$446.96
Total Ending Balance	\$1675.97		
All Accounts	*11 new/renewed memberships 1 new ad Turpin Florists		

Wards Corner Civic League Membership Meeting 1-23-2020

Vice President Chris DePalma opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Old reported that property crime is down for the month. There were a couple violent crimes, one solved by arrest, the other still being investigated. There was a stolen vehicle also being investigated and a stolen cell phone reported as well.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas advised on a couple of issues. February 13, 2020 at the Wards Corner Task Force meeting, HRT will be speaking. Asked about Norfolk Airport expansion, right now there is no clearance for moving forward. Regarding the Casino, the agreement made with the Tribe is that they can buy the land as part of the City of Norfolk not a separate nation, and they are allowed to build and operate a commercial gambling casino under the approval of the State that allows commercial gambling in the Commonwealth of VA.

A representative from the Census Recruiting office visited and talked about the real opportunity for employment. They expect to need over 2600 employees to go door to door to help gather census information. You must be 18yrs of age and successfully pass a background check.

Betty Herman with the Friends of the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center also spoke. She clarified that there is no plan to close the NFWC pool in the near future. There is an upcoming inspection. She mentioned that the Friends

of the NFWC help to raise money as a non-profit that is used to provide items for the Center that they require.

Mr. Ted Drake came and spoke for Delegate Robert Bloxom (VA-100). He reported that Delegate Bloxom is now on the Agriculture, Appropriations as well as Privileges and Election committees. He also noted that during the session, Over 900 budget amendments were reviewed, and over 5000 new bills were passed.

There was a brief update that more trees, hopefully edibles, will be provided for the North Shore Playground upgrades to help even further with the lowland flooding that occurs.

As a final note of good news, it was shared that the Granby Elementary Chess Club placed third in the state!!! Great job to those talented competitors from all of us on the Wards Corner Civic League Board!!

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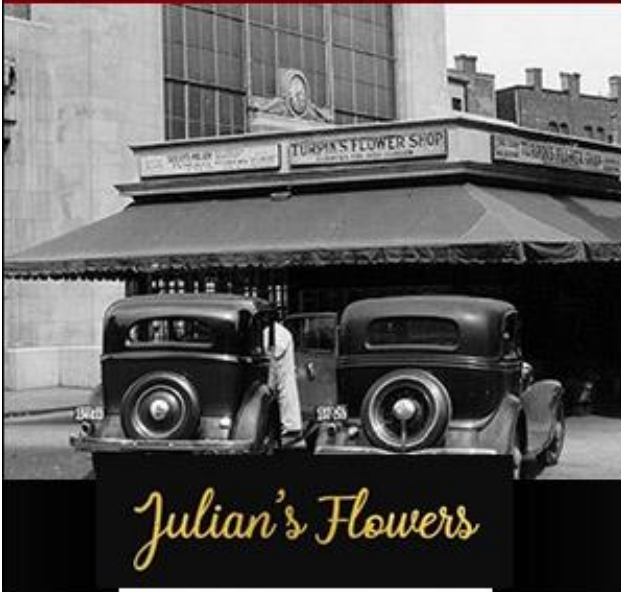
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