



## Wards Corner Civic League

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January 2021

[www.wardscorner.com](http://www.wardscorner.com)

Upcoming Events

### Virtual Meeting via Zoom Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84493944288?pwd=a0F1MWdpbld4T1lkVVhSOWQ5bEVJUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 9394 4288

Passcode: 170829

### Featured Speakers:

Steve Heretick, Delegate, 79<sup>th</sup> District  
Kurt Krause, President & CEO, VisitNorfolk

### Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center

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## President's Message

Happy New Year! (We made it!)

After a challenging year, I hope you were all able to enjoy your holiday season. Hopefully you were able to see some of the great lights decorations around our neighborhood and the rest of the city. We've included our holiday lights contest winners in this newsletter in case you missed our announcement in December.

As we begin 2021, we will see new leadership at the national level as has been covered extensively in the press. And we continue to be in regular contact with our city representatives and officials. So to fill the "gap", this month we are inviting one of the delegates that represents our neighborhood, Steve Heretick, to share with us what's happening at the state level. (Our neighborhood's other delegate is Rob Bloxom.) I hope you can join us at our January meeting for an informative update from Del. Heretick. Please bring questions!

January for our civic league also means board elections. Please be sure to join our meeting this month where we will vote on a full slate of officers, some returning and some new candidates, since our terms as board members expire each year. We have vacant secretary and newsletter editor positions that we plan to fill. If you are interested in serving on our board in 2021 and have not already let us know, please do so ahead of the meeting so that we can plan accordingly.

I would like to thank our current secretary, Carolyn DePalma for her many years of service to the civic league, both as a board member and as a resident. Carolyn also previously served as our newsletter editor. Her efforts to help keep residents in our neighborhood informed and engaged are very much appreciated by myself and by others. Thank you also for helping from time to time to keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president in line! (That would be her husband Chris.)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns and can't find what you need on the city website or through the official channels, please reach out to myself or the other board members. Hope to see you all online and out around the neighborhood very soon!

*Scott Guirlinger*

## Board Elections

Our annual civic league board elections will be held at our membership meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. All officers serve one-year terms, and therefore all positions will be voted on. If you have any interest in doing a little more with your civic league in the new year, please reach out to president Scott Guirlinger ([scott.guirlinger@gmail.com](mailto:scott.guirlinger@gmail.com) or 757-489-3938) or any other board member for more information. The commitment is relatively minimal, and we'd love for you to join us!

## Holiday Lights Contest Winners

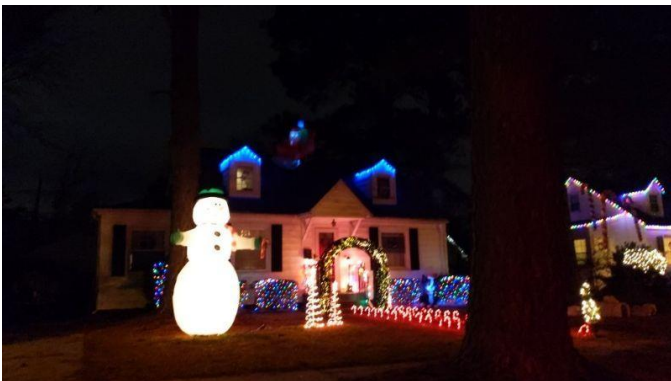
The winners of this year's neighborhood holiday lights competition are below. Hopefully you were all able to see these impressive displays before they were taken down. Category and overall winners each received gift certificates to local restaurants. Thank you to all who decorated this holiday season and made our neighborhood a little bit brighter. Happy Holidays!



Best Traditional Lights Display  
301 Burleigh Ave



Best Whimsical Lights Display  
7727 Ruthven Rd



Best-in-Show Lights Display  
612 Maycox Ave

## Parks and Recreation: Temporary Closures

Due to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases, the following recreation centers and indoor pools will temporarily close from Monday, January 11 until Monday, February 8:

- Huntersville Community Center
- Lambert's Point Community Center
- Berkley Community Center
- East Ocean View Community Center
- Norview Community Center
- Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center
- Southside Aquatics Center
- Huntersville Pool
- Northside Pool

In lieu of in-person classes scheduled in January, RPOS will offer virtual programming for fee-based classes, personal training, and wellness programs. For more information visit, [Norfolk.gov/play](https://www.norfolk.gov/play).

## Freezing temps – Winterize pipes now!

Do you know where your home's water shutoff valve is?

Trust us, you don't want to find out after a home water emergency, like a busted frozen pipe.

Freezing temperatures have arrived in Norfolk, VA. Winterizing your pipes is easy to do and cost-effective. Avoid expensive plumbing repairs and learn how to protect your pipes before and during winter, plus what to do if you think you may have a frozen pipe.

### How to Winterize Your Pipes:

<https://www.norfolk.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=5207>

## Treasurer's Report

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,169.01	\$50.00	\$691.03
Funds received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds deposited	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,054.01	\$50.00	\$691.62
Total balance	\$1,795.63		

## Civic League Board of Directors

Contact Information

[www.wardscorner.com/board-of-directors](http://www.wardscorner.com/board-of-directors)

### Important Numbers

Police Non-Emergency	<b>757-823-4433</b>
Community Resource Officer	<b>757-651-4577</b>
Police Red Sector	<b>757-823-4450</b>
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**FEBRUARY 2021 5 MONTH PROGRAM**

ALL CLASSES ARE VIRTUAL

TIME	CLASS DAY	STARTING ON
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	1st Tuesday of each month	February 2nd
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	2nd Saturday of each month	February 13th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	3rd Wednesday of each month	February 17th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	4th Thursday of each month	February 25th

**PROGRAM ORIENTATION THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18TH**

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