



Wards Corner Civic League

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November 2021

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Upcoming Events

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Virtual Meeting via Zoom Monday, November 15th @ 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84044936422?pwd=QXAYY0F3Ky9FZ3EyUjBHRy81REtYQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 4493 6422

Passcode: 499077

Featured Speaker:

Darrell Crittendon, Director – Parks & Recreation

Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup Saturday, November 13th @ 9:00am Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center Field

President's Message

How nice it was to see many neighbors on Halloween night this year! I hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as our family did. Congratulations to the winners of our decorating contest, 532 Timothy and 7458 Millbrook - both of their displays were fantastic! The competition was close, though, and we had many notable runners up. Thank you to everyone who decorated this Halloween and gave our neighborhood that community feel we all love to have. We'll look forward to more community with our holiday lights competition in December - get those decorations ready!

Speaking of community, this month we will welcome Norfolk's director of Recreation, Parks, and Open Spaces (RPOS) Darrell Crittendon as our featured speaker. He will be sharing with us the timeline and overall plan for the design of the new Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center (NFWC). This is the start of what I believe will be a very exciting period in our neighborhood's history. The NFWC is the largest public parcel bordering our neighborhood and a complete renovation or replacement of the facility and grounds will give us all increased amenities only a few blocks away. Public input sessions for the

actual design will be scheduled in the new year. Once we know those dates, we will communicate them to everyone via email and our website so that as many residents as possible can be involved in the process. I hope you can join us on Monday for the very beginning of this design discussion as Darrell shares the process with us. He will also be available for general updates and questions on RPOS services and initiatives.

Looking ahead to next year, our civic league board is seeking some replacements for board members that are moving on. We value diversity of opinions and would appreciate your fresh perspective if you would please consider joining us. If you have any questions, I am always happy to answer them. Feel free to reach out to me at scott.quirlinger@gmail.com or 757-489-3938.

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

Get Text Alerts when trains are coming to Hampton & Terminal Blvds!

Great news! You can now receive a text message warning 20 minutes ahead of a train approaching the intersection of Hampton Blvd and Terminal Blvd. To sign up to receive the text messages, text NFKTrain to 888-777.

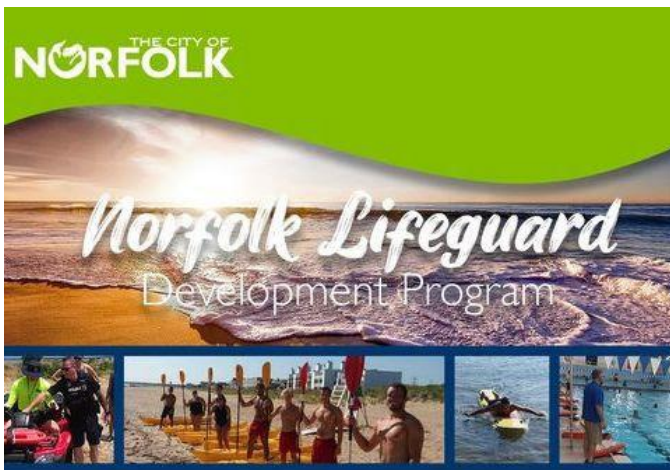
Norfolk City Communications Staff and The Port of Virginia are still working on trying to set up a similar system for Wards Corner.



Interested in becoming a Lifeguard?

Norfolk has a Lifeguard Development Program that will teach you all the skills you need! The program is FREE for Norfolk residents.

We train all ages! From young adults age 15 to seniors! For class times and meeting locations, email Stephen Rego, Norfolk Lifeguard Development Program Leader, at stephen.rego@norfolk.gov.



Halloween Decorating Contest!

Per our usual tradition, the Civic League held a Halloween Decorating Contest. As always, there were quite a number of great displays in our neighborhood, so it made it hard to narrow it down, but we are pleased to announce the winners:

First Place – 532 Timothy

Second Place 7458 Millbrook

There are already a good number of homes decorated for Thanksgiving, so we can't wait to see what December brings us!

Treasurer's Report

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,264.01	\$70.00	\$953.01
Funds received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82.44
Funds deposited	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,384.01	\$70.00	\$1,035.45
Total balance	\$2,489.46		

Civic League Board of Directors

Contact Information

www.wardscorner.com/board-of-directors

Important Numbers

Police Non-Emergency	757-823-4433
Community Resource Officer	757-651-4577
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

Membership Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021

(Virtual meeting recording posted on website)

10.18.2021 Wards Corner Civic League General Meeting

President Scott Guirlinger opened the meeting. Office Toth provided an update on criminal activity in the Wards Corner area.

Sheriff Joseph Baron provided an update on current programs and direction of the city jail and answered questions. Programs included.

- GED Program
- Job Skill Program
- Family Justice Center
- Camp Hope
- Senior Watch Program
- Project Life Saver

Sheriff Joseph Baron's number is 757.397.9923 and his email is joseph.baron@ norfolk-sheriff.com

Commissioner of the Revenue Blythe A. Scott provided updates and answered questions.

- DMV Select at City Hall schedule
 - Walk-ins- Tuesday - Thursday
 - Appointments- Monday- Wednesday - Friday

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas added city updates and answered questions.

- Patriotic Festival moving to downtown Norfolk.
- Halloween following CDC guidelines
- City Council Retreat
 - Best investment for \$150M Relief Fund
 - City Manager's proposal on city website,
 - Internet portal to be open for citizen feedback.
 - Public hearings to be scheduled.
 - Plan to vote by end of calendar year to adopt plan.
 - Chrysler Hall renovation largest proposed project.
- Early voting locations.
- Recreation Commission has 2 seats open.

School Board Representative Adale Martin (Ward 1) added school updates and answered questions.

- School Board mandated vaccination of all staff by Jan.3 2022. Honoring medical and religious exemptions with required weekly testing.
- Transportation challenges due to staffing issues.
- Relief Fund allocation review.

WCCL members present at the meeting voted yes on the Granby Street Bike Lanes resolution to be sent to City Council. Vote was 8 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstained.

Halloween Contest reminder.

President Scott Guirlinger then closed the meeting.



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Pour used cooking grease into an empty, heat-safe container (like a soup can) and freeze it. Once it's solidified, toss the can into the garbage.

Can the Grease!



Scrape the Plate!


Wipe all pots, pans, dishes, and cooking utensils with a paper towel before you wash them to absorb the grease.



Do you have used turkey frying oil?
Recycle Used Cooking Oil at the following location:
SPSA Norfolk Transfer Station at 3136 Woodland Ave.,
(No more than 5 gallons or 75 lbs. per visit)
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PROBLEMS



1 Leaves raked into streets **clog** storm drains and cause **local flooding**.

2 Too many leaves add **excess nutrients** into waterways.

Decaying leaves feed **algae**.
An overgrowth of algae... makes our water green and smelly

causes fish kills

SOLUTIONS



Fertilize your lawn naturally - mulch mow with a lawn mower.



Compost leaves to use in the garden.



Bag leaves and place on curb for trash day.



Keep streets and storm drains clear of leaves.