



Wards Corner Civic League

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December 2021

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Upcoming Events

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Due to the December Holidays, we will not meet this month. We look forward to seeing everyone via Zoom in January.

Monday, January 24th @ 6:30pm

Zoom & Speaker Information to follow in next month's newsletter

Holiday Decoration Contest Judging

Monday December 20th

See President Scott's message below for details

President's Message

What a long, strange year 2021 has been. I wish we could all get together as a neighborhood for a party like we've done in the past, but it seems we're not quite out of this pandemic yet. Hopefully next year will bring a better return to normalcy, if we even know what that is or was anymore.

Instead of a party, we're asking all of you as our neighbors to take a walk (or drive) on the night of Monday the 20th (or thereabouts) to see the holiday lights decorations around our neighborhood and submit your favorite choices to us. Maybe bring some hot chocolate to keep you in the holiday spirit. We're hoping that the weather is agreeable, of course. Then email us your votes to info@wardscorner.com any time before December 25th. We will announce the winners shortly after we tally the votes so that you can go see their display if you hadn't already.

The holiday decorations around our neighborhood really do warm my heart here in December, particularly now that we are in the period where we have some of the shortest daylight hours. We've again added a few new lights (and shrubs) to our

own home's display this year. I doubt it's enough to help us win any prizes, but I hope you enjoy the lights nonetheless.

On a business note, we are continuing to press city staff to schedule dates for public input sessions on the Norfolk Fitness & Wellness center redesign. We don't have much of anything to share yet, but will be sure to post any relevant information as soon as we receive it.

Finally, I want to thank our civic league board for all that they have done this year. Volunteers weren't easy to come by even before the labor shortages of this past year, and I am very grateful for all of their help in our community. We have several new members on our board this year that have really stepped up and made an impact right away, in both big ways and small ways. Thank you all for donating your time and energy to our neighborhood here in Wards Corner.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Scott Guirlinger

Keep the Street Lights Shining!

Please help us – and your neighbors – keep the street lights shining! Report street light outages directly to Dominion Energy by phone or online. Be sure to note the pole number and closest street address or intersection. Depending on the repair needed, Dominion will post a color-coded wrap indicating the status of the repair and how long it may take to fix.

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<https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency/streetlight-outages>

Important Numbers

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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

Treasurer's Report

	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,384.01	\$70.00	\$1,035.45
Funds received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144.27
Funds deposited	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,324.01	\$70.00	\$1,179.72
Total balance	\$2,573.73		

Civic League Board of Directors

Contact Information

www.wardscorner.com/board-of-directors

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

(Virtual meeting recording posted on website)

The meeting was opened by President Scott Guirlinger.

Office Toth provided an update on criminal activity in the Wards Corner area.

Darrell Crittendon, Director, Parks and Recreation provided information and answered questions.

- \$4M for planning and design of NFWC
- Library new component for NFWC.
- Community engagement process for NFWC to begin in January.
- Parks and Recreation department in rebuilding mode.
- Facing staffing issues since COVID.
- Offering modified hours at open recreation centers.
- Offering modified athletics, programming, activities, and services.
- Free life saving training for Norfolk residents.
- Plan to reinstate Summer camps and the Norfolk Emerging Leaders Project.
- Darrell to have Parks and Recreation team check out North Shore playground equipment for needed repairs.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas added city updates and answered questions.

- \$4M budgeted this year for NFWC.
- City Manager and Council to begin process to budget funding for building NFWC next year.
- Something will happen at the old Kroger location.
- Old Farm Fresh property owners very happy to collect rent from Kroger and no changes expected.
- Harris Teeter gas station will take place, not an immediate priority with Harris Teeter.
- Discussed road construction completions.
- Discussed Metro Net construction.

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

- All staff required to be vaccinated by January 3, 2022 or submit to weekly COVID testing.

- NPS will be providing vaccination clinics for 5-11-year-old students with signed permission slips. Parents need not attend.
- Due to staffing issues and extra work load the board decided to make several schedule changes for holidays, early release days and full teacher unencumbered days.
- NPS will host a public budget meeting for 2023 fiscal year on December 15, 2022.

Halloween decorating contest winners. 1st place 532 Timothy and 2nd place 7458 Millbrook.
WCCL will not meet Dec. 20th, will be judging holiday light contest.

The next WCCL meeting is on Monday, January 24 2022.

President Scott Guirlinger then closed the meeting.



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