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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who recently participated in the first public survey regarding the redesign of the Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center (NFWC). It is exciting to see and hear all of the possibilities. Soon we will move to the next stage of public input. Public meetings should be getting scheduled any day now and our civic league board will be sure to communicate those details out to all residents as soon as we have them. (You should be able to get the details on your own through standard city channels as well.)

This month we welcome Norfolk CARES supervisor Lekesha Hazley and Norfolk Police Chief Larry Boone. Both of these leaders work hard along with their organizations to serve our community and we're excited to have them join us. Please be sure to attend and bring your questions. I am certain that we will receive some great information on how we can better utilize city services and help our community operate in peak condition.

We will also hear from a franchisee of Black Rifle Coffee Company who wants to redevelop the old KFC building (next to old Farm Fresh building) into a drive-through coffee store. They are asking for the civic league's endorsement of a change in hours (change in conditional use permit) so that they may operate earlier than KFC did. Black Rifle has gained national attention over the past five years for its publicized pledges and campaigns. Some people love their approach; others don't. Check them out for yourselves and come get more information at our meeting on their plans for a Wards Corner store.

Important Dates:

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 21, 2022
6:30PM ON ZOOM
[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

ADOPT-A-SPOT
MARCH 19, 2022
[CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT...

And then go ahead and start preparing yourself for April's big speaker, Mayor Kenny Alexander. Because of the pandemic, it's been a couple years since we've last hosted him. Several residents expressed to the board that they wanted him to come speak to us again, and we have worked to make those arrangements. I believe this is a prime opportunity to hear not just the numbers and statistics about city projects, which we usually already know through various news outlets, but to hear the reasons why the city is actively pursuing certain projects and programs. If you want to get a glimpse inside the mind of Norfolk's top influencer and decision-maker, this is a great opportunity for you to do just that.

With the fortunate recent drop in coronavirus cases, our civic league board is considering holding future membership meetings in person. One of the largest challenges is that the NFWC closes at 6:00pm now and our meetings start at 6:30pm. So we are considering alternate locations for hosting our meetings. Stay tuned for more details. Until then, we'll see you on the internet and around the neighborhood.

Scott Guirlinger

March Meeting- 3/21 6:30pm

Featured Speakers:

**Norfolk CARES supervisor Lekesha Hazley
and Norfolk Police Chief Larry Boone**

[Click here to join the Zoom Meeting](#)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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MAY 7 – 14, 2022

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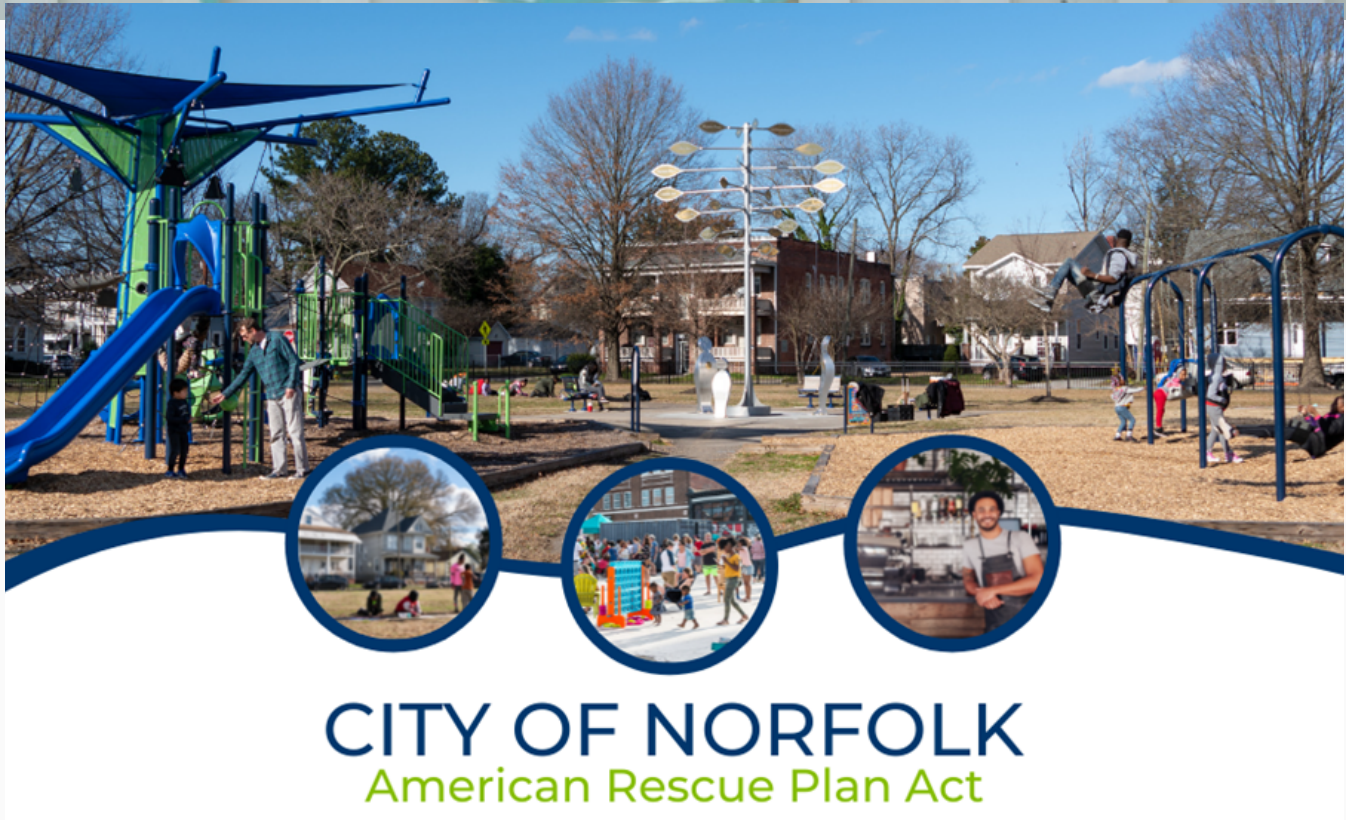
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Visit LL2022.eventbrite.com to pre-register.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Since November 2021, city staff solicited input from residents on priorities for the \$154 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Residents provided comments in-person, online, and at drop boxes located at recreation centers and libraries. The results of this community engagement are now available to the public through the ARPA Public Engagement Results resource guide.

This detailed report of all public comments received was provided to City Council on Saturday, March 5.

How can you access the guide?

- It will be emailed directly to residents who provided an email address at sign-in at one of the ARPA public meetings.
- Online
- At libraries beginning the week of March 14.

Read more at [WardsCorner.com](https://www.wardscorner.com)

WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE ADOPT-A-SPOT



PLEASE JOIN US

Q1 2022 CLEAN UP

Volunteers needed to help clean up litter from around the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center grounds. Tools and supplies will be provided but it will be helpful to wear waterproof boots. Please join us to help preserve our natural habitats.

The Wards Corner Civic League Adopt-A-Spot location is the field and surrounding grounds at the Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center bordering North Shore Ave to the north, and Newport Ave to the west. This piece of real estate is the largest green space we share as residents within the boundaries of our civic league region. We feel a responsibility to keep these grounds litter-free.

We meet four times a year and collect litter that has collected inside the field and along the sidewalk and roadways that border it. We will make announcements prior to our gathering. Gloves and trash bags are provided, so please show up and help out.

CLEAN UP DATE

SATURDAY
MARCH 19TH
9:00AM

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WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING RECORDING ON WEBSITE



The meeting was opened by President Scott Guirlinger. Officer Toth provided an update on criminal activity in the Wards Corner area. Sierra Sauls, Project Services Coordinator, Terri Raymond, Youth Services Coordinator, and Teresa Wanser, Family Services Librarian, Norfolk Public Library, shared information about the libraries' vision and answered questions.

- Library coordinators have been working on creating family spaces for 12 years.
- Playscapes- infants and toddlers. Currently located at Pretlow, Slover, Jordon-Newby, and Richard A Tucker.
- KidZones
- Club 567
- Teen Spaces and Studios
- Randi Master Peterson Studio @ Pretlow
- Nature Exploration- an outdoor learning environment.
- YOUmedia- a network of organizations committed to providing access to high quality educational purposes.
- Maker Studio
- Esports- organized, multi- player video game competitions.
- Discussed drive-up book return at the new NFWC.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas added city updates and answered questions.

- New NFWC & Library, Martin encouraged all to take the survey and tell staff what they want to be included.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade is back this year.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED NEXT...

WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED...

VIRTUAL MEETING RECORDING ON WEBSITE



- City Council Retreat this week-end. Items to be discussed.
- Update on casino.
- Light rail.
- Federal Government sending \$300M for Norfolk Flood Plan.
- City will have to match funds.
- New flood wall to be constructed by Army Corps of Engineers.
- Light pole on Newport Ave on work order to be replaced.
- Stop sign at the corner of Newport Ave. and North Shore to be replaced.
- Harris Teeter gas station construction set to begin.
- Discussed Metro Net
- Discussed redistricting.

General membership discussed locations to have in-person WCCL membership meetings.

The next WCCL Membership meeting is on Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 6:30. The meeting will be virtual.

President Scott Guirlinger then closed the meeting.



Flood Awareness Week: March 13-19

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Read More at [Wardscorner.com](https://www.norfolk.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=5878)

Get real-time flooding updates with this new partnership

Real-time flooding updates just got easier thanks to Norfolk's partnership with **RISE, climate tech FloodMapp and Waze! FloodMapp is testing the integration of their flood forecast technology with **Waze's navigation app here in Norfolk.****

What's this mean for Waze users? Drivers receive pop-up icons and audio alerts to warn them of flooded streets along their route – to help avoid property and life-threatening hazards. Drivers can also confirm flooding in the app with a “thumbs up” to help validate FloodMapp's technology and improve the accuracy of future Waze alerts.

Want to learn more about this partnership? Read the full press release: <https://www.norfolk.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=5878>

TREASURE'S REPORT

3/14/22	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKS	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,249.01	\$70.00	\$1,216.36
Funds received	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$64.12
Funds deposited	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,419.01	\$70.00	\$1,280.48
Total balance		\$2,769.49	

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