

APRIL 2023

WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE CROSSROADS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those who may have missed all of the hubbub the last couple of years, Virginia went through an extensive redistricting process drawn up by a commission. The final maps were validated by the courts last year and go into effect with the upcoming election cycle.

The impact to our Wards Corner neighborhood was significant. **For the first time in at least two decades, we will vote for and be represented by the same state delegate.**

We no longer have to stare at a confusing political map with strangely drawn boundaries to understand who represents whom in our neighborhood. We are all part of the reformed 93rd house district and 21st senate district.

Our current representatives do not live within the boundaries of our new districts, so we will be voting for new representation this spring in the primaries and this fall in the general election. In preparation for this, we plan to host candidates running for office over the course of our meetings between now and November. I hope you can join us or watch online afterward to learn more about the candidates who are vying to represent us starting next year.

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Important Dates:

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023
6:30pm
Norfolk Fitness &
Wellness center

ADOPT-A-SPOT CLEANUP

Saturday, May 13, 2023
9:00am @ NFWC Field

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Not sure what we are or
what we do? See our
Membership page to
find out.

Dues are \$10 per
household per year PAY
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT...

We will also hear from Parks and Recreation this month about upcoming summer programs here in Norfolk. There are a lot of programs available and we want to make sure all of our residents know how they can participate.

I will be out of town for this upcoming meeting. One of our vice presidents, Erin or Chris, will conduct the meeting in my absence. As always, if you have any concerns that are not being addressed through other channels, please reach out to me or one of the other board members.

See you around the neighborhood!

Scott Guirlinger

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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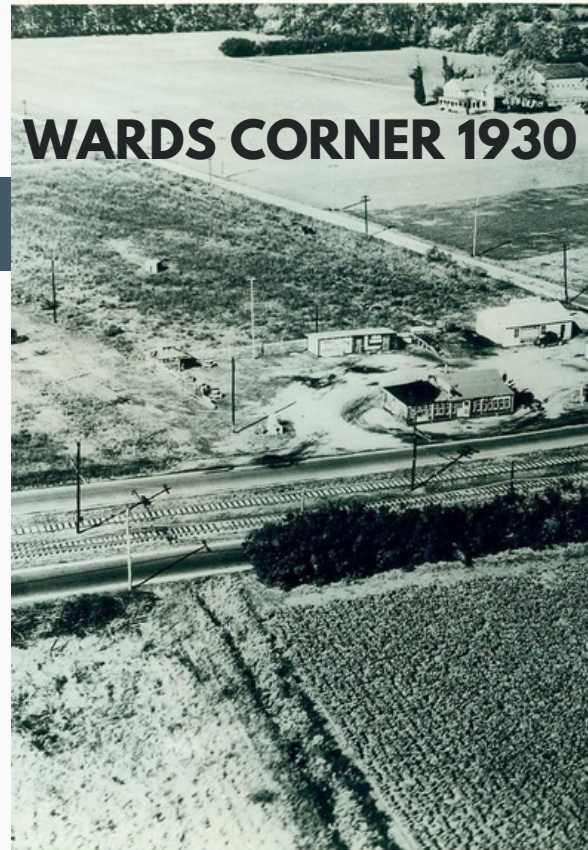
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MEETING NOTES FROM MARCH 20 MEETING

The meeting was opened by President Scott Guirlinger

President Scott Guirlinger provided an update on criminal activity in the Wards Corner area and answered questions.

Kay Egan and Donna Van Keuren, Norfolk Master Gardeners provided information and answered questions.

- Good Gardening 2023 @ Mary D Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, Norfolk, 3rd week of the month.
- Norfolk Master Gardeners Plant Sale @ the Hermitage Museum & Gardens, April 13-14.
- Recommended plants for our Wards Corner neighborhoods.
- Urban Agriculture Program, Norfolk residents may schedule a home visit.
- Teach children to grow food in the city and help provide fresh produce.
- 26 ongoing programs.
- Plant sales yearly to support events.
- Create pollinators corridors.
- Science based information from Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University.
- Support community gardens throughout the city.

Jamie Goldin, Neighborhood Specialist, Area 4, Norfolk provided updates and answered questions.

- Wards Corner Task Force meeting, May 11th, @ NFWC.

- Block by Block grants available.
 - \$2500 match grant.
 - \$500 starter grant.
- Active civic leagues in the Wards Corner area.
- Speaker Series
 - Facilitating Neighborhood Conversations, April 5th, @ Richard Tucker Library.
 - Good Organizational Practices, April 26th, @ Richard Tucker Library.
- Granby Street bike lane update-layout for design and concrete repairs presented.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas added city updates and answered questions.

- Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center (NFWC) updates.
 - This year's budget to include two-line item funding for NFWC.
- Move Prime Plus to Titus Town Community Center, plan to make it a multigenerational community center.
- NFWC
 - 2-year construction time frame.
 - Plan to include.
- Aquatics- lap pool, therapy pool, splash pads and lazy river
- Fitness Room
- Meeting Rooms
- Basketball Court
- Library- drive through and lockers for book pick-ups.

Vice President Erin Ward presented ideas for Civic League Community development and provided committee sign up sheets and discussed the new Wards Corner Civic League Facebook page.

Upcoming events.

- 6:30 Monday, June 12th: Ice Cream Social and Plant Exchange @North Shore Playground.
- The next WCCL Membership meeting is on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the NFWC @ 6:30pm.

President Scott Guirlinger then closed the meeting.

WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE ADOPT-A-SPOT

PLEASE JOIN US

Q2 2023 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:

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

Next Date
May 13, 2023
9:00AM

Gloves and trash bags are provided, so please show up and help out.





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are so excited to launch our new committees to help engage more with our Wards Corner neighbors and friends. **We are looking for a few more volunteers** to help with each committee. If you are interested please email erin@hrvahomes.com.

Welcome and Membership Committee-

Welcome new Wards Corner residents and encourage them to participate in the Civic League by sharing our welcome letter full of great information.

Adopt-A-Spot-

Join our quarterly volunteers in cleaning up our Adopt-A-Spot location at the NFWC

Events-

Help coordinate, plan, and execute fun and engaging events throughout the year for our Wards Corner friends and neighbors.

Scholarship-

Assist in coordination, communication, and delivery of Scholarship opportunities to local Wards Corner High School Seniors.

Thank You Neighbor Award-

Help solicit nominations and recognize Wards Corner neighbors that go above and beyond to make our area a better place for all.

Sponsorship/Advertising-

Assist in helping find local businesses who may want to advertise in our local newsletter and or sponsor upcoming events or our scholarship program

LOCAL NORFOLK LINKS TO SAVE

[City of Norfolk Arts & Culture Events Calendar](#)

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[NFK Currents](#) (weekly newsletter about local happenings)

[Visit Norfolk Website](#)

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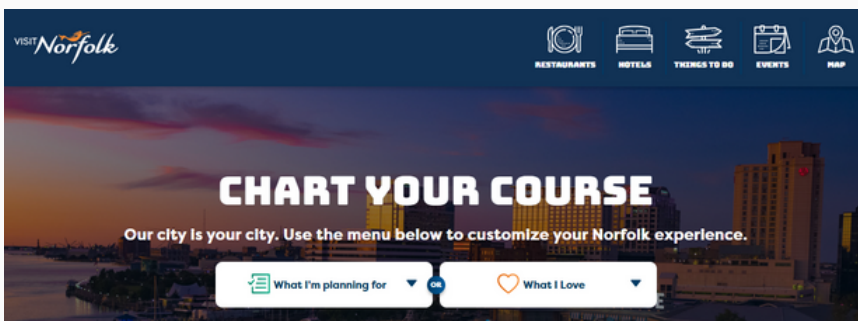
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Have you ever explored VisitNorfolk to find events, new restaurants, celebrations and more?



NORFOLK NEWS & PROGRAM UPDATES



Find a great list of classes and events held by the Norfolk Parks & Rec department [Click Here](#)

New Hours for Talbot Park Farmers Market

2023 Season Hours

Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00pm (formerly 6:30pm),
April through October

Plus a special Thanksgiving Market on
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 12:30-3:00pm

More information:

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E-WASTE RECYCLING LOCATION HAS CHANGED

**The electronic waste (e-waste) drop-off location
has changed!**

**Do you have unwanted TVs, laptops, cell phones or other
electronic devices?** You can recycle your e-waste and help
keep toxic materials out of landfills.

**As of April 14, Norfolk residents should take e-waste to the
Norfolk SPSA Transfer Station** located at 3136 Woodland
Avenue. After April 14, Towing & Recovery will no longer be able
to accept residential e-waste.

Learn more about e-waste, drop-off times and acceptable items.

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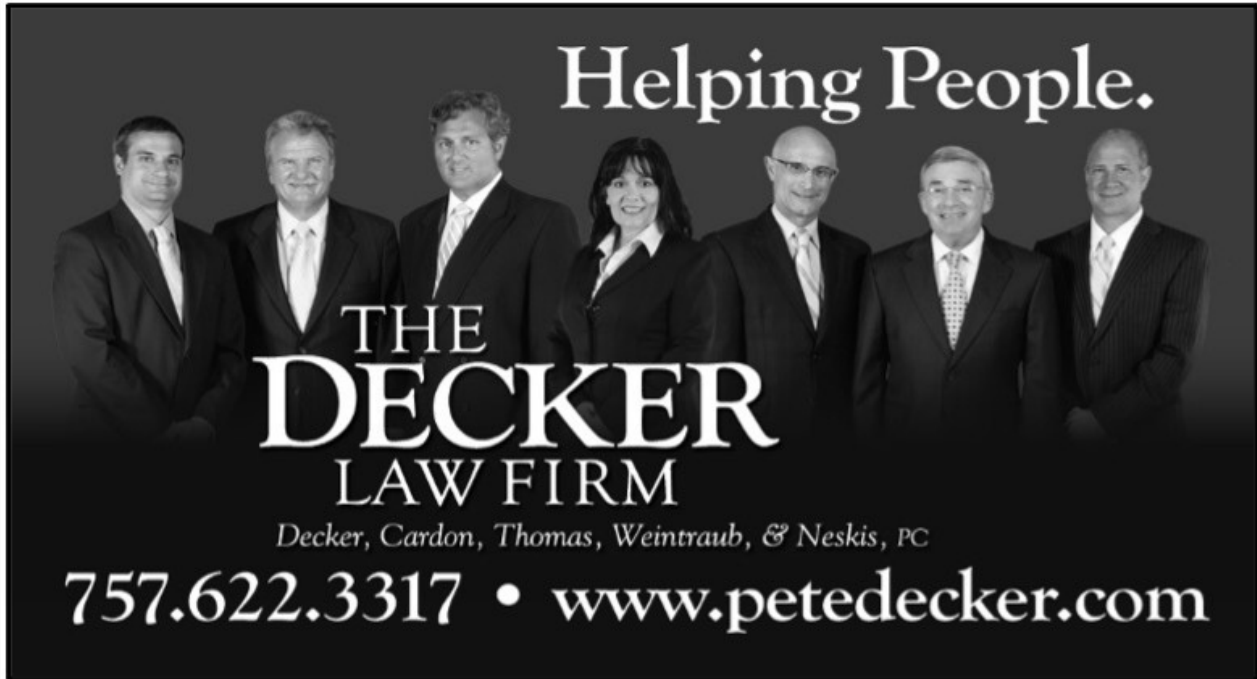
Tuesdays & Saturdays
noon - 4 p.m.
Limit: 5 items/visit



TREASURER REPORT

| 4/3/23 | ACCOUNT | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| | CHECKING | CASH | PAYPAL |
| Beginning balance | \$2,507.97 | \$20.00 | \$847.49 |
| Funds received | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$9.16 |
| Funds deposited | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Funds dispersed | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Ending balance | \$2,507.97 | \$20.00 | \$856.65 |
| Total balance | | \$3,384.62 | |

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