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WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe October is already here, when I give my annual shout-out to our neighborhood for its Halloween decorations and community spirit that make it such a great place to live. We have one of the best trick-or-treating neighborhoods in the city (if not the best), which is fantastic for my kids, but I also love getting to walk around and visit with neighbors on Halloween. It's a great night with so many people outside enjoying the evening together.

I hope you can all join us as well at our (now) annual Fall Fest on Sunday, October 22nd. We had a great turnout last year and can't wait to do it again this year. We will have pumpkin decorating, cornhole, potato sack race, jack o'lantern toss, costume contests for both kids and pets, photo backdrop, music, and more. Come on out to North Shore Playground and join us!

If you haven't noticed, we have a lot of road construction taking place in our area currently. And more is coming. This month we will have a presentation from Allan Myers, the lead contractor for the Hampton Roads Express Lanes that will widen I-64 through the Wards Corner business district. Come hear more about the impact to our area, what to expect during construction, and what to expect when it is complete.

Finally, a reminder that even small requests and changes can make a difference. We recently made a request to the city to add a sidewalk at 528 Timothy Ave, connecting two previously disconnected portions. Now residents on Timothy Ave can fully use the sidewalk without needing to walk in the grass or in the street. Do you know of other small potential improvements that can be requested? If you don't know who to contact, your civic league can help. Do you want to get more involved with your civic league? We are looking for volunteers for our board and committees as we begin preparations for next year. To help us

Important Dates:

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday
October 16, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Norfolk Fitness &
Wellness center

JOIN THE CIVIC LEAGUE!

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

Dues are \$10 per household per year **PAY ONLINE NOW THROUGH PAYPAL**



President Message continued...

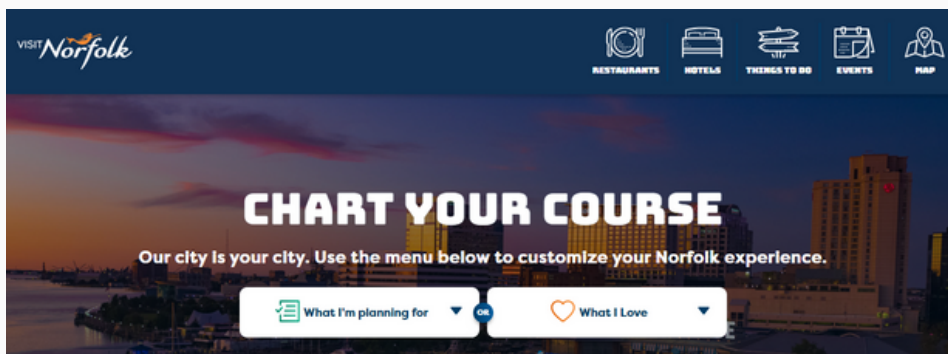
become more diverse geographically, we are specifically looking for more input and participation from residents north of Little Creek Rd. Please let us know if you or someone you know are interested.

See you all around the neighborhood! -Scott



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORFOLK?

Have you ever explored [VisitNorfolk](https://www.visitnorfolk.com) to find events, new restaurants, celebration and more?



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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757-651-4577

POLICE RED SECTOR
757-823-4450

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Search for **Wards Corner Civic League**



Join us!
**WCCL
Fall Fest**

**Sunday
October 22
4-6pm**

**North Shore
Playground Park
451 N Shore Rd**

**Pumpkin Decorating,
Music, Childrens
Costume Parade, Pet
Parade and more!**

Please **RSVP for each child
who will need a pumpkin to
decorate so we can plan to
have enough.**

RESERVE A SPOT



**BYOC- Bring your own chair
and prepare for a great time!**

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Email Erin Ward at erin@hrvahomes.com



SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was opened by 2nd Vice President Chris DePalma.

Officer Steven Toth, Community Resource Officer NPD, provided an update on criminal activity in the Wards Corner area and answered questions.

- Violent crime is down in Wards Corner.
- Stolen auto arrests are up in Norfolk.
- Auto theft down in Norfolk, but up in Wards Corner.
- Provided a crime map of Wards Corner.

Jackie Glass, Candidate, State House District 93 presented her platform and answered questions.

Adale Martin, School Board Representative, Ward 1 provided updates and answered questions.

- New weapon protection system in place this year.
 - Better technology.
 - Mobile devices to be used at every school entrance and sporting events.
- The evaluation process for Superintendent is in process.
- Accreditation status.
 - 25 schools accredited.
 - 16 schools accredited with conditions.
 - Coleman Place School was off the accreditation list and now is on the accreditation list.
 - Ruffner Middle School was performing poorly, and part of a new program called Compass Academy, early focus on career pathways focusing skills and interest with resources.
- Increase in non-speaking English students, primarily Spanish.
- In need of teachers and bus drivers.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas provided city updates and answered questions.

- 911 call center understaffed.
- Applicant for Kroger building has asked for continuance for rezoning with city council.
- Farm Fresh building lease up shortly.
- Midtown Shopping Center on market, price drop.
- Provided an update on flood wall.
 - Army Corps of Engineers will be designing the flood wall in phases.
- City owns two malls.
 - Shifting focus to downtown MacArthur Mall as a quicker turnaround.
 - VA Hospital may have interest in Military Circle Mall.
- Developer for Casino changing plans and backing out of original plans.

John Sitka, Candidate, State House District 93 presented his platform and answered questions.

Vice President, Erin Ward provided Civic League Community Development Committee sign-up sheets, discussed the Fall Festival and requested suggestions for future activities.

Upcoming events.

- Adopt-A-Spot @ NFWC field, September 30th at 9:00 am.
- Fall Festival @ North Shore Playground, Sunday, October 22, 4:00-6:00pm.

The next WCCL Membership meeting is on Monday, October 16, 2023, at the NFWC Conference Room @ 6:30pm.

2nd Vice President Chris DePalma then closed the meeting.



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.

Newsletter Editor: Compile community notices, updates, and editorial submissions for a monthly newsletter.

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](#)
- [Festevents](#)
- [NFK Currents](#) (weekly newsletter about local happenings)
- [Visit Norfolk Website](#)
- [My Active Child](#) (family-friendly info about activities & events)
- [Macaroni Kid Hampton Roads](#)
- [Virginia Zoo](#)
- [Norfolk Botanical Garden](#)
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- [Norfolk Tour Company](#)

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Special Waste Collection Event

NOVEMBER 4 9 AM - Noon
Southside STEM Academy 1106 Campostella Rd.

FREE drive-thru and drop-off event for Norfolk residents!

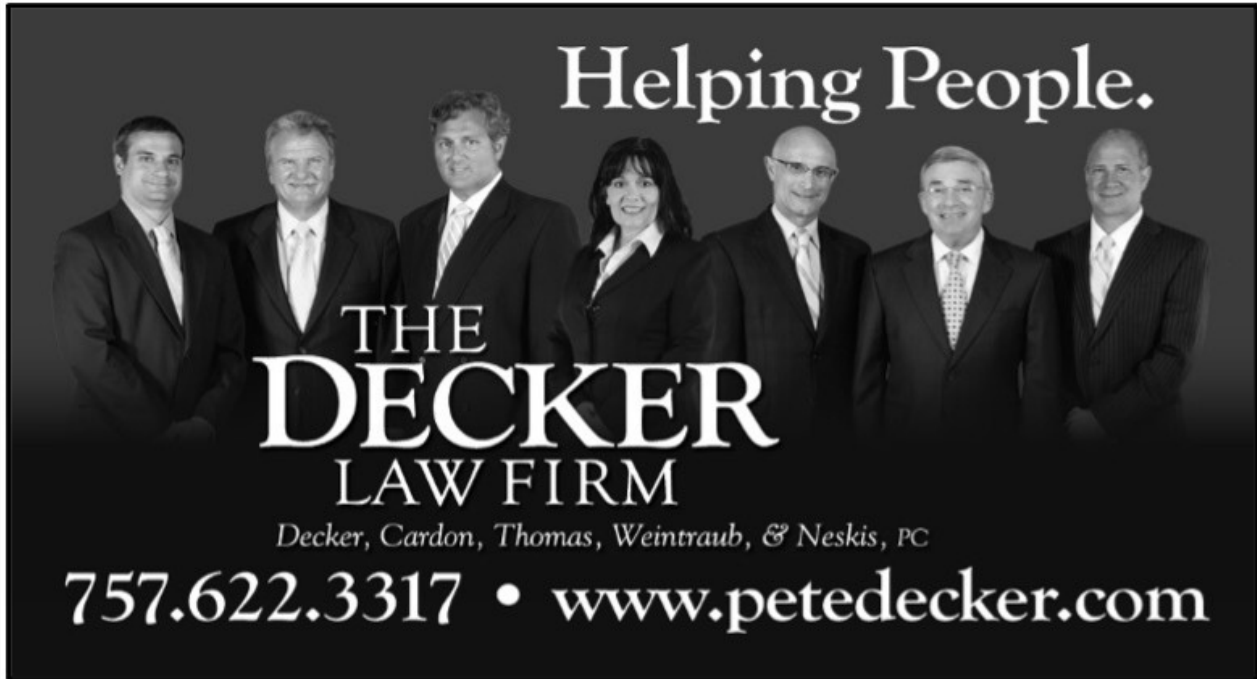
**Proof of residency required.

Learn more at
www.norfolk.gov/knb

TREASURER REPORT

10/9/23		ACCOUNT	
	CHECKING	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,798.82	\$20.00	\$911.61
Funds received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.48
Funds deposited	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,808.82	\$20.00	\$939.09
Total balance		\$2,767.91	

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