

WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great to see so many neighbors once again at our Fall Festival this year. I hope you all enjoyed the event as much as our family did. 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 spirit with holiday lights and a holiday party in December!

This month we will hear from the city's director of economic development. This is the office responsible for encouraging companies to do business in Norfolk. I know there are many questions you all have on this topic and look forward to a lively discussion this coming Monday.

As president of your civic league, I am also part of the Greater Wards Corner Task Force. We meet once a quarter and are receiving regular updates now on the progress and process of the Fitness & Wellness Center redesign. We were told at our most recent meeting this month that city staff are currently narrowing the list of potential firms from 3 down to 1 and that we should expect another round of community input as early as next spring.

We also learned that the DePaul hospital redevelopment will not be moving forward and the property is once again on the market. (The rezoning that was presented to us did go through and is still in effect as it was presented.)

And we received updates on several separate projects all happening in the Granby Street corridor:

Important Dates:

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday
November 21, 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.

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- The Granby St bike lanes project is entering into detailed design now.
- Dominion is scheduled to be upgrade street lighting along Granby St to new LED fixtures and bulbs next spring or summer.
- The city has approved the placement of a speed enforcement camera at Granby High School for installation next year.

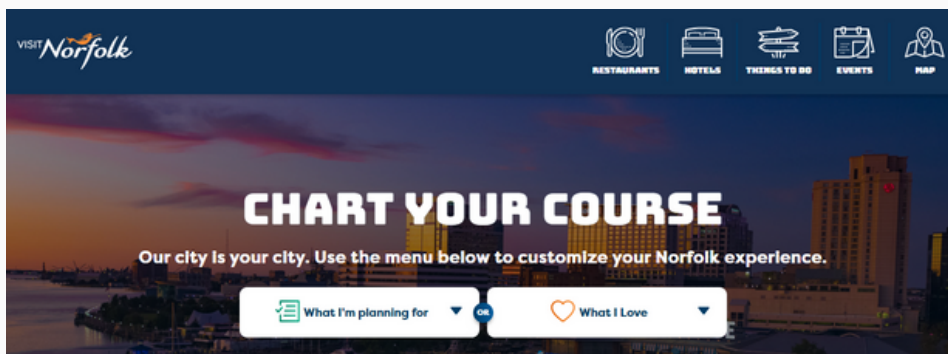
Looking ahead to next year, our civic league board is seeking at least one replacement for board members that are moving on. We value diversity of opinions and would appreciate your fresh perspective if you would please consider joining us. If you have any questions, I am always happy to answer them. Feel free to reach out to me at scott.guirlinger@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. I look forward to seeing you all at our Monday meeting and around the neighborhood!

Scott Guirlinger

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORFOLK?

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



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HOLIDAY EVENTS

SANTA & COCOA EVENT!



DECEMBER 9TH
4PM
7454 MILLBROOK RD
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WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE
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WATCH THOSE TURKEY FRYERS

Planning on frying a turkey this year? Keep these tips from Norfolk Fire-Rescue in mind this holiday season:

- Always make sure the turkey has defrosted.
- Keep fryers outside and away from flammable items.
- Make sure fryers are on a flat, stable surface.
- Don't overfill the fryer!
- Turn off the gas before putting the turkey in.
- Never leave the fryer unattended.
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer.
- Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE!

Thanksgiving is all about food and family and it may be tempting to include our furry family members in the holiday feast, but some of the festive fixings can be harmful to pets.

- Turkey: A tiny bit of meat is ok but never give pets any leftover bones.
- Garlic, onion, leeks and chives: These can be toxic to dogs and cats so it's best to avoid anything cooked with those ingredients.
- Desserts: Chocolate, raisins, currants and the popular sugar substitute Xylitol are toxic for dogs and cats.
- Trash: Secure trash cans so pets aren't tempted to go after the scraps.

Some pet-friendly holiday treats include baby carrots, sweet potatoes, green beans and apples.

Feliz Navidad!
Join us for a
Wards Corner
Neighborhood
Holiday Fiesta

ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD, DRINKS, AND NEIGHBORS!
WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE- SEE EVENT FOR DETAILS



HOLIDAY FIESTA

December 18, 6:30 pm

In lieu of a formal December meeting, we will host a holiday fiesta gathering at **Guads** restaurant on our normal meeting date at our normal meeting time. [More details.](#)

OCTOBER 16, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was opened by President Scott Gurlinger.

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

Trina Haynes, Public Relations Specialist, Domenic Marino, Senior Project Manager, Allan Myers Hampton Roads Express Lanes Project provided information and answered questions about the I-64 Hampton Roads Express Lanes Norfolk Segment 1A Project.

Project Description

The HREL Norfolk Segment 1A will repurpose I-64 in both directions from Tidewater Drive to Patrol Road in Norfolk. The three existing general-purpose lanes and shoulders will be converted to one part-time, high-occupancy express shoulder lane and three general purpose lanes for a total of two miles.

- Construction Starts: September 2023
- Estimated Completion Date: Early 2026
- Design-Build Contract: \$197.6 Million
- Project Website:
https://www.64expresslanes.org/under_construction/norfolk.asp
- Contact Information:
HRELNorfolk@allanmyers.com, 757-250-3032
- Major Work Includes.

Two miles of shoulder rehabilitation/strengthening on I-64 east and west.

- Roadway widening in some locations to maintain shoulder width.
- Right of way acquisition in some locations.
- Five bridge widening/rehabilitations.
- Three bridge rehabilitations.
- Tolling gantries and overhead signage.

Noise barriers.

- Local roads to remain open with traffic barriers.

- Short term detours.
- Little Creek Road from Tidewater Drive no left turn to 264.
- 564 to Little Creek Road no left turn.
- Tidewater Drive 64 east bound loop ramp.
- No new exit ramps to be added for high-occupancy lanes.

Vice Mayor Martin Thomas provided city updates and answered questions.

- NFWC update: narrowed down to three design and builders for the project.
- City plan to consolidate the many rec centers to five consolidated recreation and library centers that should help with staffing issues.
- Interest rates affecting future building projects, not affecting current projects.
- Sea Wall project proceeding.
- Median fence at Wards Corner being replaced by construction company that mistakenly removed.

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

Upcoming events.

- Fall Festival @ North Shore Playground, Sunday, October 22, 4:00-6:00pm.
- December Membership Meeting @ Guads Restaurant at Wards Corner.
- WCCL Board Elections will be at the January Membership Meeting.

The next WCCL Membership meeting is on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the NFWC Conference Room @ 6:30pm.

President Scott Gurlinger 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](#)
- [Chrysler Museum of Art](#)
- [Hermitage Museum and Gardens](#)
- [Norfolk Tour Company](#)

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NOVEMBER 18 & 19 HOLIDAY EVENTS

Norfolk Prepares to Kick Off the Holiday Season

Special parking rates and road closures for Norfolk Harbor Races & Grand Illumination Parade

The City of Norfolk is excited for the return of J&A Racing's Norfolk Harbor Race Series and the Downtown Norfolk Council's Grand Illumination Parade this weekend, Saturday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 19.

[Get more information!](#)

TREASURER REPORT

11/13/23		ACCOUNT	
	CHECKING	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,808.82	\$20.00	\$939.09
Funds received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.64
Funds deposited	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,808.82	\$20.00	\$975.73
Total balance		\$2,804.55	

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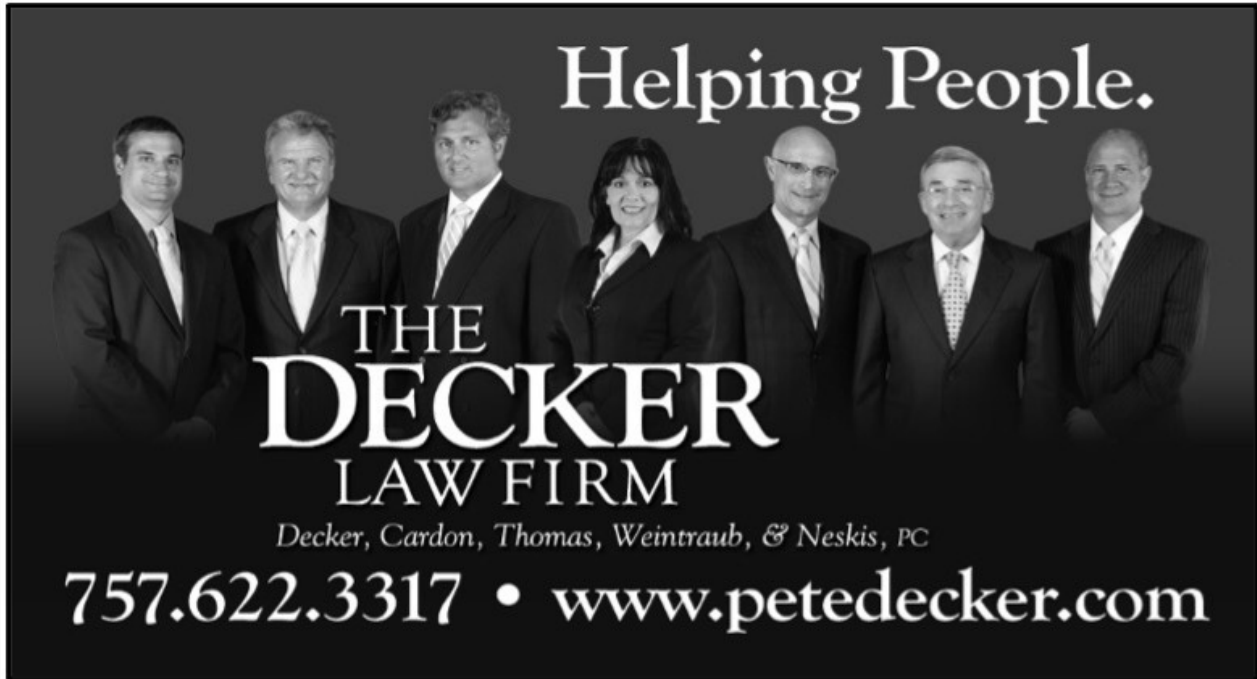
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