

# WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We've entered into that time of year when the sun sets much earlier and the darkness seems to bring everyone down a little bit. But have no fear; holiday lights will soon be here! I'm looking forward to seeing the displays in our neighborhood - big, small, tasteful, eclectic, wild, all of them. I hope you will enjoy them as well.

This month we will hear from our neighborhood's assigned codes specialist. He will share about what his department can do and can't do in regards to enforcement of property maintenance. This is always an engaging topic when we talk with our community resource officer, and I expect all of you will have many questions for our guest.

As a playful counterpoint to the NIMBY (not in my backyard) sentiment of codes enforcement, we will also hear from guest speakers representing YIMBY Hampton Roads. This volunteer organization is advocating to end the housing shortage in our community. They are working to fix the current problems and create a community with abundant, affordable homes for everyone. You can read more about this exciting new non-profit at <https://www.yimbyhamptonroads.org/>. And then join us to hear more in person!

Looking ahead to next year, our civic league is seeking interested residents to join our board. 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](mailto: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!

## Important Dates:

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday  
November 18, 2024  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Norfolk Fitness &  
Wellness center

For times and  
locations on the  
new speed  
cameras [click  
here](#)

## 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  
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## Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024, Wards Corner Civic League Member Meeting

The meeting was opened by President Scott Guirlinger.

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

- Sterling Oaks Apartments has parttime Norfolk Police Officers patrolling property.

Katie Paulson & Marcus Pollard, Commonwealth Preservation Group

Talbot Park Apartments

Renovation presented the proposed project and answered questions.

- 296 units.

- 2 story Colonial Revival Style buildings.

- Built after WW II housing boom.

- Utilizing Federal and State Tax Abatements.

- Renovating in sections beginning 2025 with projected completion

January 2027.

Jeremy McGee, Candidate for City Council, Superward 6, presented his platform and answered questions.

Jason Roberts, Civil Engineer, Aracadis Norfolk Sanitary Pump Station

27 Replacement and Rick Dempsey, Civil Engineer, Norfolk Department

of Utilities, reported on the new pump station at 101 North Shore Road

and answered questions.

- Schedule- beginning Summer-Fall 2025 with completion expected in about 1.5 years.

- Design blend, functionality with aesthetics.

Sarah DiCalogero, Candidate for School Board, Superward 6 presented

her platform and answered questions.

Upcoming events

- Adopt -A-Spot Clean-Up, Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 9:00AM NFWC.

- Fall Festival, Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 4:30PM NFWC Field

- NFWC Community Meeting on New Design, October 30, 2024 6:00PM NFWC

- WCCL Membership Meeting, Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:30PM NFWC Conference Room.

President Scott Guirlinger then closed the meeting.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY**

**757-823-4433**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
OFFICER**

**757-651-4577**

**POLICE RED SECTOR**

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## PROPOSED BY-LAW UPDATES

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Wards Corner Civic League.

#### ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Wards Corner Civic League shall be to promote the principle of good citizenship among the residents, property owners and proprietors or representatives of business establishments in this section of the City of Norfolk; to unite for cooperation and interchange of ideas in the best interest of this section towards beautification, recreation, the safety of its residents and the protection of their property investments; and to cooperate with various organizations for the best interest of this section in particular and the City in general.

#### ARTICLE III – OPERATING YEAR

The operating year of this League shall be from January 1 through December 31.

#### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Any adult resident, property owner, or proprietor or representative of a business establishment within the boundaries of the Wards Corner Civic League or residents of adjoining neighborhoods in which an effective civic league does not exist shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the annual dues.

Every adult member of a paid household shall be entitled to one vote on any issue before the league provided they were a member in good standing at the time of the previous meeting date.

A member may hold office only after he has been a paid member in good standing for at least six months of the current League year and has attended 50% of meetings held during the current year.

#### ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The direction of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors upon approval of the members; the Board shall consist of the officers, the

Chairperson of the standing committees, and the immediate Past President of the League. The Board shall meet prior to regular meetings and at the call of the President. Four Board members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of the League shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and up to 3 Members at Large. These officers shall be elected annually as provided in Article IX. Any officer or member of the Board of Directors who shall neglect to perform his/her duties by absence from three consecutive regular and/or board meetings shall be considered to have relinquished his or her office or chairmanship and the vacancy thus created shall be immediately filled by appointment of the President upon approval of the Board of Directors.

## PROPOSED BY-LAW UPDATES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE VII – FINANCE

The annual dues and any lifetime dues of the league shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be per household, payable to the Wards Corner Civic League. Honorary members (active president) shall not be required to pay annual dues. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the League upon approval of the membership or authorization of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer's Books shall be inspected annually in the month following the close of the operating year by a committee of three members; the Chairman to be appointed by the President and the other two to be elected from the floor. In the event the Treasurer vacates the position prior to the annual election, the Treasurer's books will be inspected by a committee of three members appointed by the president prior to the new Treasurer taking office. The results of any inspections shall be submitted to the Board at the next Board meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The regular meeting of the Wards Corner Civic League shall be held on the third Monday of SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY and JUNE. Special meetings and re-scheduled meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or by submission of a petition of ten or more members. Fifteen members in person including at least four officers, provided that all are active and in good standing, shall constitute a quorum. If fewer than fifteen members and four officers are active and in good standing then one-half the number of officers and one-half the number of members may constitute a quorum provided all members and officers have been notified.

### ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS AND VOTING

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the November meeting. The President shall appoint one (whom shall be designated as Chairperson) and the membership shall elect two to the Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to recommend candidates at the January/December meeting, a slate consisting of at least one nominee for each elective office. Nomination may be made from the floor at this time. The election of officers shall take place at the January/December meeting. The installation of officers shall take place no later than at the February/January meeting. Officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves for a maximum of three terms in the same office.

### ARTICLE X – PROCEDURE

Roberts Rules of Order shall apply in all cases except where said rules are not consistent with the existing Constitution and By – Laws of the Wards Corner Civic League.

### ARTICLE XI - BOUNDARIES

The neighborhoods included within the boundaries of the Wards Corner Civic League are: ROSE GARDENS, SUSSEX AT NORFOLK, PINEHURST, MERRIDALE, HARITON GARDENS, RESTMERE, VIRGINIA GARDENS, WEXFORD TERRACE, and COLONY POINT.

### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Wards Corner Civic League may be amended by a majority of those present and voting at any regular meeting, provided the amendment was presented in writing and read at the previous meeting, notice has been given to the membership, and a quorum is present.

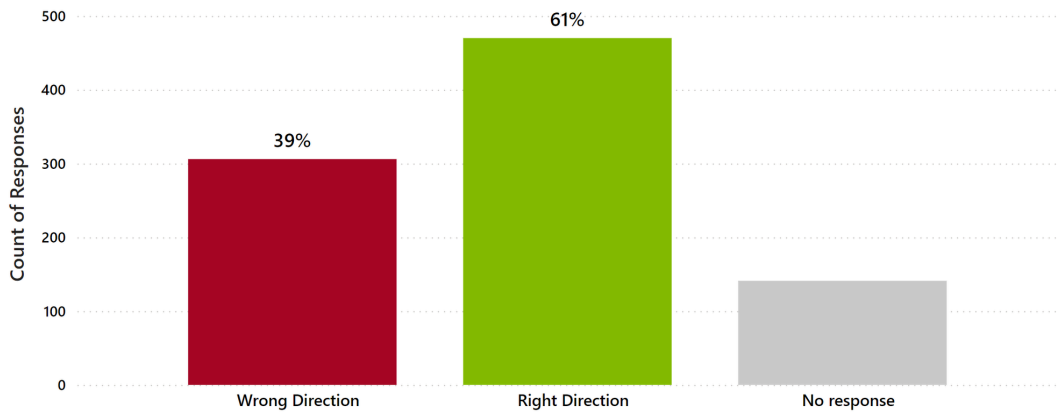
**Amended and approved: February 26, 2018**

# 2024 NORFOLK RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

## 2024 Norfolk City Resident Satisfaction Survey

CivicLabNORFOLK

Budget Program	Survey Section	Survey Question Topic	
<input type="checkbox"/> City Council	<input type="checkbox"/> City Direction	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Overall, would you say Norfolk is headed in the right ...	Clear all selections
<input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Perceptions of the City	<input type="radio"/> Overall appearance of Norfolk	
<input type="checkbox"/> City Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and Appearance of the City	<input type="radio"/> Overall feeling of safety in Norfolk	Topics Shown
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications & Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Solid Waste Services	<input type="radio"/> Overall image or reputation of Norfolk	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Facilities, Arts and Ente...	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Services	<input type="radio"/> Overall quality of life in Norfolk	92
<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural, Leisure, and Engagement Opp...	<input type="radio"/> Overall transparency regarding the actions of the city	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries and Recreation	<input type="radio"/> Overall value that you receive for your city tax dollars	



City Direction: Overall, would you say Norfolk is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Percent Positive	Change 2022-2024
60.6%	+13.2%
Response Count	Change P-value
776	0.00

1. All percentages calculated excluding Don't Know responses.  
 2. Percent Positive is combined responses from top two categories.  
 3. Response Count is 917 total responses less the count of Don't Know responses.  
 4. P-value is for the test that Change 2022-2024 equals zero.  
 5. Change 2022-2024 is greyed for p-values greater than 0.05 because the change is so small that it is not statistically different from zero.

Results 2024

Change 2022-2024

Results by Ward

Priorities

Notes

With an excellent response rate of over 18%, there was a huge jump in residents' perception that Norfolk is headed in the right direction! Compared with 2022, more residents feel that the city is safer and are satisfied with Norfolk's reputation and quality of life. The two biggest resident priorities are to improve the condition of major city streets and improve resilience to flooding. Residents also feel that the recycling services and 911 dispatch services could use some work! As always, there's more work to be done in Mermaid City. We hope you'll get involved at the next civic league 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](mailto: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-**

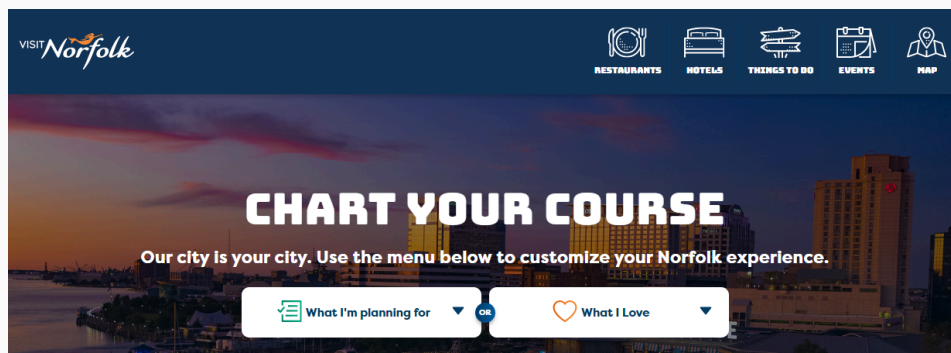
Assist in helping find local businesses who may want to advertise in our local newsletter and or sponsor upcoming events or our scholarship program

# LOCAL NORFOLK LINKS TO SAVE

- [City of Norfolk Arts & Culture Events Calendar](#)
- [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](#)
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORFOLK?

Have you ever explored [VisitNorfolk](#) to find events, new restaurants, celebration and more?



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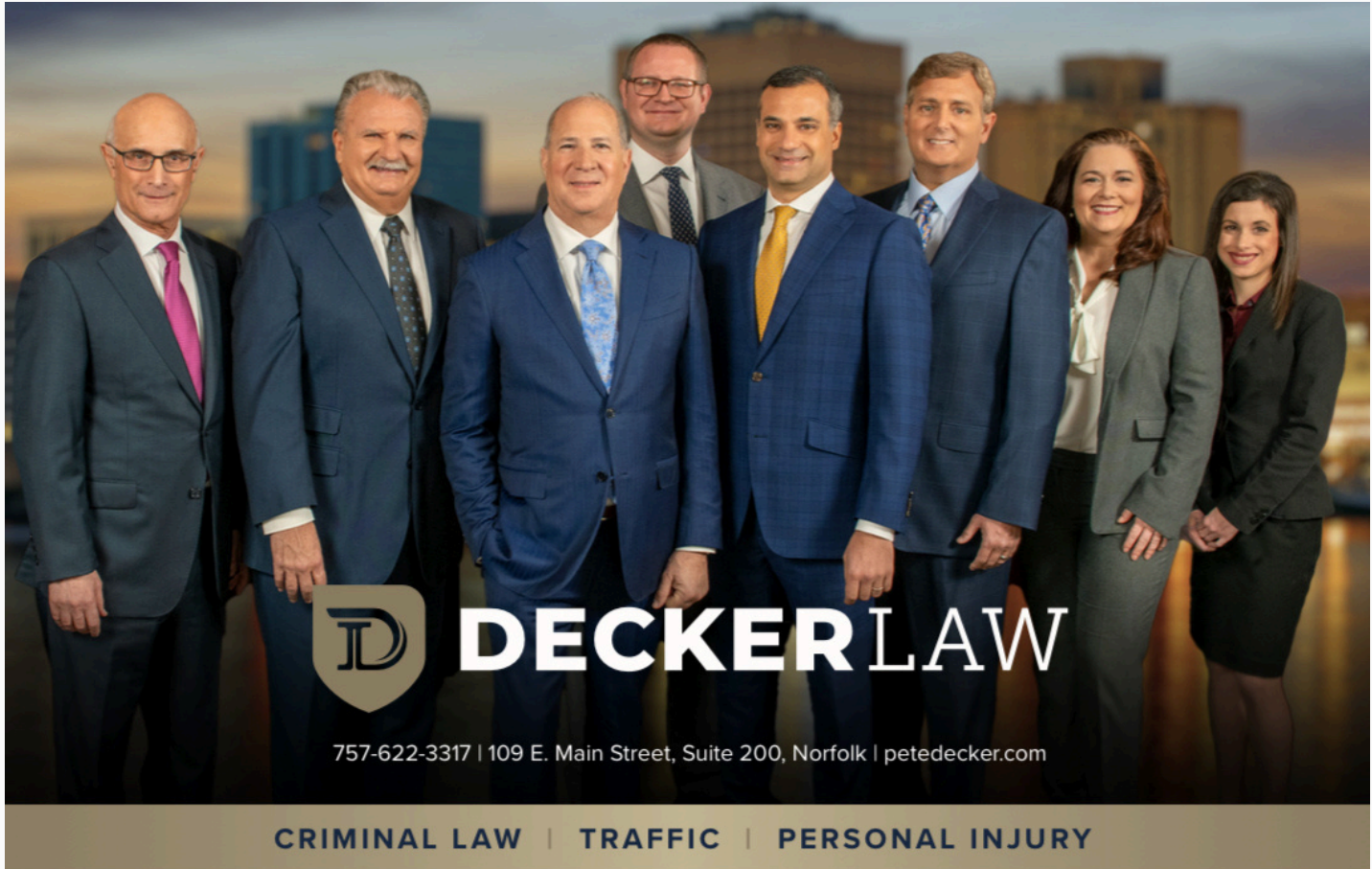


## TREASURER REPORT

11/11/2024		ACCOUNT	
	CHECKING	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$1,310.53	\$0.00	\$1,484.65
Funds received	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$9.16
Funds deposited	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000
Ending balance	\$2,310.53	\$40.00	\$493.81
Total balance		\$2,844.34	



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