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# WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had the pleasure of attending Norfolk's State of the City address on April 4th. It was inspiring to see all of the good things happening across our city, most of which I was not aware of before the presentation. (The NFWC reconstruction did have a brief mention.) I encourage you to find more information on this recent address on the city's website, hopefully for some to inspiration of your own.

That same day, one of the towers at the former DePaul hospital was demolished. That reconstruction project continues to proceed and I am told it is currently scheduled for completion in 2027, the same year as the NFWC. Needless to say, there is quite a bit happening in and around our neighborhood.

Last month we started our rotation of social events every other month (April, June, October, December) with formal meetings in the months between (May, September, November). After quite a bit of searching around and several "dead ends", the board has decided to hold this month's meeting at Titustown Recreation Center. (Go left to meeting room after entering front doors.) I hope you all can join us to catch up on what's been happening recently in our city and our neighborhood.

With the warmer weather here now, it's been nice to see more neighbors out walking and around the neighborhood. I look forward to catching up with all of you soon, at our meeting or elsewhere.

Scott

## Important Dates

Membership Meeting  
Monday, May 19, 2025  
6:30 p.m.  
Titustown Recreation 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 through PayPal.](#)





## Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2025

The meeting was opened by President Scott Guirlinger, who welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Tori Lannetti, Community Engagement Coordinator, Norfolk Public Library presented information and answered questions. Currently 12 Norfolk Public Library locations.

- Mobile delivery available.
- Online resources available.
- Youth programs.
  - Tales to Tails.
  - Summer Reading Program.
  - Summer Food Program.
  - Free Book Program.
- Adult Programs
- Equipment Library
- Volunteer and Internship opportunities are available.
- The library at the new NFWC will have a smaller footprint than the other Norfolk library locations. Will offer adult and children programs.

Delegate Jackie Glass, Virginia's 89th District, presented information and answered questions. [deljglass@house.va.gov](mailto:deljglass@house.va.gov), Office- 757.472.1293, Direct- 757.472.1392

The proposed bylaw vote article 7 to add a lifetime membership if the board decides, tabled to amend language of proposal.

### Committee Reports

- May 17, 2025- Community Yard Sale to kick off WCCL Scholarship Program.

Reviewed plans for membership meetings' locations during NFWC construction.

- Alternating every other month between membership meetings and a social event.
- No meeting in July or August.

Martin Thomas, Vice Mayor, City of Norfolk, presented updates and answered questions.

- The Hampton Roads Transportation Organization conducted a study on train crossings in Tidewater, identifying the top 10 most congested are in Norfolk. The worst crossings are in our neighborhood. The study aims to secure funding to ease congestion at these crossings.

### Upcoming Events.

- March 22, 2025, 9:00 AM Adopt a Spot Cleanup NFWC.
- April 21, 2025, 6:30 PM Membership Social @ Guads.

President, Scott Guirlinger then closed the meeting.



## Meeting Agenda

### Monday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

- Introduction and Welcome
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Reports
  - Steven Toth, Community Resource Officer, NPD
- Featured Speakers
  - Ella DiPetto, Elizabeth River Project
- Updates
  - Martin Thomas, Vice Mayor, City of Norfolk
  - Adale Martin, Ward 1 Board Representative, Norfolk Public Schools
- Announcements & Other Business
  - Committee reports
  - Plan for meeting during NFWC construction
- Adjournment

#### Upcoming events

- The Wards Corner Community Yard Sale, Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Participating homes:
  - 7312 Colony Point Rd
  - 320 Maycox Ave
  - 216 N Shore Rd
  - 7409 Colony Point Rd
  - 7448 DeCreny Cir
  - 7400 Millbrook Rd
  - 7412 Millbrook Rd
  - 7454 Millbrook Rd
  - 7404 Millbrook Rd
  - 7405 Millbrook Rd
  - and more coming soon...
- Adopt-A-Spot, Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m., meet at green space at the corner of Ruthven and Little Creek
- Ice Cream Social, Monday, June 23, 6:30 p.m., North Shore Playground

## Important Numbers

Police Non-Emergency  
757-823-4433

Community Resource  
Officer  
757-651-4577

Police Red Sector  
757-823-4450

Norfolk Cares Call  
Center For: Sewer  
Backup, Code  
Enforcement, Waste  
Management-  
Everything Else!  
757-664-6510

Police Emergency  
911

## Get Social

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connected! Search for "Wards  
Corner Civic League"



## Treasurer Report

5/15/2025	ACCOUNT		
	CHECKING	CASH	PAYPAL
Beginning balance	\$2,3103.33	\$30.00	\$705.03
Funds received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.16
Funds deposited	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funds dispersed	\$360.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Ending balance	\$1,973.33	\$0.00	\$714.19
Total balance	\$2,687.52		

## NFK2050

The NFK2050 team is excited to host a series of open houses to kick off Phase 3, the final phase of the planning process. Residents and stakeholders will have the opportunity to review and provide input on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. All four sessions will be open-house style with a drop-in format.

Tuesday, June 3, 5 – 7 p.m., Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library at Broad Creek (1425 Norchester Ave.)

Thursday, June 5, 5 – 7 p.m., Southside Boys and Girls Club (701 Berkley Ave. Ext.)

Wednesday, June 11, 5 – 7 p.m., Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library (111 W. Ocean View Ave.)

Wednesday, June 18, 5 – 7 p.m., YMCA on Granby (2901 Granby St.)

The open houses will include the following information:

- Project background, timeline, etc.
- Stations for each of the Plan Pillars (Celebrating Our Community, Growing Equitably, Embracing Nature, Connecting the City) with an opportunity to comment on the draft goals and actions for each.
- The Draft Future Land Use Plan and Map.
- Copies of the full Draft Plan.

For those who are unable to attend these events, additional online and in-person opportunities to provide input will be available over the summer.

For additional information on NFK2050, please visit [www.nfk2050.com](http://www.nfk2050.com).

## Civic League Board of Directors

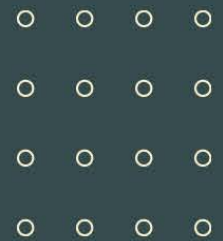
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Wards Corner Civic League Scholarship Fund



# Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 17**

09:00am - 02:00pm

Wards Corner Neighborhoods

Visit [wardscorner.com](http://wardscorner.com) for list of  
participating homes



Get great deals on  
household goods, antiques,  
collectibles, toys, furniture  
& many more.

Register your home by  
scanning the QR Code

\$10 per home participating.

All proceeds will benefit the

Wards Corner Civic League Scholarship Fund



For More Information:

Email Meredith Pollard  
[mermer.red@gmail.com](mailto:mermer.red@gmail.com)





# Volunteer Opportunities

*Be the Change in Your Neighborhood!*

Change begins at home, and there's no better place to make a difference than in your own community. By getting involved locally, you help shape the future of Wards Corner, strengthen connections with your neighbors, and create a place we're all proud to call home. Join us in building a better, more vibrant neighborhood—one step at a time. We're looking for passionate volunteers to help lead the way in our new committees. Your voice matters, and together, we can make Wards Corner thrive!

## **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.

If you are interested please email [erin@hrvahomes.com](mailto:erin@hrvahomes.com).



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