



WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE

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June, 2006

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY

June 19, 2006

7:00 PM

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS
CENTER

Agenda

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Services
City of Norfolk

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim English jenglish@odu.edu

Jim's message this month includes highlights about the upcoming hurricane season from the websites referenced at the end of the article.

The 2006 hurricane season will produce 17 named storms, nine hurricanes and five intense hurricanes, according to hurricane experts. The probability for at least one major Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane landfall on the East Coast is 64 percent, 33 points over the average for the last century.

Many people believe that a major hurricane cannot affect them or that there is nothing they can do to protect themselves. But, it could happen to you, and there are simple, low-cost steps families and businesses can take to get ready.

Phone Number for Local Emergency Management Office

Your local emergency manager can assist you with creating your disaster plan and answer your questions about disaster preparedness in your area, such as:

- What is my community's emergency response plan?
- Where are the closest evacuation shelters?
- Does my community have an emergency warning system?

- What about transportation for those who don't drive or who don't have access to private transportation?
- Norfolk City: 757-441-5600

Hurricane Kit:

<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/EPR/pdf/DisasterChecklist.pdf>

Preparedness is the key to survival in any disaster, including hurricanes and terrorism, and having a family disaster supply kit handy can aid in recovery. The following shopping list should help residents to assemble the basic items for a family disaster supply kit over a four-week period without causing a significant financial burden.

Last year's hurricane season showed the world how dangerous and devastating hurricanes can be. The Virginia Department of Health reminds residents that advanced preparation can minimize the risk for injury and disease resulting from a hurricane. Hurricane season officially begins June 1, and lasts through November 30. Forecasters at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predict high levels of hurricane activity during the 2006 season. Learn more about how to prepare for hurricanes and other natural disasters in order to keep your family safe.

2006 Hurricane Disaster Inform

Drinking Water

- Flood waters contain disease causing microorganisms. If water treatment plants are affected by flood waters, residents should heed instructions from local authorities to boil their water before drinking it and for use in preparing meals. People should not use any ice that is made with potentially contaminated water. Restoring water service could take some time in some areas.

Food Safety

- Perishable foods including meats, dairy products, and eggs that haven't been refrigerated for more than two hours should be discarded because they are no longer safe to consume.
- Foods that have been contaminated by flooding should also be discarded.
- In the event of a power outage, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. Each time the door is opened, a significant amount of refrigeration is lost.

- The refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about four hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full and the door remains closed.)

If your power comes back on after food in your freezer has already begun to thaw, use an appliance thermometer to check the temperature in your freezer. Food stored in the freezer at 40 °F or below is safe and may be refrozen. If a thermometer has not been kept in the freezer, check each package of food to determine the safety. Remember you can't rely on appearance or odor. If the food still contains ice crystals or is 40 °F or below, it is safe to refreeze

Candle Safety

- Use a flashlight instead of a candle whenever possible.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire such as clothing, books, curtains, or flammable liquids.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily and are made from a material that can't burn.
- Keep candles out of reach of children.
- Try to avoid carrying a lit candle.
- NEVER use a candle for a light when checking pilot lights or fueling equipment.

Avoid Carbon Monoxide

- During flood cleanup, operate all gasoline-powered devices such as pumps, generators, and pressure washers outdoors and NEVER bring them indoors, including in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up in the home.
- Always position generators outdoors on a dry surface, away from doors, windows, porches, vents and air-conditioning equipment that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide and smoke detectors or plug-in carbon monoxide and smoke detectors with battery back-up in your home, according to the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air right away. Do not delay.

- If you have a poisoning emergency, call the national Poison Information Center number at (800) 222-1222. If the victim has collapsed or is not breathing, call 911 immediately.

Reduce Risk of Heat Exhaustion & Fatigue-Related Injuries

- Reduce heat-related risks, drink a glass of fluid every 15 to 20 minutes, wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, and work during the cooler hours of the day.
- Avoid physical exhaustion, and resume a normal sleep schedule as quickly as possible.

Additional Information

For more information, visit the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Web site at www.vaemergency.com, <http://www.vdem.state.va.us/threats/hurricane/index.cfm> or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.

Have You Ever Had a Crappy Day?

Just think how the children playing in the fields at the Health and Wellness Center or North Shore Park feel when they step or even fall in doggy "left Behinds"! Believe it or not-some of our neighbors ignore their dog droppings when exercising them! Please remember to carry a container for this purpose when walking your dog. Plastic bags from the supermarket or from your newspaper are excellent clean-up tools.

WCCL Board of Directors

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WCCL Board Vacancy

Jennifer Demmin has resigned her position as First Vice President of our Board because of health problems. We appreciate the effort and time she has contributed to the League, and hope that she will be able to support the activities of the League in other ways with her enthusiasm. If anyone is interested in being considered for this position, please contact Jim English. The main duty of the First Vice President is Newsletter Distribution, which involves the monthly pick-up of the newsletter from the printer, counting out and bundling it, and distributing to volunteers to pass out in their neighborhoods.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Joan Griffey

May15, 2006

- Lt. Jackson and Officer Horan reported issuing of 111 traffic tickets from usage of radar trailer. They will check on racing traffic from 2-6PM on Granby St., passing on Right on Newport Ave., No Right turn 9-9 at Wards Corner, crosswalk safety

-Joan Griffey , Chair, Beautification Committee, reported that an epoxy base brick red walkway will be installed at Wards Corner this summer. New trash receptacles are being sought by/for the businesses for litter prevention. Granby High School students are assisting in creating a logo or slogan for emphasis.

- Les Demmin, Chair, Infrastructure Comm., reported more info on the crosswalks, turn lane demarcation, sign at Divan Street and new No Trucks sign. Questions about the irrigation system in the median will be sent to Parks and Forestry.

- Jim English stated that potholes repair should be sent to Streets and Bridges. (Norfolk Cares Call Center at 664-6510). Traffic monitoring will continue on Burleigh and Maycox Aves.

- Transportation /Nortran report was given by Jack Blair. His Committee is trying to get trailers off Hampton Blvd.

- Updates on the WC Taskforce....Jim English stated the Blight study report (Danby Park, So Shopping Center area) is due. There will be three public hearings. The city has placed \$500,000 in the budget. There is a potential buyer for the trailer park. Wal-Mart will open early Fall. The Codes Dept. are to meet with Mrs. Martone to address issues at her property. The Central Business Park is nearing no vacancies. Utility project will include Granby-North Shore-Newport-to the railroad tracks and will begin this summer. Riverside Terrace Condos will be working with the Planning Council this summer. \$1.3 million has been budgeted for infrastructure, blight and funding for the Fitness Center to increase hours.

- Web designer, Martin Thomas, Jr., a civic league resident, has offered to design a Wards Corner internet site at Wards Corner.com.

- Adopt a Spot leader, Ray Duron, asked for volunteers to meet at 8AM on Saturday, June 10 at W Little Creek Rd and Ruthven Rd. for picking up litter and waste trash.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out will be observed on August 1 this year. The Civic League suggests that you walk around your neighborhood in the early evening, meet your neighbors, and then turn your lights on to signify support of crime prevention.

Our June meeting will be the last until September

Important Phone Numbers

Police Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Pace Officer	664-6921
Police Red Sector	664-6914
Code Enforcement	664-6532
Environmental Health	683-2712
Sewer Backup	823-1000
Waste Management (Call here for large pickups)	441-5813
Norfolk Cares Call Center (Don't know what office to call on the problem?)	664-6510

FLAGS

The 4th of July flags that are placed in each yard are provided by Senator Nick Rerras, and will be distributed by local Boy Scouts and Civic League Members, with coordination by Ray Duron.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1425.44
+ funds received	\$15.00		
-funds disbursed	\$74.29		
Ending Balance			\$1366.50

WCCL MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues are \$5.00. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31. If you are a continuing member and you have not renewed your membership for 2006, please submit your payment at a meeting or mail to the Treasurer, Ray Duron, at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. If you haven't joined yet, please consider doing so now.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
E-mail _____