



## WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE

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May, 2008

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**CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING  
MONDAY  
May 19, 2008  
6:45 PM**

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

**Agenda**

**Newsletter Carrier Recognition**

**Major Renovations and Real Estate  
Tax Abatement**

**April Reading, Public Service Coordinator  
Aquanetta Ellis**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Jim English [ajim.english@gmail.com](mailto:ajim.english@gmail.com)

This month we celebrate and recognize those neighbors among us who so faithfully distribute our newsletters every month through snow, sleet and pouring rain in an effort to get you the monthly civic league newsletter in a timely manner. There are almost thirty people who deliver newsletters to each of us every month. At our May civic league meeting we will recognize them and show them our appreciation and thank them for their volunteer efforts. Needless to say, the newsletter could and would not get done if it were not for our very conscientious newsletter editor Barbara Ross who faithfully edits our newsletter every month and gets it to the printer in time for printing prior to our meetings. And of course, this could not be accomplished if it were not for the faithful dedication of Linda Spear, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, who for several years has ensured that the newsletter is picked up, counted and sorted into delivery districts and then delivered to the newsletter

carriers. Martin Thomas Jr., our 2nd Vice President is now assisting her with this effort.

These are no small tasks and it takes a lot of time and effort by many volunteers to make sure that everyone gets a newsletter in a timely fashion. We deliver newsletters to over 900 homes every month in our civic league area. This requires a lot of coordination and logistics to get the newsletters to the carriers and ultimately to your home. In addition we e-mail our newsletter to all paid members of our civic league. It is also posted on our website at [www.wardscorner.com](http://www.wardscorner.com) every month by our Webmaster Martin Thomas Jr. Finally it should be noted that our Secretary, Joan Griffey, keeps and writes the minutes, which are included in the newsletter each month. Obviously this costs us money and Ray Duron, our Treasurer, ensures that the printing bill is paid on time every month. Thanks to all who submit articles each month that appear in our newsletter. The funding for the printing of our newsletter is almost completely paid for by the ads that appear at the on the last page of the newsletter. Please use the services that our advertisers list in their ads.

Please join us this month at our May 19<sup>th</sup> civic league meeting at 645PM at the Wellness Center as we thank those neighbors among us who provide this valuable service for us all. Communication is the key to keeping us all informed about what is happening in our civic league area and to that end we try very hard to keep all of the folks in the Wards Corner Civic League area informed whether they are members or not. A strong civic league carries political clout and one way of getting and keeping us there is through our communication efforts, which hopefully inspires people to join our civic league.

To all who help in our communication efforts a very sincere Thank You!

Jim English

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

Wards Corner Civic League met at NFWC on April 21, 2008 at 6:45PM. President Jim English called us to order and led The Pledge of Allegiance. Boy Scouts Ben, Bryce, Drake and Leader Matrone attended as guests, as did Ron Wilson from BayView CL. 34 members/guests were present.

Jim introduced Barclay Winn, incumbent candidate for Super ward 6 (pop. 125,000). Jack Stiles, his challenger, chose not to be present. Mr. Winn has been a City Councilman for 8 years and represents the WC Taskforce. He is a local businessman (Winn Nursery) and Norfolk native. He helped obtain JCC as our Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center, is advocating for Denby Park and Project Focus, holds a commitment to private sector development in Wards Corner, supported the Ruthven Road traffic light, the mast arm traffic poles, Titustown restoration and beautification, and voted \$2.1 million into city budget for Wards Corner. Winn discussed future development of the 8 acres Perry property, at the Kroger site, and ongoing difficulty developing the Martone Property. He answered questions: Come Home to Norfolk program, taxes, the blight study, support for the city manager, 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct for Police and floater police protection in high crime areas. Barclay Winn asked for our vote on May 6.

President English stated that before July, Gazin Akan, City Engineer, will be adding parking lanes to Newport Avenue with a marked median in the center, provisions for traffic calming near Granby Elementary School with narrow lanes and blinking signs at Oxford, Oak Grove and Talbot Hall Streets.

There is a new Tagout pilot program for graffiti abatement in the city. Joan Griffey, Beautification Chair reported problems being addressed: overgrown shrubs on Granby Street, abandoned sign at old BB&T Bank, auto shop near Post Office encroachment onto sidewalk, increase in number of parked trucks aside of Farm Fresh.

PACE Officer Jackson announced a Bicycle and Scooter Safety Clinic on May 3. Bicycles need city decals. In our area, there was 1 larceny, 1 stolen auto, 1 personal robbery, 1 vandalism, 1 Shell station robbery. Call 664-6510 with nonemergency police concerns or 911.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Griffey, Secretary

Wards Corner information is available at our website- [www.wardscorner.com](http://www.wardscorner.com). News of our larger community can be found at [www.wardscornernow.com](http://www.wardscornernow.com)

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Police Emergency	911
Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Pace Officer	831-3484
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

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 2008, 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.

<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____
<b>Phone #:</b> _____
<b>E-mail</b> _____

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance			<u>\$1654.57</u>
+ funds received	\$155.00		
-funds disbursed		\$68.25	
Ending Balance			<u>\$1741.32</u>

## Spring Cleaning...It Is That Time Again!

Reprinted from the April Norfolk Civic Connection

Time to clean up, clear out and organize the clutter that collects in our homes and yards-here are five tips to help make this process positive.

- 1.) Look for items that have expired or are no longer useful. Once you have identified these, donate or dispose of them properly. Did you know that with advance notice, your Norfolk Division Waste Management Department will take up to 3 cubic yards of bulk waste or up to 4 old tires on your regular trash pick up day? For more information or to schedule a pickup, visit [www.norfolk.gov/PublicWorks/waste](http://www.norfolk.gov/PublicWorks/waste).
- 2.) Clean-ups always generate extra trash, so dispose of your extra cleaning efforts at Norfolk's Transfer Station on Woodland Avenue. Household waste must be bagged and tied and yard waste must be in tied clear plastic bags. The facility is open on Saturday from 8AM to 4PM and on Sunday from noon-4PM. This is a free service for Norfolk residents. For more information call 623-6610.
- 3.) Chemicals and hazardous materials are not good for you or the environment. These items require special disposal and extra precautions. Norfolk accepts hazardous waste twice a month at the Norfolk Transfer Station from 9AM to 12 noon on the first Saturday or the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, and residents can drop off these materials for disposal. A complete list of accepted materials and additional drop-off locations is found at [www.spsa.org/facilities/fac-hazwaste](http://www.spsa.org/facilities/fac-hazwaste).
- 4.) Recycling is a great way to be kind to your environment while clearing the clutter. Remember to be responsible and add items such as paper, plastics and cans to your recycling bins. Our land fills are rapidly getting full; recycling is a great first step to combat our excessive trash accumulation.
- 5.) Illegal dumping of tires, furniture, appliances, chemicals and litter hurts your neighborhood, your families, the environment and your wallet. Illegal dumping is a class one misdemeanor which carries a \$2,500/day fine and jail time.

So, be clean and green this spring and remember everything has its place...even trash! For more cleaning and pollution tips, contact the Division of Storm Water Management at 823-4000.

### WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### **HELP NEEDED**

**Several people are needed to deliver our newsletter once a month on Timothy, Fayver, and Bradford Avenues.**

**Please consider donating an hour once a month. It gives you the opportunity to see some of your neighbors, and is also a great way to get some exercise.**

### ***News and Notes***

If you have some old worn and tattered US Flags, please bring them in to our civic league meetings so they can be disposed of properly. Boy Scout Troop 180 will dispose of them. See Ray Duron for info.

***Don't forget-your help is needed to pickup litter at our Adopt-a-Spot area (Ruthven and W. Little Creek) on Saturday, June 14, 8:00 AM. Questions-call Ray Duron-423-4337***