



## WARDS CORNER CIVIC LEAGUE

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RESMERE, ROSE GARDENS, SUSSEX OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA GARDENS AND  
WEXFORD TERRACE**

**June 2009**

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### **CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**June 15, 2009**

**6:45 PM**

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

#### **Agenda**

**Vice Mayor Anthony Burfoot has  
been invited to speak. His topic will  
be about how he helped champion  
the revitalization of Broadcreek**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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

Dear Neighbors,

The June meeting will mark the last meeting of the first half of the civic league year until we resume our schedule again in September. Summer is just around the corner and schools will be out and hopefully we will all enjoy some vacation time. Over the summer, please continue to enjoy the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center. There are over 7000 members now. If you are not a member please consider joining. Please take advantage of this facility in our back yard. Also we will be distributing Flags on the Fourth thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer Ray Duron. The flags come to us courtesy of Senator Ralph Northam and Delegate Paula Miller. We need your help on this endeavor as well, so please contact Ray if you would like to help distribute flags on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Ray, thanks for coordinating this effort. I know you will once again do an outstanding job for this patriotic event, as we will see all of our streets impressively lined with American flags.

I wish to thank Barbara Ross for her continued dedicated service as our newsletter editor. She has done an excellent job preparing the newsletter each month for the past five years. This takes a significant amount of time to complete and Barbara's newsletters are informative and always on time. Barbara, we thank you for your service and look forward to your newsletters again in the fall. Enjoy your two months of newsletter free time. Also a special thanks to Joan Griffey and Ray Duron for keeping the records of our meetings and ensuring that our finances are in order. Joan, also thank you for your great efforts as Chair of the Beautification Committee

with the Greater Wards Corner Partnership. Your tenacity does pay off. A thank you to Sue Classick for organizing the delivery of our newsletters each month with our many newsletter carriers. This also is no small task. Finally, a special thanks to Martin Thomas Jr. for his service as Vice President, providing us needed guidance at our Executive Committee meetings and for keeping our website up to date. Thank you all!

Mega kudos go to Shahana Magee and the neighbors in the Pinehurst section of our civic league. These folks know how to organize a petition drive and get action from the city of Norfolk. Through their efforts and addressing a problem the right way they were able to get the city to approve several stop signs at the cross streets of Cedar Level and Colonial Ave. with Burleigh and Maycox Avenues. This is the way problems and action to correct those problems should be addressed and accomplished. The power of the action is in the coordinated effort of a group of vocal citizens. While the role of the civic league is to assist in addressing neighborhood problems and to stand behind neighbors seeking relief from those problems, it is the group that is immediately affected which speaks out and gets the job done. My congratulations go to you all for a job well done. Let all of us learn from your coordinated efforts.

For those of you attending our last civic league meeting where Councilman Winn and Williams spoke to us, I want you to think about what you heard from them. Were you happy and satisfied with their words to us about their efforts to improve Wards Corner? If you were, so be it. If you were not and did not like what you heard or thought it was a repeat of what has been said time and time again, please let them know that you are not satisfied with the attention being given to Wards Corner. Remember the power is in the group and only by all of us speaking out and demanding improvements for our area will that action happen. I know I will continue pushing for improvements for Wards Corner but we need to do this together.

Your job over the summer is to think about what improvements you would like to see in your and our neighborhood. Please let any member of the Executive Committee know what these improvements should be. Do you want improved lighting at the North Shore playground? Do you want more enforcement of cars parking on lawns? Do you see areas of city infrastructure (streets, curbs and gutters, etc.) in our neighborhood that need addressing? Is crime a problem that needs to be addressed more aggressively? Think about what improvements you would really like to see in the entire Wards Corner area. When we meet in September, hopefully we will have a list of these needs that we can share with you.

Finally please have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. We will continue our work to improve our area

throughout the summer. We hope to see you again in the fall at our September meeting.

Thanks, Jim English

### **Wards Corner Civic League Minutes**

May 18, 2009

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:45PM in NFW Center. President Jim English welcomed our guests, and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. 41 attended. Jim introduced Highland Park Civic League representatives requesting our signatures on a recall petition to halt construction of a 5 story apartment building in their residential area. 4000 signatures are needed.

Guest Speaker Councilman Barclay Winn stated that he is frustrated with the progress in Wards Corner. Our boundary has 3-4 representatives on City Council. Winn spoke and answered questions about ongoing crime, monies spent downtown, improvements between So. Shopping Center and WC Business district, apartments replacing the trailer park, new Condos on Newport, DePaul nursing school housing, city economic development reps contacts with Mrs. Dalis Martone, economic incentives for the Perry property, residential vs. commercial property code violations, loss of eminent domain, numerous vacant storefronts, dollars available for economic incentives in Wards Corner, overlay district, viability of our 2003 Comprehensive Plan, need for large and small businesses, inconsistency of City Council, public safety, gang and drug related crime, parking on lawns, needed stop signs for Burleigh and Cedar Level. Guest Speaker Councilman Don Williams, also a Board member of Southeastern Public Service Authority, SPSA, the regional trash authority, stated there are 9 regional transfer stations, where non-burnable refuse is sent to Suffolk and burnable trash heads to Portsmouth where fuel, converted to steam and energy, is sold to the Navy. Fees are expected to rise due to poor SPSA financial leadership, now \$240 million in debt.

Officer Curtis Jackson, PACE officer, asked that we report all crimes (his cell 831 3484) for record. He was requested to ticket cars parking on lawns (on WLC Rd) and he named 2 new officers assisting him.

A group of citizens got involved and petitioned for stop signs on Burleigh and Maycox. Discussion of traffic on Newport Ave may result in 4 way stop signs at Talbot Hall, North Shore, Kingsley and Harvard with a calming area at Granby Elementary School.

Ray Duron and the Adopt-A-Spot committee will clean Ruthven Road on Sat., May 23 at 8AM. Volunteers are needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Griffey, Secretary

### **WCCL MEMBERSHIP**

***We've done it again!!! We've increased our membership by 7 since last month and now have 112! Thanks for supporting your Civic League. Our members' names are listed on our last page. If your neighbors aren't listed, ask them to join.***

*Civic League membership is a bargain for \$5.00 (\$10/two household members). Send your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues' year runs from January 1 through December 31. If you are a continuing member, it's not too late to renew for 2009.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

***If you have any old, worn or tattered US Flags, please bring them in to our civic league meeting so they can be disposed of properly. Boy Scout Troop 180 will dispose of them. See Ray Duron for information.***

***Thanks to our civic league members who participated in the Adopt-A Spot Clean-up (Ruthven and W. Little Creek Roads) on Saturday, May 23. It was a big success! Participating were Bob Lester, Stephanie and Shawna Gallagher, Shahana and Dany Magee, Laura and Conrad Maloney, and our Adopt-a-Spot leader, Ray Duron.***

***Thanks to Mr. Bob Lester and Mr. Jack Blair who have stepped forward to deliver newsletters. There are still two streets that are not covered-the 7700 and 7800 blocks of Sheryl (18 newsletters) and the 300 block of Sterling (12 newsletters). If you can help (it only takes about 30 minutes/month), please contact Sue Classick, our VP in charge of Newsletter Distribution, at 489-2315.***

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1,913.97
+ funds received	\$80.00		
-funds disbursed		\$68.25	
Ending Balance			\$1925.72

### WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
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### 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

### *Thank You to our Civic League Members*

Abiouness, Kay  
 Adler, Adele  
 Akers, Harvey  
 Altschul, Ben  
 Ashburne, Gary  
 Atchley, Anne  
 Balaban, Alan  
 Barker, Pauline  
 Beamon, Ellen  
 Bedford, Mary  
 Biboum. Judy/Philippe  
 Blair, John  
 Blanco, Clem  
 Brenner, Lawrence  
 Brangan, Pamela

Bromberg, Melissa  
 Brown, Elizabeth  
 Capen, Richard  
 Carter, Mary Alice  
 Cathey, Roger/Connie  
 Cheney, Barbara  
 Corletto, Anthony/Jackie  
 Classick, Sue  
 Craig, Barbara  
 Demmin, Dave/Jenn  
 Demmin Les/Norma  
 DePalma, Chris/ Carolyn  
 Donovan, Peggy  
 Dorman, Merrill/Dee  
 Dubai, Diane  
 Duron, Ray/Betty  
 Eichelbaum, Judith  
 Edwards, Mary  
 Edwards, Randy  
 English, Jim/Claire  
 Faisor, Brad  
 Friedman, Asher/Ellyn  
 Farrow, Jean  
 Floyd, Anthony  
 Foss, J.G.  
 Gallagher, Pat/Stephanie  
 Gallagher, Shawna  
 Gretes, James/Mary  
 Goldman, Lee  
 Goodman, Dan/Gail  
 Gray, Richard/Elizabeth  
 Greenstreet, Elva  
 Griffey, Tom/Joan  
 Harrell, William  
 Hawkins, Andrew/Sylvia  
 Hayes, Dr. M. Julius  
 Hermann, Betty/Kim  
 Hoover, William/ Patricia  
 Hudgins, Aubrey  
 Jennings, Errol  
 Jeremiah, Ameian/Jessica  
 Jones, Henry/Jean  
 Keough, Kathlyn  
 Kline, Jeff  
 Kressen, Stephen/Sue  
 Land, Arline  
 Leach, Dr. & Mrs  
 Lint, Anita  
 Lock, James  
 Maloney, Chris  
 Maroulis, Alice  
 McBrayer, Rose  
 McDonald, Brad/Kim  
 Millon, Lori  
 Montalvo, Juan  
 Murray-Dixon, Kelly  
 Myers, Debbie  
 Nash, Donald  
 O'Hear, Patrick  
 Owens, Frank/Marquerite  
 Peterson, Anita  
 Pickels, John/Penny  
 Pittman, Fred  
 Pinkerton, Anne  
 Pressler, Jim/Linda  
 Pressler, Jim/Linda  
 Price, James  
 Perry, Manuel  
 Riendeau, Roger  
 Reins, Paul/Anne  
 Riett, Constance  
 Roger, John/Wendy  
 Ross, Barbara/Sam  
 Sadr, Reba/ F. Ghaffiri  
 Schumacher, Bill/June  
 Simonoff, Isadore  
 Slick, Linda  
 Smith, Matthew/Laura  
 Smith, Ken/Betty  
 Spear, Bruce/Linda  
 Stowell, Tom/Dee  
 Thrasher, Patrick  
 Thomas, Martin, Jr.  
 Thompson, Shirley  
 Transeau, Linda  
 Tremper, Mike  
 Ullman, Irene  
 Unger, Martin  
 VanDeVenter, Valerie  
 White, Harvey  
 Whitfield, Dorothy  
 Willis, O. Chris  
 Wilson, Pat  
 Woodward, Michael/Debra  
 Wright, Charles/Ann  
 Yaros, Pat/Steve  
 Perego, Bill