



## Wards Corner Civic League

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### CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

MONDAY

October 19, 2009

6:45 PM

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER

#### Agenda

Candidates Forum

Majority have confirmed attendance

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Dear Neighbors,

By the time you read this edition of the newsletter, the November elections will be about three weeks away. This year, unlike many others, there are challengers to every incumbent in those offices for which we are voting. Since this is the case, I thought it necessary to provide you with more information about our choices. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General candidates are not included since we are already being bombarded with mailings from them. Instead I am keeping it local and including the candidates for the 87<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> Districts of the House of Delegates; the Norfolk Sheriff's Office and the Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue.

These candidates include:

87<sup>th</sup> District House of Delegates:

Paula J. Miller, Incumbent (D) John N. Amiral ( R )

89<sup>th</sup> District House of Delegates:

Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Incumbent ( D )

Anthony J. "Trip" Triplin (I)

Sheriff:

Robert J. McCabe, Incumbent (D), Sean C. Jones ( I )

Commissioner of the Revenue:

Sharon M. McDonald, Incumbent ( D ), Douglas E. Knack ( I )

A brief sketch from the candidates' websites provides the following information. You may read more for yourself at their websites, which are also included here.

### 87<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates

**Paula Miller:** Virginia House of Delegates Member since 2005.

Committee Assignments: Militia, Police and Public Safety; and Science and Technology.

Professional Employment History: Norfolk Sheriff's Office - Public Information Officer (Present); Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office - Public Information Officer (1999-2009); Former television news reporter and substitute anchor: WTKR-TV 3 Norfolk, VA (1984-1999) - Reporter/Substitute Anchor.

Education:

State University of New York (SUNY Geneseo) 1981 - B.A.: Speech

Communication, Cum Laude. Minor: Public Relations

Website is: <http://www.delegatepaulamiller.com/>

Email is: [paulamiller87@msn.com](mailto:paulamiller87@msn.com)

**John N. Amiral:** U.S. Navy Veteran. Small Business Owner.

M.A. in Communication, M.A. in Economics, and B.A. in History. Proficient in five languages.

When our country was attacked on September 11th, 2001, he felt it was his duty to defend his country. Shortly after 9/11, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed Boot Camp in Great Lakes, IL, in 2002. Three years later, he was commissioned as an Officer in the U.S. Navy, and was appointed as an Ensign.

John values hard work, dedication and leadership, and understands that all must play a part to ensure prosperity of our Commonwealth. As an active member of his community, John is aware of the issues facing the residents of our district. He is passionate about getting those issues sufficiently and thoroughly addressed and believes that effective leadership will allow the citizens of the Commonwealth to live a better, more fulfilling lifestyle.

Website is: <http://www.amiralfordelegate.com/panel/home>

Email is: [friendsforamiral@gmail.com](mailto:friendsforamiral@gmail.com)

### 89<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates

**Kenneth Cooper Alexander:** Virginia House of Delegates Member since 2002

Committee Assignments: Commerce and Labor, Education, and Privileges and Elections, the Commission on the Medical,

Ethical, and Scientific issues relating to Stem Cell Research, Commission on Civics Education, and Joint Commission on Technology and Science. Formerly, Delegate Alexander served on the Joint Subcommittee Studying Lead Poisoning Prevention and the Science of Technology Committee in the House of Delegates.

Employment: Teaches International Relations at Tidewater Community College and is a Funeral Director and President of Metropolitan Funeral Service, a small family-owned business, with two locations in Norfolk.

Education: Master of Arts Degree from Norwich University, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Old Dominion University.

Website is: <http://www.kennyalexander.com>  
Email is: [kennyalexander@aol.com](mailto:kennyalexander@aol.com)

**Anthony J. "Trip" Triplin:** Given my background I am not only willing but prepared to serve as your Virginia State Delegate. My career and love for my country has taught me how to stand for progressive change. I the past was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer of the United Service Organization, which specializes in providing support for our troops, a volunteer for United Way, and I as in the United States Navy.

Currently I am a Mentor, and an member of Young Life, the Rotary Club, the Virginia Governors Committee on Juvenile Justice and the YMCA. Also through my experience I have learned a great regarding he importance of family and faith. I have two brothers two sisters and am a member of the First Baptist church in Norfolk. After seeing the condition Virginia is in compared to the rest of the nation, I am determined to improve the quality of life for all Virginians.

It is my mission to to provide leadership and to promote a positive community spirit and pride in the community, to assure that residents will be safe in their homes and neighborhoods, to be prepared for disasters and provide for the protection of life and property in such event, and to educate the community on state and local programs and operations as well as their role in the government process.

Website is: <http://www.triplinforthepeople.com/>  
Email is: [mr.a.tripling@gmail.com](mailto:mr.a.tripling@gmail.com)

## **Norfolk Sheriff**

**Robert J. McCabe:** Sheriff since January 1994

Education: Masters of Public Administration with a concentration in Administration of Justice from Troy University; and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from St. Leo University.

Navy veteran, 12-year career with the Norfolk Police Department included serving with the Second Patrol Division, the Traffic Division, the K-9/Emergency Response Team and the Detective Division.

Website is: <http://www.sheriffbobmccabe.com/>  
Email is: [sheriffbobmccabe@gmail.com](mailto:sheriffbobmccabe@gmail.com)

**Sean C. Jones** does not have a website. He may be reached at [Imseanj@msn.com](mailto:Imseanj@msn.com).

## **Commissioner of the Revenue**

**Sharon M. McDonald :** Commissioner of the Revenue since January 1998. Prior to her election as Commissioner of the Revenue, Sharon served as a Vice President at Crestar Bank and First American Bank of Virginia, and was an Assistant Vice President of First Virginia Bank of Tidewater. After retiring from the banking industry, Sharon and her husband Dave founded the Mediation Center of Hampton Roads, a firm specializing in mediation, and is the first woman ever elected to a Norfolk Constitutional Office. She began her first term in January 1998.

Education: Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and holds an MBA, summa cum laude, from Old Dominion University.

Website is: <http://www.sharonmcdonald.org/>  
Email is: [commishmcd@yahoo.com](mailto:commishmcd@yahoo.com)

**Douglas E. Knack** has no posted email address or website. If you google his name you may find him. He is a sales associate with William E. Wood and Associates Realtors.

These are your candidates for office for our area this year. One other candidate who is running unopposed is Norfolk Treasurer: Tom W. Moss. His history may be viewed at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom\\_Moss\\_\(Virginia\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Moss_(Virginia)). His email is: [Thomas.moss@norfolk.gov](mailto:Thomas.moss@norfolk.gov)

It is anticipated that you will be able to meet all of these candidates at our October meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 645pm at the Wellness Center. Each will be given equal time to provide a brief overview of their qualifications and equal time to respond to forum questions.

Thanks and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,  
Jim English

## **WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **Wards Corner Civic League Minutes**

September 21, 2009

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, September 21 at 6:45PM in NFWC . President Jim English led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. 26 were in attendance.

Officer Curtis Jackson invited us to PACE meetings held at the Workforce Center. He gave July/August reports of 2 robberies, 10 larcenies, 3 burglaries, 4 vandalisms. Lt. McKenzie will replace retired Officer Hungerford. Please call 441-5610 for non emergency reports (illegal vendors, gunshots, etc.) Patrol cars will be visible after school hours,

Jim introduced John Monroe, District Epidemiologist for Norfolk Public Health Department, who presented a visual report (with handouts) on H1N1 Swine Flu. Influenza and swine flu differ in the symptoms (H1N1 has nausea, vomiting and diarrhea plus flu symptoms). It is spread through coughing and sneezing, and touching a contaminated surface then touching the mouth or nose. High risk groups are 6 months -24 yrs, pregnant women, people with underlying health conditions, caregivers of infants, healthcare and EMS providers. Concerns of a Pandemic have risen among Public Health officials. One can protect oneself by frequent hand washing, vaccinate your children, and remain home from work or school if symptoms occur.

Pres. English reported that Burleigh and Maycox Aves. stop signs at Cedar Level and Colonial are installed and the 4 way stop sign at North Shore /Newport Ave is functional. Task Force Report...Beautification Comm. is working with the City to obtain 14 planters with autumn flowering plants in the WC business district. We have no "champion" on City Council for Wards Corner as does Ocean View, Downtown, and Broad Creek. Revitalization has been slighted for the past 10 years. The 2003 Comprehensive Plan is outdated. Developers add tax monies to the city treasury. Revenue for WC is down 2.5% over last year while Southern Shopping Center area has increased 23%. WC Partnership meets at 7PM on Thursday, Sept 24 at the Workforce Development Center. All are urged to attend and give voice.

Ray Duron asked that volunteers show up at 8AM on the corner of Ruthven Rd. and W Little Creek Rd. This is our Adopt A Street area to pick up litter. Bags and gloves are provided. Please help!

The October 19 meeting will be an invitation to those representatives vying for election to state and city offices. The meeting adjourned at 8:15Pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
Joan S Griffey, Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance			\$1902.47
+ funds received	\$140.00		
-funds disbursed		\$72.98	
Ending Balance			\$1969.49

### **News and Notes**

**A note worth mentioning-we want to recognize our new neighbors at 428 W. Little Creek Road. There is a big improvement in the appearance and neatness of the yard and the roadside. This is the corner where we usually get several bags of trash when doing our clean-ups, but these neighbors have been keeping it clean, in addition to planting flowers and trimming the shrubs.**

**Thanks from your Civic League.**

**Thanks to the folks who supported us on Sat. Sept 26, at our Adopt-A-Spot on W. Little Creek Road at Ruthven Road. Participants were civic league members Stephanie Gallagher, Diane Dubai, Betty Duron and Ray Duron, our coordinator. There were also two Ocean View residents, Michelle & Joseph Matteson.**

**We collected 16 bags of Trash**

### **HELP IS NEEDED!!**

**Volunteers are needed to deliver newsletters to the 500 and/or 600 blocks of Burleigh Avenue**

**Please call Sue Classick at 489-2315**

## **WCCL Membership**

**We now have 116 members!! Let's aim for 125.**

*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.*

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