



Wards Corner Civic League

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CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

MONDAY

December 21, 2009

6:45 PM

NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS
CENTER

Agenda

ELDER LAW

Michelle Parker, Attorney
Decker, Cardon, Thomas, Weintraub
& Neskis, P.C.

WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
1 st VP/ Membership	Martin Thomas, Jr.	618-6468
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Newsletter ideas/comments-Barbara Ross

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WCCL Membership

Please Note

We will remove a number of names from our membership list in December when their membership expires.

Membership in your civic league 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim English ajim.english@gmail.com

Dear Neighbors,

Jim English

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

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

E-mail

Wards Corner Civic League Minutes
November 16, 2009

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, November 16 at 6:45PM in Norfolk F&W Center. Jim English, President, welcomed and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He noted the sparse attendance, 19, following damages to properties from Tropical Storm Ida.

PACE Officer Curtis Jackson, reported robbery and larcenies on Burleigh, Rest mere and Cedar Level Aves. He stressed that holidays bring more illegal activity. Avoid leaving packages in sight, lock your car, and be more aware of surroundings. He addressed questions concerning Hampton Blvd/ RR tracks and illegal vendors at Wards Corner gas station,

The invited speaker was Deirdre Liles, a Reverse Mortgage Specialist for 7 years with Wells Fargo Bank. She explained a reverse mortgage as a way to borrow against the equity established in your home. Seniors, 62 and older, are eligible. People use this for eliminating an existing mortgage, meet daily expenses, cover healthcare expenses, remodel, afford home repairs or to reduce credit card debt. The program is regulated through HUD.

President English made us aware of a Charter Change coming before City Council on Tuesday, the 17th. Besides a salary supplement for the State Health Director, a referendum will be introduced to increase the minimum number of signatures required for petition from 4,000 to 8,000. This unfairly raises the bar on citizen input. The other referendum is for removal of the recall process from local law to conform to the State law. A motion was made that WCCL oppose changes to the city Charter as we understand them as listed. Motion was seconded and accepted. Pres. Jim will write a letter to the Mayor and Council with our objections.

December brings election time. Anyone wishing to run for offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer should contact Pres. English. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Current officers are on the slate.

New Business...Topic for December may be Elder Law. There was no WC Taskforce meeting in November. Asst City Manager, Stanley Stein, is assigned as our City representative. WCCL Adopt a Spot Clean Up on Ruthven Road is scheduled for Saturday at 830AM. Volunteers are welcome! Stephanie Gallagher, Robert Lester, Diane Dubay were cited as Volunteers, with Ray

and Betty Duran as Coordinators. The Blood Plasma Center has closed in the Business District, leaving 29 vacant storefronts there.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Griffey, Sec

News and Notes

Thanks to the dedicated folks who supported us on Saturday, November 21, at our Adopt-a-Spot on W. Little Creek Road. We collected eleven bags of neighborhood litter. Participants were WCCL members Stephanie Gallagher, Jim Pressler, Betty Duron and Ray Duron, our co-ordinator.

At our December meeting, we will present the slate of candidates for election of our officers. If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for an office, please notify Jim English.

Don't Forget!
Several Board members will be traveling around our neighborhoods the night of December 20 to select winners from each of five categories for our Holiday Decoration Contest. Please turn your lights on by 6:00 PM.

If your home experienced damage as a direct result of the severe weather that occurred November 12-15, 2009, you may be eligible for a Home Disaster Loan. Filing deadline for applications for physical damage to homes, personal property, or businesses is January 25, 2010. Contact the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$1,906.24
+ funds received	\$170.00		
-funds disbursed		\$68.25	
Ending Balance			\$2007.99

We Need Ads

Do you know someone who would like to advertise in our newsletter? We currently have space for several ads. As you know, our newsletter is printed monthly from September through July, and is distributed to 1000 homes in our Wards Corner neighborhood. That's a lot of exposure for \$100. We also accept advertising on a per month basis at \$10 each month. Pass the word around to your friends or business associates. It's a great deal! Interested people can contact Ray Duron or Barbara Ross.

Recycling to Continue in Norfolk

As strong proof of its commitment to recycling, Norfolk will continue to offer recycling services to its residents when SPSA ends its collections in spring 2010.

STREET LIGHT REPAIRS

Is the street light in front of your home broken? There are 2 easy ways to report a broken light:

1. Contact Dominion Virginia Power at 1-888-667-3000
2. Call the City at 664-7301 or complete the form at www.norfolk.gov/publicworks/streetlights.asp

When reporting a broken streetlight, please provide the nearest address of the pole or the nine-digit pole number, and a description of the problem such as light out, broken lens, light going on and off, exposed wires, etc.