



Wards Corner Civic League

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February 2011

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## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

**MONDAY**

**February 28, 2011  
6:45 PM**

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

**Agenda  
City Treasurer, Tom Moss  
Invited**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim's message will return next month.

### Monthly Home Maintenance

Have you made some New Year's resolutions that you just keep thinking about but aren't acting on? Are you looking for some activities to keep you busy on the weekends? Here are a few projects that will get your house in shape for summer weather. (It could be just around the corner!)

-An important first step could be to make a list of projects you plan to complete during the year. Include small but important chores so you won't overlook them, and big projects so you can budget ahead.

-Check toilets for leaks. Add a drop or two of food coloring to water tanks at bedtime; if the water in the bowl is colored in the morning, replace the flapper valve.

-Post important emergency info: Location of main gas valve, for instance, or contact numbers for heating and cooling service.

-Organize garage or shed; clean, sharpen and lubricate yard tools.

-Dispose of old paint, and properly. Add waste paint hardener, available at hardware stores and home centers, to partial cans of latex paint. Cat litter works, too.

-Clean lint from dryer exhaust ducts and vents.

Early spring is a good time for interior painting.

From Virginian-Pilot Homes-February 23, 2010

### WCCL Membership

*Please join your civic league. Annual 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.*

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Wards Corner Civic League Minutes**

January 23, 2011

Wards Corner Civic League met on Monday, January 23, 2011 at 6:45PM in NFWCenter. President Jim English welcomed 4 new members and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim presented highlights of the civic league activities occurring this past year. These included : an increased number of elected officials (state and local) as guest speakers: City Council Candidate Forum, Delegates Paula Miller and Ken Alexander, Senator Dr. Ralph Northam, Mayor Paul Fraim, Commissioner of the Revenue Sharon McDonald, Clerk of the Court George Schafer, Sheriff Bob McCabe, City Manager Regina Williams, Councilwoman Dawn Hester, new Councilmen Andy Protogyrou and Tommy Smiegel. We heard Codes Enforcement Sherry Johnson and Granby High School Principal Ted Daughtrey, said goodbye to retiring Policeman Curtis Jackson our Community Resource Officer, and welcomed Red Sector Officer Odell Davis. Jim updated us on the Business District development and lack of, the Wherehouse / AJ Gator relocation, the new Wards Corner Pub, the addition to the Book Exchange , installation of 12 flower planters, closing of the Plasma Center, and Nutty Buddy reopening as The Pulse, the Collins Property development plans and a grassroots effort to block its expansion with signs of "No New Apartments" and our challenge to discourage a thrift store opening. Wexford Terrace students sought permission to attend Blair Jr High rather than Lafayette Winona. Ray and Betty Duron led the Great American Clean Up and Adopt-A-Spot volunteers gathered 41 bags of trash on Ruthven Road. Wardscornernow.com was formed, Boy Scouts visited to obtain their Merit badges, we added door prizes to our meetings and we took a summer break. The treasurer's year began with a balance of \$1954.74 and ended with \$2211.48 (110 members of 1000 households).

President English thanked outgoing officers for their service and volunteering: VP and Web Master Martin Thomas, Jr,; VP Sue Classick, Newsletter Distribution; Treasurer Ray Duron; Secretary and Beautification Chair, Joan Griffey; and Newsletter Editor, Barbara Ross.

A vote would be taken for or against the FORKids Thrift Store. Jim asked Sue to assume president's chair as he spoke as a civic league member against the proposed business. He stated that we have worked hard to make a positive development in the business district. The \$250,000 comprehensive plan discouraged rent to own, pawn shops, cash checking, etc. This organization has great reputation but if an

adult use is given by the City, more stores of this kind can prosper. We want to attract business but not this type. The Mayor placed a moratorium on Thrift Stores, why would he support this one? A written vote was given with a result of 19 NO and 6 YES.

Election of Officers for 2011 was held. Nominations from the floor were nil. Elected were: President Jim English, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Martin Thomas, Jr 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Sue Classick, Treasurer Ray Duron, and Secretary Joan Griffey.

Members reported many crimes: 200 and 400 block of Maycox - vehicle break in, 400 block of Maycox - house break in, Ruthven Road near RR Tracks - house burglary, Gloucester Ave problems. President Jim will notify Councilman Andy Protogyrou and ask for more patrols.

Gift certificates to Wards Corner Pub (\$20) and to Book Exchange (\$10) were given to winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest: Best: 421 Burleigh, Whimsical: 7718 Nesbitt and Traditional: 7811 Ruthven. Honorable Mention: 618 Maycox and 7241 Newport.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Griffey, Secretary

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance			\$2,211.48
+ funds received	\$315.00		
- funds disbursed		\$102.95	
Ending Balance			\$2423.53

### **NEWS AND NOTES**

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***Please note that our February meeting is postponed one week because of the holiday on February 21. We'll meet on February 28.***  
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***If you have any old, worn, faded or tattered US flags, please bring them to our civic league meetings and Boy Scout Troop 180 will dispose of them properly. See Ray Duron for information.***

### SAFETY TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER

**-Plug space heaters directly into wall sockets, not extension cords. Keep them at least three feet from other objects. Never leave space heaters unattended.**

**-If you are using kerosene heaters or have a natural gas furnace, purchase a carbon monoxide detector to protect yourself against possible carbon monoxide poisoning.**

**-Install a smoke detector in every bedroom and outside of bedrooms, and one on every level of your home. Check the batteries monthly and replace them at the same time every year.**

**-Make sure that outdoor pets have adequate shelter, unfrozen water and food.**

**-Protect your water pipes. Let a steady drip of water run from the highest faucet in your house. Leave cabinet doors open so roomheat can reach the pipes. Locate your private water shut-off valve so you can turn your water off if your pipes burst.**

**-Don't set your thermostat below 55 degrees.**

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police Non-Emergency	441-5610
Community Police 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
Police Emergency	911

### WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jim English	423-7154
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/ Membership	Martin Thomas, Jr.	618-6468
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/ Newsletter Distribution	Sue Classick	489-2315
Secretary	Joan Griffey	440-9508
Treasurer	Ray Duron	423-4337

Web Master – Martin Thomas, Jr. (618-6468)

Newsletter ideas/comments-Barbara Ross  
(Bookworms@WHRO.Net or 489-1024)