



Wards Corner Civic League

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## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

**NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS  
CENTER**

**MONDAY  
January 27, 2014  
6:45 PM**

**Program**

**George Schaefer,  
Norfolk Clerk of Courts**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Jim's message will return next month.*

*The following is information from  
WardsCornerNow*

**Virginian-Pilot's Michelle Washington  
gives a good summary of recent  
developments at Wards Corner**

Wards Corner once again bears the K&K name.

Lots of history inhabits those letters. A red brick Harris Teeter now sits surrounded by fresh landscaping and newly paved streets close to where Kenneth Perry launched a toy empire. He started as a barber in Wards Corner in 1942.

More than a decade later, he bought a nearby variety store and changed its name to K&K 5&10, adding the second K for his wife, Kathryn. The toy section of that store grew until it became its own entity. K&K Toys expanded for decades, growing to 136 stores before Perry sold it to a competitor.

K&K Toys has been gone a long time. But most people in Norfolk and in much of the country recognize the successor to Kenneth Perry's entrepreneurial spirit: Dollar Tree. It, too, grew its roots in Wards Corner, founded by Perry's son, J. Douglas Perry, and son-in-law, Macon Brock.

Chris Perry, Kenneth Perry's grandson, tore down the old shopping center, including a Dollar Tree store, to make way for Harris Teeter. He renamed it K&K Square at Wards Corner.

The property remains hugely important to his family, Perry said. Friends of his grandparents will be reminded of them by the name, and newcomers will have reason to look them up.

"It's a nice way to remember them," Perry said. "I think my grandparents would be proud."

Perry also refurbished and remounted the Wards Corner mermaid, another reminder of his grandfather.

ALSO posted on WardsCornerNow:

*The following was taken from the Virginian-Pilot  
[Archives](#) Facebook page.*

Back on January 9, 1952, Virginian-Pilot Photographer Charles Borjes stepped into the new PHR Center Shops at Norfolk Wards Corner. Borjes was invited to the store to take a few shots of the new facility that would open on Monday the 14th. On Sunday the 13th PHR Center Shops placed several pages of advertisements in the Pilot to announce their opening – a few which we feature along with the [photos](#).

A few details about the store at Wards Corner – The new store opened just a little more than 10 years after the Paul H. Rose Corp. founded the first Center Shops on 21st in the Fall of 1941. The

entire store is illuminated with florescent lighting called "slimline" which is the newest type of store lighting meant to bring out the truest colors of merchandise. The store features an escalator to carry customers between the first and second floors. The store has 150 employees. Adjoining the store with both an outside and inside entrance is a Rose's 5-10-25c Store.

Photos courtesy of the Sargeant Memorial Collection.



## WCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

WCCL met on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:45PM in NWFCenter. President Jim English welcomed guests then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 24

Officers Davis, Simien and Warner reported crime statistics for our area: 1 robbery, 4 vandalisms and 1 stolen vehicle. An unmarked police car has been roaming as a neighborhood watch. Parking on the grass in 200-600 blocks of W Little Creek Road has been addressed numerous times with ordinances, codes, grandfathered laws involved as to width of driveways.

Rick Dempsey, Dept of Utilities, reported the Newport Ave. pump station completion. Mid January through December, North Shore Rd. from Restmere Rd. (playground) to Colony Point Rd. will experience Phase 3 infrastructure improvements of sanitary sewer pipes and fully resurfaced streets. Utility markings and survey work in the neighborhood has been done. City on-site construction manager Kimber 646-1659 or project manager Dempsey 664-6719 may assist with your questions.

Anne Bowerman, branch manager of the new Wards Corner Towne Bank reported a June opening. She brought visuals of the building which includes 3 drive thrus, ATM walkup, landscaping and offers free checking to non-profits and seniors over 62 yrs.

VA Delegate Lynwood Lewis of the Eastern Shore was invited speaker. He is challenged by Wayne Coleman, who had a previous engagement, for the 6th District Senate seat vacated by Dr Ralph Northam, now Lt Gov. This election will be held on Tuesday, Jan 7. Del Lewis presented his credentials and answered questions about tunnels, traffic, accountability and education.

President English related topics discussed at the Nov. WC Taskforce meeting: NSNT Naval Station Norfolk Transit Extension Study and HRT, Harris Teeter construction, new lighting in the business district parking lots, BP Station under contract, Fire House Subs lease in the Dalis property, demolition of Denby Park apartments, Public Art for Wards Corner, new traffic mast arm poles, ADA ramps and possible sidewalks along North Shore Rd.

Election of Officers resulted in all present officers being reelected. A new position, member at large, received 2 nominations: Chris DePalma and Scott Guirlinger. Scott received the majority of votes and is the newest board officer. Barbara Ross, Newsletter Editor also assumed a second new board position. The Holiday Decorating Contest will be judged by three member volunteers and will take place December 22.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan S Griffey, Secretary

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

<b>Police Non-Emergency</b>	<b>441-5610</b>
<b>Pace Officer</b>	<b>831-3484</b>
<b>Police Red Sector</b>	<b>664-6914</b>
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>664-6532</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>683-2712</b>
<b>Sewer Backup</b>	<b>823-1000</b>
<b>Waste Management (Call here for large pickups)</b>	<b>441-5813</b>
<b>Norfolk Cares Call Center (Don't know what office to call on the problem?)</b>	<b>664-6510</b>
<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$1,718.78</b>
<b>+ funds received</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>		
<b>- funds disbursed</b>		<b>\$130.58</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$1,663.20</b>

**NEWS AND NOTES**

Update to the information in the article written by Michelle Washington is that the artist for the public art at Wards Corner has been chosen and is Gordon Heuther. The next step will be to bring Mr. Heuther to Norfolk and introduce him to Wards Corner. There will be public meetings so that Mr. Heuther can meet the residents and receive input for the to-be-designed public art.

**Winners for the Holiday Decorating Contest are:**

- Most Traditional - 7703 Nesbitt**
- Most Whimsical - 111 Burleigh**
- Best Overall - 7327 Elvin Court**

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (dubbed "True Christmas Spirit")**  
**551 Timothy**  
**Honorable Mention (Best North Pole theme)**  
**517 Burleigh**

**Prizes will be awarded to the three first winners**