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Suburban Park
Elementary on
Monday, May 11
at 6:30 pm for
a special
recognition
event for
crossing guard
Mike Waldron
and a
neighborhood
meet and greet.
Doors open 6pm**

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Message from the President

I recently took a day off mid-week, and enjoyed a long morning walk through the neighborhood. With a perfect temperature and abundant sunshine, it was probably the prettiest day yet this year. Colorful azaleas, delicate pink flowering cherries, beautiful dogwood blossoms, bold camellias, and the sweet scent of wisteria wafting through the air...doesn't this best express 'spring time in Norfolk'? These icons of spring are so abundant in Suburban Acres, and I certainly don't envy the committee's monthly challenge to select only **one Yard of the Month**. I'm sure that you, as much as I do, enjoy the many colorful scenes abound in Suburban Acres, and perhaps you too are struck by the pallet of colors suitable for fine art paintings. And on your stroll, don't you say to yourself, 'how lucky...to be living in this classically gorgeous Norfolk community'?

Well, congratulations to those of you who have been selected for the **Yard of the Month**. There are many award-worthy yards, so the choice is undoubtedly a difficult one. To all who maintain a handsome landscape, your hard work, pride in ownership, and in many cases your extraordinary green thumb contribute greatly to the quality environment of our neighborhood. From one who enjoys taking in the suburban-art...thank you!

Speaking of *beauty*, a handful of volunteers met on April 18th to participate in the **Great American Cleanup**. Focusing on the area near the R/R tracks on Thole Street, we picked up 12 bags of litter around our neighborhood gateway. What an improvement!

Now that the weather is warming, outdoor events are dawning, presenting more opportunities to enjoy our neighbors. The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral is hosting their annual **Greek Festival** on May 14 to 17 on the church grounds at the corner of Granby and Fife. Fortunately for us, it's right in our own backyard. Yes, a little more traffic for a few days, but the upside is delicious traditional cuisine, music and dancing only a casual stroll away!

The **SACL Golf Outing** (*Captain's Choice format*) is being held May 30th at OV Golf Course, and I encourage all golfers to come out and have some fun with us. Skill level doesn't matter...the only requirement is a fondness for the sport and a desire to enjoy the day. See the flier on page 6 and **don't forget to register by May 20th**.

Before you know it, the **SACL 4th of July Parade** will be marching in...so get your creative ideas flowing and let's make this the biggest and best yet! Parade details will be announced in the June newsletter.

But before I get any further ahead, I'm reminded of the **Memorial Day** celebration later this month, and what it means to us as Americans. Aside from vacations and cookouts, Memorial Day is a rather sobering reality as we reflect on the lives lost in service to our country. Amidst the challenging times we are facing around the world today, and as we look back at all we've endured as a nation, may this Memorial Day be a celebration in honor of all of our service members who have fallen. Their commitment to freedom and securing our American way of life will never be forgotten.

Have a safe and happy holiday, neighbors!

Timothy M. Fox



SACL Great American Cleanup Crew. From left: Dennis Mori, Tim Fox, Gus Coccarelli, Susan Boice, Jodee Cook, Bruce Larson, Carlos Garcia and Orlando Garcia. Special thanks to event organizers Susan, Gus and Pearl Windle.

Suburban Acres Civic League

Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 43 in attendance.

Welcome to new neighbors and visitors Jeb and Beth Clark on Woodfin Avenue, Diane and Mary Ann Ruhl of Suburban Parkway, Debby Melby Cape View Court and Joann and Merlynne Pavelle of Kirby Crescent.

PACE Report

Officer Bev Hubbard was unable to be at the meeting. She did, however, communicate to President Tim Fox that there were two auto larcenies and one residential burglary.

Guest Speaker

Virginia State Delegate Kenneth Alexander told us Virginia has a shortfall in budget of about \$3.7 million.

It was suggested by Governor Kaine, to free all nonviolent criminals from the prisons which would result in significant savings for the state. Del. Alexander does not feel that spending unnecessary money will balance this budget. He feels that we have to be very careful in spending State money.

Del. Alexander spoke about the latest bills presented to the legislature. He said that there were about 2500 bills submitted and only 1400 actually went into the process of government. He explained that these bills will go through four final actions, They will be either (1) passed (2) amended (3) signed or (4) pocketed.

The *Texting Bill* was signed into law by Governor Kaine. This bill did have concessions, IE the act of texting while driving does not constitute a citation unless the driver is pulled over for a more significant offense or that the fine for the driver is a minimal expense. This is not an answer to Del. Alexander.

The *Death Penalty Bill* failed to get enough votes to overturn the veto of Governor Kaine.

Derelict Dwellings passed but with concessions. If the dwelling in question has a legal utility turned on, the dwelling cannot be cited for destruction. The owner is given time to make good on any issues.

The *Graffiti Bill* passed and makes the tagger responsible for the removal of the graffiti. This makes him/her financially responsible in addition to any fees or fines.

In relationship to the fed stimulus, there is concern that the unemployment part of the stimulus will be detrimental to tax payers. There are two thoughts: (1) any benefit protection we can have for our unemployed would be a benefit to the state. The unemployment rolls are increasing, and (2) the stimulus monies for the expansion of unemployment only last for two years, then the entire burden becomes that of Virginia taxpayers.

The future brings more excitement to Richmond, IE fast trains throughout the state including Hampton Roads, possible new laws on loaning to the public by Payday loans, unemployment benefits and much more.

Announcements

May Yard of the Month: Steve and Ann Kennedy at 471 Suburban Parkway. Congratulations!



Delegate Kenneth Alexander discussed state budget shortfalls and other issues at the April 13th civic league meeting.

Proclamation for Crossing Guard Mike Waldron at the May 11 meeting, 6:30 at Suburban Park Elementary School.

Mermaid Fund has \$66.00 donated to date.

A revision of the SACL Constitution and By-Laws has been completed by the Board. Both will be submitted to the members for a vote in an upcoming monthly meeting.

Lori Cloud deserves a great deal of appreciation for her responsibilities as league secretary. Excellent job, Lori. Eric Heard is the new secretary.

Committee Reports

Membership as of March 30, 2009 stands at 55 memberships (32 Family, 23 individual).

Meetings Programs and Special Events will offer a golf tournament to raise money for the Mermaid Fund. This tournament will be held at OV Golf Course on May 30th.

Communications reports the need for volunteers to assist in meeting the goals of the league. Join a committee and become more active. WE NEED YOU !

Community Liason has nothing to report

Neighborhood Security Report

Board member JoDee Cook is working on a fundraiser using security awareness. She will be getting Neighborhood Watch decals to be placed on doors and windows to deter criminal activity. The decals are available for a suggested donation of \$3 for 3 decals.

Treasurers Report

Bruce Larson, our treasurer, reports revenue for March of \$323 and expenses for March of \$120.75. The ending bank balance is \$1,730.17

Old Business - none discussed

New Business - none discussed

Next meeting will be May 11, 2009 at Suburban Park Elementary School.

Cordially submitted for approval,
Eric Heard, Secretary

Suburban Acres Memories: Neighborhood History Project

These pictures were submitted by Dan Bigelli of 7077 Suburban Arch, a longtime resident of Suburban Acres. Dan remembers when there was no elementary school and the wives of the neighborhood petitioned for a school. Suburban Park Elementary School became a focal point of the community with the wives providing staffing and support to the school.

The neighborhood was young and families grew up together. Dan still loves to live in this neighborhood and he looks forward to a time when there will be more young families and neighborhood activities together.

We are asking for submissions from everyone with memories to share, photos, maps or artifacts of Suburban Acres' early days. If there's enough response, we'll make "Suburban



Acres Memories" a regular column in the newsletter. All photos or other objects will be handled with

extreme care and promptly returned! Please call Susan Boice at 531-0487 or e-mail codyate@yahoo.com for additional information or to submit your Suburban Acres history.

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Civic League and Community News

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SACL Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

The Board of Directors has proposed a few amendments to the Suburban Acres Civic League Constitution and By Laws to make current the 1994 publication. A hard copy of the proposed revision will be made available to paid members at the June League meeting, with a change review and vote at the July meeting. For those who'd like a head start, an electronic version of the proposed revision has been posted on the League website under the 'About' tab. All changes to the document are indicated.

Call for Board Nominations

The Suburban Acres Civic League (SACL) is on a quest to fill one position on the Board of Directors. Would you enjoy the reward of helping to guide our thriving Civic League?

As a member of the Board, you would be an integral part of our community, assisting in the management of our Civic League. The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 pm on the Monday two weeks prior to the scheduled Civic League meeting. The group collaborates to plan and make decisions that best support our mission.

If you're enthusiastic about our neighborhood and able to commit a little bit of time and energy, you could be the perfect fit. Please contact SACL President Timothy Fox at saclpresident@gmail.com or call 338-0439.

Rain barrel Workshop...

To be held May 9th at Five Points Community Farm Market at 2500 Church Street. Call the Farm Market at 640-0300 and leave your name and phone number. Please state that you want to reserve a space for the May 9th workshop. Cost is \$49.95 and may be paid the day of workshop. Call General Manager Bev Sell at 650-1428 if you have additional questions.

Neighborhood Watch Window/Door Decals

The civic league has purchased 3x4 inch Neighborhood Watch static cling decals and encourages you to display them on your doors and windows. Your donation of \$3.00 for 3 decals is appreciated. Decals will be available at the civic league meeting on May 11 or from JoDee Cook, 587-7918.

Suburban Acres Dog Park Proposal

A dog park has been proposed for the city-owned lot on Suburban Parkway at Parkdale. There is sufficient land to provide an adequately fenced dog park. Proximity to residential areas is

convenient for pet owners.

There will be pictures of the location and an opportunity to provide your written comments at the May 11th civic league meeting. Neighborhood acceptance must include a majority vote of approval by paid members. Voting will take place at the August meeting, which will be held at the Norfolk Workforce Center. Reminders will be posted in the newsletter.

JoDee Cook is the contact person and will coordinate efforts with the city. Preliminary discussions have addressed requirements for commercial grade fencing, a water pump, pet waste disposal with weekly collection by city at northwest entrance of dog park (Suburban Parkway closest to East Kenmore), and dusk to dawn lighting. A site visit will be conducted with the city once neighborhood approval is obtained. Archers Green Apartments has committed to partner with Suburban Acres on expenses for this effort.

Norfolk Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Runs Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 10 from 10a.m to 5p.m. Find a great selection of plants from regional favorites to unusual plants, all at bargain prices. The entire horticulture staff will be on hand to give expert advice and assistance.

The Virginia Camellia Society, the Tidewater Rose Society and the Herb Society will be selling their specialty plants all weekend. Visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org for a complete plant list. The sale is a fundraiser for the Garden and Education Fund. *Free with Garden admission.*

Zoo Day for People with Disabilities

Held Saturday, May 16th from 10am to 2pm at the Virginia Zoo, 3500 Granby. Special events includes children's activities, entertainment, and a Resource Fair of service provider organizations. Free admission for guests with disabilities and one caregiver; regular zoo admission for all others. Call 441-1764 for more information.

Clean the Bay Day, June 6th — 9am to 12pm

Can you give just 3 hours for cleaner waterways? Be part of the solution! Volunteer for Clean the Bay Day, by boat or on foot. Gather your friends and families for a fun way to help. To volunteer, visit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation website at cbf.org/clean

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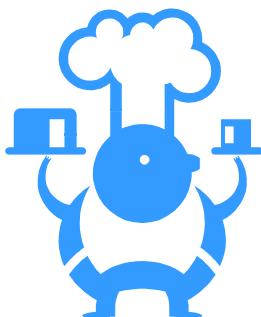
Where did Mother's Day come from?

Feasts celebrating mothers have existed throughout the world since the beginning of time. The modern version of Mother's Day in the United States, was first observed in 1907. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia



decided that it would be a wonderful way to honor her deceased mother.

Two years later, Jarvis and friends began a letter-writing campaign to create a Mother's Day observance. Soon after, in 1914, the US Congress passed legislation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



THE SUBURBAN RECIPE

COUSIN JACQUELINE'S CAN'T STOP EATING IT MANDARIN DIVINITY

—for the Pres

1 package (18-1/4 oz.) white cake mix
2 eggs
1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, undrained
1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained
1 package (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix

In a mixing bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, applesauce and oranges. Beat on low speed for 30 seconds; beat on medium for 2 minutes. Pour into two greased and floured 9-in. round cake pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove to a wire rack to cool completely. In another mixing bowl, beat whipped topping, pineapple and pudding mix. Spread between layers and over top and sides of cake. Chill.

Yield: 12 servings.

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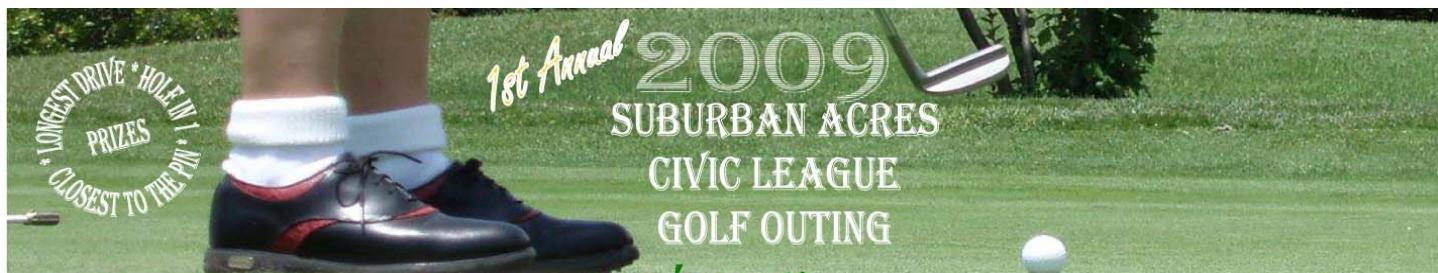
Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

From May 25 through May 31 there will be no sales tax on certain items, including items for creating an emergency kit. The price caps are \$60 to \$1000 but you can use manufacturers coupons to lower the price to the caps. Items include bottled water, flashlights, battery-powered radios, and first aid kits. View the entire list at www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=HurricanePreparednessEquipmentHoliday

Public Hearings

2010 Budget Hearing, Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.,
Granby High School

Real Estate Tax Public Hearing, Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m., Granby High School



**10 AM * Saturday
May 30**

\$45 Tournament Fee

Price per person - includes green fee, cart and lunch

Proceeds go to Suburban Acres Median Mermaid Fund

Tournament Sponsors Welcome

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Return form by May 20, 2009 with check payable to *Suburban Acres Civic League, 460 Suburban Pkwy, Norfolk, VA 23505*

Tournament play is open to all -- Incomplete foursomes will be matched with singles.

If you're interested in merchandise or financial sponsorship for the Suburban Acres Civic League Golf Tournament, call Tim Fox at 757-338-0439.

Foursome Captain / Contact Person

Contact Phone Number / Email

Player 2

Player 3

Player 4

Total Amt. Enclosed \$



Volunteers and Spectators Needed for Norfolk's 4th Annual Little League Worldwide Challenger Jamboree May 9-10

Virginia Little League District 8 will host the 4th Annual Challenger Little League Baseball World Jamboree

May 9-10, 2009 at the Azalea Little League Complex in Norfolk. The jamboree will include games, tours, picnics and other special events. In the previous three years, the event drew nearly a hundred Challenger teams to Norfolk, including teams from as far away as Arizona and California and at least four foreign countries. Since 1992, the tournament has grown from 6 local teams to this fantastic weekend event.

In 1989, Little League launched its Challenger Division to provide boys and girls with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the game of baseball. Disabled children from the ages of 5-18 are eligible to participate. Challenger baseball features "buddies" who help their partners by assisting the Challenger players when needed. Games typically last no more than 4 innings, and every player gets one at bat in each inning.

The "buddy" guides the player along the bases or will assist in the field. Some Challenger players can play with little help, but most need some sort of assistance. Regardless of their ability or the severity of their handicap, the boys and girls are given a chance to do things that they simply can't do at home. They are the center of attention. The whole day is a wonderful experience for anyone associated with the program whether volunteer, parent or player.

One volunteer coordinator tells of the year when players from Granby's Varsity and JV arrived early to help, expecting to be finished by 10 a.m. They ended up staying all day because they did not want to leave and many continue to volunteer to this day!

Volunteers are needed to serve as "player buddies", sell programs, serve as announcers, etc. You can sign up for one game or stay all day if you want!

The schedule hasn't been finalized, but games typically start at 10:30 a.m. and up until 4:00 p.m. Sunday games start at approximately 9:30 a.m. and end around noon. Games will be played on 12 fields at one time. With so many games and teams, there is no such thing as too many volunteers. Everyone who shows up will be put to work.

If you have questions, please e-mail Doug Barnhart at dbarnhart1@cox.net or call 469-3679.

2009 Civic League Meeting and Events Calendar

E-mail suburbanacres@gmail.com for more information

<u>May 11</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>May 30</u>	<u>Suburban Acres Golf Outing</u>
<u>June 8</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>July 4</u>	<u>Fourth of July Parade</u>
<u>July 13</u> *	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>August 10*</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>September 14</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>October 12</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>October 24</u>	<u>Fall Harvest Celebration</u>
<u>November 9</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>December 14</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Congratulations to **Andrea (Brigid) Fox** on her completion of the RCIA program in Holy Trinity Catholic Church -- April 11, 2009. Welcome!

Congratulations to **Rob and Stephanie Kiernan** of Suburban Parkway who announced the birth of their beautiful baby boy **Owen Reid Kiernan** on April 15th at 1250. He weighed in at 6 lb. 15 oz. and 20 " long. Big bubba Caleb couldn't be more proud.

Congratulations to **Kiley Welsh** of Suburban Parkway on her First Holy Communion at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church May 3.



**Being an active member of your community
has never been as important as it is today.**

We need your involvement in the Suburban Acres Civic League. The larger our membership, the louder our voice will be heard! Don't wait, join today!

Individual Membership is \$5.00 and Family Membership (two individuals) is \$10.00. Make checks payable to "Suburban Acres Civic League". Dues are now payable for 2009.

Suburban Acres Civic League Membership Form 2009

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Name (Please print and include both names for family membership)

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