

Suburban Acres Civic League

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Special Meeting Time This Month !

Monday April 12
Suburban Park
Elementary 2010
Norfolk Mayoral
Candidate Forum
Doors open
5:30 pm
Forum begins
6:00 pm

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City Elections *Vote* 2010 Edition

Message from the President

Hello neighbors! Yes, this is excitement you are *hearing* in my written voice...for winter is *over* and the *awakening* has commenced. For me, St. Patrick's Day and daffodils poking through the ground were the long awaited milestones. Now to endure the showers of April and emerge amidst the season which I believe shows the best side of Suburban Acres. *But*...perhaps I shouldn't get too far ahead...wishing away the days.

Looking at recent events, I want to thank all who supported the Great American Cleanup on the shores of (and in) the waterway that runs through the heart of Suburban Acres. Special Thanks to JoDee Cook for coordinating the event. In that effort, we not only made a positive impact on our environment, we've also engaged the youth of our community...and what's more...we EARNNed some points!

Wards Corner Now has recently grown to be more than a community website. The group is a collective of area Civic Leagues, businesses, etc., with a focus on taking a positive and effective approach to advancing

Wards Corner. The first meeting was held on 21 March, with approx. 25 in attendance. I represented the SACL at this inaugural meeting, but know that there is an open invitation to the community. Meeting summaries and *MUCH* more are posted on the website: www.wardscornernow.com.

As I'm sure you're aware, we'll soon be voting for a Norfolk City Mayor (May 4th). The SACL has invited the mayoral candidates to our April meeting to discuss their political position and to hear what is important to us. After the Mayor is installed, I fully expect we will extend an invitation for a return visit, where we can then have more time with the elected Mayor. Meanwhile...please put it on your calendar to join us on 12 April **at 6:00 pm** (*this is earlier than usual*) at Suburban Park Elementary. Doors will open @ 5:30pm.

Well...I have lots to do in the yard to cure cabin fever...so I'm off! Enjoy another fine edition of *The Suburban*...and be well.

Regards,

Timothy M. Fox



Volunteers in kayaks and an aluminum boat clean debris from the tidal creek between Granby Park and Archer's Green during the Great American Cleanup March 27. Inset shows some of the garbage collected. Story on page 3; more photos on our web site, www.suburban23505.com.



Suburban Acres Civic League

Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2010

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Meeting Commenced at 6:30 PM Attendance: 31

WELCOME provided by President Timothy Fox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

Neighborhood Watch coordinator Rob Lain was not available to give a report. Crime statistics were presented and questions entertained by PACE Officer Curtis Jackson. Officer Jackson reported (1) 5 stolen vehicles, 2 recovered (2) 3 larcenies (3) vandalism. Officer Jackson said that the tent in the woods off of Thole Street and Tidewater Drive had been removed by the camper. Members told Officer Jackson that Christian Academy students are driving down Galveston at 60 MPH. Also, abandoned cars have been seen in the area. If you have an interest in joining the Neighborhood Watch group, please give Rob Lain a call at 469.3685. The Neighborhood Watch Decals are still available for purchase.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Lester Cavagnaro

Beginning Balance	1517.27	Revenue	362.00
Expenses	170.75	Ending Balance	1708.52

PRESENTATION - Khalilah LeGrand, Norfolk Census Coordinator

Every ten years, the US Constitution requires the taking of the census. The purpose of the census is to determine just how many people reside in the United States. The census could effect the number of congressional seats a state might have and certainly the allocation of monies to the states. Response to the Census is required by law.

If you reside in a city for at least 9 months of the year, you are part of the census for that city. All citizens and non-citizens must be counted. The questionnaire sent to all residential addresses does not ask personal information such as social security number or any bank or credit information. All information is confidential.

The US government allocates \$400 billion to states and communities. For Norfolk, that would be about \$861.00 per person. In addition, the census is used for demographic information for corporations, such as MacDonald's, and services, such as financial aid.

BOARD POSITION

Board member Audrey Renn moved from our area. Our president Timothy Fox selected Kevin Janney as her replacement until a future membership vote. When presented to the membership, with no additional nominations from the floor, the vote was the majority. Kevin is now the chair of the communications committee.

EARNN UPDATE

We presently have 86 points through the EARNN. We should be able to make our goal for the \$750.00 by May. Additional points will be received by our involvement in the Great American Cleanup.

MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 500 newsletters are delivered to households in Suburban Acres. We had 172 households with memberships in 2009. So far in 2010, we have 50 paid memberships. Our email list is 169.

SPEAKER

Louis Eisenberg spoke to the membership on the creation of a new group called Wards Corner Now. Wards Corner Now has split from Greater Wards Corner Partnership because of organizational structure differences. The Greater Wards Corner Partnership is still in operation. You can get additional information about Wards Corner Now by going to their website, WardsCorner-Now.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great American Cleanup is March 27, cleaning up our portion of the Lafayette River. Partnership with Christian Academy and Archers Grove to cleanup the banks of the river. Meet at intersection of Suburban Parkway and Kenmore at 9am.

Norfolk Federation of Civic League's Candidates Forum, Granby High School Auditorium, April 8, 7:00 PM. All candidates will be present for this event.

Mayoral Candidate Forum for our civic league. This will be held at our April 12 meeting. Please arrive at 6:00. Guests are mayoral candidates Mayor Fraim, Councilwoman Daun Hester, Dan Montague, and Ryan Cooper.

Meeting Adjourned

Eric Heard, Secretary



Norfolk Christian High School's Bio-Eco Club assisted with SACL's **Great American Cleanup** wetlands cleanup project on Saturday March 27th near Archers Green apartments. More on the cleanup on our web site www.suburban23505.com.

Great American Cleanup in Suburban Acres on March 27th

Forty-plus volunteers EARNN a big thanks for making the Suburban Acres Civic League / Archer's Green waterway & wetlands cleanup a huge success. SACL will be awarded an additional 15 EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) points. The SACL cleanup's focus on Saturday March 27th was on the "ditch" that begins behind Kroger and runs southwest, turning into a creek that runs beneath Suburban Parkway into a tidal creek that runs behind Granby Park, underneath Thole, then empties into the North Branch of the Lafayette River near Norfolk Christian High School.

Norfolk Christian High School's Bio-Eco Club, led by teacher Sue Royster provided 23 student volunteers armed with hip waders, crab nets, and terrific enthusiasm. The NCHS students along with neighborhood volunteers and participants from the Norfolk Community Mediation Center worked from the shoreline on the Suburban Parkway side of the creek, from Kroger to the rear of the Archer's Green property. Steve Martin and Steve Collins provided an aluminum

boat and kayaks. These volunteers worked the waterway launching from the Granby Park side of the creek. Archer's Green maintenance supervisor Brandon Perkins and three of his maintenance staff assisted by collecting all the garbage with the Archer's Green pickup and golf cart.

During the 9 to 11 am cleanup more than 75 bags of garbage, 10 mattresses or box springs, 5 sofas, multiple tires, a child safety seat, a crutch and a cane, a car battery, a cylinder of flammable acetylene gas, the motherload of disposable diapers (used) and plethora of other trash was removed from the creek and shoreline. This was a great effort, good time, and terrific opportunity to volunteer and meet neighbors.

The Great American Cleanup is a National event that takes place during the month of March each year. The effort is coordinated locally by Keep Norfolk Beautiful, when thousands of volunteers clean, restore, and beautify Norfolk's neighborhoods, streets, and shorelines.

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City News—Norfolk Seeks Input on Projects

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – City Council has set the Public hearing on the fiscal year 2011 Budget for **Wednesday, May 5, 2010 @ Granby High School, 7101 Granby St. at 6 pm.**

City leaders believe a major redesign and refocus is needed for **Waterside Festival Marketplace**, which first opened in June 1983 and contributed significantly to the rebirth of downtown. City residents can help shape Waterside's new direction by responding to a survey available online at www.norfolk.gov. Residents who prefer a hard copy of the survey can contact the City of Norfolk at 664-4266.

Norfolk residents can help plan for Norfolk's New Main Library by going to www.norfolk.gov and completing out a survey on what you want to see in the new **SAMUEL L. SLOVER MAIN LIBRARY** downtown. Listed in this survey are collections, services & building options that reflect Libraries in the Norfolk area and the nation.

Norfolk's **Recreation & Parks Commission** will host a public meeting on **Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 6 p.m.** in City Council chambers, located at City Hall, 810 Union St., 11th Floor. Interested citizens will have the opportunity to give input on the various programs and services offered by the department which include recreation centers, athletics and aquatics programs, school grounds, medians, beaches, parks and cemeteries. For more information on the public meeting, please call (757) 441-2400.

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Voter Registration Deadline Coming Up for May 4th Citywide Elections

By Karen Mayne and Kevin Janney

The 2010 May City Election is Tuesday May 4; Suburban Acres residents will be voting for two positions – the mayor and the city council representative for Ward 2. The neighborhood polling location is Suburban Park Elementary School; polls are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. Disabled voters may vote in their car if they are not able to come into the school. If you can't vote in person, you may be able to submit an absentee ballot.

Voting in local elections is every bit as important as voting in the fall federal and state elections, and perhaps even more so. Our local leaders are responsible for many decisions affecting our lives such as establishing property tax rates, determining which areas of Norfolk are redeveloped, and determining how our local taxes are allocated for everything from schools to sewers.

For residents who are not currently registered to vote the last day to register is April 12. Registering is a one-time event – once you are registered, you can vote in all future local, state, and federal elections. Voter Registration Application forms can be obtained from the registrar in room 808 of City Hall, 810 Union Street downtown. Forms can also be obtained at DMV offices, public libraries, and online at http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html. The Voter Registration Application is pre-addressed and can be mailed via the U.S. postal service or hand-delivered to any official registration office.

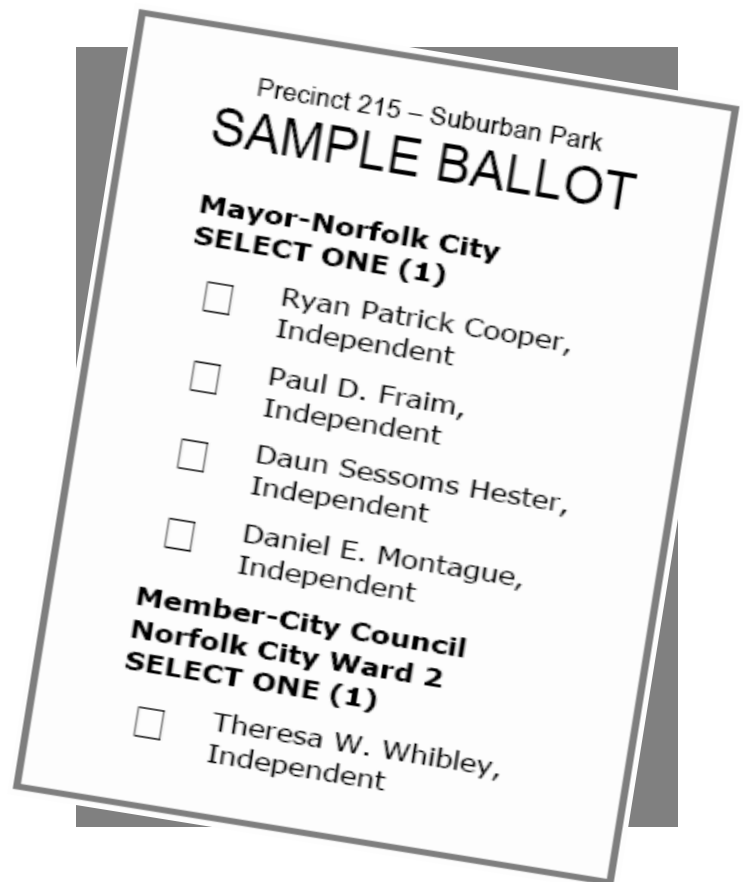
If you miss the deadline to vote in May, you can still register and be eligible to vote in the fall election on November 2.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is April 27 if by mail, or May 1 if in person. Absentee voter application can be made in person at the registrar's office or by mail. You can contact the registrar's office for an application, or download the application at http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Documents/VA_Absentee_ballot_application.pdf

For more information on registering to vote or any other questions about voting, call the City of Norfolk General Registrar's office at 664-4353.

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Flora the SACL mermaid graced the lawn of 7317 Yorktown Drive. Owner Mr. Linwood Riddle now enjoys the prestige and esteem that accompany being awarded **SACL Yard of the Month** for March, 2010. Congratulations Mr. Riddle, and welcome back Flora!

Senior Citizen's Handbook Updated

Delegate Paula Miller's office announces publication of the latest edition of the *Senior Citizens Handbook* published by the Virginia State Bar. The 98-page handbook contains current, valuable information about laws and programs affecting senior citizens in Virginia such as Social Security, Pensions, Food Stamps, Federal Tax Relief, Medicare and Medicaid, Reverse Mortgages, Alzheimer's Disease, Power of Attorney, Divorce and the Elderly, Real Estate Transfers, Continuing Care, Adult Day Care, Advance Directives, Probate and Estate Administration, Long Term Care, and a host of others. The *Senior Citizens Handbook* is available online through the Senior Lawyers Conference website at www.vsb.org/slc and is also available in hard copy by calling Paulette Davidson at the Virginia State Bar at (804) 775-0521 or by e-mail at davidson@vsb.org. Hard copies are available free of charge to non-profit groups and for \$4.00 per copy for other individuals and groups.

SACL, Federation to host Candidate Forums

Instead of a guest speaker a special Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held at the April Suburban Acres Civic League meeting, Tuesday April 12 at 6:00 pm at Suburban Park Elementary School. To accommodate the forum and other campaign commitments of the candidates, the meeting will be held at a special time, 6:00 pm instead of the usual 6:30. Refreshments and social time will still be held prior to the meeting, again starting one half hour earlier at 5:30 pm. All four City of Norfolk mayoral candidates have confirmed their attendance, and will be allowed to present their platform and plans, and will receive questions and feedback from the audience.

Suburban Acres residents who are unable to attend the Civic League forum also have another convenient opportunity to hear candidates speak and ask questions. The Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues will be sponsoring its First Annual City - Wide Candidates Forum on April 8th at Granby High School in the Auditorium. The event will run from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. but the doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

All candidates have been invited to participate; all but three have confirmed attendance. The *Federation* forum will be moderated by Mr. Joel Rubin.

The *Federation* has set up an email account to submit questions or major concerns for your Ward Candidates and Mayoral Candidates at nfclcandidatesforum@gmail.com.

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Citywide Elections 2010 — About the

The Suburban sent a questionnaire to each candidate for Mayor in early March; the same five questions, focusing on neighborhood initiatives, quality of life, and schools, were sent to each of the four candidates. We've provided the verbatim answers of the candidates who responded, as well as basic profiles and how to find their campaign web sites.



Ryan Cooper

Full time student at ODU; Virginia licensed annuities and life insurance professional

No civic/governmental experience; first time run for elected office

Lives in Park Place

Contact his campaign at CSNinfo2010@yahoo.com



Paul Fraim (incumbent)

President, law firm of Fraim and Fiorella, PC. Chairman of Norfolk Board of TowneBank Board of Directors

Member Norfolk City Council since 1986; Mayor since 1994; Norfolk's first elected Mayor

Lives in Larchmont

More on his campaign at www.fraimformayor.com

Virginia and most of its municipalities including Norfolk are experiencing severe budget constraints with shortfalls predicted for the 2011 fiscal year. In prioritizing expenditures to balance Norfolk's budget for the upcoming year, which NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS do you consider completely safe, "off the table" for reduction or elimination, and which programs likely face reductions or elimination?

I consider most of Norfolk's neighborhood programs to be completely safe or "off the table." I propose cutting the budget of things that I find to be far less important such as grants for private developers and tourist attractions (Nauticus, etc.). Everyone keeps talking about the economy and how we're all "broke." I, for one, am still paying the same amount of taxes that I have been. They haven't gone down. In fact, they've gone up. So why should the city have to cut its spending if the amount of money that's coming in is increasing? It all doesn't quite add up, but in the event of budget cuts, I will push for cuts to less vital city projects and a reduction of over spending.

What current project or program would you describe as a "success story" or "extremely valuable" in improving residents' quality of life and preserving Norfolk neighborhoods?

The civic leagues. Honestly, the civic leagues of the city of Norfolk are the most impressive thing that I have ever seen. Citizens from almost every neighborhood band together to make sure that they're heard by the city council and all the officials therein. I have never seen anything like the structure and organization that these civic leagues possess - all the way up to the Federation of Civic Leagues! I dare say that the voices of the countless concerned residents go unheard far more than they should. As Norfolk's most valuable asset, our elected officials need to spend more time listening to what is being said by the people who comprise our civic leagues.

What is your strategy for verifying compliance with state educational testing standards by Norfolk Public Schools?

The VSOL (Virginia Standards of Learning) tests are mandatory in all Virginia public schools. If these tests aren't being taken by students in the Norfolk public school system, then we have far more drastic problems than I originally realized. If any state educational testing standards are not being complied with by any Norfolk public school, drastic action needs to be taken against the management of that school. I have not heard of any specific cases of this, but if I do, I will speak on that then.

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With declining local revenues and massive state cuts to education, public safety and social services, all department budgets and programs must be "on the table." We will do everything possible to balance neighborhood priorities with available resources.

What current project or program would you describe as a "success story" or "extremely valuable" in improving residents' quality of life and preserving Norfolk neighborhoods?

Lower tax burden, steady reduction in crime, successful purchase and renovation of the Wellness Center, new recreation centers, re-built library system, more resources for street repairs and re-paving, neighborhood revitalization efforts.

What is your strategy for verifying compliance with state educational testing standards by Norfolk Public Schools?

This is the responsibility of the School Board, but the city council must continually reinforce the need for integrity and credibility in the giving of tests.

Are the current structure, information flow, and accountability among Norfolk Public Schools, the School Board, and City Council adequate? If not, what would you do to improve these areas?

I think it is adequate. I meet with the chair, vice-chair, superintendent, and school staff every other month.

What is your plan to maintain and improve the quality of Norfolk neighborhoods and reverse decline in those neighborhoods that are deteriorating?

Continue to invest in neighborhoods. Oakdale Farms and Monticello Village are examples of recent neighborhoods where decline has been reversed.

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Candidates...



Daun Hester (Current Superward 7 Councilwoman)

Co-owner of education/training consulting firm; 22 year career with Norfolk City Schools as educator and administrator

Member Norfolk City Council since 1996

Lives in Ingleside

More on her campaign at www.madammayor.com

Councilwoman Hester did not respond to any of our emails or return a telephone message as of March 29.



Daniel Montague

Retired construction boilermaker, civic activist

Lives in Estabrook

More on his campaign at www.danformayor2010.info

Mr. Montague called us after receiving his questionnaire and referred us to his web site for information. We explained that we could not objectively answer the survey questions for him using his web site and he agreed to provide us with a response. As of March 29th (publication printing deadline) we received no response to our questions.

Whibley Unopposed for Second Ward 2 Term

Of the Norfolk City Council seats up for election on May 4th, only one candidate is running unopposed. The incumbent Councilwoman for Ward 2, which includes Suburban Acres, is Dr. Theresa W. Whibley. She responded to these questions posed to her by *The Suburban*:

What do you consider to be your most important accomplishments during your first term?

"I've tried very hard to be accessible to my constituents and work with civic leagues throughout my ward. Issues that have been very important to me include: banning smoking in bars and restaurants; truck traffic and traffic jams on Hampton Blvd.; availability of recreational opportunities for all our citizens; improving our waterways; improving the health of our children, including childhood obesity; fighting for resources in Wards Corner (far from done); and continuing the fight for resources for our schools."

What issues do you plan to focus on during your second term?

"The above issues remain, except for the smoking ban [editor's note: the smoking ban passed the state legislature last year]. Additionally I would like to develop a sense within our citizenry of 'ownership' of our city. I hope to foster programs such as the wetlands recovery program throughout the city, where citizens have taken over blighted waterways and volunteered to reclaim the wetlands. The more citizens work for the city, the more they develop a personal responsibility in its success. Only in this way do we develop into a truly healthy city, one where citizens want to raise their families."

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About the Candidates

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Ryan Cooper (continued from Page 6)

Are the current structure, information flow, and accountability among Norfolk Public Schools, the School Board, and City Council adequate? If not, what would you do to improve these areas?

These three things (structure, information flow and accountability) seem to be in order as far as I can tell. I definitely do not want to mess with the structure of any of these organizations - that's far deeper than I intend to go. Information flow seems to be a very simple process with modern technology. I don't think it's necessary to revamp our computer systems. Accountability may be a little bit of an issue. One could argue that people need to start taking responsibility for the detrimental effects that occur after a poor decision is made, but I've never been one to point fingers. Instead I urge this city to move on and move up.

What is your plan to maintain and improve the quality of Norfolk neighborhoods and reverse decline in those neighborhoods that are deteriorating?

Cops. Police. Law dogs. Enforcers. What ever you want to call them, I want to hire them. I come from a bad neighborhood and I know what it's like to live in a ghetto. There's no way to find and catch the person who broke into your car. Not even the person that broke into your house in most cases. But no one is going to commit a crime in front of a cop. So if we put cops on the streets, the criminals will leave the streets, and the quality of life on the streets will improve drastically. Furthermore, I want to massively increase the funding to our public schools. If our children are properly educated then instead of breaking into cars they'll go to college and be far more successful than the drug dealers I see on my street corner. The youngsters only aspire the expectations that we set for them. If we are providing the children with a poor education, with no investment in their future, what can we say that we are truly expecting from them? Not much. And that's what we'll get in return.

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Letters From Our Neighbors

Stop and Enjoy Your Community

By Steve Collins



Can you believe it? In the past month daylight savings time has been instituted and spring has officially arrived. That means the season for hibernation is over and it is a good time to re-engage as a member of your community. Most do not need the nudge, because this year's winter was pretty severe. GOODBYE Mr. Winter.

But... Easter is approaching and the deadline for filing our tax return is looming and we may be a little behind on the "to do" list. Regardless, we need to get ready to enjoy what is on our horizon--spring. Some helpful hints to focus your perspective.

Do not miss the beauty of spring. Virginia soil will grow anything (if you did not pre-emerge weeds have already communicated that fact). The forsythia, daffodils, camellias, dogwood, and Bradford pear trees have just begun to provide a kaleidoscope of colors. Stand by for the Japanese cherry blossom trees, azaleas, and crape myrtles. Sometimes you

just have to STOP and BE IN AWE of God's creation. So, STOP, take a deep breath and enjoy it

Get reacquainted with your neighbors. You have not seen each other in the daylight in months. So, be friendly and wave when you see them. STOP and ENJOY A CONVERSATION to get caught up on what has happened over the winter. Something may have changed with their family or health.

Hopefully you have already begun your "spring cleaning" project and set conditions for executing your "yard of the month" plan. It is probably tough to keep up with your ambitious vision, but we, as your neighbors, will appreciate your effort and any contribution to the beauty of our community. So STOP making excuses and make it happen.

As always, I hope you can find time to join us at a Civic League Meeting this year and meet some of your "extended" neighbors. We continue to grow and provide fresh ideas to make our community more desirable and secure. STOP by. You may be pleasantly surprised by the new faces and vision. See YOU at the next meeting.

Steve

Neighborhood Watch Update

By Rob Lain

In addition to "going out like a lamb," this March appeared to leave noticeably reduced crime in the neighborhood. According to the Norfolk CrimeView Community website, the Norfolk Police Department (NPD) recorded only six separate incidents in Suburban Acres from 23 February to 24 March 2010, much lower than the average of thirteen incidents per month we experienced over the winter. As usual, thefts involving automobiles accounted for most of these. The tally is listed in the table below.

While it's too early to tell if this will continue as a trend or how much the Neighborhood Watch has played a role, our monitoring and reporting are certainly helping. In that spirit, and to stay headed in a positive direction, here are some additional notes of interest:

- An incident from the night of 11 February (11 PM) on the 400 block of Brickby illustrates the importance of caution in dealing with strangers at your door. According to our block watcher's report, an unidentified young black male knocked or rang at the door of a home on that block, claimed to have been shot, and asked the homeowner to let him inside to call his brother. The homeowner repeatedly refused to allow the man in, offered to call the man's brother for him, but the man would not provide a number. The police were called, but the young man had departed by the time they arrived. Police believed this was related to a larceny that evening on Suburban Parkway.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll see information from NPD's Crime Prevention Unit regarding recent thefts of vehicle license plates and registration decals and how to protect against them. Please read and heed!

Also, the NPD CPU routinely publishes the Norfolk Crime Prevention Connection newsletter, found at <http://cpc.crimepreventionoutreach.com/public/archive/424>. In addition to information on protecting license plates and decals, the latest newsletter covers how to survive an assault, a home-alone safety checklist, and safety tips for delivery drivers.

We can still use more help, specifically block watchers and block captains for Fife Street, Forsythe Street, Cromwell Parkway, Yorktown Drive, Carl Street, and several blocks of Virginian Drive, as well as more volunteers wherever they may be. Please contact me or your nearest Neighborhood Watch

block captain, or let us know at the next Civic League meeting if you'd like to be part of the team.

I'll attend an NPD-hosted Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meeting on 30 March, and hope to gain useful ideas and information that can be passed on. Please stay tuned, and stay safe!

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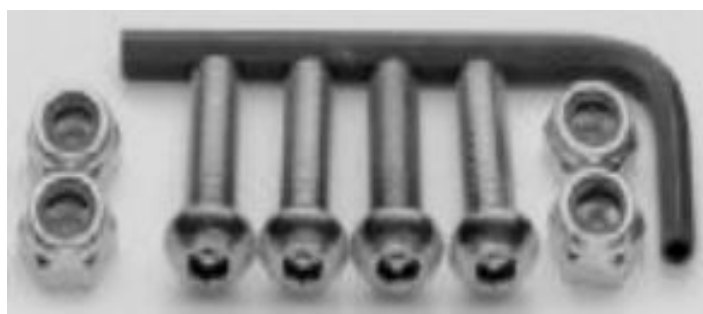
Reduce the opportunity for thieves to remove your license plates and decals

Norfolk Police report increasing incidents of license plate and license plate registration decal thefts, and suggest replacing



your normal license plate screws with screws that are more difficult for thieves to quickly remove. By utilizing anti-theft screws available in auto parts stores, the plate must be removed with an allen wrench, 'star' driver, or other special tool that comes as part of the kit. The need for a unique tool may result in the thief moving on to an easier target.

Police also recommend scoring decals vertically and horizontally with a razor blade or sharp craft knife after applying new registration date decals.



Antitheft license plate screws come in several varieties and can be found in automotive parts stores. *Photos courtesy of Norfolk Police Department.*

Men Who Cook: The Tidewater Edition



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Description	Date	Time	Location
Simple Assault	20100224	1350	300 Block Thole St
Stolen Vehicle	20100226	2000	100 Block Suburban Pkwy
Larceny-Parts From Auto	20100301	1530	100 Block Cromwell Pkwy
Larceny-From Auto	20100316	2130	7500 Block Yorktown Dr
Vandalism	20100322	1500	200 Block Norva Park
Larceny-From Auto	20100324	1010	100 Block Granby Park

Norfolk CrimeView statistics for Suburban Acres, Feb. 23 to March 24, 2010



By Karen Mayne

With spring in the air, it's a sure bet that Canada geese and mallard ducks are returning in full force to our neighborhood. For those who live on or near the water, that also means lawns and sidewalks full of bird poop. What a mess!

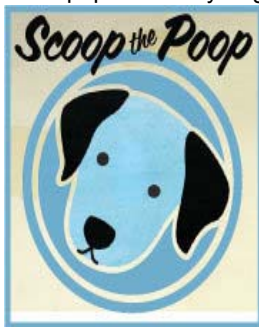
Canada geese (yes, the bird's proper name is "Canada," not Canadian), and mallards used to be winter visitors to the Chesapeake Bay region, flying north in spring to nest. As humans started growing winter wheat and rye in the fields, and yummy lawns, these birds found more and more to eat in Virginia. Then, folks started feeding them year round because we thought they were pretty and fun to watch (which, indeed, they are). But now there are serious problems with too many waterfowl in urban areas – too much poop, and more disease among the waterfowl from being crowded together. Most important, urban geese now threaten airplane safety near airports by flying into plane engines. Our neighborhood is less than 3 miles from the airport!

Last month we discussed water quality problems of the Lafayette River and how our entire neighborhood drains into the Lafayette through the streets and storm drains. High levels of bacteria in the Lafayette make it unhealthy for humans to swim or eat shellfish. Scientists from Old Dominion University and state and local agencies are studying the sources of bacteria. Enough is known now to say the problem comes from a combination of fecal waste (fecal means poop) from human sewer overflows, bird poop, and in some cases, dog poop. In the Lynnhaven River, for example, it is estimated that urban waterfowl contribute up to a third of that river's fecal bacteria.

While the City of Norfolk will have to fix the problems with sewer overflows, here are things we can do help reduce the bacteria going into the Lafayette.

- Don't feed the geese and ducks. If we don't feed them, they will move elsewhere to look for food. If you live on the water, you can string fishing line like a fence along the waterfront to deter waterfowl from entering your yard.

- Clean up after your dog – it's called Scoop the Poop! Always carry a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Re-using a newspaper delivery bag or plastic grocery bag works well, and



pet stores sell rolls of bags that attach to the end of the leash. Using the bag like a glove, you can pick up the pet waste, turn the bag inside out around the waste, seal it and dispose in a trash can. In your yard, train your dog to use one particular area that you can clean up and throw in the trash. Training your dog to use one area will also keep your lawn in better shape since you won't get as many "burned" spots.

- If you see a sewer overflow, call the City Department of Utilities' emergency number at 823-1000. You can tell there is a problem if you see water bubbling out of a manhole or from a crack in the street. And, never let kids play in street water since it may contain harmful bacteria, viruses or chemicals.

You can reach Karen by e-mail at KarenLMayne@aol.com or by phone at 587-1287

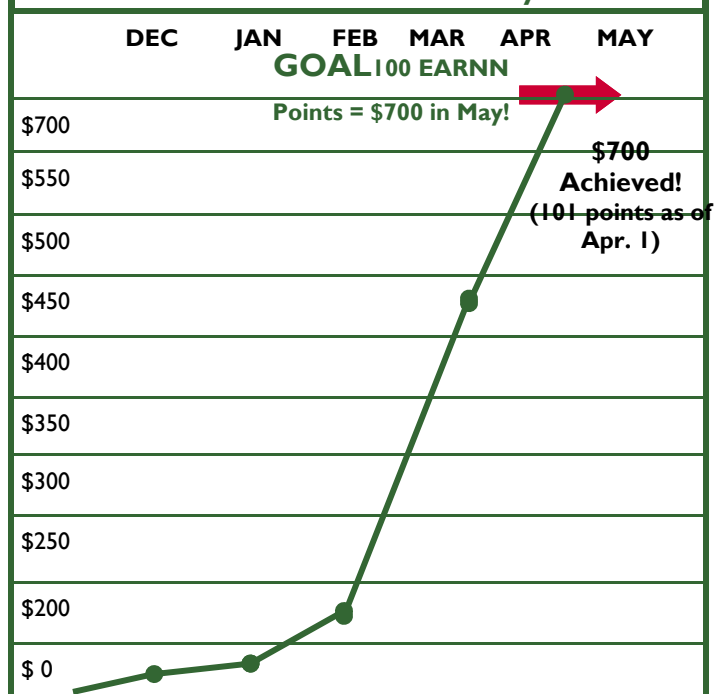
SACL Meets EARNN Program Milestone

SACL officially surpassed the 100-point mark on Saturday March 27th with the Great American Cleanup project to remove trash and debris from the tidal creek and wetlands between Archer's Green and Granby Park. SACL earned 5 points for the effort, which involved more than 40 volunteers including Archer's Green Staff, students from Norfolk Christian High School, volunteers from the Mediation Center, and Suburban Acres residents. Congratulations, neighbors! SACL has EARNN'd \$ 700 for the civic league treasury to be used on neighborhood projects and activities.

EARNN (is a program which rewards civic leagues in Norfolk for efforts in GREEN practices such as recycling, litter prevention, energy conservation, and storm water management.

EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) Points Grow for SACL

SACL EARNN Point Tally



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Birthdays? Anniversaries? Lost & found? Let us know!

The **Jack E. O'Connor Memorial Scholarship** is open to high school seniors who are Tidewater Chapter of Credit Unions credit union members. Deadline for submission is April 30, 2010. Applications available at TCCU credit union branches and web sites, and www.abnbfcu.org

The **Hampton Roads Naval Museum** (www.hrnm.navy.mil) is owned and operated by the United States Navy and is part of the Naval History and Heritage Command. We preserve over two centuries of naval history and welcome more than 400,000 visitors each year. Become a part of history today by volunteering at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located on the second floor of Nauticus. We will supply the training, new friendships and FREE parking in beautiful downtown Norfolk. For more information or to volunteer, please call Tom Dandes at 757-322-3106.

High school seniors can apply for **Tidewater Builders Association scholarships** through April 16. Awards are based on academic performance, community service, and financial need. Last year, ten students were awarded scholarships of \$7,500 each. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, and can be downloaded at www.tbaonline.org, or by calling the TBA at (757)305-9018.

Norfolk Public Library Events

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library ~

111 W. Ocean View Ave. ~441-1750

Larchmont Branch ~

6526 Hampton Boulevard ~ 441-5335

Clifford the Big Red Dog National Library Week - April 11 – 17, 2009

Monday, April 5 Larchmont Branch @ 3:00 PM

Tuesday, April 13 Pretlow Anchor Branch @ 7:00 PM

Indoor Easter Egg Hunt

Larchmont Branch Friday, April 2 @ 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

All day long, throughout the library, find hidden eggs anywhere. Find an egg win a prize! (Family)

Remember The Holocaust Tuesday, April 6 @ 4:00 PM

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch - April is Holocaust Remembrance Month. Come and watch a video of the experiences of a Holocaust survivor, and stay to discuss what you can do to increase tolerance and understanding in your community. (Teens & Family)

Keep Norfolk Beautiful - Preventable Journey

Wednesday, April 21 @ 4:00 PM

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library - Celebrate Earth Day with an interactive Keep Norfolk Beautiful presentation. Follow the journey of a plastic bag as it makes its way through Norfolk and find ways you can keep your city beautiful. (School Age)

Poetry Workshop

Thursday, April 29 @ 4:30 PM

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library - Stoke your creative fires with celebrated poet and teacher Remica Bingham who returns to Pretlow Library for a fabulous poetry workshop. Open to teens 11-17. (Tweens & Teens)



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APRIL	DIAMOND	SHOWERS
ARBOR DAY	EARTH DAY	SPRING
BUNNY	FOOL	SWEET PEA
DAISY	PASTEL	TAXES

NATO-Fest (formerly the Azalea Festival) 2010

NATO Golf Classic & Youth Clinic for Southside Boys & Girls Club Thursday, April 22, 2010 – Registration 10:30 am, Shotgun Start 12 noon, Sewell's Point Golf Course

Annual Parade of Nations

Saturday, May 1, 2010 10:00 am - Downtown Norfolk

NATOFest

Saturday, May 1, 2010 11:00 - 4 pm - Town Point Park

For a complete list of events and more information, go to

www.norfolknatofestival.org

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Neighborhood Calendar

Calendar Notes...



Street Sweeping
Friday Apr. 2 and
May. 7



Recycling Pick Up (Blue Bins)
Apr. 1, 15, & 29;
May 13 & 27

Apr. 8 Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues CANDIDATE FORUM, 7-9:30 pm, Granby High School, 7101 Granby St.

Apr. 8 Mayor's Ward's Corner Taskforce, 8:30 am, Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Ave.

Apr. 12 Suburban Acres Civic League CANDIDATE FORUM
Refreshments at 5:50 pm, meeting at 6 pm Suburban Acres Elementary

Apr. 17 Earth Day Observation & Town Point Trash Dive, 10am-4pm Town Point Park
www.festeventsva.org for info

May 5 City FY2011 Budget Public Hearing, 6 pm, Granby High School, 7101 Granby St.

Wards Corner Now meets at Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Ave. **Wards Corner Partnership** meets at Workforce Development Center, 201 E. Little

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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2010				1 	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6 7 pm City Council Mtg.	7	8 830 am Mayor's Wards Corner Taskforce 7:00 pm Norfolk Fed/Civic Leagues	9	10
11	12 SACL Meeting 6:00 pm	13 2:30 pm City Council Mtg.	14	15 	16	17 8:30 Wards Corner Now
18	19	20 7:00 pm City Council Mtg.(special)	21	22 7 pm Greater Wards Corner Partnership Earth Day	23	24
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30	31 Memorial Day 	May 2010				

Suburban Acres Civic League Membership Form 2010

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☐ Family \$10.00

Name

(Please print. For Family Membership, list head of household and all eligible voting members)

Street Address

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Please make check payable to **Suburban Acres Civic League**. Bring to the next meeting or mail this form to Lester Cavagnaro, Treasurer, Suburban Acres Civic League, 7016 Suburban Arch, Norfolk, VA 23505. **And thank you for your support!**