



THE SUBURBAN

JANUARY MEETING

Monday Jan. 12

Doors open at 6 pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

Suburban Park
Elementary

Meeting Program to
be announced

Door Prizes!

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Message from the President

The neighbors closest in proximity to my Suburban home are now likely as aware as I am that I have neglected an issue of importance. For the past two weekends and some evenings mid-week, the sound of hammer and saw are not telling of a happy DIY project, rather they expose my plea to make amends with the soffit structure on my garage and breezeway.

It was small and seemingly insignificant leak in a valley on the roofline, left to a series of promises for attention "next weekend", and it grew a problem that when finally addressed, exceeded level of damage expected.

I thought I had learned this lesson with my first house, but apparently needed a reminder. Problems do not go away with time -- they have no magical way of self-healing. This applies to wood exposed to water, movable engine parts lacking lubrication, people in un nourished relationships, and many other scenarios in life.

Fortunately though, *people* are often more forgiving than wood and metal left unattended. How many times have you celebrated a

friendship distanced by time or space that resumes effortlessly when reunited? Surely that's possible only because of an adequate shelter / protection from the elements applied early on in the relationship. People are more forgiving...though not unaffected.

This thought (as the many that come to mind when soloing for hours on a DIY project) renders me ready to publically make a resolution for 2012. I'll do better in avoiding procrastination to repair the leaks and respond to the squeaks. I'll try a little harder to not rest on the expected forgiveness for relationships left unattended, and make a better effort to do my part in the upkeep.

These busy lives of ours make it difficult to realize resolutions of this sort. But resolutions aren't meant to address the things that are easy.

May 2012 present opportunity, and may you be resolved to respond.

Happy New Year!

Tim



Norfolk Christian School's High School Ambassador Jazz Band performed a swingin' Christmas program for the December 12 Suburban Acres Civic League holiday meeting. Under the direction of Doug Earlenbaugh (far right), the 18-piece ensemble entertained more than 50 Suburban Acres residents and guests. For more party photos, see page 4. THANKS NCS !



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Suburban Acres Civic League Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2011

6-7 pm: Musical entertainment by the Norfolk Christian School High School Jazz Band followed by heavy holiday feast. Thanks to all who brought a dish to share, we had a great holiday party, socializing with neighbors and just enjoying great music.

7:00 pm Meeting called to order, Tim Fox presiding. Quorum Established (43) at Suburban Park Elementary School. Approximately 35 guests in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of November meeting minutes.

Pace Report—Officer Odel Davis

Keep your goods locked up. Don't keep valuables, holiday gifts advertised in your yards or through windows. Crime is heavy this time of year.

Special Presentation—Civic League President Tim Fox

Tim presented the SACL's past 12 months of activities and civic contributions in a slide show.

Committee Reports—

Communications—Kevin Janney. Nothing to report.

Meetings & Events—JoDee Cook.

A sign up sheet for those who would like to volunteers to bring drinks and snacks will be posted at the next meeting (reimbursed by the civic league up to \$30 per meeting). Karen Mayne will be handing coffee/beverages for the next year.

Membership—Jeb Clarke (nothing to report).

Neighborhood Liaison—

— Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues meets the second Thursday of each month at the Lake Taylor Hospital cafeteria at 7 pm.

— Ground Breaking Norfolk Collegiate School Dec. 16th at 9:15 am, new center for the arts.

Treasurers Report— Deidra Rader

\$ 2,310.89 on hand.

EARNN Update— Currently have 30 points on account. An e-cycling (household electronics) pickup event is being planned for January. If you see graffiti, call Norfolk Cares to report it and give the civic league name—we earn points for ten reports (contact JoDee Cook also so she can track reports).

Old Business— None

New Business—None

Announcements—

— Next Meeting: January 9th at Suburban Park Elementary

— Yard-of-the-Month: Flora is taking her winter refurbishing break.

— 50/50 Raffle Winner: Lori Cloud and Larry Tice.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Another musical set was provided by the NCS Ambassadors Jazz Ensemble.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Adams, Secretary

"People today are so busy Tweeting or checking their Facebook walls, that they forget that civic activism and participation are the foundational roots to our society. Your local civic league is one of the best places to go to find out information and do things to make your neighborhood and city a better place."

Cliff Hicks, President-Norfolk
Federation of Civic Leagues



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Primeplus Norfolk Senior Center offers Free TaxAide service thru AARP

By Gwen S. Kight

Primeplus Norfolk Senior Center has hosted and supported AARP's TaxAide Program for more than six years, and provides the service again for your 2011 taxes. TaxAide provides free income tax help and preparation of individual income taxes, both federal and state returns. This service is available nationwide and in all Hampton Roads cities.

The Primeplus site is the only one in Norfolk and prepared 1,400 returns in 2010, assisting over 1600 individuals or families during this past tax season. TaxAide sites are manned by volunteers who must qualify before the tax season starts by attending training and passing a test prepared by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The Primeplus site in Norfolk is unique among most of the Tax Aide sites because there is an appointment system; TaxAide preparers also accept walk-in customers.

The Primeplus TaxAide office starts taking appointments in mid-January in preparation for the February 1st start of tax preparation. Call 757-625-5857 after January 15th during business hours or after Feb. 1st during tax preparation hours which are 10:00am to 3:00 pm daily. Saturday appointments and walk-ins are available and later appointments are held on Wednesdays until 6:00 pm.

TaxAide is always looking for new volunteers either to prepare taxes, or to be a "greeter" who helps everyone who shows up before being seen by one of the tax preparers. To become a volunteer Tax Preparer or Greeter, please call the above number. Training is conducted for this year's season at Tidewater Community College's Portsmouth campus the first weeks of January, and for next year's tax season at the Tidewater Community College Virginia Beach campus this Fall starting in November.

Gwen Kight is the Membership Services Coordinator at Primeplus Norfolk Senior Center, and can be contacted at gkight@primeplus.org or 325-5857 ext. 2101

Civic League to host e-cycling drop off point January 14th

Suburban Acres Civic League will host an e-cycling drop off point at 549 Carl Street (corner of Carl Street and Suburban Parkway) on January 14th from 11 am to 2 pm.

Materials that can be used to make new products can be recovered from old products. For example, computer and other circuit boards can contain small amounts of precious metals; TV sets and computer monitors contain glass and plastic. Recycling reduces the need to mine the earth for these components.

Most electronics also contain hazardous or toxic chemicals that can harm the environment or even be dangerous if buried with trash. TV sets and computer monitors contain an average of 4 pounds of lead. Printed circuit boards and batteries contain chromium, cadmium, lead, and mercury. Some products like flat screen monitors utilize switches and relays that contain mercury.

Glass and processed glass cathode ray tubes (CRT's) are sent to a smelter where the lead is separated and the glass is recycled. Plastic housings are ground up and recycled for use in various products. Toxic components are separated out of circuit boards

boards, switches, and other electronics then the metal components are sold for scrap value.

Consumer electronics can be responsible for up to 40% of the lead found in landfills. Exposure to lead can cause developmental disorders in children, and damage to the nervous system, blood, and kidneys in all humans.

This e-cycling event will help Suburban Acres earn points in Norfolk's EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk's Neighborhoods) program.

Items accepted at the event include power supplies and battery backups, computers and monitors, television sets, cordless phones and cell phones, computer peripherals like mouse and keyboards, consumer electronics and appliances, cameras, camcorders, fax machines, VCR's and DVD players, household copiers and printers, connectors, cables, wiring, and other electrical and electronic equipment.

If you miss the January 14th collection, don't throw electronics in the trash! Norfolk has two e-cycling collection centers. The City Towing Facility at 1195 Lance Road collects 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The Division of Waste Management facility at 1176 Pineridge Road is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. These two facilities offer recycling for Norfolk residents only, and proof of residency is required.

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Holiday SACL meeting a hit

The December 12th SACL holiday meeting included a presentation highlighting the civic league's activities in 2011, and featured the Norfolk Christian High School's Ambassador Jazz ensemble.

Jazz band director Doug Earlenbaugh introduces a number (top right).

The meeting was well-attended, with more than 50 residents and guests, not including the jazz ensemble and their parents.

Refreshments featured shrimp cocktail, fried chicken, punch, sparkling cider, and a host of covered-dish goodies brought by attendees (photos top and bottom left).



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LARCENY (ALL OTHERS)	500 BLOCK THOLE ST	12/09/2011 11:00	111215000076
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LARCENY-PARTS FROM AUTO	100 BLOCK CROMWELL PKWY	12/15/2011 12:00	111216481602
VANDALISM	200 BLOCK FIFE LN	12/03/2011 15:00	111210219901
VANDALISM	7300 BLOCK WEST KENMORE DR	12/13/2011 09:11	111213000017

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 6

Neighborhood Watch Update

We have a new Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for 2012 – Larry Tice. Larry is retired from the Norfolk Police Department, so we are lucky to have him as our new coordinator.

Thanks to Ray Henson for serving as the Watch Coordinator in 2011. And, many thanks to Officer Odell Davis for serving as our PACE (Police Assisted Community Enforcement) officer.

If you have not done so already, you may want to sign up for the website that President Tim Fox told us about – www.crimemapping.com. This site provides automatic e-mails with reported crimes in your local area. To sign up, go to the website and follow the instructions for the information you wish to receive.

Here's to a joyous – and safe – holiday season for everyone!

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Box Top success in December

Attendees at the December 12th civic league meeting brought in 25 Farm Fresh receipts, nearly 20 Box Tops, nearly 80 Campbell's Labels for Education, and several ink jet printer cartridges.

Suburban Park Elementary uses these loyalty program rewards to buy needed supplies and equipment. You can also link your Kroger and Food Lion rewards cards to the school.

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Neighbor awarded Teacher of the Year

Editor's Note: I don't know how I missed this back in April/May. I pride myself on keeping my 'ear to the pavement' for neighborhood news, and get a lot of assistance from people in the neighborhood who forward news and tips. I actually received this information from one of my "sources" but mislaid the original news article. My apologies, and congratulations to Karen!

Karen Krepper was named Norfolk Public Schools' 2011 Teacher of the Year at a ceremony sponsored by the Norfolk Education Foundation.

Krepper, a 7th grade Pre-Algebra teacher at Blair Middle School, was also named the overall Middle School Teacher of the Year. She has more than 22 years of teaching experience and has been with the Norfolk Public Schools since 1995.

"There is an inseparable link between parents and the school," she said in a division news release. "I encourage parents to read to their children and incorporate learning into daily discussions."

Karen is a neighbor on Yorktown Drive in Suburban Acres.

-Information for this article courtesy wavy.com and The Virginian Pilot.

SACL seeks meeting support; help with refreshments

Looking for a Few Good Cooks...or, just those who like to eat the goodies at civic league meetings. (And you know that is why you come, right?) The civic league needs your help in providing the refreshments for a meeting during 2012. By rotating the responsibility each month, no one individual will have to take this on for the entire year. A sign-up sheet was posted at the December meeting, and three months of 2012 have been spoken for (January, February, and April).

We need 9 more volunteers to cover the other months of 2012. Karen Mayne

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Karen Krepper (right) after being named Norfolk Public Schools Teacher of the Year in April 2011, with former superintendent Dr. Richard Bentley (left).

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Refreshments *(continued from Page 6)*

has volunteered to bring the coffee service each month. So the other volunteers just need to bring light snacks and drinks, with reimbursement up to a budgeted limit of \$30 per meeting. Please come to the January meeting to sign up for a month, or contact JoDee Cook at 587-7918. We hope some volunteers will step up, or our meetings might become snack-less!

Many thanks to Jenny and Ray Henson for providing the wonderful refreshments and decorations for our meetings in 2011. They did a fabulous job!

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Granby Street lanes remain closed in January

Through early January, the vehicle lane and sidewalk of Granby Street between Granby Park and Suburban Parkway will be closed for transformer installation.

Through mid-January, the outside southbound lane between Suburban Parkway and North Shore Road will be closed for utility work.

-Norfolk Streets & Bridges

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Workers perform site preparation for Norfolk Collegiate's new arts center on Granby Street property adjacent to Norfolk Collegiate's Upper School; until December 5th the site held an old medical office building. Photo by Kevin Janney

Granby Street arts center project under way for Norfolk Collegiate

Granby Street property adjacent to Norfolk Collegiate School's Upper School is being redeveloped into an \$8.5 million, 2-story, 26,000 square foot arts center for the school. The facility will feature classrooms, a chorus room, seminar and art gallery spaces, and a 425 seat theatre.

Demolition of the old building began December 5th, and a "virtual groundbreaking" was held on December 16th.

Headmaster Scott Kennedy said a five-year capital campaign raised money for the project. "We believe we've been on the forefront of the renaissance of Wards Corner - hopefully, we're on the cutting edge," he said.

The project is scheduled to be completed by March of 2013.

-Quotes and some information in this article from WardsCornerNow.com and Virginian Pilot articles by Steven Vegh



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Year-end tax tips for holiday cheer

By Andrew Kleeger

Why not try some of these year-end tax savings strategies? You may be entitled to a larger tax refund or owe less than you thought.

- If possible, send in an additional mortgage payment. The extra interest paid can be deductible for 2011.
- Clean out your closet or attic and give clothes, old furniture, and other items to a recognized charity. Ask for help determining fair market value and be sure to get a receipt.
- Be sure you are getting every tax credit you deserve. Remember credits are better than deductions and have the potential to save you hundreds at tax time. Speak with your tax pro to make sure you're getting everything you are entitled to this tax season.
- Pay yours, your spouse's or your dependent child's winter tuition before January 1 so you can include it on your tax return for this year.
- If possible, pay any state and local taxes you owe by the end of the year so they can be considered deductible for 2011.

Be sure to e-file your tax return this year. E-filing gets your return to the IRS faster and that means you'll get any refund faster. Plus, you can request that your refund be direct deposited directly into your bank account which cuts your waiting time, too.

To speak with Andrew at Jackson Hewitt's Wards Corner office or any other Jackson Hewitt branch, call 480-2000.

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SUBURBAN ACRES GREEN

By Karen Mayne

January 2012—Shining Light on New Bulb Rules

Editor's Note: As The Suburban was going to press, it appears Congress may delay the effective date of the 100 watt bulb change until October 2012.

The new energy efficiency rules for incandescent light bulbs (the screw-base kind we have been using since Thomas Edison invented them) go into effect January 2012. Let's get the facts straight about these changes. It is not true that incandescent bulbs have been banned. You will not be required to switch to fluorescent bulbs, and you will not have to change the bulbs in all your lamps and ceiling fixtures.

Here's the real story. Congress passed and President Bush signed the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the purpose of which is to reduce energy consumption and decrease our dependence on foreign oil. As part of that law, improvements in the energy efficiency of certain incandescent light bulbs were required. This is because "old fashioned" incandescent bulbs convert only 10 percent of the energy they use into light – the remaining 90 percent is converted to heat. Since lighting accounts for almost 15 percent of the electricity used in buildings in the U.S., it makes sense to improve the energy efficiency of lighting.

The law requires that common household incandescent bulbs

that traditionally have used between 40 and 100 watts must become about 27% more efficient by 2014. Manufacturers have successfully met the new standards by adding halogen gas to the incandescent bulb, which allows the same brightness and color of light to be produced using less energy. By 2020, most bulbs must be 60-70% more efficient, which fluorescent bulbs meet today. The law does not apply to many types of incandescent bulbs – such as candelabra-based, appliance, three-way 150 watt bulbs, bug lights, and several other categories.

Lighting Facts Per Bulb	
Brightness	820 lumens
Estimated Yearly Energy Cost	\$7.23
Based on 3 hrs/day, 11¢/kWh	
Cost depends on rates and use	
Life	1.4 years
Based on 3 hrs/day	
Light Appearance	
<div> <div>Warm</div> <div>2700 K</div> <div>Cool</div> </div>	
Energy Used	60 watts



vs.



The changes in energy efficiency of general purpose 40-100 watt bulbs are being phased in. Starting in January 2012, if you want to buy incandescent bulbs that produce the equivalent of the old 100 watt lights, you will look for bulbs that use 72 watts. The 75 watt bulbs will change January 2013 and 60 and 40 watt bulbs in January 2014.

Of course, you may want to switch to compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs when your current incandescent bulbs burn out since CFLs will save on your electric bill and last much longer. The prices of CFLs have dropped dramatically over the past few years, their light color has improved, and they now come in a covered style that looks like the old-fashioned bulb. Some CFLs are dimmable, but require a specific kind of dimmer. Look for CFLs with the ENERGY STAR label to make sure the bulbs are well manufactured and last as long as the label says. The newest trend in energy efficient lighting is the LED, which stands for Light Emitting Diode. These new kids on the block are extremely energy efficient, emit almost no heat, and can last for decades. But LEDs are still relatively expensive and are limited in style and brightness, so you may want to wait until the prices come down and there are more choices.

Also starting in January 2012, all lighting manufacturers will use standardized labels that should make it easier to pick the right light bulb, whether it is a halogen, fluorescent, or LED. But this new lighting language will take a while to learn. We will no longer use the old "watt" rating to indicate a bulb's brightness. That term is replaced by several more accurate terms, including brightness (in lumens), light appearance (how warm or cool the color of the light looks, rated in degrees Kelvin), the bulb's life expectancy, and yearly energy use.

To learn more about the new lighting efficiency standards, a handy wattage conversion chart, and how to read the new light bulb labels, go to www.energysaver.gov and click on the tab at the top for "Your Home" then click on "Lighting and Daylighting" on the left side.

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Old Dominion University Institute for Learning in Retirement at Primeplus Norfolk Senior Center, sessions are \$10 each. Jan. 26, 1-3 pm Norfolk Government 101-"A Newbie's Point of View" with Councilman Tommy Smigiel; Jan. 30, 10 am-noon "Redistricting" with Delegate Paula Miller.

Auditions for Virginia Children's Chorus, boys and girls grades 1-12, Jan. 7, 9, & 10, Talbot Park Baptist Church. Schedule auditions in advance at 440-9100.

Ice skating through Jan. 16th at MacArthur on Ice, 300 Monticello Ave. downtown. 314-4409.

Off the Wall Art Show and Sale, Jan. 27-Feb.1, Norfolk Collegiate Lower School, 5429 Tidewater Dr., 625-0471.

2012 Norfolk Historical Calendar On Sale The fifth annual Norfolk Historical Calendar is available at all Norfolk Public Library locations, select retailers and online for \$10.00! All proceeds help preserve and enhance the SMC collection. For more information, please call Lori Crowe 664-7328 xtn. 340.

Are you a grown man with culinary talents who wants to represent your neighborhood? SACL is looking for a team to enter Men Who Cook-Tidewater Edition, the annual cooking contest / gala / fundraiser for Primeplus Norfolk Senior Center. This year's gala is April 21st. Contact JoDee Cook at 587-7918 for details.

Write a Letter to a Sailor, Jan. 10, 3:30-4:30 pm. In honor of National Letter Writing Week, the letters will be mailed overseas to sailor's serving our country. If you can't make it to the program bring a letter or drawing by the end of the week to send. Norfolk Public Library, Larchmont Branch 6525 Hampton Blvd., 441-5335.

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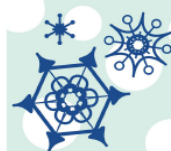
Tales to Tails, Jan. 8, 2-3 pm. Practice your reading skills with our adorable book-loving therapy dogs. Parental consent is required.

Preschool Story Time, Jan. 12, 19, & 26, 10:30-11:30 am. Energetic stories, songs and activities for children 3-6 and their caregivers. No registration is required.

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, 441-1750

February is African American History Month, with many special programs planned. For a complete listing of programs, visit your NPL location or go online to: www.npl.lib.va.us.

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Neighborhood Calendar

Calendar Notes...



Street Sweeping
Friday Jan. 6 &
Feb. 3



Recycling Pick Up (Blue Bins)
Jan. 5 & 19; Feb. 2 & 16

JAN 9 Civic League Meeting
refreshments at 6 pm, meeting
at 6:30. Suburban Park Elem.

JAN 12 Greater Wards Corner Task Force 8:30 am Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Ave.

JAN 12 Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues, 7 pm, Lake Taylor Hospital cafeteria, guest speaker is councilman Andy Protogyrou

JAN 14 Neighborhood e-Cycle Home Electronics Recycling Collection, 11am-2pm, corner of Carl St. & Suburban Pkwy.

JAN 21 Wards Corner Now 8:30 am, Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Ave.

Note: No council work session Jan. 3 due to New Years

Note: Prior to Tuesday City Council Informal and Formal Sessions, council committees meet from 3-5 pm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4	5 	6 	7
8 	9 Civic League Meeting 6:30 pm	10 5 pm Council Informal Session 7 pm Council Formal Session	11	12 8:30 am Greater Wards Corner Task Force 7:00 pm Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues	13	14 e-Cycle Home Electronics Collection
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19 	20	21 8:30 am Wards Corner Now
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Community Resources and Contacts

Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue

664-7860

Norfolk Treasurer

664-7800

Animal Control, Lost & Found Animals

441-5505

Norfolk Public Works

Accessibility issues, potholes, streetlights in need of repair, curbs and sidewalks
823-4050

E-waste recycling (common household electronics)

Computers, TV's, wiring, printers, small appliances (no smoke detectors or refrigerators)

Free to Norfolk residents at waste management facility:

1176 Pineridge Road
MON-SAT 10 am-2 pm

For complete list of recyclable e-waste items call 441-5813

Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs (investigation of consumer complaints)
1-800-552-9963

Five Points Community Farm Market, 2500 Church Street
640-0300

Norfolk Public Libraries
664-7328

Norfolk Neighborhood Design & Resource Center
664-6770

PRIME PLUS Norfolk Senior Center, 7300 Newport Ave
625-5857

Norfolk Cares...City services, citizen complaints & concerns
Mon-Fri. 8 am-6 pm 664-6510

Norfolk Department of Utilities

Customer Service

664-6700

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823-1000

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