



**FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Monday April 8**

**Doors open at 6 pm**

**Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**Suburban Park Elementary**

**Meeting Program:**

**Quwania Jefferson**  
**Keep Norfolk Beautiful**  
**and**

**Fleta Jackson**  
**Norfolk Stormwater Div.**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Door Prizes**

## Inside this Issue

**Suburban Park Elem.  
Spring Program "Tribute  
to Veterans" Apr. 16...**

**Page 3**

**Wards Corner Task Force  
meeting notes...**

**Page 4**

**Norfolk Christian's Living  
Water Fine Arts Show-  
case photos...**

**Page 6**

**and...**

**2 Civic League Officers  
and Contacts**

**3-8 Civic League and  
Community News**

**5 Crimeview statistics**

**7 The Wellness Column**

**9 Suburban Acres  
Green**

**10 Announcements and  
Events**

**11 Membership Form  
Word Search**

**12 Neighborhood  
Calendar**

**Suburban Help**

**Volume 10, Issue 4** [www.suburban23505.com](http://www.suburban23505.com)

**April 1, 2013**

**Newsletter of the Suburban Acres Civic League**

# The Suburban

## Around the Neighborhood

**V**irginia springs are breathtaking, orchestrated by a hidden conductor that seems to enjoy waking up trees and shrubs with a celebration of wonder that almost shouts, *Good morning, aren't you somethin' special!*

As a contrast to winter, spring seems to say, *Let's get outside and get movin'.* If you are a gardener you have been preparing...in anticipation that your efforts will be rewarded with beautiful multi-colored blooms. You have already begun preparing the soil for that vegetable garden. Good for you!

Spring is a time to set up new rhythms in your life; get outside and get some exercise. We enjoy walking in the afternoon. The weather is refreshing and we get to enjoy some restful quality time seeing the projects our neighbors are working on to improve their home's curb appeal.

Spring is a time to get reacquainted with your neighbors. They have been in the darkness of winter for a while and they will appreciate your smile and encouraging words. Make the effort. It will be worth it.

Spring is also a time to get rid of the clutter in and around your home. Some things can be sold on Craig's list. Other things may need to go to a nonprofit organization thrift store. Balance your effort - try not to just throw things away. I am amazed at how others can benefit from what I no longer need.

Simply put, spring is about hope and beauty and I hope that you wake up each morning with both a positive hopeful attitude and a proactive plan for your effort. Then, tell a few friends how thankful you are to live in your community and the word will get out quickly "that life is good in Norfolk."

We can all learn to be more proactive in our lives, but it takes self-discipline to bring order to that distracting "stuff" that complicates our lives. Set a goal; take advantage of spring to help power your effort.

Don't forget to renew your annual Civic League membership. Our leadership stretches that 5-10 dollar contribution for your benefit and you get the privilege of telling others that you are part of something special. Enjoy your community!

*Steve*

**Saturday May 4, 9-11 am**

Meet corner of Thole St. & Galveston Blvd. or Virginian Dr. @ Louisiana Dr.

Gloves, trash bags, and refreshments provided.

*Help your neighbors deliver a positive and lasting impact on our little piece of Norfolk!*

*Our April meeting features an EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) speaker.*

**To earn points toward our cash rebate from the city, we need 30 (thirty) guests at our April 8th meeting.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR SPOUSE, NEIGHBOR, BFF, DATE, ETC !**





## Suburban Acres Civic League Officers

**Kevin Janney, President**  
587-1616  
[saclpresident@gmail.com](mailto:saclpresident@gmail.com)

**Marsha Lockard, Vice President**  
343-2382  
[sacvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:sacvicepresident@gmail.com)

**Diane Ruhl, Secretary**  
531-9121  
[sacsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sacsecretary@gmail.com)

**Treasurer**  
(vacant)  
[sactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sactreasurer@gmail.com)

## Board of Directors

**Jeb Clarke** 626-0076

**Chris Clagget** 588-2261

**Larry Tice** 480-3194

**Susan Thornes** 617-1635

**Newsletter/Communications**  
**Kevin Janney**  
[jkjanney@verizon.net](mailto:jkjanney@verizon.net)  
587-1616

**Newsletter Advertising**  
[suburbanacres@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanacres@gmail.com)

**Newsletter Distribution**  
**Mary Verykousis**  
587-1221

**Community Resource Officer**  
**Odell Davis**  
[odell.davis@norfolk.gov](mailto:odell.davis@norfolk.gov)  
823-4433 390-0417

**Police (Non Emergency)**  
441-5610

**Code Enforcement**  
664-6532

**Norfolk Cares**  
664-6510

**Neighborhood Watch  
Coordinator**  
**Larry Tice**  
[ltice2@cox.net](mailto:ltice2@cox.net) 480-3194

**EARNN (Environmental Awards  
for Recycling in Norfolk Neigh-  
borhoods) Coordinator**  
**Marsha Lockard**  
343-2382

**Military Family Coordinator**  
**Susan Thornes**  
[suzvgggg@cox.net](mailto:suzvgggg@cox.net)  
617-1635

**Visit our website at**  
[www.suburban23505.com](http://www.suburban23505.com)

## Suburban Acres Civic League Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2013

Meeting called to order by Kevin Janney, President at 6:30 pm. Quorum was established. (22 members attended the meeting, and 2 speakers).

### Pledge of Allegiance

February minutes approved without correction or additions.

Kevin welcomed guest speaker Mike Mason and then offered his condolences for the passing of two of our members, Marvin Cheek (March 6th) and Clyde Odom (February 22nd). A moment of silence was held.

### Guest Speaker—

Mr. Mike Mason, Mason & Associates L.L.C. Mike is a financial planner. He spoke for about an hour with questions and answers throughout his presentation. This was a very informative session which seemed to keep the attention of everyone at the meeting. Mike can be heard on Radio station AM 790 (WNIS - News Radio), the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Well worth listening to.

**Pace Report—**Officer Odel Davis. Officer Davis mentioned that we were doing a great job in the neighborhood with reporting suspicious activity and watching out for our neighbors. He spoke briefly of the Wards Corner project and that the concrete platform for the Harris Teeter building and surrounding area will be put poured this April if not sooner. There are still more patrol cars than normal in the area. He said to keep up the good job!! Kevin mentioned to remember to put on your outside lights in the evening and continue to notify the city with street lights that are out.

### Committee Reports—

**Neighborhood Liaison:** NFCL and Task Force: Karen mentioned that Mr. Perry talked about the development at Wards corner. The mention of a Subway, Town Bank, Albano Cleaners and Great Clips going in. Also, there was mention of a Dollar Tree going in where the old #1 Chinese Buffet space. Also work will begin on the underpass on Tidewater Drive near Southern Shopping center this spring. There will also be a light going up at the corner of Louisiana and Granby Street.

**Yard of the month:** Coming soon. Flora returns from her Winter break in April.

**Membership:** SACL is collecting dues for 2013. Right now we have 18 families and 14 individuals who have paid for 2013.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance: \$1,640.22...Ending Balance \$1,658.28

**EARNN:** A youth engagement project involving students from Norfolk Christian High School is ongoing. The Great American Cleanup will be May 4th. We are hoping to earn the full 100 points in order to receive the maximum city recycling rebate.

### Old Business—

The SACL board is still looking for a new Treasurer due to resignation of Lori Cloud. If you are interested, please talk to Kevin or Marsha. Also, volunteers are needed for the annual audit team forming for upcoming audit.

### New Business—None

### Announcements

- Tuesday April 16, 6pm, Suburban Park Elementary's Spring Program, A Tribute to America's Hero's. The entire neighborhood is welcome, and the school would especially like to honor veterans.
- Saturday April 27th was the original date for the Great American Cleanup; since the meeting the neighborhood's participation has been moved to Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> due to conflict with Riverfest in Colonial Place on the 27th.
- Next SACL meeting will be Monday, 08 April at Suburban Park Elementary.
- Door Prizes/Raffle: \$24.00 collected for raffle. \$12.00 to Mrs. Pappas who donated the money back to SACL. Thank you!!!!

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Ruhl, Secretary

### From the President

I hope everyone has fully recovered from Saint Patrick's Day by this point, and had a great Easter and Passover. I know everyone is tired of the rain and cold!

Please keep the Borens and Bensons in your thoughts...they suffered a house fire in their home on Kirby Crescent on March 25th.

*Kevin*



## Civic League and Community News

www.suburban23505.com



Guest speaker Mike Mason with Margaret Mcgrdovana after the March 11th Suburban Acres Civic League meeting.

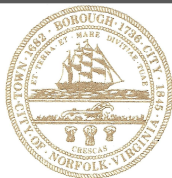


### NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Robert J. McCabe**  
Sheriff / High Constable

**Robert J. McCabe, Sheriff**  
811 E. City Hall Avenue  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Office: (757) 664-4713  
Fax: (757) 441-2531  
E-Mail: robert.mccabe@norfolk.gov  
Web Site: www.norfolksheriffsoffice.com



**BARCLAY C. WINN**  
COUNCILMAN

SUITE 1006, CITY HALL BUILDING  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510  
E-MAIL: barclay.winn@norfolk.gov  
OFFICE (757) 494-1400  
CELL (757) 636-3434  
FAX (757) 494-1217

### Seniors, disabled can apply for tax relief

Norfolk seniors can apply for real estate tax relief through June 1st. The Norfolk Department of Human Services is accepting applications for the city's Real Estate Tax Relief/Deferral program. The program provides eligible senior and/or disabled homeowners in Norfolk a reduction in their real estate tax, or an option to defer a percentage of tax owed based on the home's average assessed value.

In order to qualify: residents must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled, must live in the property, the combined income of owners and all relatives living in the home cannot exceed \$67,000 per year, and the senior's net worth, excluding the home, cannot exceed \$350,000.

On February 12, 2013, the City of Norfolk approved an ordinance that includes a cap of \$5 million in available funding for the program. Relief will be provided as an exemption or deferral up to the average assessment of \$203,386. Homeowners with income less than \$28,611 may defer taxes on amounts over \$203,386. Community information sessions will be held during April and May to assist residents with questions about the program and the application process.

For more information about the sessions or to obtain an application, stop by any Department of Human Services location, send an email to [seniortaxrelief@norfolk.gov](mailto:seniortaxrelief@norfolk.gov), call 823-1130 or 664-6035, or visit [www.norfolk.gov/humanservices](http://www.norfolk.gov/humanservices) for a schedule, informational brochure and to download an application form.

-Norfolk Division of Communications

## TAX REFUND JOY

# \$25 OFF

## tax preparation

Offer valid on tax preparation fees only. Does not apply to financial products, online tax preparation product or other services. Present coupon at time of tax preparation. Valid at participating locations only and may not be combined with any other offer.

EXPIRES: 12/31/2013 COUPON CODE: 6LNKH

**Call 757-480-2000**  
for nearest location



## Civic League and Community News

For more news and events visit our website at [www.suburban23505.com](http://www.suburban23505.com)

### Development, utilities updates at W.C. Taskforce meeting

The Greater Wards Corner Task Force met Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Norfolk Collegiate School's new Center for the Arts.

Department of Public Works-John Keifer presented a briefing with handouts on the I-564 / Air Terminal Interchange project, which is a joint undertaking of the City, VDOT, the Virginia Port Authority, and the Navy. The project will take several decades and will improve vehicle access to the Naval base and International Terminals. Three of the five components of the project are complete or underway: relocation of the Fleet Recreation Park is complete, the Hampton Boulevard underpass will be completed in Summer 2013, and the relocation of I-564 will start in Fall 2013 and be completed in Fall 2016. Ultimately, it is hoped that the third crossing of Hampton Roads (known as Patriots Crossing) will tie in to I-564 and extend across Craney Island to the I-664 (Monitor Merrimac tunnel) crossing area.

An area field review warranted the recommendation of two new street lights at 7307 Yorktown Drive and along Galveston Avenue adjacent to 401 Virginian Drive in Suburban Acres. The

design for the lights has been submitted to Dominion Power for a cost estimate. Once received, the City will move forward with the installation – the process is expected to take about six months. The civic league requested these lighting updates.

Department of Development-Demolition is completed at the site of the new Suburban Park Shopping Center. The following commercial entities have executed a lease: Harris Teeter, Towne Bank, Sleepy's Mattress, Albano Cleaners, Subway, and Starbucks.

Rob Heavenner of Retail Advisors will serve as the broker on real estate and leasing deals for the Midtown Shopping Center. Midtown management has completed over \$1.2 million in renovations. Additional parking lot improvements are planned for the spring. The Department of Development will continue to work with management on tenant and rebranding efforts.

Negotiations are underway for the retail space formally occupied by No. 1 Chinese Buffet in the Wards Corner Shopping Center. Possible replacements could be another restaurant or a dollar type store.

\$1 million in renovations/upgrades are near completion at the Wards Corner Farm Fresh. A special exception was granted to operate a drive-thru for their pharmacy. The Wards Corner location is one of the top producing grocery stores. Farm Fresh is selling the cold storage units behind their store.

Utilities-The anticipated completion date of the Louisiana Drive Water Main Replacement project is mid-April. The pipe replacement work in the median area of Granby Street south of Little Creek Road is being done by Virginia Natural Gas.

-Karen Mayne & WardsCornerNow.com

### Great American Cleanup scheduled in Suburban Acres for May 4<sup>th</sup>

April 22 marks the 43rd Earth Day celebration. askHRgreen, a Hampton Roads environmental public awareness program, usually says "every day is Earth Day" but it's still helpful to step back and reflect on the wonder of the natural environment that surrounds us every day. Nothing beats a day on one of our local waterways, but our environment is also about the neighborhood parks we enjoy and the clean tap water we drink.

To keep the spirit of Earth Day alive, please volunteer for in Suburban Acres as we have three clean up projects as part of this spring's Great American Cleanup on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Our cleanups only last an hour or two, and focus on targeted areas within the neighborhood. Let Mother Earth, and your community, know how much you care.

Meet at either the corner of Thole Street & Balveston Blvd. (Suburban Park Elementary), or the corner of Louisiana Dr. at Virginia Dr. at 9 am on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

-The Suburban

**BUSINESS**  
(757) 857-0371

**FAX**  
(757) 857-4533

### TERRELL'S LAWN & LANDSCAPE

2056 Kenlake Place  
Norfolk, VA 23518

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

MICHAEL TERRELL

OWNER

**eggleston**  
**GARDEN CENTER**

Mulch \* Garden Soil \* Plants\* Pond Items & Fish \* Beautiful Garden Accessories

### MULCH

**Brown & Red Shredded Hardwood (delivery available)**

**GARDEN BLEND COMPOST**

The Virginia-Pilot READER'S CHOICE AWARD

**BEST** of  
*Norfolk*  
**GOLD WINNER**  
**2012**

*Get Your Spring On!*

110 LA VALETTE AVE., NORFOLK, VA 23504  
Phone 757-625-2044 Cell 757-449-5704

Email: [info@egglestongardencenter.com](mailto:info@egglestongardencenter.com)

Web: [www.egglestongardencenter.com](http://www.egglestongardencenter.com)





## Civic League & Community News

www.suburban23505.com

Norfolk CrimeView statistics Suburban Acres, March 1-30, 2013

CRIME TYPE DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	DATE/TIME/DAY OF WEEK	INCIDENT #
BURGLARY-RESIDENCE	200 BLOCK SUBURBAN PKWY	03/18/2013 07:55 MONDAY	130318000074
BURGLARY-RESIDENCE	7500 BLOCK YORKTOWN DR	03/18/2013 09:00 MONDAY	130318000026
LARCENY (ALL OTHERS)	100 BLOCK CROMWELL PKWY	03/23/2013 17:30 SATURDAY	130324000037
LARCENY (ALL OTHERS)	100 BLOCK CROMWELL PKWY	03/25/2013 18:00 MONDAY	130326485104
LARCENY (ALL OTHERS)	100 BLOCK SUBURBAN PKWY	03/27/2013 19:57 WEDNESDAY	130328000014
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS: 5</b>			

### Neighborhood Watch Update

By Larry Tice

Craigslist and Ebay are both used by scammers.

Locally, some houses-for-rent and used car sales ads can be deceiving. Some local houses are listed for rent on Craigslist at a ridiculously low price. An e-mail reply will often result in the landlord requesting a deposit and first months rent paid by mail to an out of town address or wired to another city or country. They will also ask for personal information including bank account information to check your credit record.

DO NOT give out this information through an e-mail or over the phone. Insist on meeting in person at the address listed for rent. DO NOT carry the rent and deposit in cash to the meeting. Many people have been set up to be robbed or worse through these scams.

Also be aware that a lot of flooded cars are being sold in this area on Craigslist. Ask for a Carfax report and check out the title (most states stamp information on the title if the car has been flood damaged or totaled out by an insurance company.) However, you cannot always rely on this. If possible, have a trusted mechanic check out the vehicle prior to purchase.

Some sellers on Ebay are selling counterfeit items and coins. Only buy from sellers with a listed selling history and good reviews. If you pay through Paypal you can contest transactions that turn out to be bogus.

-Larry can be reached at ltice2@cox.net or 480-3194



Enjoy your pet...without the mess!

## DoodyCalls

Offering friendly and affordable pet waste removal services that will make you happy. We are the nation's super duper pooper scoopers!

Call for New Client Specials and Free Estimates

Locally owned and operated

[www.doodycalls.com](http://www.doodycalls.com)

1-800-DoodyCalls (800-366-3922)

# Fitz & Sons

## Garage Doors LLC

A DOOR THAT "FITZ" YOUR NEEDS

Dealer for the finest garage doors and parts by Amarr

Your Door. Your Style. Your Choice.



Full-service residential and commercial installer

-Raised panel & custom Wood

-Steel carriage house

-Door openers

-Service and repair

Read our customers' testimonials and see the many brands and door styles available at

[www.fitzandsonsgaragedoors.com](http://www.fitzandsonsgaragedoors.com)

(757)480-5083

10% product discount with this ad - free estimates

BOOK

## \$5 OFF

Any Purchase

LIMIT ONE PER CUSTOMER  
Expires 3-1-2014

MOVIE & MUSIC

EXCHANGE

**116 East Little Creek Road**

**583-2665**

[www.bookexchangenorfolk.com](http://www.bookexchangenorfolk.com)





Norfolk Christian Schools' Fine Arts Showcase, scheduled for Saturday Feb. 16th had to be rescheduled to Monday the 18th due to severe weather, but the event was still packed.

The event included performances by theatre and visual arts groups, choral, and instrumental band ensembles as well as student art displays in multiple mediums. Band director and event producer Doug Earlenbaugh said, "It went tremendously well...The quality and overall performance was the best we've ever had at Norfolk Christian!"

Photos of band (top) and displayed art (left) courtesy Norfolk Christian Schools.



*We Do It All...Inside and Out  
Commercial & Residential*

**D & J HOME IMPROVEMENT**

Remodeling & Renovation  
Concrete Drives, Patios, Sidewalks  
Kitchen & Bath  
Roofing & Siding  
Decks, Porches, & Fencing  
Interior & Exterior Painting  
Doors & Windows, Trim & Tile



**757-839-7771**

*Licensed and Insured*

**We Do It All...No house too big or small!**

## **All About Cleaning & Janitorial Services**

Kitchens, Baths, Living & Bed Rooms, Attic, Whole House

*\* Anything or Any Place That Needs a Good Cleaning \**

**(757) 362-5979**

An Insured Company You Can Count On

## Community News

### 2013 Lafayette River Festival on April 27th

Lafayette RIVERFEST, a free, outdoor celebration promoting the restoration of the Lafayette River, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. It has expanded to include a light-hearted contest for "spokesdogs" to promote "scooping the poop," as well as maritime history re-enactors. This is in addition to the more than 40 family activities that will be presented at the RIVERFest site in the 600-700 blocks of Mayflower Road, along the Colonial Place waterfront in Norfolk.

"Our community is making great progress bringing back the health of the Lafayette branch of the Elizabeth - in no small part because of the thousands who get involved through RIVERFest," says Marjorie Mayfield Jackson, executive director of Elizabeth River Project, which is co-presenter of the festival with the City of Norfolk and multiple sponsors and partners. At the 2012 Lafayette RIVERFest, the best environmental scores for the Lafayette in modern times were announced. An updated scorecard will be available at the festival "Science Dome" this year as well.

According to Jackson, Elizabeth River Project continues to recruit "River Star Homes" to do their part cleaning up the Lafayette River. To date, River Star Homes, initiated at the first Lafayette RIVERFest in 2011, encompass 1,300 homes.

The event will feature live music, children's activities, local food vendors and a silent auction for rain barrels painted by area school children.

For more information about Lafayette Riverfest activities, as well as vendor, artist and sponsor opportunities, please call 757.399.7487 or visit the website at [www.LafayetteRiverfest.org](http://www.LafayetteRiverfest.org).

## Furnish Your Home Office or Business FOR LESS!



*From ugly to gorgeous! Let us transform your existing pieces with our on-site refinishing, refurbishing and electrostatic metal painting services. Or, find your dream furniture in our huge inventory for up to 60% off retail.*



- Moving & Delivery Services
- Refinishing & Refurbishing
- On-site Repair & Maintenance
- Electrostatic Painting

1124-B Kingwood Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23502  
757.855.2800 • [ofova.com](mailto:ofova.com)

## The Wellness Column



Presented by Dr. Brad Robinson

### Chiropractic Care and Your Immune System

Doctors of chiropractic advocate preventing disease and illness before the onset of symptoms.

Dr. Robinson views the body as a connected entity—not isolated parts to be treated separately. Imbalance in one area of the body affects the rest of the system.

The spinal column houses the spinal cord, the main component of the nervous system. Researchers theorize that dysfunction of the spinal column may influence the nervous system, in turn impairing immune function.

The hypothesis is that vertebral subluxation in the spinal column may disturb the natural flow of nerve impulses.

Chiropractic adjustments may reduce the number of inflammatory proteins, called cytokines, throughout the body. These chemicals direct immunity, inflammation, and the formation of blood cells. In one study, researchers observed pro-inflammatory cytokine levels fall dramatically after chiropractic adjustment—not just near the joint that was adjusted, but throughout the body.

Strengthening the immune system is a fundamental, all-natural way to stay well, and fend off chronic disease. In addition, chiropractic care reduces stress, which can contribute to the incidence of illness. Research also shows chiropractic adjustments to restore alignment to the upper neck area of the spine also lower blood pressure.

*Learn about chiropractic's highly effective approach: call Dr. Robinson, a chiropractor and holistic-care provider, at (757) 588-8908 or visit our website at [www.WardsCornerDC.com](http://www.WardsCornerDC.com).*



## Wards Corner Chiropractic

Pain Relief & Optimal Health



Voted Best of Norfolk 5 Years in a Row - 2008-2012  
**Gentle ♦ Safe ♦ Effective ♦ Affordable**

Military Discounts, Payment Plans  
Most Insurance, Major Credit Cards

**Dr. Brad Robinson, D.C.**

**Dr. David Milot, D.C.**

**588-8908**

Official Chiropractor for the Norfolk Admirals  
7400 Granby St., Norfolk ♦ [www.WardsCornerDC.com](http://www.WardsCornerDC.com)



**PrimePlus**  
Norfolk Senior Center

Presents the Fourth Annual:



*Dine and Dance to the Jim Newsom Quartet!*

Tickets: \$50 in Advance, \$55 at the Door - \$180 for a four-pack

Norfolk Plaza Hotel / 700 Monticello Ave, Norfolk  
Saturday, April 13, 2013 ~ 6pm - 9 pm  
Valet Parking Included / Silent Auction



Call 757.625.5857 for Information and Tickets  
Visit us at [www.primeplus.org](http://www.primeplus.org)

May is the last opportunity to bring in your Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels for Education, and Farm Fresh receipts before the end of the school year and Box Tops season!



## Box Tops Help Suburban Kids

- Shop at Farm Fresh: turn in the bottom of your receipts
- Shop at Kroger or Food Lion & link your store card to Suburban Park
- Save Box Tops & Labels for Education

Bring your Box Tops, Labels, Farm Fresh receipts, & used printer ink cartridges to the next SACL meeting



ARTS • ATHLETICS • ACADEMICS

COMMISSIONER OF  
**REVENUE**

SHARON M. McDONALD



THE NORFOLK COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE  
PROVIDES DMV SERVICES AT CITY HALL!

### WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Titles	License Plates
Registration	Dealer Services
Name & Address Changes	Voter Registration

### Norfolk Commissioner of Revenue

Norfolk City Hall Building, 810 Union Street, 1st Floor  
Norfolk, VA 23510 757-664-7884 [www.norfolk.gov/revenue](http://www.norfolk.gov/revenue)



"It is an honor to serve as  
YOUR Commissioner of Revenue!"

- SHARON M. McDONALD



## THE WRIGHT STUFF

LAWN SERVICE

(757) 588-7176

Now's the time to schedule your  
customized lawn treatment (including  
fertilization & weed control)

- |                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| • Mowing          | • Mulch                    |
| • Weedeating      | • Aerating                 |
| • Edging          | • Seeding                  |
| • Bushes          | • Fertilizing              |
| • Spring Cleanups | • Customized Turf Programs |



WHY CALL ANYONE ELSE WHEN WE CAN SERVICE  
ALL OF YOUR LAWN CARE NEEDS?

A FAMILY BUSINESS OPERATING IN THE TIDEWATER  
AREA SINCE 1998. CALL JIM WRIGHT TODAY FOR  
A FREE QUOTE.



## SUBURBAN ACRES GREEN

By Karen Mayne

### April 2013 – You can Help the Lafayette River!

Did you know you live in a watershed? (And you thought you live in the Suburban Acres neighborhood!) "Watershed" is a term scientists use to define the area of land that drains into a particular body of water. Every yard and street in our neighborhood drains into the North Branch of the Lafayette River. The drainage areas you can see include the "ditch" that runs behind Kroger's and up to Virginian Drive; the freshwater stream that runs along Parkdale Drive and the Archer's Green apartments; and the tidal creek that runs through Granby Park to Norfolk Christian School. What you can't see are the stormwater drains that run under our streets and enter these waterways. If you had a very tiny boat (or were a fish), you could travel from Kroger's out the Lafayette to the Chesapeake Bay and then to the Atlantic Ocean.

But the Lafayette River is not a very clean river, which isn't good for us and isn't good for the critters that live in it. There are too many bacteria in the river, making it unsafe for us to swim or eat shellfish. Too many nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) enter the river from stormwater runoff when it rains, causing algae blooms that use up the oxygen in the water and can lead to fish kills.

Wherever you live, our entire neighborhood is closely tied to the Lafayette River, which has come to be called Norfolk's "home river." Here are some things you can do to help the efforts to clean it up.



**Put nothing but rain down the storm drains.** Anything that goes into the streets and storm drains – leaves, grass clippings, oil – will end up in the Lafayette. If you see a sewer overflow (bubbling water) in a street or a yard, call the City Department of Utilities' emergency number at 823-1000.

**Scoop the Poop!** Pet wastes are a leading source of bacterial contamination of the Lafayette River. Pick up after your dogs when you walk them, and train your pets to use one specific area of your yard so that you can clean up easily and toss it in the trash.

**Kick the fertilizer habit.** Have your soil tested through the Norfolk office of the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Service (757-683-2816) to determine the health of your soil before applying fertilizer. Use compost as the preferred way to improve the soil, and let grass clippings stay on the grass. If you do fertilize, fertilize fescue grass only in the fall, and zoysia/St. Augustine lawns in the summer. Follow manufacturers' instructions for application rates, and don't fertilize if rain is in the forecast.

**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. Better yet, let a buffer of native vegetation grow up along the shoreline to keep the waterfowl away.

**Become a River Star Home.** Join your neighbors and show your support for cleaning up the Lafayette River by displaying the blue River Star Home flag. Call the Elizabeth River Project at 757-399-7487 or visit their website at [www.elizabethriver.org](http://www.elizabethriver.org) to join the "home team." River Star Homes are eligible for a free consultation on the organic way to maintain your yard, and can receive grant funding for an organic "lawn makeover" whether or not you live on the water.

**Participate in group efforts to clean up litter.** The Suburban Acres **Great American Clean-Up** will be on April 27. After doing your part at our neighborhood clean-up, have fun at **RiverFest** along the Lafayette River in Colonial Place. See information elsewhere in *The Suburban* on these events.

Karen can be reached by e-mail at [KarenLMayne@aol.com](mailto:KarenLMayne@aol.com) or by phone at 587-1287



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
Office of the  
Commonwealth's Attorney



GREGORY D. UNDERWOOD  
Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney

Suite 600 Telephone (757) 664-4835  
800 E. City Hall Ave. FAX (757) 664-4445  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510 [gregory.underwood@norfolk.gov](mailto:gregory.underwood@norfolk.gov)  
<http://www.norfolk.gov/commatty>

## Gardens In A Flowerpot

What customers on yelp.com say about  
Gardens in a Flower Pot ...


"Good selection of plants, veggies and herbs at great prices. They also have a good variety of things that you're not likely to find at a big box store (e.g., organic soil/compost and even lady bugs!)."

"This place is AWESOME! What you'll find here is an astoundingly large variety of any plant you could want to put in your yard. Service was extremely personable and staff members were easy to find and answer questions. Prices were really good as well."




941 W. Little Creek Road Norfolk  
(757) 489-8972

April 27 2013 Colonial Place Waterfront



**A Cleaner River Starts Here!**



A day-long celebration  
promoting the restoration of  
the Lafayette River!

So mark your calendar for  
**April 27, 2013**  
from

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

and head on over to the  
**600 – 700 block of Mayflower Road**  
in Norfolk's  
**Colonial Place.**

For more information:  
**[www.lafayetteriverfest.org](http://www.lafayetteriverfest.org)**  
**757-399-7487**

## Announcements

Send your  
announcement to:  
[suburbanacres@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanacres@gmail.com)

*If you're not currently  
receiving updates via email  
from SACL send us a brief  
email to let us know you'd  
like to be added to our  
distribution list! Birthdays?*

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

**Buy Fresh, Buy Local Hampton Roads event training for volunteers**, April 9, 6 pm, Ernie Morgan Center, Norfolk. If you would like to learn how to man an information table at one of our events or how to volunteer in other ways, attend one of the trainings. We'll have snacks and lots of locavore conversation. Let us know at [bfbhr@gmail.com](mailto:bfbhr@gmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you! Visit our new website, [www.buylocalhamptonroads.org](http://www.buylocalhamptonroads.org). It's full of recipes, and other good information about eating fresh and local. If you are interested in helping us distribute the guide across the area, contact us!

**Volunteers Needed for Citywide Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up Open Houses** on April 16, 17, and 18 from 5:30-7:30PM. Volunteers will assist families in finding their district elementary school at five events held in each of the five Norfolk high schools. The purpose of the Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up is to encourage early kindergarten enrollment so that children entering kindergarten in Norfolk are ready for school in the fall. Support your neighborhood schools, meet some new neighbors, and even encourage involvement in your neighborhood group by volunteering at one of the events closest to you. To volunteer contact Melinda Luchun by email at [melinda.luchun@norfolk.gov](mailto:melinda.luchun@norfolk.gov) or by phone at 664-4031.

**Senior ArtFest 2013**, A Celebration of Art and Life...Showcasing the talent of South Hampton Roads artists age 50+. Art Exhibit June 4 - June 23 Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. People's Choice Exhibit June 25 - July 24, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Art Intake is May 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 3 pm. PrimePlus Norfolk Senior Center, Located within the Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center at 7300 Newport Ave., Norfolk, VA. For information call 625-5857 or E-mail: [crandolph@primeplus.org](mailto:crandolph@primeplus.org) visit our website at [www.primeplus.org](http://www.primeplus.org)

## Suburban Park Elementary to present "A Tribute to Our American Heroes" on April 16

Suburban Park Elementary School is hosting its Spring musical program entitled, *A Tribute to Our American Heroes*, on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Students will sing songs and recite monologues about American heroes, past and present.

Music teacher Dana Moody has invited neighborhood residents to participate by serving as greeters at the door, wearing military uniforms (active duty as well as veterans) or historical outfits from the past – such as Colonial costumes, and helping with decorations. Of particular need is a tall black hat for Lincoln and a short brown/blonde wig.

If you would like to participate or loan items for the program, call Mrs. Moody at the school at 531-3118. If you could serve as an usher or greeter and help make this a special event for the students, parents, and our neighborhood, please contact Catherine Anthony at [catherine.anthony@ymail.com](mailto:catherine.anthony@ymail.com) or 842-0365.

-The Suburban

## Advertise in *The Suburban*

Monthly printed single-copy distribution of more than 600,  
and permanent availability  
on our Web site.

Contact [suburbanacres@gmail.com](mailto:suburbanacres@gmail.com) for rates and  
availability today.



*Stop by your  
friendly  
neighborhood*

**TINEE GIANT  
FOOD STORE**

*Any compliments or concerns,  
please contact Bryan at 552-0000,  
Ext. 207.*



T	L	E	M	W	O	N	S	S	S	A	R	G	L	A
G	C	Y	C	L	A	M	E	N	S	A	L	I	L	P
G	N	G	R	O	W	T	H	R	L	L	L	L	R	S
O	Y	I	I	D	L	S	A	R	A	I	E	S	N	N
L	A	L	N	K	A	I	E	B	E	R	R	O	H	E
F	M	L	O	A	N	F	E	S	G	M	I	P	W	W
E	N	A	E	E	E	S	F	I	U	L	R	R	A	L
I	O	B	Q	R	A	L	E	O	E	C	S	A	B	E
R	S	T	U	B	E	S	C	D	D	F	O	S	W	A
I	A	F	I	G	R	N	N	G	L	I	N	R	H	V
S	E	O	N	N	R	A	E	O	N	I	L	C	C	E
E	S	S	O	I	D	E	W	W	B	I	R	S	B	S
S	I	N	X	R	G	E	E	O	A	A	R	M	E	G
A	Y	F	L	P	R	O	R	N	M	L	W	P	E	O
E	T	E	W	S	S	P	I	L	U	T	R	S	S	R
R	E	T	S	A	E	P	L	A	N	T	I	N	G	F

### Help Diane help the SPCA

Our secretary...Diane Ruhl...is involved in another good cause!

As part of a team fitness/weight loss challenge Diane is involved in, her team has been challenged to help the Virginia Beach SPCA. Her team is to collect items on the SPCA's 'wish list' through April 13th. Each item has a point value, but Diane won't know how many points she earns until the items are turned in.

The SPCA needs Purina One cat & kitten food, non-clumping litter, dog & cat toys, peanut butter, towels, and scratching posts.

**Please help Diane and the SPCA by bringing some items to the April 8th SACL meeting!**

ALLERGIES	FROGS	RAIN
APRIL	GOLF	RENEWAL
BASEBALL	GRASS	ROBINS
BEES	GREEN	SEASON
CROCUSES	GROWTH	SNOWMELT
CYCLAMENS	IRISES	SOFTBALL
DAFFODILS	LILIES	SPRING BREAK
DANDELIONS	MARCH	SPRING CLEANING
EASTER	MAY	TULIPS
EQUINOX	NEW LEAVES	WARMER
FLOWERS	PLANTING	WET



***We need your involvement  
in the Suburban Acres  
Civic League. The larger  
our membership, the louder  
our voice will be heard!  
Please join today!***

### Suburban Acres Civic League Membership Form 2012

☐ Individual \$ 5.00

☐ Family \$ 10.00

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

Street Address

E-mail

Phone

Please make check payable to **Suburban Acres Civic League**. Bring to the next meeting or mail this form to Marsha Lockard, Treasurer, Suburban Acres Civic League, 7311 Woodfin Ave. Norfolk, VA 23505. **And thank you for your support!**

## Neighborhood Calendar

### Calendar Notes...



**Street Sweeping**  
Friday April 5 &  
May 3.



**Recycling Pick Up** (Blue Bins)  
April 11 & 25; May  
9 & 23.

**APR 8 Suburban Acres Civic League Meeting**...doors open at 6 pm, meeting at 6:30, Suburban Park Elementary. *E.A.R.N.N Meeting! Bring family & friends!*

**APR 11 Greater Wards Corner Task Force**, 8:30 am. Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Ave.

**APR 11 Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues**, 7 pm, Lake Taylor Hospital Cafeteria, 1309 Kempsville Rd.

**APR 13 4th Annual Men Who Cook**, with Jim Newsome Quartet & silent auction, benefit for PrimePlus Norfolk Senior Center. Valet parking. 6-9 pm Norfolk Plaza Hotel, 625-5857 for info & tickets.

**APR 16 Suburban Park Elementary Spring Program**, "Tribute to American Heroes" 6 pm. Neighborhood is invited, particularly veterans.

**APR 27 Lafayette River RiverFEST**, 10 am-4 pm, Mayflower Road in Colonial Place. Fun family & kid-friendly activities. [www.lafayetteriverfest.org](http://www.lafayetteriverfest.org) or 399-7487 for info.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2	3	4	5 	6
7	8 Civic League Meeting 6:30 pm <b>TAXES DUE</b>	9 5 pm Council Informal Session 7 pm Council Formal Session	10	11  8:30 am Greater Wards Corner Task Force 7:00 pm Norfolk Federation Civic Leagues	12	13
14	15	16 SPE Spring Program, 6 pm "Tribute to American Heroes"	17	18	19	20
21	22  <i>Earth Day</i>	23 5 pm Council Informal Session 7 pm Council Formal Session	24	25 	26  Arbor Day	27 Lafayette River RiverFEST 10 am-4 pm
28	29	30				

## Let's Go! PET CARE

**DOGGIE DAY CARE DISCOUNT**  
**\$10 HALF DAY, \$20 FULL DAY**

**SELF SERVICE DOG WASH**  
**ALL NATURAL PET PRODUCTS**  
**ALLERGEN FREE FOODS AND TREATS**  
**PET SITTING & DOG WALKING**

757-440-3565 110 LA VALETTE AVENUE  
[LETSGOPETCARE.COM](http://LETSGOPETCARE.COM)

**NORFOLK'S ONLY SELF SERVICE DOG WASH**

## Suburban



### 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

**Emergency-Water Main Breaks & Sewer Leaks**  
823-1000

**Miss Utility (Call Before You Dig)**  
1-800-552-7001