

MAY MEETING

Monday May 13

Doors open at 6 pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

Meet Commissioner of Revenue Sharon McDonald

Meeting Program: Lisa Renee Jennings

Keep Norfolk Beautiful

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Around the Neighborhood

This Monday evening May 13th a public hearing will be held by city council at Granby High School to hear citizen comments on the proposal to increase real estate taxes by 4 cents to \$1.15 per \$100 of valuation. Instead, I hope you'll join us for our civic league meeting where we will conduct our own 'public hearing' on the tax issue, and then enjoy two great guest speakers, plus a few minutes with Commissioner of the Revenue Sharon McDonald. I'll forward the neighborhood's thoughts on the proposed tax increases to the council.

Back in 2007 when I bought my home here in Suburban Acres the real estate tax rate was \$1.40 per \$100 valuation, where it had been since 1996. At the time we were experiencing

a real estate boom with grossly inflated property values. Developers and bankers were giddy with easy mortgages and huge profits turning over real estate, but individual property owners were being hammered not so much due to the rate, but by how much their property assessments had increased so rapidly. You may remember the Norfolk Tea Party's "\$1.08 in 2008" campaign to reduce property taxes. It worked, and our rate was reduced to \$1.11.

Then the recession and real estate downturn hit. With property assessments now much lower due to the real estate downturn, that \$1.11 rate means \$15 million less per year in real estate taxes in a city where more than 30% of property isn't even on the tax rolls due to state and

federal government use.

The city manager, in an effort to balance the budget, has recommended not fully funding the school board's budget request, and trimming neighborhood development funds—like the funds used to purchase and tear down blighted property in Denby Park and redevelop Wards Corner.

Whether big line items, like utility funds being spent to underground utilities and realign traffic signals in support of Wards Corner redevelopment, and buying and redeveloping blighted properties in Denby Park, or much smaller items like the \$500 mini grant SACL was

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The Fourth Grade Recorders perform at Suburban Park Elementary's Spring Program on April 16th. More photos on page 4.

Civic League awarded mini-grant for youth leadership program

The Suburban Acres Civic League has been awarded a \$500 Block-by-Block Neighborhood Pride Program grant by the City of Norfolk for a youth civic engagement project. The paperwork was signed on May 6th, and disbursement of funds will occur over the summer.

Recognizing the difficulty in recruiting community members to leadership roles in the civic league, SACL hopes to pique the interests of high school students who may have an interest in government

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It's an EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) meeting!

To earn points toward our cash rebate from the city, we need 30 (thirty) guests at our May 13th meeting.

PLEASE BRING YOUR SPOUSE,

SIGNIFICANT OTHER, OR A

NEIGHBOR!



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Suburban Acres Civic League Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2013

Meeting called to order by Kevin Janney, President at 6:30 pm. Quorum was established. (31 members attended the meeting, and 2 quests).

Pledge of Allegiance

March minutes approved without correction or additions.

Neighborhood Watch—

Larry Tice reported a few break-in's in the Talbot Park area and outer perimeter of Suburban Park. More about the area will be talked about later by Officer Davis. Kevin mentioned the new street lights going in at Galveston and Virginian Drive.

Guest Speaker— Quwania Jefferson of "Keep Norfolk Beautiful"

Quwania spoke about what can and cannot be recycled through curbside collection. Examples of both:

What not to recycle: Styrofoam cups, paper plates and plastic ware; no paper towels, Solo cups, plastic bags from Farm Fresh, Walmart, etc. (put these items in regular trash). No blue glass bottles; no plastic bottles with the numbers 3 to 7 can be recycled at this time.

What CAN be recycled: Cardboard boxes (please break down so everything can fit in recycle can), shredded paper; newspaper; thin fiberboard (like cereal boxes); aluminum and tin cans; clear, brown or green glass and any other glass/plastic item that has a pouring spout.

The recycling company contracted by the city is TFC (Tidewater Fiber Corporation) and they do have tours of the facility, which come with a lunch after the tour. The next tour is May 20th, but you need to call and reserve a spot, they fill up fast.

Recycle Perks: Sign up for the perk program on line at www.recyclingperks.com. Every time you put out your recycle bin you get points (50 points) towards great deals in the local area. The program promotes our local businesses. So far they have over 43 venders involved in the program. Some of them are the Norfolk Zoo, Zoots, Taylor's Do-it Center, Stella Café, and more.

Pace Report—Officer Odel Davis.

There were a total of 5 incidents last month; 2 burglaries, 2 larcenies and 1 motor vehicle theft. The 2 larcenies were at the Cromwell House, the motor vehicle was a moped which was chained behind a house. The burglaries were residential on the 7500 block of Yorktown and 200 block of Suburban Pkwy. Both happened on the 18th of March around 5 pm.

Officer Davis asked that we continue to call on suspicious activity and be aware of the solicitors starting to hit the area again. Make sure you check their credentials.

Committee Reports—

Events: May 4th is the Great American Cleanup. We will be in two places: Thole/Galveston and Virginian/Louisiana.

Neighborhood Liaison: Suburban Park Elementary recognized Bud Raber for his donations to the Teachers lounge. Claudia Carr spent some volunteer time by participating in the "Reading Across America" at SPE. Kevin reminded attendees that help is needed (greeters) and the neighborhood is invited to the Suburban Park Elementary spring program on April 16th.

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.

New Business—None

Treasurer's Report— Beginning Balance: \$1,658.28. Ending Balance \$1,463.78. (Newsletter and bank fee)

Announcements

- Yard of the Month resumed after winter break. YOTM for April is the Ebberly home at 444 Brickby Road. Congratulations!
- Great American Cleanup is Saturday May 4th
- Next SACL meeting will be Monday, May 16th at Suburban Park Elementary.
- Labels for Education/Box Tops and Farm Fresh Receipts collected for Suburban Park Elementary: Receipts: \$1673.18 and labels/box tops: 382. The May meeting is the last chance to turn in Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Farm Fresh receipts for the school to redeem this year (school must redeem rewards programs by May 31).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Ruhl, Secretary

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!

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President's Letter (continued from Page 1)

just awarded for youth civic engagement, and the \$450-\$750 annual E.A.R.N.N. rebates we receive, these are funds that DIRECTLY benefit us here in Suburban Acres by affecting our quality of life and property values. I don't want them cut.

As far as schools, the school system's request is reasonable. 13 of our 45 schools (two of five high schools and five of seven middle schools) lack full accreditation, and many facilities are crumbling.

I realize that many of my friends and neighbors will blame this on funding for projects in downtown, but that argument is not completely valid. Most of the large amount being spent on the proposed new hotel and convention center downtown is 'fenced' money: dollars from the parking and public amenities funds that are generated by parking garages, and sales taxes from downtown hotels and restaurants. When these amenities taxes were implemented, the agreement was that they would be spent on downtown development and improving large amenities, like Scope. The ordinances simply don't allow siphoning off those funds for other purposes.

You probably see where I'm going here. Taking our real estate

rate from \$1.11 to \$1.15 means an annual increase of about \$110 a year for me. For most of you living in similar ranchers and raised ranches here in the neighborhood the increase will be similar. For a few, it will be slightly more. For most property owners in the city it will be much less...around \$50 or \$60.

I would like to support the 4-cent increase in the interest of those funds supporting the schools and neighborhood development, which is where Mayor Fraim has promised it will go. But I won't support it without a consensus of my neighbors.

So please join us Monday night. We need a minimum attendance of thirty for our EARNN points. If you can't come but have some input on the tax thing just email me at ikjanney@verizon.net.

We really need your attendance at the May 13th meeting. It's our last EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) meeting, and we need thirty attendees to earn our EARNN points...we are so close!

Plus you'll have a few minutes to chat with Commissioner of the Revenue Sharon McDonald before the meeting.

See you soon and have a great spring,

Kevin

Suburban Acres seeks improvements to Glen Echo Shores entrance off Granby Street

The neighborhood submitted a N.I.C.E. (Neighbors Initiating Community Enhancements) block improvement request in late March for improvements to the Granby Park 'neighborhood entrance' area along Granby Park where it joins Granby Street. Norfolk's N.I.C.E. Block! Program is a joint effort between residents and city staff to identify feasible improvements using Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding. This is the first N.I.C.E. project suggestion submitted by Suburban Acres.

Public Works and Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Department representatives have made site visits and the Community Enrichment Division is following up on their recommendations and awaiting proposals for environmental review records.

The project will include a landscaping upgrade, and re-shaping of the Granby Park medians both for aesthetics, and improved access to Norfolk Collegiate property for delivery trucks. Delivery vehicles and school busses have trouble negotiating the cut through, and have damaged the current concrete median borders. The neighborhood proposed removing a long, narrow concrete turn lane barrier and repaving.

The project will also include removing a near-dead tree and a new Norfolk Glen Echo Shores neighborhood sign.

Since N.I.C.E. is a cooperative venture between neighborhoods and the city, if approved the neighborhood will help with installing plants and maintaining the landscaping while Norfolk will perform street and curb improvements, remove the dead tree and grind the stump, and fund the estimated \$10,000 project using capital project funding.

Steve Collins was instrumental in getting this project submitted, and has served as a liaison for property owners along Granby Park and with Norfolk Collegiate School.

According to the Community Enrichment Division, a final determination on approval and the scope of the neighborhood's suggestion should be announced in early summer.

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"A Salute to Our American Heroes" the spring program at Suburban Park Elementary was a hit with a packed house in the school's multipurpose room on April 16th. The Fourth Grade class (right) performs as the Declaration of Independence is The Granby High read. School Junior ROTC (below), who provided the color guard for the patriotic-themed program, practices outside before the program.







Shout Out! Good News About our Neighbors...

Congratulations, Thole Street...and Suburban Acres! Thole Street was featured in the "What's in a Name" feature that appears regularly in The Virginian Pilot.

While the column normally focuses on the history of a place or street and how it got its name, Aaron Applegate's May 6th column focused more on the pronunciation of Thole...because she could find no information on

the naming of the street.

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The tongue-in-cheek piece highlighted Applegate's stop at the Tinee Giant to ask customers about the history, and pronunciation of the street.

Though we have many neighbors who are not satisfied with Norfolk's police speed enforcement on Thole Street, everyone she talked to at Tinee Giant warned, "It's a speed trap."

In her description of the neighborhood we did get a compliment. She said in her description, "There are two schools, a cute neighborhood, and a fire station."

So what about it? Anyone out there know the background on how and why Thole Street was named Thole Street? Let's show up Aaron and the history books and provide the an-

If you know, please email the editor at jkjanney@verizon.net.

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

CRIME TYPE DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	DATE/TIME/DAY OF WEEK	INCIDENT #
ROBBERY-BUSINESS	7400 BLOCK GRANBY ST	04/11/2013 16:00 THURSDAY	130411000081
VANDALISM	7300 BLOCK EAST KENMORE DR	04/19/2013 18:14 FRIDAY	130421000060
VANDALISM	100 BLOCK E LITTLE CREEK RD	04/20/2013 12:50 SATURDAY	130420000040
VANDALISM	100 BLOCK SUBURBAN PKWY	04/26/2013 13:00 FRIDAY	130426483401
NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	100 BLOCK SUBURBAN PKWY	04/26/2013 23:45 FRIDAY	130427000015
TOTAL INCIDENTS: 5			

TO THE INCOME INTO: 0

Neighborhood Watch Update

By Larry Tice

The scams continue.

Foreclosure and Reverse Mortgage Scams...In challenging economic times, many people are looking for help getting out of debt or hanging on to their home, and almost as many scammers appear to take advantage of desperate situations. Some fraudsters are peddling services such as preparing documents for a loan modification. Others claim to be an attorney or say they are working with



an attorney. Often these offers sound legitimate, echoing some of the same language used by government programs and lenders to gain a homeowner's trust.

Rely on established, brick and mortar businesses registered with the Better Business Bureau, and ask a trusted friend or relative to help if you are unsure.

Check Cashing Scams...Two legitimate companies, Craig's List and Western Union, are used for an inordinate amount of scamming these days, and especially check cashing scams. Here's how it works: Someone contacts you via a Craig's List post, maybe for a legitimate reason like buying your old couch or perhaps through a scam like hiring you as a secret shopper. Either way, they send you a check for more than the amount they owe you, and ask you to deposit it into your bank account and send them the difference via Western Union or another wire service. Of course the check will bounce.

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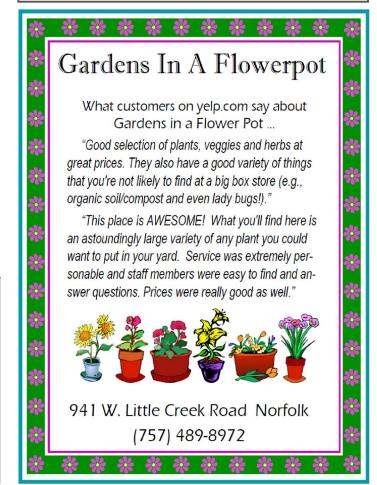
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April 2013 Yard of the Month

Flora Returns! After her usual winter rest and trip to rehab. Flora, the Suburban Acres mermaid, has returned for another season of Yard-of-the-Month Awards. Flora was so awed by the landscaping at the Ebberly home at 444 Brickby Road that the Ebberlys were awarded Yard-of-the-Month for April 2013, and will enjoy a month long visit from Flora. Congratulations, Ebberlys!





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Greek Festival returns May 16-19

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral once again hosts its annual Norfolk Greek Festival; the 2013 festival will be held Thursday May 16 through Sunday May 19 at the church at 7220 Granby Street. The event is open Thursday 11 am-9:30 pm, Friday and Saturday 11 am to 10 pm, and Sunday noon till 7

The festival is Tidewater's oldest and largest ethnic festival featuring Greek foods for dine-in, take out, or take out via the drive through, arts and crafts, jewelry, and cathedral tours. The Annunciation Dancers will perform dances from all parts of the Greece mainland and islands.

The church is utilizing Spivey Traffic Control and the city's Department of Public Works to manage traffic and parking.

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City updating floodplain regulations, seeks Input

Norfolk is updating floodplain zoning and development regulations and invites residents to attend meetings to review potential changes to the floodplain regulations. Meetings will be held: Tuesday, May 14 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Lamberts Point Community Center, Thursday, May 16 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, and Friday, May 24 from 2:00 -4:00pm at the Norfolk Workforce Development Center.

Staff will be available at each meeting to answer questions. For more information visit the city's flood zone web page at http://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=1949

-Norfolk Dept. of Planning & Community Development

Community News

Neighborhood, Wards Corner Plan funds cut in proposed FY 2014 budget

The City of Norfolk has posted its proposed 2014 fiscal year budget on the city's web site. Disappointingly, the city manager has proposed allocating only \$750,000 to the Wards Corner Neighborhood Plan, the smallest amount of funding since 2007.

<u>Year</u>	Allocation for W. C. Plan
2014	\$ 750,000 (proposed)
2013	\$ 2,000,000
2012	\$ 1,000,000
2011	\$ 1,767,500
2010	\$ 1,010,000
2009	\$ 2,121,000
2008	\$ 1,010,000
2007	\$ 505,000

Wards Corner Now, the Wards Corner Task Force, and the various civic leagues in the Wards Corner area have been resolute in their request that neighborhood plan funding be used to purchase and demolish the blighted and crime inducing properties in the Texas streets section of Denby Park. In recent years the City has been successful in purchasing 37 units in 2013 and 68 units in 2011/2012.

Additionally, the proposed 2014 budget includes \$500,000 to provide for the design and construction of improvements to the Granby Street and Louisiana Drive intersection. This is a part of the intersection improvements required by Harris Teeter for the new shopping center in the business district.

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The Wellness Column



Presented by Dr. Brad Robinson

All-Natural Relief for Allergic Rhinitis

Allergies go beyond occasional bouts of the sniffles. Studies show that allergies significantly affect quality of life and interfere with daily activities, including work and school.

Allergic rhinitis is an allergic reaction to airborne particles, primarily affecting the nose and eyes. There are two types: seasonal allergic rhinitis (hay fever), and perennial allergic rhinitis, which occurs year-round.

In allergic rhinitis the immune system over-responds to harmless substances—like pollen, mold, and pet dander—and launches an assault. This attack is called an allergic reaction.

Research indicates chiropractic strengthens immunity by influencing the nervous system. Researchers speculate that because the spinal column houses the spinal cord (the main component of the nervous system), dysfunction of the spinal column may influence the nervous system, which in turn impairs immune function.

Doctors of chiropractic, like Dr. Robinson, theorize that a common condition called *vertebral subluxation* may disturb the natural flow of nerve impulses. Subluxations occur when spinal movement is restricted or spinal vertebrae become misaligned. Dr. Robinson corrects this condition with safe and gentle maneuvers called *chiropractic adjustments*.

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Community News

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or political science and spur interest and involvement in grass roots community work.

The SACL board applied for the grant in January with a goal to engage and encourage youth to spend time on civic activities, including participating and developing leadership skills in community and non-profit organizations like civic leagues.

The grant will fund tuition for summer youth leadership opportunities for four rising seniors from the neighborhood's high schools: Norfolk Christian, Norfolk Collegiate, and Granby.

The grant will cover tuition for scholarship awardees for the twoday Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference this September in Virginia Beach. The theme of this year's conference is: "Neighborhoods: Sailing to New Adventures." Targeted to provide training and networking opportunities for neighborhood and civic leaders, the VSNC has a special youth track of seminars and activities.

Additionally the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is partnering with SACL to cover tuition for awardees for its' annual summer eXcel Youth Leadership Program in July. The eXcel program is a three-day leadership camp that connects high school students with local government, community, and business leaders and provides on-site, hands on learning at business and government operations. The eXcel program is designed to identify, educate, and prepare future leaders by placing students in a network of regional youth and adult leaders to form a strong foundation for future success. LEAD Hampton Roads, the region's oldest and largest business leadership organization, operates the eXcel program with the Chamber of Commerce.

The civic league will also offer mentoring activities for the awardees including involvement in league activities, and opportunities to meet our political and business leaders.

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Norfolk Bike Month is here

Norfolk Bike Month is a community celebration of biking as an economical, environmentally friendly form of recreation that enhances overall health. Bike rides and a bike safety rodeo are scheduled for neighborhoods around the city.

Organized rides are an opportunity to meet new neighbors and see the beauty of some of Norfolk's neighborhoods from a different perspective. the first 500 people to pre-register online for one of the events will receive a free Bike Month tee-shirt.

Learn more about Bike Month and register for rides at http://www.norfolkbikemonth.com/index.html.

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By Karen Mayne with Doug Barnhart May 2013 – The Real Scoop on Pet Waste

The following article is compiled by Doug Barnhart, our neighbor, dog lover, and local franchise owner of DoodyCalls.

If you have a pet, then you have pet waste. As unpleasant and time consuming as pooper scooper duty may be, keeping doggie deposits off the ground is an important responsibility held by every pet owner. Here's why:

Pet waste is an environmental pollutant. In 1991, the EPA labeled pet waste as an environmental pollutant, along with things such as pesticides, toxic chemicals, and oil and grease. Runoff containing pet waste can end up in our waterways, closing areas to swimming and shell fishing.

Pet waste can harm your health. Dog waste often carries parasites and bacteria that can be transmitted directly to humans (by touching) and make them sick. Children at play don't often wash their hands and most do not realize the potential hazards of contact with waste left on the ground.

Contaminated waste can make dogs sick, too. When pets become sick, contagions are typically passed through their deposits and into the yard. The longer infected dog waste stays on the ground, the greater the contamination becomes. When not picked up, pets may catch infections over and over again.

It doesn't just disappear. Bacteria, worms and other parasites

thrive in unattended dog waste, eventually breaking down into the soil and washing into the water supply. Roundworm, for example, is one of the most common parasites found in dog doo and it can remain infectious in contaminated soil and water for years. Running doggie deposits over with a lawn mower may seem like the perfect doo doo disappearing act, but just because you can't see the waste anymore doesn't mean it's not there.



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Rodents love pet waste.

Dog poop is a common food source for rats and other rodents. An unwanted neighbor in any community, the presence of rodents can decrease the property values of all nearby homes and presents a host of additional health concerns.

Dog waste is far from fertilizer. Unlike herbivores, a dog's diet is made up of mostly animal products, making their waste unsuitable for soil enrichment. Leaving it on the ground, particularly concentrated in one area, can affect soil quality.

Here are some tips for tackling pet waste:

The right tools for the job – The best scoopers have at least three tools in hand for the job: a rake, a lobby dust pan, and a trash bag. Many hardware retailers carry small rakes and dustpans with long adjustable handles perfect for scooping poop. Put the waste into the trash bag and toss it out with the

garbage; double bagging will help protect trash collectors.

Follow a grid pattern – Following a grid pattern makes it easier to find all of the pet waste in a yard and speeds up the scooping process. When you find a pile, scoop it, then before stepping away, do a quick 360-degree scan. Dogs are creatures of habit; chances are there is more poop in that immediate area.

Keep on scoopin' – Pet owners should clear their lawns of pet waste on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, depending on the size of their yard and the number of dogs using the area. The longer pet waste stays on the ground, the greater the health risk.

A little pet training goes a long way – Setting aside an area of the yard for your dog for his or her 'business' will make scooping a faster and more manageable chore in the long run.

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Norfolk's next Commissioner of the Revenue must be a person with a clarity of purpose and unquestioned integrity.

Our next Commissioner must be a person who knows how to build strong working relationships, and who will spend more time tearing down walls instead of building them higher.

In fact, while some may say this election should be about what Norfolk has, I think it should really be about what Norfolk needs.

I am Evans Poston, and I'm running to restore confidence in the office and the person who holds it.

June 11th, I hope I can count on your vote as we work together to keep Norfolk first.

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The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains volunteers to help themselves and others in the immediate aftermath of a disaster and to provide directed-assistance to public safety and City officials in the aftermath. While people will respond to others in need without the training, CERT provides the basic training to help trained volunteers respond, and guide others in responding, effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. Training is held throughout the year. For more information, visit: http://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?nid=663.

FOUND Art Exhibit in City Hall...Stop by the City Hall Lobby to view this art exhibit featuring original works made from found, upcycled, and recycled materials. The exhibit, sponsored by AltDaily and TFC Recycling, will be on view until May 17.

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 20th thru May 24th 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 visit www.primeplus.org.

The Virginia Beach SPCA's **Neuter Scooter 2.0** is coming to **Berkley!** The Spay/Neuter bus is coming to the Berkley shopping center in Norfolk on **Saturday, May 18, 2013** to provide lost cost surgery and vaccines to neighborhood pets. \$10 vaccine clinic from 10 am-noon with no appointment required. For more info or to register your pet for other services call 323-SPAY.

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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 May 3 & June 7.



Recycling Pick Up (Blue Bins) May 9 & 23; June 6 & 20.

May 13 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!

May 9 Greater Wards Corner Task Force, 8:30 am. Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center, 7300 Newport Ave.

May 9 Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues, 7 pm, Lake Taylor Hospital Cafeteria, 1309 Kempsville Rd.

May 16 Flood Plain Regulations Public Information Meeting, 6:30-8 p,m, Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, Ocean View. (see page 6)

May 16-19 Greek Festival,

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral (see page 6)

May 18-19 12th Annual Virginia Beer Festival, Town Point Park downtown, 2-6 pm both days, 65 brewers & live music. www.festevents.org for info.

May 26 Big Bands on the Bay starts again for 2013. Sunday nights 7-9 pm, gazebo at Ocean View Beach Park, big band music & dancing

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2013		1	2	3	9 am Great American Cleanup	
5	6	7 2 pm Council Work Session	8	8:30 am Greater Ward Corner Task Force 7:00 pm Norfolk		11
12 Mother's Day	Civic League Meeting 6:30 pm	5 pm Council Work Session 7 pm Council Formal Session	15	Federation Civic Lead	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	Memorial Day	28 No Council Meeting	39	30	31	Norfolk Bike Month



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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

NORFOLK'S ONLY SELF SERVICE DOG WASH

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