



Fall 2011

News From the East Ocean View Civic League

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National Night Out took hundreds to the beach

Approximately 800 people paddled, marched and ate their way through the National Night Out-Taking it to the Beach celebration in East Ocean View on Aug. 2. The City's annual crime-fighting event was the result of a partnership between the City and the community and celebrated the progress made over the past three years to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in EOV. Local restaurants



supplemented the standard hot dog supper, and police and fire personnel demonstrated their equipment (the bomb defusing robot was a big hit with kids and dogs).

The National Night Out committee picks one neighborhood each year to host the citywide celebration. In its application, the East Ocean View Civic League cited its partnerships with the city in a number of areas, including: the demolition of 30

dilapidated buildings, a 28 percent drop in crime since 2007, installation of cameras, increased codes and police presence, the opening of six new small businesses, the EOV Athletic Association, changing the hours of EOV park to

sunrise/sunset and the addition of lighting. "We love our community and want people to see the progress being made through working with our police department and city officials to turn crime around and improve our environment; the process is ongoing," said civic league president Patsy Cooke. Next year's NNO celebration will take place in Fairmount Park.

Upcoming EOVCL Meetings

Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at the East Ocean View Community Center (20th Bay St.) at 7:00p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

October 6, 2011

November 3, 2011

December 1, 2011

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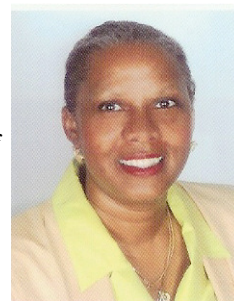
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SUMMER TIME SUMMER TIME SUM-SUM SUMMERTIME and what a great summer it was to live in EOv, we had festivals, concerts, farmers market, fishing, boating, biking, swimming, cook outs, gardening, summer camp at the recreation center, we live in an amazing neighborhood where all of the above is easily accessible. Pleasant Avenue was paved from Shore Drive to 5th Bay (but where are our sidewalks??) The garden at Pleasant and 18th Bay is beautiful, a fall garden is in the planning stages, if you are interested in participating contact Steve Zollos.



Our first, after summer, EOv civic league meeting was held Sept 8th. A huge Thank You to all the new people who joined us!! If you were not there you missed a great session, Emergency Management Director, James Roger and Mr. Scott Mahone also from E.M. discussed hurricane preparedness, and how the city handled Hurricane Irene. Senator Ralph Northam spoke on his work in Richmond and our area. A lot of good information was shared by our guest speakers.



The EOv community presented a beautiful plaque of appreciation to our Norfolk Police Officers to say thank you for all that you do. It was a very special moment.

And....now we move on to fall, hurricane season ends November 30th so we are not out of the woods yet. We have beautiful Indian Summer to look forward to!

It is that time again....we are moving into the last quarter of 2011, time to renew your civic league membership and if you are not a member as yet, now is a good time to become a member. Getting involved in your community is a great feeling of accomplishment. Only you can affect the direction for positive change. We are all laden with "stuff", we constantly run out of time....however, we spend a large percentage of that time in the place we call "home--East Ocean View". And, because it is our home/our neighborhood we have to step up to help create the changes necessary to enhance our community. Get off the couch and get involved, make this a great place, a beautiful and a safe place for our children to come home to. For every person who lives in East Ocean View, this is your home too!!!

Patsy Cooke, President, East Ocean View Civic League

Get Connected with EOvCL!

Find out what's going on in your community and share your news with us!
We want to know about your special news and events and we want to hear from you about your concerns and suggestions...it's all about making East Ocean View the very best community you'll find in Hampton Roads!

Find us on Facebook, Visit our Website...

Get connected with EOvCL and your neighbors. Share your news and views with others who live in your community. For your convenience, EOvCL's website address is now provided on every page of the *EOv Quarterly*. Be sure to check our website often for important news and fun events!

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The *EOv Quarterly* has a press run of over 500 and is available online at www.EOVCL.org.

Community News

LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS

Norfolk's Neighborhood Network began live streams of City Council formal meetings and work sessions on the City website beginning with May 3 work session on the budget.

The stream appears on www.norfolk.gov in the upper right side of the front page. A replay of the meeting will be available on the website shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

Unedited replays of Council meetings and work sessions will be available on (Cox channel 48). Once technical details are worked out, Council meetings and work sessions will also be shown live on cable channels.

THE MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

First Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. Council Work Session

Second and Fourth Tuesday:

3:00 p.m. Council Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. Council Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Council Informal Session

7:00 p.m. Council Formal Session

Third Tuesday: No meeting unless called

Fifth Tuesday: No meeting unless called

Meetings are occasionally cancelled due to holidays or other schedule conflicts. Check www.norfolk.gov

Personal Safety Out and About

The chances of a person becoming a victim of a robbery or an attack of any sort are pretty slim, however it *could* happen and there's nothing worse than knowing it could have been prevented.

In this edition, we'll talk about some steps you can take to ensure your safety, regardless of where you are, when you're out-and-about for a walk, run, roll or jog. Statistically, there is less of a chance of becoming a victim of a robbery or assault when you're in the company of a trusted friend or family member while out on your stroll. That family member can also be of the four-legged type, which can be a true deterrent to criminal acts. Take a cell phone with you and program in the direct number to the law enforcement agency where you normally take your walk. While a "9-1-1" call will certainly get help started, calling directly to the law enforcement agency for the community you are in will help to ensure an even quicker response.

Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back. Vary your route and don't take a trip through areas you know are unsafe. Also, take only what you need!

Carrying a wallet full of money and credit cards probably won't help you exercise any better and if someone were to demand your possessions, giving up a few bucks is a lot easier than giving up a wallet full of hard-earned money. Most importantly, keep a prevention mindset by being aware of your surroundings and those around you, but don't lose focus on the value of exercising and enjoying your time outside!

Get Involved Today!

Join the EOVC Civic League

Membership Application

Name (1) _____

Name (2) _____

Date Paid _____ Year Paid _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Date Resident of EOVC: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Note: To be a voting member of the EOVC you must be either a resident owner (or rent in EOVC for at least one year). If you are a new member or your membership has lapsed for more than 30 days, you have voting rights 30 days after your dues are paid. Dues paid on or after October 1st of each calendar year will also be applied to the following years' membership dues. If renewal dues are not paid by January 1st, they will be considered delinquent and you will lose your voting rights until 30 days after your dues are paid. Anyone not meeting the residency requirements is still allowed to join the EOVC, but as a "non-voting" member (per EOVC by-laws.)

Signature: _____

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month @ NPL!

September 15 – October 15, 2011

Discover the richness and diversity of Hispanic culture at the special events

below! While at the Library, pick up a Hispanic Heritage Month bibliography

detailing sources for your reading pleasure and education. For a complete listing of events, go to www.npl.lib.va.us.

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Storm Damage Raises Risk of Fraud

Board for Contractors Warns Consumers: Beware of Unlicensed Contractors

RICHMOND – The need for repairs following flooding and high winds can make consumers vulnerable to unscrupulous contractors and repairmen who may exploit the situation. In response to recent property damage from Hurricane Irene, the Virginia Board for Contractors cautions the public to be wary of unlicensed contractors and home repair scam artists after the storm.

“After severe weather, homeowners trying to make repairs can be vulnerable to con artists,” warns agency spokesperson Mary Broz-Vaughan. “Consumers can best protect themselves by checking for a valid contractor’s license, insisting on a detailed written contract, and never paying in full up front.”

Virginia law requires a state license – not just a local business license – for most contracting work or bids over \$1,000. Consumers have very little recourse against unlicensed contractors. The Board for Contractors offers a free consumer guide, *What You Should Know Before Hiring a Contractor*, available for download at <http://www.dpor.virginia.gov>.

Before hiring a contractor, consumers should observe the following “Top Ten Tips:”

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check for a valid contractor license at www.dpor.virginia.gov or (804) 367-8511.
3. Get three references and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Insist on a written contract and do not sign anything until you understand the terms.
6. Pay 10 percent down or \$1,000, whichever amount is less.
7. Do not let payments get ahead of the work. Keep records of all payments.
8. Do not make final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
9. Do not pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project (change orders, warranties, etc.).

SCAM SIGNALS:

- High-pressure or scare tactics (“offer good today only”)
- Over-friendly sales pitches
- “Material left-over”
- Escalating prices
- Deals that sound too good to be true



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS – 6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 23
MARCH 30
APRIL 27
MAY 25

JUNE 29
JULY 27
AUGUST 24
SEPTEMBER 28

OCTOBER 26
NOVEMBER 23
DECEMBER TBD

**Update: East Ocean View/
Bon Secours Healthy Communities Initiative**

By: Tommy Smigiel
City Councilman

As East Ocean View has been selected as a partner with Bon Secours Health System, it is exciting to see collaborative efforts between the East Ocean View Civic League, community leaders, representatives from the City of Norfolk, small businesses, and members of faith based communities joining forces to build our neighborhood into a “vibrant, safe, marketable, and inclusive community”. This initiative is proof that many individuals from all walks of life can come together towards a common goal to make East Ocean View a healthier community.

On August 4, 2011 the initial East Ocean View Summit was held and as a result of this meeting, initiatives have been prioritized including goals such as “establishing a neighborhood health care facility”, “promoting physical activities” and continuing the community garden, and “increasing collaboration between residents and property owners”. While these are initial goals, I expect this collaboration with Bon Secours to be a successful long-term partnership and am excited about what is to come. More details will be coming soon, and by focusing on housing, youth opportunities, health, community building, and strengthening communications we can move forward in a positive manner and work towards making East Ocean View the best place to “work, live, and play for all”!

Community Vision: A shared sense of a desired future

If we as a communities civic league can deal successfully with the challenges we face; then we have to developed a clear picture of where we want to go and have a clear sense of our past.

A growing number of places are using the term '**vision**' to describe the first step of the long-range planning process. Starting with a vision implies seeking agreement about the desired outcome of the plan by visualizing and articulating the kind of community the residents want in the future.

Our community's vision in East Ocean View should reflect the common values of our community; at the same time, however, it needs to be inclusive of the diverse populations which make up that community. Moreover, our community's vision is not a "cookie cutter" type of document. It is a vision that should reflect those qualities that make a community unique.

Having a vision can motivate community residents; giving them goals. It must be remembered, however, that a vision is an ideal; it may not be attained in its entirety and for that matter it probably won't be. It can and should guide community actions. Moreover, our community vision is not dogma, set in stone. We as community leaders should revisit its vision often, to account for changes in the community's environment.

A long term community vision helps guide the community's short term strategic decisions; each immediate policy should fit in the plan to reach the overall goal.

A few examples of how I have been reaching out in the community to improve communications is to:

Establish strong partnerships with local organizations

Walking through the neighborhoods putting flyers on people's doors

Encouraging people to get to know their neighbors tackling the issues that may affect their lives

Remember, the only way this is going to really happen is if **YOU** decide to take responsibility for it. Whether **YOU** are in a building or a home in the East Ocean View area, it is still up to **YOU** to let your neighbors know about the EOVC Civic League by passing out the **WORD** to promote and provide a safe community that empowers people and their families to improve the quality of their life!

Pam Todesco

EOV Resident and EOVC Director at Large

Tips From EOVC's Neighborhood Watch Safeguards Autos

EOVC's Neighborhood Watch wants everyone in the community to remember to lock your automobiles. Would-be vandals are always scoping out unlocked, unattended vehicles in search of valuables.

Make it tough for thieves by making them work harder to get in our vehicles. If they have to break glass to break into your car, the noise will alert others.

Keeping your vehicle unlocked sends a message to criminals that they are welcome to check out what may be stored or left in your car that's of value. **ALWAYS** lock your vehicle, even for quick errands. Leaving vehicles unlocked invites criminals back to hunt for possessions or even attempt to steal your car—don't make it easy for them.

Lock up wherever you go and remind others (friends, family, neighbors, business owners) to share this tip to safeguard their property and prevent crime in our community.

Make Your Home or Business Less Appealing to Burglars

Homeowners and business owners can reduce their vulnerability to burglary by making sure they have done all they can do to give the appearance of a property that practices good security measures. Deter potential burglars by making it as hard as possible for them to gain entry in your home or business.

Consider these target-hardening suggestions:

Lighting: Ensure that all entry points to the building are properly illuminated. Leave enough interior lighting to detect movement, and make sure blinds or curtains do not prevent detection of activity from outside.

Doors: Check for signs of weakness. Use updated, heavy duty locks that are in good working condition.

Locks: Make sure all doors, windows, and skylights are secured with the best possible locks. No lock is burglar proof, but the harder it is to gain entry, the longer it will take, which increases the chances of a burglar getting caught.

Windows: Secure windows in such a way that they cannot be easily defeated from outside. Make a habit of checking all of your windows on a daily basis. Burglars will look for open or unlocked windows. Businesses should keep valuable merchandise away from windows to prevent “smash and grabs.”

Alarm Systems: Install an alarm system. Research alarm companies and the types of alarms that fit your needs and budget. If utilizing an alarm system, post signage stating that the premises is protected by an alarm system.

Another suggestion is to schedule a free security survey for your home or business by contacting the Norfolk Police Department Crime Prevention Section at **757-664-6901**. An officer trained in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles will conduct an inspection of your home or business and make recommendations that can help make your building safer.

Community Resources



Norfolk CARES System



For nuisance and
environmental complaints:
Call

757-664-6510

Mon - Fri

(not including holidays)

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

For an online form:
www.norfolk.gov/311callcenter

For a more urgent response:



City Recommends ATM Safety Tips

- AWARENESS...Know what and who is around you.
- When exiting your vehicle turn it off; then close and lock your door.
- When engaged in a transaction, look around you/keep aware—if there is anything unusual about the machine where the card receptor is located, don't use it.
- Make it FAST and SMALL—keep withdrawals small and don't stand around counting your money.
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An Evening to Honor Norfolk's Crime Prevention Advocates

The 19th Annual Crime Prevention Awards ceremony will honor law enforcement personnel, private citizens, city employees, community organizations/businesses and youth on Monday, October 17, 6:30 p.m., at The Murray Center. It is an evening set aside to say "thanks" to those who go beyond the call of duty to keep citizens safe.

Norfolk City Manager Marcus D. Jones will be the keynote speaker; Mayor Paul D. Fraim will give greetings on behalf of the City of Norfolk. Jazz pianist Peter Georges, a trainer in the City of Norfolk's Department of Information Technology, will perform.

To participate in this salute to Norfolk's crime prevention advocates, dinner tickets may be purchased for \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 10. Contact Edith Warring at 587-1802 to purchase tickets (deadline: October 3).

SIGN UP FOR NORFOLK ALERT!

Norfolk Alert is an innovative solution for improving communications between government agencies, citizens, volunteer organizations and the general public. In addition to editing your contact information, this service allows you to sign up for broadcasts such as: emergency notifications, road closings, inclement weather announcements, and other service-related information. At this time, information can be distributed to telephones, cell phones, and via email. Norfolk Alert is an evolving service and new uses are being researched.

Instructions to use Norfolk Alert:

To use the Norfolk Alert system, all that is required is a valid email address. You can only register an email address one time in the system.

For more information and/or to sign up, go to:
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Norfolk Police Museum and Norfolk Fire-Rescue Museum

The Norfolk Police Department was established in 1797. The Norfolk Police Museum, a unit within NPD, was established in 1919. Norfolk Fire-Rescue was established in 1871. The Norfolk Fire-Rescue Museum, a unit within NFR, was established in 2004. These two separate museums are located together in their shared building at 401 E. Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA 32510.

The two museums are open to the public, free of charge, Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. For additional information and to schedule groups, call 757-441-1526.

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2011 Ad Prices

Ad Sizes	Ad Prices	4 Issues Ad Prices
Business Card	\$25.00	\$80.00 (save \$20)
1/4 Page	\$35.00	\$120.00 (save \$20)
1/2 Page	\$60.00	\$210.00 (save \$30)
Full Page	\$125.00	\$420.00 (save \$80)

Issue Publishing Months

Summer 2011 <i>July</i>	Winter 2011 <i>January</i>
Fall 2011 <i>October</i>	Spring 2012 <i>April</i>

For more information please contact newsletter@eovcl.org or go online to www.EOVCL.org

** Below are the top code violations, if any additional information is needed please feel free to contact me. Have a Wonderful Day!

Common Environmental & Nuisance violations include:

Inoperable Vehicles - Vehicles which cannot operate on public streets.

Illegal Parking - Parking of vehicles on unimproved surfaces of the front, corner or side yard of buffer yard of a lot in a residential district.

Overgrown Grass - Weeds and grass shall be less than 12".

Trash Containers - All trash containers must be stored 5' behind the front plain of the building.

Renting - No more than 4 (non-related) renters at a single family home.

Solid Waste - All property shall be free of solid waste, trash and debris.

If **Education** does not resolve the condition, Code Enforcement may utilize the following tools:

Notice of Violation - Penalties of up to \$2,500 per day and or 12 months in jail.

Abatement - City will abate public nuisance. Unpaid costs can result in a property lien.

Judicial Remedies - Criminal prosecution

If you have additional questions or would like to make a report, please contact [Norfolk Cares](http://NorfolkCares.org).

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Hello All Football Fans!! It is Tailgating Time!!

It's September and the leaves are starting to fall. College football is in it's 3rd week and NFL is in full swing, too. No matter what your favorite team, here are 3 recipes easy to prepare and satisfying to eat.

MINI MUFFULETTAS

Ingredients:

2 x 16 oz. jars of mixed pickled vegetables
3/4 c chopped stuffed green olives
2 tblsp. oil & vinegar dressing
12 small dinner rolls
6 slices swiss cheese, 1/2'd
6 slices provolone cheese, 1/2'd
12 slices ham
12 slices salami

Directions:

Pulse vegetables in a blender. Spread on one side of each roll, divide cheeses and meats evenly between each roll, scatter olives on each, top with 2nd side of roll. Now wrap in team colored paper and serve!

TURKEY CHEDDAR KABOBS

Ingredients and Directions:

For each kabob you want to make you will need a 1 inch squares each of turkey and cheese, one jerkin pickle and one cherry tomato. Make as many as your crowd will eat!

Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce:

Mix 3/4 cup mayonnaise, 1/4 cup good mustard and 2 tblsp. honey.

BLUE MOON CHEESE DIP

Ingredients:

1/2 cup pecans
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup stuffed green olives, chopped
1/3 cup chili sauce
1tsp worcestershire sauce
1 (10 Oz) block of sharp cheddar cheese, finely grated

Directions:

Mix above well. Garnish with extra olives and serve with crackers or vegetable sticks(carrots, celery, green pepper etc.)

I am a dedicated Bama fan so I just gotta say ROLL TIDE!!

Have a great season, Ginny

Mermaid Dreams

One of our local and popular cafes is giving back to the community in a BIG way. **Sandfiddler Cafe** in the East Beach Shoppes center has started a foundation called "Mermaid Dreams". Restaurant owners Paula Goldthwaite and her daughter Steff along with Mike and Liz Marsala are granting wishes for terminally ill cancer patients in the local area. "...to bring the community and city together we gave the foundation this name because we are a Norfolk based foundation with the mermaid" and we all recognize the city's mascot!

In October the staff will wear a lavender color fire department shirt to represent all cancers. The fire department and police department will have volunteers as wait staff on Oct. 22, all day at the Sandfiddler. "All tips from this day will go to support the Mermaid Foundation. The day of the event is kind of a start for the Foundation". So let's all support his great effort!!

Getting Involved in EOVS

There are so many things being planned for the up-and-coming East Ocean View that it can actually be difficult to decide where to jump in and help. Everyone has the same goal in mind: to make East Ocean View a vibrant, safe, marketable, and inclusive community that is a desirable place to live, work, and play for all.



Whether you are young, old, or anywhere in between you can help to make our neighborhood great. Here are just a few of the areas that you can get involved in:

Block Parties: Creating opportunities for neighbors to be neighborly.

English as a Second Language courses: So we can let everyone know how great East Ocean View really is.

Community Garden Planning: Come out and help us “plant love, it grows beautifully”

Housing: Whether it’s building a habitat home or making your place neighborhood friendly, our housing should reflect the beauty of our community.

Swimming Opportunities for the Youth: Help teach our children the joy of swimming and the precautions to take around the water.



East Ocean View 5K Run: Run for the health of it, that’s what we hope many people will be doing as we begin to look at developing an EOVS 5k Run.

Bay Oaks Park: Bay Oaks Park has been planned and dedicated. Now is the time to start the wheels in motion that will bring life to our newest EOVS asset.

Civic league membership: This is where the action is. Come out to the next meeting and see what’s happening in your neighborhood.

To find out how you can get involved call Joanne Merinar at 289-8016.





On behalf of Captain Beer and myself I would like to express our appreciation for the beautiful plaque that your group, the East Ocean View Civic League, presented to the NPD 2nd Patrol Division's Blue Sector Officers last night. I will be sure to share it with each of the officers that work within your community.

It is always nice to be reminded that there are those individuals that appreciate and recognize the commitment and sacrifices our officers' make while protecting the community that they serve.

Thank you,

A. D. McConnaghy, Lieutenant
Norfolk Police Department
Second Patrol Division
Blue Sector Commander
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