



The Croatan Civic League News

April 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our membership drive continues. At the end of March, we have 149 households (275 individual members) which is 55% of our fiscal target. So far, security is funded at 73%. If you haven't joined yet, please do so.

**join
now!**



The Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, June 8th. Expect to see the flyers in your mailbox in mid-April and attached to the May Newsletter. We will continue to need volunteers, especially for set-up, attending the front desk and selling raffle tickets on the day of the event. If you are willing to help for an hour or two, please contact me at 703.439.9153.

Other events to look-out for:

- New Member and Recruiting Social will be held at Rudee's on May 2, 5 – 7 PM. CCL will provide appetizers and Rudee's will have drink specials available.
- Earth Day is April 22nd. We will be organizing a neighborhood and beach clean-up for Sunday, April 28th. Look for that announcement.
- Something in the Water - April 26-28. The beachfront and resort area will be very crowded. There will be updates passed through Nextdoor and in the local news. However, the best place to get information will be on the VB.gov website at <https://www.vbgov.com/visitors/special-events/Pages/Something-In-The-Water.aspx>.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/10	Newsletter Deadline
5/2	CCL Happy Hour
5/4	Croatan Yard Sale
5/6	CCL Board Meeting
5/13	Croatan Women's Club
5/16	Book Club
6/8	Spring Fling



- The Annual Croatan Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. We will have a charity coming around at the end of the day to pick-up unsold items that you do not want to keep.
- 1 November – This is the date of our annual meeting and get together. This year it will be at the Hunt Club Farm on 2388 London Bridge Rd. Katie Ripberger and Amanda Robinson are working the details. Please be sure to put this on your social calendar.

For those of you following the effort by Virginia Beach Animal Control to require all dogs on the beach (everywhere) to be on a leash, News reports on 4/5 state that The Virginia Beach City Council decided to not move more forward with a proposed dog leash law change, for now. The city council decided to allow Animal Control to monitor and evaluate situations involving dogs on local beaches over the next 12 months. If you haven't been following it, you can get more information at:



<https://www.wavy.com/news/local-news/virginia-beach/proposal-requiring-leashing-of-dogs-at-city-beaches-won-t-move-forward-virginia-beach-says/1897732025>.



I very much appreciate the feedback that many of you provided when you sent in your annual dues. Once we get through Spring Fling, we will review the comments and suggestions in detail for appropriate action. I continue to encourage you to contact me or a Board member with suggestions or complaints. We need your feedback. We also need volunteers.

Don't forget to "Scoop the Poop!" It is still a problem. Our Vice-President, "Connie" Agresti, is leading the effort to identify problem areas and recommendations for improvement. If you have some ideas or want to volunteer, please contact him at mcagresti@verizon.net.

All the best,
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CROATAN ANNUAL YARD SALE

If you are engaged in spring cleaning and you discover items that you forgot you owned, please consider joining the 40 or so families in Croatan **who** participate in the annual yard sale. This year, it will be held on Saturday, May 4th, from 8:00 am to noon.

Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

Croatan Beach Restoration Project

Emerald Forest completed the dune grass sprigging on 3/28/2019. The city engineers are currently working with Emerald Forest to secure a price to install sand fencing along the dune system. The sand fence installation effort should occur by mid-April 2019.



The schedule for the USACE to advertise the Rudee Inlet and Outer Deposition Basin Dredging project remains mid-April. Once bids are received, the schedule is still for sand placement efforts on Croatan Beach to occur between July and August.

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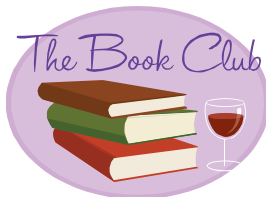
Environmentally Conscious? – Become a Pearl Home

Lynnhaven River Now (<http://www.lrnw.org>) sponsors the **Pearl Home** initiative that encourages residents of the Chesapeake Bay watershed to exercise in-home projects that help preserve and renew the health of our waterways. **Pearl Homes** receive a yard flag or magnet proclaiming their dedication to our environment. To attain this designation, residents need only practice/perform fifteen (15) of approximately 100 actions – many of which we already do as part of our daily lives (e.g., turn off water in sink while brushing teeth, reuse shipping materials when sending packages, run only full loads of laundry). The **Pearl Home** initiative is ideal for enabling children to become stewards of their environment and educating ourselves in additional ways we can preserve our unique water-based environment for them.

CITY ASKS FOR INPUT ON POSSIBLE NEW DOG LEASH LAW

Please take time to do a short survey on whether you think the City should require leashes on dogs at all times at the beach at <https://publicinput.com/LeashLaws> . Link expires April 9th

The Croatan Book Club



Next Meeting

Date: **Thursday, 03/21/2019**

Time: **7:00 P.M.**

Place: **Karen Moore**

Selection: **Sharp Objects** by Gillian Flynn

All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), bring a beverage or snack, and e-mail the hostess that you will be attending.



Date	Future Selections	Author
05/16/2019	The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood
06/20/2019	Rocket Men	Robert Kurson
07/18/2019	Educated	Tara Westover
08/15/2019	Oil and Marble;	
	A Novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo	Stephanie Storey
09/19/2019	The Delight of Being Ordinary	Roland Merullo

See the CCL website for 2019 selections: www.croatanbeach.org/clubs/bookclub/.

Croatan Women's Club

Be creative and join the fun for our Pottery Party.

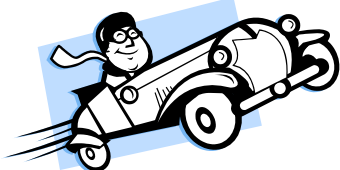
When: April 8 at 7pm

Where: At the home of Nicole Ziegler
400 Maryland Court
Limited parking is available

What:: A -N Bring Appetizer
O - Z Bring Wine



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Do you want to save \$200.00, save your neighbors, save children, bicyclists, pets and wildlife? **GO SLOW IN CROATAN!!!**

Neighborhood Contacts and Helpers

Send any corrections, deletions or additions to this page to Marian Kitchin at mdkitchin@gmail.com.

Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey at
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 of new Croatan neighbors .



Book Collection

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Important Contacts

Police Fire & Rescue Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency Assistance	385-5000
Miss Utility	811
Potholes, Street Signs and Repairs	385-1470
Animal Control (Option #1)	385-4444
City Landfill	385-1980
Bulk Trash Pickup	385-4650
Croatan Temporary Parking Permit	385-4131
Wildlife Response , Inc.	543-7000
VBSPCA Wildlife Referral Line	263-4762
Wildlife Conflict Helpline (toll free)	
(855) 571-9003	
Beach Wedding Permit	385-4800

Babysitters in Croatan

Alexa Anderson	961-0423 or 330-519-1349
Cindi Dunker	287-6725 or 425-7476
Gregory Harris	478-8844
Haden Harris	478-8844
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Savannah Reich	773-6916
Summer Reich	773-6834
Manon Scholl	615-8811
Emma Smith	808-464-8126

Pet Sitters in Croatan

Cindi Dunker	287-6725 or 425-7476
Gregory Harris	478-8844
Hayden Harris	478-8844
Caitlin Helveston	705-9312
Manon Scholl	615-8811
Annabelle Smith	641-0943

Who to Call

Dead or Stranded
 Marine Mammal
 (dolphin, seal, whale)
 or Sea Turtle
 Virginia Aquarium
 Stranding Response Team
757-385-7575



SCOOP THE POOP!!!! It's the LAW!!! Please carry a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog. Don't let pet waste become part of our waterways or our neighbor's landscape.

Security and Civic Involvement by M. C. Agresti

"Relax to 25." Spring, speed, strangers, safety, and smaller citizens (best I could do with alliteration). Our neighborhood saw an uptick in traffic stops during March, despite Master Police Office Don Noha (our security patrol when off-duty) being upgraded to a marked police vehicle from his unmarked "Crown Vic." Our entire neighborhood is a 25 MPH zone (conditions



Officer Noha's new vehicle: A 2018 Chevy Silverado. This is the replacement for the beat up old 2004 Ford Crown Victoria that the neighborhood has become accustomed to seeing.

permitting) but four violators paid the price. Other traffic stops included violations of Stop signs at side streets leading to Croatan Road and one stop was for two improperly secured infants riding on someone's lap. Let's "Relax to 25," chill at the beach, drive cautiously as children start to play outside (read: in the streets), and respect school buses and traffic signs.

Office Noha asked me to address new spring growth of foliage that may be obstructing traffic signs or driver sight distance. If you have a road sign, including "No Parking" or street name signs, on or adjacent to your property, or live on a corner, please take a critical look and prune back any trees or bushes that may hazard drivers.

"Something in the Water." The Pharrell Williams-sponsored festival coincides with College Beach Weekend – **April 27, 27, and 28**. His own organization's security is working closely with Virginia Beach police, fire/rescue, EMS, and other City services to make this a safe event. Crowds are expected to exceed 35,000. Parking, road closures, access to neighborhoods for residents/guests, etc. will be discussed at a special meeting to be held Monday, April 8 at the Convention Center at 6:30 PM and probably, again, at the April 10 Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), which I attend. Due to timing, expect essential, time-critical information to be promulgated via the Nextdoor app. If you don't have Nextdoor, I recommend getting it.

"Dogs on the Beach." The city has posted a survey online at <http://vbgov.com> seeking public input on whether to adopt changes to City Code to restrict unleashed dogs from the beach 24/7. This poll is available until **April 9**. The data will be used to influence an April 10 public hearing to be held at 6:30 PM at the Law Enforcement Training Academy (411 Integrity Way - near 19th and S. Birdneck). Although the City Council appears to have placed any change on hold – at least until next year, attendance is important if you are passionate about this issue.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti
CCL VP, Security Chair



Join your neighbors in a few happy hours,
appetizers on the Civic League!

THURSDAY 5-7PM

May 2

HAPPY HOURS

RUDEE'S RESTAURANT

Come join your neighbors in toasting to the nicer weather, seeing old friends and making new ones at this Croatan Civic League sponsored get together.

227 Mediterranean Avenue

Drink specials from 5-7, but stay as long as you like!

We look forward to seeing you there!

The People Make the Beach
Croatan Civic League

We are on the WEB!
 Check us out at
www.croatanbeach.org
 and Nextdoor.com

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