



The Croatan Civic League News

February 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's membership time again. Flyers were put into all of the Croatan boxes. Please consider adding a contribution for the Security Fund. Also, note that we have asked some survey questions on the back. We need your feedback.

The Spring Fling date is confirmed for Saturday, June 8th. We are looking for a chairperson. The duties involve coordinating the arrangements, getting the permits, ensuring we have enough people for set-up and wrapping it all up in a nice, neat bow. We have the process down and Larry Kurtz and Bill Garvey will advise and assist. If you are interested, please contact one of us.

Make sure you read the article on the beach. The plan has changed a bit, but the city is saying the work will be done by Memorial Day.

For those of you who missed it, the City Council approved the Planning Commission rules for Short-Term Rentals. Unfortunately, it allows two rentals per week. All of the civic leagues at the meeting argued for one per week to no avail. The effective date will be in November 2019.

Planning and development for the new website continues to get refined. We should have dates for initial operation in the next 30 days.

To all of you who responded to my question, thank you. Marian Kitchin does a great job putting the Newsletter together every month, and she is always looking for new ideas. So, the next question: Is there any feature you would like to see in the Newsletter?

As I sit here on February 8th, I note that it is over 75° F. It will be cold again tomorrow, but for now life is good. I also note that more people are walking their dogs. But, it seems that some are not doing such a good job on clean-up whether on the beach or on the streets. Don't forget to "Scoop the Poop!"

All the best,

Mike Kelly

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/11 Croatan Women's Club**
- 2/21 Book Club**
- 3/4 CCL Board Meeting**
- 3/8 Newsletter Deadline**
- 6/8 Spring Fling**



Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

Croatan Beach Restoration Project

I received the following information from the Public Works engineers on 29 January. This is the plan that they are now working. If everything comes together, it will be a good solution.



Picture taken on 2 February 2019

- Staff has requested a permit modification to the upcoming **dredging of the Rudee Inlet Outer Deposition Basin to include the placement of the dredged sand on Croatan Beach.**
 - The Outer Deposition Basin has been dredged twice in the past.
 - Monitoring surveys of the outer deposition basin indicate that the material that is predominantly filling in the basin is sand.
- **The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is in the final stages of preparing contract documents to advertise for bids to dredge both the Rudee Inlet Federal channel and the Outer Deposition Basin.**
 - USACE is involved since the **dredging of the outer deposition basin and placement of sand on Croatan Beach is considered a 'betterment'** to the planned dredging of the Federal channel within Rudee Inlet.
 - USACE will manage the bid advertisement efforts and construction administration.
 - The City will coordinate with the USACE in managing the Outer Deposition Basin dredging and Croatan Beach sand placement as the City is 100% funding these two efforts.
 - The projected schedule for sand placement efforts remains as follows: **start early April 2019 and be substantially complete by late May 2019** (weather and contractor mobilization dependent).
- In the slight chance there is an issue/delay with the request the **back-up plan is to utilize their annual service contract for hauling to truck haul sand from one of the City owned sand stock piles along with utilizing available sand in the sand trap** to construct the beach berm.
- The current schedule is to **complete beach nourishment efforts prior to Memorial Day weekend** regardless of the source.
- The dune grass planting is scheduled to be completed by early April 2019. They are coordinating with a contractor to schedule planting in late February/early March 2019. Sand fencing installation will follow after the dune grass planting. Notification will go out once this is finalized. So, if you live directly on the beach, you don't have to do anything until the city provides the details.
- On Friday, 1 February, I briefed Councilman Nygaard on the beach issues and the current status. He was very receptive and will talk with the City Manager, Dave Hansen.

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Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), Security and Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) Notes

I attended the January Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the first led by new Second Precinct Commander, Captain Shannon Wichtendahl. She relayed that the Police Department is endeavoring to fill its vacancies with new Police Academy graduates. She also relayed that officers in our precinct often face greater screening for appropriate temperament and assessment of their abilities to defuse situations because of the eclectic nature of tourists and presence of alcohol at the oceanfront.



Capt. Wichtendahl desires to make the CAC more interactive, so if you have questions, please let me know (or attend yourself). The next meeting is February 13 at 7:00 PM in the Second Precinct Headquarters located at 820 Virginia Beach Blvd (17th Street).

Master Police Officer Jim McElligott, Head of Community Engagement for Second Precinct, reminded us that larceny continues to be the most commonly reported crime in Virginia Beach, although there have been none reported in Croatan. Recreation centers, gyms, and YMCAs have been recent targets because thieves know that many leave valuables in their cars while working out. Keep valuables out of sight and be doubly sure that your vehicle is locked.

House Numbers: In order for emergency responders to find you, it is imperative that your address be visible from the street. The numbers can be mounted on the mailbox (or post), the curb, or the house itself. The numerals should be at least 3" in height.



VBCCO: The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) received an illuminating brief January 10 from former-Under Sheriff Dennis Free on the impact and challenges Deputies face in coping with mental illness among inmates. Many homeless people have mental health issues and may be picked up for asocial behavior that may be frightening or a nuisance to the normal citizen or business owner. Virginia State Senator R. Creigh Deeds, whom you may recall was stabbed by his mentally ill son who later committed suicide while awaiting a bed in a treatment facility, continues to champion the cause for better and expanded mental health facilities in the Commonwealth – a consortium of local, state, and federal funding and efforts.

The VBCCO suffered a defeat last month when the City Council voted to adopt new Short-Term Rental (STR) rules that are more indulgent than VBCCO's many participant civic organizations (including the CCL) thought should be enacted if neighborhood tranquility and quality of life were to be maintained at the status quo. (Search "short term rental" at <https://pilotonline.com/> for specifics).

The VBCCO meetings are open to all. They are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2521 Shorehaven Drive (23454).

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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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 or phone 471-5436 if you know
 of new Croatan neighbors .



Book Collection

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Magazine 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
Michael Juliano	513-1723
Angelina Koester	4771697
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Summer Reich	773-6834
Manon Scholl	615-8811
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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

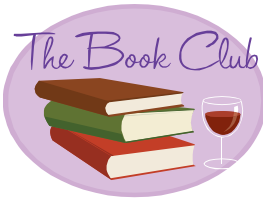
Dead or Stranded
 Marine Mammal
 (dolphin, seal, whale)
 or Sea Turtle
 Virginia Aquarium
 Stranding Response Team
757-385-7575



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.

The Croatan Book Club

Next Meeting



Date: **Thursday, February 21st**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Diane Maurice

Selection: **Us Against You** by Fredrik Backman

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
02/21/2019	Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng
03/21/2019	Georgia, A Novel of Georgia O'Keefe	Dawn Tripp
04/18/2019	Sharp Objects	Gillian Flynn
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

Love is in the Air! Join our wonderful ladies of Croatan for a special Valentine's Cocktail Celebration featuring decadent desserts and other special indulgences. See flyer attached for more details: Our host is a new member -Angie

When: February 11 at 7pm

Where: At the home of ANGIE SCHWARTZ, 633 S. Atlantic Avenue.

There is no street parking so parking is limited.

What:: A -N Bring Decadent Dessert

O - Z Bring Wine



MEMBERSHIP – 2019

Directory Input and Short Survey

Please take this opportunity for membership in the CCL for 2019. Your membership helps support CCL projects for the betterment of our community such as Beach Improvement, Children's Programs, Neighborhood Safety, Spring Fling and the Fall Ball.

Number of Adults: TWO \$50 ☐ ONE \$40 ☐ Additional Adults \$25 each

Neighborhood Security patrols provide funding for Officer Noha (VBPD) to patrol Croatan in his off-duty hours. Ideally, funding will provide for 310 hours or more for the year. Contributions can be made independent of CCL membership.

Membership: \$ _____

Security
Contribution: \$ _____

Checks payable to Croatan Civic League (or CCL)

Total: \$ _____

Adult Names _____

(List all adult names included in membership)

Croatan Address (required) _____

We are currently redesigning our website to have a secure "Member's Only" section. A household email address will be used in the process to authenticate member's access to this section. Please provide one household email address: _____

2019 CROATAN DIRECTORY — All residents are requested to provide full information on this form to accurately update the Croatan Directory (CCL membership not required). Please complete the information above & below and return with this membership form. Contact CCL President with any questions concerning annual dues, security fund, or directory: mkellyav8@aol.com or 703-924-6694

Children (names) _____

Email 1 _____ Tel 1 _____

Email 2 _____ Tel 2 _____

If you have an address in addition to Croatan, list here:

Tel 3 _____

Tel 4 _____

Return form and survey to: **CCL Treasurer**
808 Surfside Ave
Virginia Beach VA 23451

List specifics of phone numbers and eMail addresses. For example:
804.333.4444 (Home-Richmond)
407.3333 (Cell-John)
Croatan1@aol.com (Sally)

Please take a moment and respond to the following survey questions.

The Croatan Civic League Board of Directors wants to be more relevant to the neighborhood. Your comments will help us focus on what is important to you.

What do you think your civic league should be doing?

What does the civic league do well?

What can the civic league be doing better?

Can you help for a few hours a year and participate in a committee or volunteer to help with a social event?

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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