



The Croatan Civic League News

January 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to 2019. Hopefully, it will be a great year for you.

The Board of Directors met on January 3rd. A budget for 2019 was approved. Membership dues will remain the same at \$50 for two adults and \$40 for one. The Spring Fling date is tentatively scheduled for the 8th of June and a formal announcement will come out soon.

The Board also approved the development of a new website for the Croatan Civil League. This is a modernization effort that we think will be more dynamic and useful to our neighborhood. It will include the ability to pay for dues and events online with a credit card. We hope to roll this out in the next 60-90 days. Bob Jones, a new director is leading this effort. He has extensive background in this area. If you have some ideas, please send him an email at email4bobjones@aol.com.

We are looking for your help and participation as we hope to be more engaged with the City to ensure that Croatan's interests are protected, and we always need help with the social activities. Please consider offering a few hours over the course of the year.

Finally, I am asking that you respond to a question - **Do you read this newsletter?**

If you do, please send me an email or text at mkellyav8@aol.com or 703.439.9153, respectively.

We want to make it relevant and useful, but we also want to make sure that there is an audience that is interested. Please take a moment and send me a yes or no. If you have any comments, feel free to include those as well.

All the best,

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VIRGINIA BEACH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/4 CCL Board Meeting
2/11 Croatan Women's Club
2/21 Book Club



Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

Croatan Beach Restoration Project



Unfortunately, it's always something.

Three bids were received for the restoration project. They were all significantly higher than the city had estimated. This was due to the cost of sand. The city had estimated a cost per cubic yard of \$30-35. The three bids came in at \$72, \$83, and \$91. This is obviously too high as that would put cost at more than \$3 million. This was due to the private-owned Pungo sand/borrow pit being closed and sand would be brought in from North Carolina.

The next step is to re-bid the effort. The city is looking taking sand from city-owned property. This requires City Council review and will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Once approved, a revised Bid Request will go out. This will likely cause the start time to shift to mid-April. How this schedule impacts the beach during the early Summer is not known yet.

2018 Dune Restoration

A question came up at the December Board of Director's meeting regarding the "Keep Off the Dunes" signs and the cited Section 6-14. Below are the two city codes that apply. Neither addresses "walking" or "sitting" on the dunes.



Sec. 6-13. - Removing, grading sand from shores, beaches, etc.

(a) Required. In order to conserve the beaches and shores in the city and to protect those areas adjacent to the beaches and shores in the city, it shall be unlawful for any person to alter the contours of sand by grading, carrying away or removing, or to cause the contours of the sand to be altered by grading, carrying away or removing, any sand from the shores, beaches, dunes, or highland along the shores, beaches or dunes in the city without first obtaining a permit from the city manager.

Sec. 6-14. - Disturbing or removing structures, grass, etc., placed to catch sand for rebuilding dunes.

It shall be unlawful and a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to disturb or remove any structure erected or maintained or any grass, vines, shrubbery or brush located within two hundred (200) feet of the shoreline of the city for the purpose of catching sand for rebuilding sand dunes.

https://library.municode.com/va/virginia_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH6BEBOWA_ARTIINGE_S6-14DIRESTGRETPLCASAREDU

Additionally, see the Virginia Code § 28.2-1408 - Standards for use of coastal primary sand dunes of the Code of Virginia. It is too long to copy and paste, so please use the link below.

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title28.2/chapter14/>

Bottom Line: There is no restriction on walking or sitting on the dunes. For those of you who live on the beach, you can walk across the dunes to get to the beach. As the beach is restored, we will work with Public Works to ensure that there is appropriate signage requesting people to stay off the dunes because of the damage it can cause.

Please call me with questions and/or comments.

Michael Kelly

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The Virginia Aquarium Needs Help Making Its License Plate a Reality

From: Southside Daily – Jan. 2, 2019

The Virginia Aquarium is in the process of creating a license plate that will help support the its ocean conservation efforts and it needs 450 applications to do it. The deadline for the 450 applications to be completed and paid for is Jan. 7, extended from the original deadline of Dec. 31, 2018, according to the aquarium's website. The funding generated from the license plate sales will help support the Virginia Aquarium's conservation and research programs, including their state-wide marine animal Stranding Response Program. Sign up now for \$25 (or \$35 for a personalized plate) and help the aquarium reach that goal. To download the form go to www.virginiaaquarium.com/donate/Pages/License-Plate.aspx.



If you use Internet Explorer, you can now complete the form entirely digitally, including with a digital signature. No need to print, scan, and send back. For all other browsers, print, scan, and email back.

There are three ways to return the completed form to their team for processing:

- Email it to the aquarium's team at accounting@virginiaaquarium.com and they will send you the link to process your online payment.
- Return the completed form in person to their Guest Services Office, located to the right of the ticket counter, and they can accept payment on-site.
- Mail the completed form and payment:
Virginia AquariumATTN: Accounting
717 General Booth Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Forms are also available at the aquarium's Guest Services Office, and can be completed and turned in on-site. Please note that for online payments, the name on the credit card or account you create will need to match the name on the vehicle registration. Make checks payable to Virginia Aquarium Foundation. Only when they reach the necessary 450 license plate pre-sales required by the state will it be brought before the Virginia General Assembly for approval. If they do not make the 450 license plate pre-sales goal, your money will be returned.



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.

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 .



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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
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Pet Sitters in Croatan

Cindi Dunker	287-6725 or 425-7476
Gregory Harris	478-8844
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Caitlin Helveston	705-9312
Manon Scholl	615-8811
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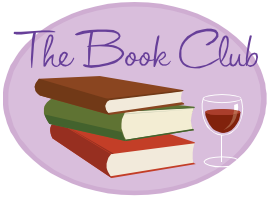
Who to Call

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



The Croatan Book Club

Next Meeting



Date: **Thursday, January 17**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Jane Kelly

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
05/18/2019	The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood

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

Croatan Women's Club

Women's Club Jan 14 Healthy Lifestyles Evening

Start the New Year off on the right foot by coming to our Women's Club "Healthy Lifestyles" evening with KK Wellness Coach, Jodi Sheakley-Wright, PhD.

Jodi is an expert on fitness, nutrition and health, and will share ways to live a healthy life.



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When: Jan 14 7pm

Where: At the the home of Carol Skarbek 808 Surfside Avenue

What:: A -N Bring wine O - Z Bring appetizer

VIRGINIA BEACH HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING DROP-OFF

Virginia Beach residents can return used household batteries to any of 16 disposal sites including 10 public libraries and 6 recreation centers for recycling at no charge.

For small amounts of household batteries the closest drop off point is Oceanfront Area Library 700 Virginia Beach Blvd.



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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