



# The Croatan Civic League News

March 2019

## President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our membership drive continues. At the end of February, we had reached 40% of our goal. Sign-up flyers were put into all the Croatan boxes. The flyer is posted on the website and attached to this newsletter. Many wait until the Spring Fling to join/re-join. That is fine, although we would appreciate if you would join sooner. Please consider adding a contribution for the Security Fund.

The Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Bill Garvey and I will co-chair. We do need some 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:

- A membership recruitment social in April. The date and location is TBD.
- Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be organizing a neighborhood and beach clean-up for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for that announcement.
- The Annual Croatan Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Make sure you read the article on the beach. The plan has changed (again), but they will get it done.

Almost half of you provided a comment or two when you sent your membership forms in. I very much appreciate it and will 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. Quite a few people aren't cleaning up, especially on the beach. 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 mcaiii@aol.com.

All the best, Mike Kelly, President, Croatan Civic League

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**3/11 Croatan Women's Club**  
**3/17 Shamrock Marathon**  
**3/21 Book Club**  
**4/1 CCL Board Meeting**  
**4/5 Newsletter Deadline**  
**5/4 Croatan Yard Sale**  
**6/8 Spring Fling**



## Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

### Croatan Beach Restoration Project

The driver for the project is the U.S. Corps of Engineers schedule. On March 1, the city engineers said that the Corps will put the bid out in April and the dredging will begin in early July. This is not ideal given that it is in the Summer visitor season, but we must make it work. I am told that it will be a week or two to complete the dredging and distribution along the Croatan Beach.



Planting dune grasses will be complete by 1 April and will begin during the week of March 18th. Emerald Forest, Inc. will be doing the work. The city sent out a letter dated March 6<sup>th</sup> to the beachfront homeowners advising them. They will work around any in-place dune fencing. Some fences are positioned to keep people off the dunes. The workers will try and get over these to plant the grasses. If possible, it would be good to take those down. The city will install sand fencing in the proper manner in late April.

We will meet with the city engineers in April to discuss the signage that we need for the beach. This will include surfing, road entrance, and “keep off the dunes” signs.

Michael Kelly

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## City's Battery Recycling Program is Energized for Change

### **GOT BATTERIES?** HOW TO DISPOSE OF BATTERIES IN VIRGINIA BEACH

#### **SINGLE-USE ALKALINE BATTERIES** (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)

Because these batteries no longer contain mercury, you can dispose of them in your household trash!

#### **RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES** (Li-Ion, Ni-Cd, SS/LA/Pb, Ni-MH, Ni-ZN)

Proper disposal is very important as these pose a fire hazard if not handled with care. NEVER put these in the trash.

Here's where to take rechargeable batteries:

- Virginia Beach Landfill and Resource Recovery Center
- Home Depot and Lowes
- Visit [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org) for recycling locations nearest you.



Here's some good news! Virginia Beach residents will be happy to know that they can now dispose of their standard alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt) in their household trash. Alkaline batteries no longer contain mercury, which was one of the reasons for Public Works Waste Management accepting them in their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program.

After many years of successfully collecting batteries from City buildings and recycling centers, Waste Management has determined that it is a fire hazard to continue to collect rechargeable batteries such as Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), and Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN) batteries using the current system. With these changes comes the removal of the household battery collection boxes from all City libraries and recycling drop-off centers.

Residents can properly dispose of their rechargeable batteries at the Virginia Beach Landfill and Resource Recovery Center, located at 1989 Jake Sears Road, with local retailers, such as Lowe's and Home Depot, or visit [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org) for battery recycling locations nearest them.

## Our Camp Pendleton Neighbors - Keeping Croatan Informed

### Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

At the invitation of Camp Pendleton Leadership Croatan Civic League representatives attended an information briefing and Kick-Off Meeting in late February for the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP).

The MMRP was developed in coordination with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Defense, and Virginia Air National Guard (ANG) to identify and clear disused ranges of any leftover munitions that may be present. In the 1940s – 50s, the military reservation was used for light artillery (mortar and bazooka) training. **Army and National Guard records reflect only inert (i.e., non-explosive) training munitions being used on Camp Pendleton's three practice ranges**, however, the contractor (AECOM) and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will treat all as "unexploded ordinance (UXO)." They will destroy UXO in place after building sandbag berms, and placing a fragmentation containment box over them. This practice was proven successful in environmental remediation of other former munitions range sites.

Re-acquisition and disposal of "magnetic anomalies" first identified in 2014 is expected to occur between January 2020 and June 2020, but is weather dependent. No disruption to residents adjacent to Camp Pendleton is expected, but residents will be informed if there is any activity near to their homes.

The ANG or AECOM may send a survey to Croatan residents sometime this year.

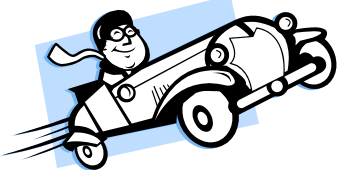
### Firing Range Closures of Croatan Municipal Parking Lot

At CCL request, the leadership at Camp Pendleton provided us with the tentative schedule of closures of the Croatan parking lot incident to small arms range use. Expected closure dates in 2019 are: **March 8 – 9 and 22 – 24; April 12 – 13; May 03 – 12 and 17 – 19**. No closures are scheduled during the Memorial Day to Labor Day "season."

### Heavy Air Operations

CCL was also informed that Croatan residents can expect heavier than normal aircraft operations at Camp Pendleton in **early May and early-October**. While pilots are instructed to avoid flying at low altitude over the residential communities, safety of flight is paramount and larger aircraft can create noticeable reverberations from the beat of their rotors. These can rattle windows, "dance" fragile items from shelves or art from walls, and disturb pets.

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

## Croatan Neighborhood Beautification Efforts – Welcome Spring

by Connie Agresi, CCL VP

**Landscaping:** After years of dedication by Cheryl Garvey and her volunteer Landscaping Committee (often a committee of one), your Croatan Civic League (CCL) has engaged a contractor (Anchor Realty) to maintain the community entrance off of General Booth Boulevard. Thanks go to Claire Yoder for finding a suitable contractor and providing a keen legal review to the terms this contract.



**Overgrown Foliage:** Spring has sprung and the wet winter has certainly given growth to our trees, bushes, and weeds. An unfortunate side effect of this floral renaissance is overgrowth that blocks the Croatan Road bike path and some sidewalks. Overgrown foliage also inhibits sight distance for drivers and can block street signs – especially stop and crosswalk signs – thereby making our neighborhood more dangerous. Please take a critical look around your yards and trim any excess foliage to provide clear access and visual safety. Overgrowth on public property can be called in to the City at 3-1-1 or via the See-Click-Fix web/phone application.



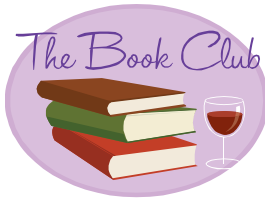
**Adopt-A-Poop Bag Dispenser:** The CCL (especially, past Treasurer Billy Moore) has erected poop bag dispensers throughout the community (especially at beach access paths) over the years. These provide ready, free access to plastic bags that residents and visitors can use to “Scoop-the-Poop,” dispose of the waste in available refuse barrels, and thereby comply with City Ordinance 5-534. Some of these dispensers have gone empty over the winter and the CCL is asking for residents to voluntarily place excess plastic newspaper or shopping bags into these dispensers. Marian Kitchin has a source that will make signs available that can be personalized for anyone desiring to adopt one of these dispensers. The signs can be personalized with your name or that of a favorite pet. Additionally, our new Scatology Committee Chairman (Connie Agresti) is trying to get the City to emplace additional bag dispensers (similar to the one at municipal parking lot) elsewhere, such as at the Aqua Lane cross-path between Vanderbilt and Surfside. Bottom line: please clean up after your pet. Beach season will be starting soon and there is way too much pet waste being left on the beach and even on private property. (Any is too much).



**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, 03/21/2019**

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

Place: **Alice Weisz**

Selection: **Georgia, A Novel of Georgia O'Keefe**

by Dawn Tripp

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
04/18/2019	<b>Sharp Objects</b>	Gillian Flynn
05/16/2019	<b>The Handmaid's Tale</b>	Margaret Atwood
06/20/2019	<b>Rocket Men</b>	Robert Kurson
07/18/2019	<b>Educated</b>	Tara Westover
08/15/2019	<b>Oil and Marble;</b>	
	<b>A Novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo</b>	Stephanie Storey
09/19/2019	<b>The Delight of Being Ordinary</b>	Roland Merullo

See the CCL website for 2019 selections: [www.croatanbeach.org/clubs/bookclub/](http://www.croatanbeach.org/clubs/bookclub/).

## Croatan Women's Club

Come join us as multiple beauty experts share their knowledge and secrets to create a younger you! Let the experts pamper you with their products and skills. So, come and enjoy the evening and leave feeling like a new woman.

**When:** March 11 at 7pm

**Where:** At the home of Kristy Kain, 629 Secotan Road

Street parking is available

**What::** A -N Bring Wine

O - Z Bring Appetizer





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

I attended meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) on 13 and 14 February, respectively. Here are my take-away notes:

- Speed enforcement has been focused on North Great Neck and South Birdneck Roads. Also, be mindful of school zones and stopped school buses (especially on General Booth Blvd between Croatan Rd and the Ruddee bridge. (CAC)
- Planning for College Beach Weekend (last weekend of April) continues includes all impacted city departments – police, fire, EMS, traffic enforcement, public utilities (garbage collection), etc.
  - o Mr. Pharrell Williams' organization has been praised by officials for their organization and control plans for the weekend, including the "Shark in the Water" concerts. The convention center will host many events and the concerts will be held on the beach between 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. Stages and sound systems will face north (away from Croatan). Concerts will run from 4PM – 11PM on Friday (4/26) and from noon – 11PM on Saturday (4/27). (CAC)
  - o Traffic control and parking requirements/restrictions for College Beach Weekend will be promulgated when known and will likely be broadcast via Nextdoor. They could become more restrictive on short notice, so if you do not have the Nextdoor application, I recommend getting it. (CAC)
- VB Volunteer Rescue Squad is conducting free first aid classes to teach citizens in methods for controlling serious hemorrhages until first responders arrive. So called "Stop the Bleed" classes are 45 – 60 minutes long. CPR training is also available monthly and runs approximately 2.5 hours. Register at [www.vbvr.org](http://www.vbvr.org). (CAC)
- LT Kozlowski (757-425-2700) will be the Acting Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct while newly-appointed Capt. Wichtendahl convalesces from shoulder surgery. The good news is that she'll be OK. The lesson to be learned is do not text and drive; but if you do, do not run into a police captain who is stopped at a red light. (CAC)
- "VB 2040" is a strategic vision, adopted by the City Council in 2011 to help guide Virginia Beach to where a consortium of participants feel the City should be in another generation. I found the briefing somewhat utopian but the VB 2040 team advises the Council regularly on where the management of our City is along the continuum. All budget proposals are required to cite one or more of the six VB 2040 vision elements – Connected Community, Learning Community, Diverse Community, Unique Environment, Active Lifestyle, and Thriving Economy. I took the opportunity to comment on the dearth of high-speed Internet throughout the City despite high-speed international communication lines landing within our very backyard. (VBCCO)
- Open metrics to the VB 2040 performance are available on the city website under the Strategy, Technology, Innovation, and Resiliency office (STiR) at <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/stir/Pages/default.aspx> ) (VBCCO)



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

## Neighborhood Contacts and Helpers

*Send any corrections, deletions or additions to this page to Marian Kitchin at [mdkitchin@gmail.com](mailto: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

Betty Rosignolo  
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 For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

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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
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**



## 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 4, from 8:00 am to noon.





## 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](mailto: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.

1. What do you think your civic league should be doing?
2. What does the civic league do well?
3. What can the civic league be doing better?
4. 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](http://www.croatanbeach.org)  
 and Nextdoor.com

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