



# The Croatan Civic League News

May 2019

## President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

### **SPRING FLING IS SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> AND STARTS AT 4:00 PM!**

SF-19 forms were placed in all Croatan mailboxes and can be downloaded at <https://www.croatanbeach.org/events/2019/springfling2019.pdf>. It helps if you sign up early, by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Besides saving a few dollars, it helps us get the right amount of food and drinks.

The social held at Rudee's on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> was a great success. The weather was perfect, and we had at least 40 people attend. We will likely see another one of these scheduled after Labor Day.

"Something in the Water" happened and appears to be a big success for the city. I have heard of no issues in the neighborhood. It seems as if everyone was happy with the results except for perhaps the 340 or so drivers that were stopped by the State Police for speeding on I-264. I have heard unofficially that next year will be bigger and better.

Sea Turtle nesting and monitoring will run from 15 May through 31 August. All sea turtle species are protected under the Endangered Species Act. If you see a sea turtle coming ashore or find a nest, leave it alone, keep animals away, and call the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program at 757-385-7575.

I continue to encourage you to contact me or a Board member with suggestions or complaints. We need your feedback. We also need volunteers.

All the best,

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 5/13 Croatan Women's Club**
- 5/16 Book Club**
- 6/7 Newsletter Deadline**
- 6/8 Spring Fling**
- 7/1 CCL Board Meeting**



## **Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP**

### **Croatan Beach Restoration Project**

The plan as it stands now is that the Corps of Engineers will advertise for bids by the end of May. This is for the whole beach and includes the relatively small Croatan piece. Given the size of the contract, it is unlikely that anything will get done until after Labor Day in September. This is probably a good thing as the beach is in pretty good condition and it will be past the summer visitor season.



Once that work is done, the grass planting will continue, and the fencing will be installed.

Replacement signage will be installed before the Memorial Day weekend (25 – 27 May). This will include street sign, fishing, and surfing zone signs. "Keep Off of Dune" signs will be installed approximately 10 - 20 yards north of the access points. Once installed, the city will assess whether more are needed.

Several people have pointed out the need to repair a portion of the weir as you can see in the picture. The work order for the repair was executed two weeks ago and we are just waiting for the contractor, Carolina Marine, to fit it in their schedule.



### **Ordinance Safety Update for May 2019**

Be careful!

Hopefully, everyone knows that after WW I through WW II, part of the Croatan neighborhood was a range for mortars. The picture is a Stokes mortar round which was used from 1915 through 1945. This appears to be a practice round. Sometimes they had a shotgun shell sized charge that emitted smoke on impact. The danger is that if the charge did not go off, disturbing it in any way could result in a discharge possibly causing injury.



One of my neighbors at the end of Fort Raleigh Drive said that he found this when he was putting in his deck. He held on to it for a while, not realizing what it was, and then passed it to me. While it is unlikely that another will be found in Croatan, if you are digging and come across something that looks suspicious, the procedure is to call 911. The VBPD will come, verify and ensure that it is not disturbed. Explosive Ordnance Disposal will be contacted and will come to the location for removal.

I was told by the Camp Pendleton Post Commander that their records don't show that any "live rounds" were used on our range, but he also said that he didn't know how good record keeping was in the 20's and 30's. Bottom Line: Just like any rifle or pistol, assume that it is loaded and dangerous! Call 911!

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

**Security:** We are all thankful for a well-executed and relatively safe Something-in-the-Water (SITW) and College Beach Weekend. Special thanks to our police and governmental organizations who planned for the worst and reaped the benefits of "Happy" – a Pharrell Williams' signature song.



Having said that, there have been two homicides on the oceanfront in the last ten days. Both victims appear to have been known to their assailants, so let's hope these are aberrations and not harbingers.



Be vigilant and watch out for your neighbors. From the vantage of a corner house, I have seen several unfamiliar vehicles cruising the neighborhood. They could be lost, they could be delivery contractors, they could be looking for rental options, or they could be casing the neighborhood with nefarious intent. Larceny is the most common crime in VB, it is a crime of opportunity, and it peaks in the summer. Keep cars locked, garages and gates closed when not in use, take firearms from cars overnight, and report suspicious activity to police non-emergency number 757-385-5000.

**Animal Control:** Annual restrictions prohibiting dogs on the beach between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM go into effect **Friday evening, May 24**. After an emotional debate during the winter regarding unleashed pets, Animal Control promises to be out in force and to issue citations – not warnings. Please pick up after your pets – **no excuse** - all bag dispensers have been repaired and are periodically restocked by your concerned neighbors with plastic bags. Scoop the poop! Let tenants know!

### Community Advisory Committee (CAC):

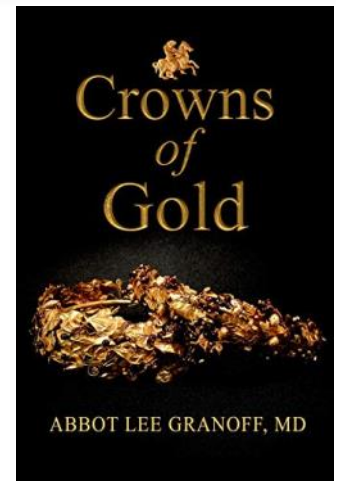
Held Wednesday, May 8, chaired by Sergeant Nick Ball, as "brass" was otherwise engaged. Take aways:

- Scooters are back. Prohibited from boardwalk and bike paths (also Atlantic Avenue, during "the season" – Memorial Day to Labor Day), must follow traffic laws, may not be left blocking sidewalks. Look out for them when driving!
  - 25 – 27 May – Virginia Beach Strawberry Festival – see [vbgov.com](http://vbgov.com) for list of pick-your own locations
  - 1 June (10:00 AM – 2:30 PM) – Active Threat Citizens Program – Zeiders American Dream Theater, 4509 Commerce St, Virginia Beach, VA 2346. Reservations required - Master Police Officer David J. Nieves at [dnieves@vbgov.com](mailto:dnieves@vbgov.com)
  - 1 June (1:00 – 4:00 PM) – Crime Solvers Pig Picking and Family Fun Event at Virginia Aviation Museum. This is annual fund raiser - \$40 for adults, \$10 for children 5 – 12. Vintage aircraft displays and flights.
- 6 August – National Night-Out – details TBD

## Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)

Held Thursday, May 9.

- Presentation from Abbot Lee Granoff, MD, author of book "*Crowns of Gold*" that features interesting history linking ancient Scythian civilization with Tidewater. See Amazon.com for synopsis of book (hint: search by author).
- Presentation from Mr. Drew Lankford, Media and Communications Coordinator for Virginia Beach Department of Public Works.
  - I took the liberty after the meeting to request beach grooming clean-up for Croatan periodically during the summer but especially after waterfront fireworks displays, when spent plastic igniters and shell casings wash up on our beach by the hundreds.
- Sea-Level Rise – opportunities for public comment begin **May 29** at Virginia Aquarium. See vbgov.com for other dates and locations. New study, posted to vbgov.com, has an interesting suggestion for Rudee Inlet that is worth a gander. If adopted, will involve taking of private land.
- Reinventing Hampton Roads with Off-Shore Wind Energy – **May 28** at 7:00 PM - Old Dominion University's Ted Constant Center, sponsored by Sierra Club. Virginia Beach is apparently the East Coast test location for wind turbine farms. Go to [vasierraclub/wind2019](http://vasierraclub/wind2019) to register.




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

### TOWN HALL

REINVENTING HAMPTON ROADS  
WITH OFFSHORE WIND

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 7:00 PM

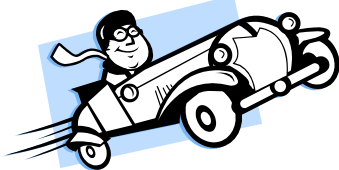
Big Blue Room, Ted Constant Center  
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA



Featuring John Broderick, President of ODU,  
and representatives from Ørsted, Dominion Energy,  
the Port of Virginia, DMME, and others TBA!

Learn from the experts on the opportunities for clean  
energy and massive job creation with offshore wind!

Free and open to the public. Go to [vasierraclub/wind2019](http://vasierraclub/wind2019) to register TODAY!



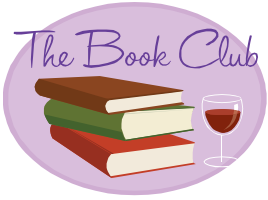
Do you want to save \$200.00, save your neighbors, save children, bicyclists, pets and wildlife?

**GO SLOW IN CROATAN!!!**



## The Croatan Book Club

### Next Meeting



Date: **Thursday, 03/21/2019**  
 Time: 7:00 P.M.  
 Place: Jane Kelly  
 Selection: **The Handmaid's Tale** by Margaret Atwood

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           |
|------------|---|------------------|
| 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

The Croatan Women's Club will meet on May 13 at 7pm for our Croatan Derby Evening. All members are invited to join a team to compete in our Derby Race. There are 3 teams and each team is responsible to set up a horse box/table with drinks, appetizers, and table decorations. Each team will wear Derby attire and socialize.

When: Monday May 13

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: At the home of Kay Troutman at 517 Kerry Lane.



## 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

### Magazine Collection

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### Important Contacts

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|--|----------|
| 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<br>330-519-1349 |
| Cindi Dunker     | 287-6725 or<br>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<br>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.**



**JUNE 8TH – Saturday**  
*Rain or Shine*  
**at the POINT** on Rudee Inlet  
**5 hours of fun – 4 to 9 PM**

Bring beach chairs and join your Croatan neighbors for good food, friendship and music at the Point! Music by **ASTRO ENTERTAINMENT**. Catering by **BEACH BULLY** with BBQ Pork, Chicken, Beef, Oysters, Shrimp & Veggie Burgers, and desserts donated by our neighbors.

**ADULTS ONLY Event** (*attendees must be 21 or Older*) - Margaritas / Beer / Wine / Sodas





|  |                    |         |                     |
|--|--------------------|---------|---------------------|
| <b>Reserve Now</b> (avoid late fee)<br>Deadline for lower fee:<br><b>JUNE 3 - 5PM</b> (add \$10 each after deadline) | CCL Members        | \$30 ea | \$40 after deadline |
|  | Residents / Guests | \$50 ea | \$60 after deadline |

#### CROATAN SPRING FLING 2019 – RESERVATION

Croatan Address \_\_\_\_\_ (required) 

For non-member residents desiring to join the Croatan Civic League, add: \$50 membership fee and pay the CCL member event fee (\$30 each). Croatan residents that are not CCL members, please remit event fee of \$50 each. Non-residents of Croatan can be admitted only if they are guests of a Croatan resident.

Check here if joining the joining CCL: ☐

| ATTENDEE (FIRST & LAST NAME-print)  | \$30 CCL MEMBER          | \$50 non-MEMBER residents & GUESTS | AMOUNT |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
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I WILL BRING A DESSERT: ☐

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT CHAIRMAN: BILL GARVEY @ [CDDX@AOL.COM](mailto:CDDX@AOL.COM) OR 439-2897

Contact event chairman to volunteer your assistance: Raffle, Decorations, Set up, Clean up Gate check-in, Logo Wear sales, Bar Tending.

Checks payable to: **CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE (CCL).**

Mail or drop off form: CCL TREASURER @ 808 SURFSIDE AVENUE, VA BEACH, VA 23451

**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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