



The Croatan Civic League News

December 2018

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me begin by wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday season wherever you may be. 2018 is ending way too quickly. It seems that we never have enough time to get everything done. Try and have enough time for you and those close to you.

Your Civic League had a very good year. For those of you who made it to the Spring Fling, you will recall that we almost were washed away by a short, but intense, thunderstorm. Quick action by our DJ ensured that the music continued. When the downburst passed, everyone was out dancing in the water and wet sand. We tried a different location, The Virginia Aquarium, for the Fall Ball. Our Children's Programs continue to grow. The Croatan Public Beach has had a healthy natural replenishment, as well as significant dune repair by the Department of Public Works. The larger restoration project is out for bid and should be awarded in early 2019 with an intended completion date by 27 May, Memorial Day. We also had an election for Board Directors and Officers.

Although the end of a year is a time of remembrance, we are also thinking about 2019. We need your help as we move forward, and we will be asking you questions about the civic league. Are we doing the right things? Where can we improve? How can we better communicate with the members? If you have some thoughts now, please send them to me. Also, please be on the lookout for some questions and surveys in the New Year.

Questions or comments? Feel free to call.

All the best,

Mike Kelly

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LET US KNOW
WHAT
YOU THINK

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/3 CCL Board Meeting
- 1/4 Newsletter Deadline
- 1/14 Croatan Women's Club
- 1/17 Book Club



Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

Croatan Beach Restoration Project

On Thursday, November 28th, the VB Department of Public Works held a Pre-Bidders Conference. There were five companies that attended. If you are not familiar, this is a presentation by the contracts office addressing the specifics of the work request and an opportunity for anyone interested in bidding to ask questions. The two key dates are that the bids must be in not later than December 11th, and that the work must be done by May 27th, 2019, Memorial Day.

Part of the contract is for dune planting and fencing. We have no details yet of how that will be done and what, if anything, property owners need to do in preparation.

As previously stated, this will be a truck haul through the streets of Croatan. One bidder estimated that it would be about 3000 truckloads. There will be a presentation by Public Works to the Croatan community before that work begins. It is expected that will occur by the end of January.

2018 Dune Restoration

The report received from Public Works said the following:

1. Purpose of the work was to restore the dune crest elevation to +19.0 ft NAVD88* (the elevation above the 1% chance annual storm) in areas where the existing dune crest elevation was below this elevation.
2. The limits of the project were, along the dune line, between 502 S. Atlantic to 900 S. Atlantic.
3. The project began on 10/20/2018 and was completed on 11/14/2018.
4. Total dune restoration sand volume placed from the sand trap for this effort = 12,300 cubic yards.
5. Dune face locations that did not receive sand were because the existing dune crest elevation was greater than +19.0 ft NAVD88 along with the dune face being well vegetated.

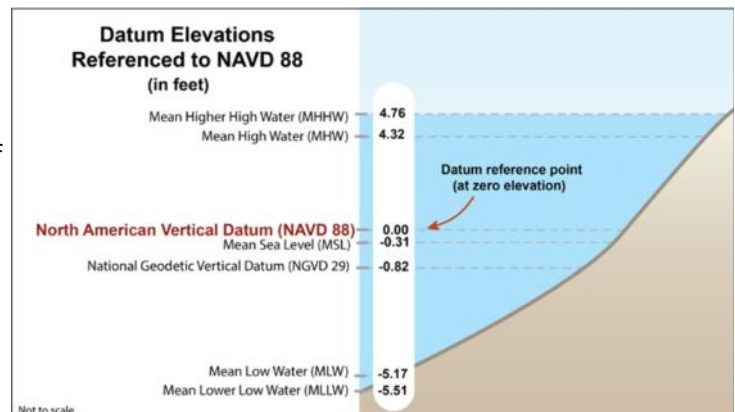
For the year, the total amount of sand used for the dune repair work = 19,200 cubic yards.

As you know, the City is now authorized to take up to 20,000 cubic yards per calendar year, so the amount resets on January 1, 2019. The intent is to use that for maintenance and repair through the course of the year, each year, once the main restoration project is complete.

*The **North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)** is the vertical control datum of orthometric height established for vertical control surveying in the United States of America based upon the General Adjustment of the North American Datum of 1988.

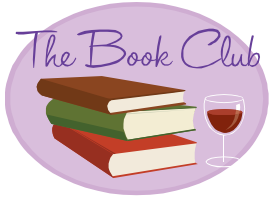
Please call me with questions and/or comments.

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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 |

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

Croatan Women's Club Dec 10 Holiday Meeting

Come join the ladies of Croatan for our December Happy Holidays Event

Where: At the home of Karen Ellis
711 Virginia Dare Drive

When: Dec 10 at 7pm.

There will be an optional Ornament Exchange and we also will continue our tradition of collecting TOYS for needy children. Please join us.

A-N Bring Appetizer

O-Z Bring Wine



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.



Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and Security



You may have read that Virginia Beach is among the safest cities in the nation. Certainly, it has been cited as THE SAFEST for cities of its size. That being said, the Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) – like many government entities is understaffed and overworked.

Recent incidents of vandalism, burglary, and theft in our neighborhood have raised concerns since we live a relatively incident-free enclave. The VBPD has published a booklet on home security. It can be found at <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/police/opsdiv/Documents/PD306.pdf> and is well worth reading and keeping on hand.

The Croatan Civic League (CCL) sends a representative to the monthly CAC meetings held at VBPD Second Precinct headquarters. These public meetings are normally attended by the precinct's Commander, representatives of other government entities, and representatives of community associations throughout the 2nd Precinct's area of operations. VBPD has been very responsive to community issues, so if there are any issues that you would like brought to the fore, please advise me (mcaiii@aol.com) and I will endeavor to get answers. I also monitor Nextdoor.

On the subject of Nextdoor – if you responded to the VBPD survey regarding Neighborhood Watch, please let me or one of the CCL Directors know, so we can gauge interest. Thanks.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti
CCL VP and Security Representative

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)

(<http://www.VBCCO.org>)

The VBCCO endeavors to disseminate information between Virginia Beach communities and the VB government. These public meetings are held monthly but as of this writing, the time, date, and venue are in flux due to closing of the public library spaces where we normally met.

At the November 19th meeting, we were presented information on solar power opportunities. Being a coal-producing state, neither the Commonwealth nor most local jurisdictions have shown much interest in embracing renewable energy, but opportunities exist and "the times, they are a-changing." Points of contact are Ann Creasy, Hampton Roads Outreach Coordinator (ann.creasy@sierraclub.org) and Ruth McElroy Amundsen (<http://solar.the-mcelroys.com>).

M. C. "Connie" Agresti
CCL VP and VBCCO Representative



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

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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

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

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Cindi Dunker | 287-6725 or 425-7476 |
| Gregory Harris | 478-8844 |
| Hayden Harris | 478-8844 |
| Caitlin Helveston | 705-9312 |
| Susan Leslie | 437-9626 |
| 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.

Santa visits Croatan!



Karen & Jeff Ellis



Luke Cooper and his grandparents



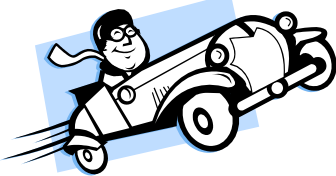
Mike and Jane Kelly



Donna Skidmore with Lucy & Carly



Austin & Devlin Robinson



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

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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