

## President 's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last month you read that Bill Garvey, after six years, stood down as CCL President. I was selected to replace him. Bill has done a great job for us and, fortunately, he will stay on as an Officer of the Board in the "Past President" position. So, while he has given up the day-to-day duties, (especially those late-night phone calls,) he will still be very engaged with advice and assistance. When you see him, please tell him what a great job he did (and will continue to do.)

Many of you know me as I have been the Vice-President and the coordinator for the Croatan Beach restoration effort. So, we have continuity in the transition. Other Board Officer changes include "Connie" Agresti as Vice-President and Jim Skarbek as the "once and future Treasurer." Amanda Robinson will continue as Secretary and do her usual superb job.

Billy Moore has finally decided that he has had all the fun he can stand. Over the years, Billy has made significant contributions to the success of the Civic League. You know better than I how much he has helped get things done, save us money, and keep our membership numbers up. He will be sorely missed. When you see him please let him know how much you appreciate his dedication and hard work.

Cheryl Garvey is resigning as Landscaping Committee Chair and Welcome Wagon Chair. Just possibly, she will be more missed than Bill. These are two highly visible actions that are often taken for granted. Cheryl always made them look easy. She will be hard to replace.

Ken Jobe has been involved in the Civic League for almost twenty years. He is starting to have mobility problems and has decided to retire. His (Continued on page 2)

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work is invaluable. If you see him, please let him know that he will be missed. We aren't going to let him go completely and will keep him as a special advisor. While he may not be able to attend meetings, we know that we can always go to him.

We have four new Board Directors: Jen Alex, Amber Torgerson, Bob Jones, and Milt Martin. They are an exciting addition to your team bringing enthusiasm and new ideas. (We still have one more Director seat to fill, so if you are willing to volunteer, please let one of us know.)

With any change of leadership, there is an opportunity to relook at what we do and how we do it. At our next Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 PM, we will discuss the role of our Civic League, events and budget for 2019, and, most importantly, how best to communicate with all of you. If you can attend, we would like to have you join the dialog. If you can't, and you have some thoughts, please contact one of us so that your ideas can be heard.



Finally, I want to thank all of you for your confidence in me as the next President. I will do my best to not let you down.

Questions or comments? Feel free to call.

All the best,

Mike Kelly President, Croatan Civic League (M) 703.439.9153 (Primary) (H) 757.961.6244 (After 7:00 PM)

## From the Desk of Ken Jobe

After approximately 20 years of active involvement, in view of my current hearing and mobility issues, I have decided to retire from the Crotan Civic League Board (CCL). This has been a fun time. I want to sincerely thank all the members who were involved in making significant improvements in Croatan's Quality of Life. Wish I could thank each of you in person. I remain committed to future improvements but in an on call advisory consulting role.



The energy displayed at the November CCL Board of Directors meeting is very positive. More Directors are urgently need to avoid burnout of current Directors and Committee Chairs. PLEASE! If you have ever considered, and have any desire to improve the neighborhood's QUALITY OF LIFE, now! IS THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD OR AS A COMMITTEE CHAIR! You and the neighborhood will grow together. Your perspective of the City and neighborhood will definitely change.

Please let Mike know how you wish to make the neighborhood better. After all we are all in this together.

See ya on the Beach! ....or in my front yard Ken Jobe

## Beach Safety Update from Mike Kelly, CCL VP

#### **Croatan Beach Restoration Project**

Slight delay, still on-track.



As you can see from the picture above, on November 8<sup>th</sup>, VB Public Works Operations continues to "mine" Rudee Inlet for sand and is moving it south for restoration of the Croatan Beach dune structure. It is amazing how much sand they have taken and put on the dunes. This effort has been on-going for the last three weeks and they are still working from the same spot. The Moffat & Nichol Study published in April 2017 stated that approximately 243,000 cubic yards of sand is transported along the Croatan Beach annually. Seeing this effort gives one an appreciation for how

Picture taken around 2:00 PM on 8 Nov 2018

much sand that is.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, I received the following update from Public Works:

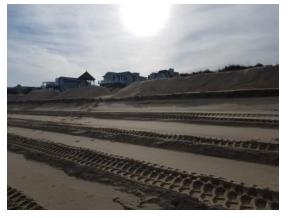
- The final plans are routing for final signature. At the same time, our Contracts office will be providing bid advertising dates.
- We're looking to advertise November 11th. Bids will be open in early December.
- The contract award period will take about two months. New contract review policies are in place that
  require a longer contract award period. We will work to accelerate the process as reasonably as possible.
- Contract will be awarded by mid/late January 2019.
- The sand truck haul work to get underway by the second week of February 2019.
- The sand truck haul work will take between 2 and 3 months (weather depending).
- We will plan on conducting a community update meeting in mid-January 2019.

As I said, the larger restoration effort is slightly delayed, but that may not be bad as it will come towards the end of our Winter bad weather period.

To the right is a picture taken on November 8th that shows dune replenishment at the Croatan Road beach entrance.

Please call me with questions and/or comments.

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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

Book Collection Betty Rosignolo

760 Virginia Dare Drive

**Magazine Collection** 

549 Bushnell Drive

**Important Contacts** 

Miss Utility

City Landfill

Bulk Trash Pickup

Wildlife Response , Inc.

(855) 571-9003

Beach Wedding Permit

428-7947; msp8@cox.net

Non-Emergency Assistance

Animal Control (Option #1)

VBSPCA Wildlife Referral Line

Wildlife Conflict Helpline (toll free)

Police Fire & Rescue Emergencies

Contact Cheryl Garvey at cgcroatan@gmail.com or phone 471-5436 if you know of new Croatan neighbors .

437-8662; rbrosignolo@cox.net

For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

Michele Speight, Teen Crisis Intervention

Potholes, Street Signs and Repairs 385-1470

Croatan Temporary Parking Permit 385-4131



911

811

385-4444

385-1980

385-4650

543-7000

263-4762

385-4800

385-5000

### **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
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



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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



Selection: The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

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	
01/17/2019	Us Against You	Fredrik Backman	
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

## WOMEN'S CLUB - GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

NOVEMBER 12th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Join us for a girl's night out hosted by Shore Gallery and Dressology at Hilltop.

Browse new collections for the holidays and socialize while sipping Champagne. Food and Wine will be provided. Carpooling is encouraged (as stated on the flyer), so line up your designated driver and passengers ahead of time. If you prefer to drive yourself then please feel free to do so.

However you choose to get there, just be prepared for a really fun night out !!!!! Hope to see you there.



## Security Update from Mike Kelly, CCL VP

**See Something, Say Something!** If you see or hear something that isn't quite right, and you would like the police to check it out, please call 911 if it is an emergency, or call the non-emergency telephone number (757)-385-5000.

#### There were four crimes reported for the month of October.

- 10/6 Atlantic Ave. Breaking and Entering
- 10/6 Atlantic Ave. Destruction of Private Property
- 10/9 Atlantic Ave. Breaking and Entering
- 10/26 Croatan Hills Dr. Destruction of Private Property



The break-ins on S. Atlantic Ave. were two young men who were part of the Virginia National Guard Commonwealth Challenge Youth Academy located on Camp Pendleton. http://www.vachallenge.org/. The perpetrators were apprehended. Officer Noha reports that this is very unusual. He does not remember an incident like this in the twenty years that he has conducted neighborhood patrols for us.

The crime on Croatan Hills Dr. was childish and cowardly. Someone pulled up a political sign for a Democrat candidate and then used it to damage the car in the driveway. This behavior is wrong in so many ways.

Officer Noha patrolled the neighborhood for 25 hours – 9.0 hours on speed control, 16.0 hours on neighborhood patrol. He handed out 6parking tickets.

The best way to contact Officer Noha <u>anytime</u> is via his email, dnoha@vbgov.com. Use this for questions and especially if you want to let him know that you are away from your home for a vacation or business trip. He will be happy to look at your home when he is patrolling.

As a result of the Board of Director elections, "Connie" Agresti is the new Vice-President and will be taking over the Security and Neighborhood Patrol responsibilities. You will hear from him next time.

#### Stay Safe!

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# Help with "Scoop the Poop" by Marian Kitchin

The Croatan Civic League needs your help. Many of our poop bag dispensers are empty. The best thing to fill them with is the plastic sleeve the newspaper comes in. If you have any of these plastic sleeves available, please place them in one of our dispensers. The dispensers are at the following locations:

- Lockheed Avenue beach access
- Maryland Avenue beach access
- Aqua Lane beach access
- Croatan Road beach access
- Twilight Lane beach access
- The Point beach access
- Fort Raleigh Drive entrance to the Secret Bridge
- The bridge between Secotan Road and Christine Lane

Dog owners and walkers, please pick up the poop and either dispose it at home or at one of the trash receptacles on the beach. Do not place it in the dispenser or beside it.

The city code states the following:

Virginia Beach

City of

Sec. 5-534. - Allowing dogs or horses to urinate or defecate on public or private property.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in immediate control of a dog or horse to:

(1) Allow his/her dog or horse to urinate or defecate on the private property of other persons without their consent or that of the authorized agent of the one having control of the premises. (2) Allow his/her dog or horse to defecate on public property, except that defecation by a dog or horse on public property shall not constitute a violation of this section if the owner or person in immediate control of the dog or horse immediately removes the material defected and disposes of it in a safe and sanitary manner.

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 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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