

The Croatan Civic League News

September 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I don't have specific dates yet, but there will be increased helicopter operations at Camp Pendleton from 15 September through 11 October. I will pass any further information on as I receive it.

Hopefully you have had a chance to look at the new website, www.croatanbeach.org. Please let us know what you think.

If you see Carol Skarbek, please congratulate her on the success of the "Croatan Pop Stop". We didn't have anyone take the lead this year and Carol jumped in at the last minute. She gathered some last-minute volunteers, found places to freeze the ice pops, and won 2nd prize (\$500) for the Civic League. If you went out that morning you know that it was a beautiful day and a lot of fun encouraging the runners and walkers. The picture below shows the scene. Carol is bent over pulling more ice pops from a cooler. Thanks to everyone who participated.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/19 Book Club
- 9/16 Women's Club
- 10/7 CCL Board Meeting
- 10/11 Newsletter Deadline



We have some great events scheduled for the rest of the year:

October 3, 6:30 PM - Croatan Social at New Realm

October 26 - Halloween Party at the Torgerson's. Details to be announced.

November 1, 7-11 PM - CCL Fall Event at Hunt Club Farm. Blazers and Boots!

Photos with Santa: Date TBD



The flyer for the Fall Event will be out shortly. Please put November 1st on your calendars. Except for the very boring (and very short) Annual Meeting, this is a fun event with good food, drink, and dancing.

If you are interested in being considered for the Board of Directors, please contact me. YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!

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,

Mike Kelly

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Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

Beach Safety Update for September 2019

Hurricane Dorian

These pictures show the Croatan beach at low tide the day after Dorian passed by us to the East.



The first shows the sea grass planted earlier in the year. Even though waves did hit the dunes, they stayed intact. The second photo shows that the berm build-up over the Summer has deteriorated from Dorian's wind and waves. You can see that it is still there, albeit worn. It did its job of protecting the dunes.

Hopefully the rest of the season is quiet.

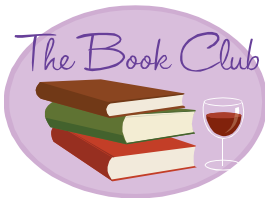
Croatan Beach Restoration Project

I continue to monitor the FedBizOps site for the Rudee Inlet solicitation since we are told it will be posted in September. As of 13 September, it isn't up.

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The Croatan Book Club

Next Meeting



Date: **Thursday, 09/19/2019**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Martha Hertzler

Selection: **The Delight of Being Ordinary by** Roland Merullo

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
10/17/2019	Nine Perfect Strangers	Liane Moriarty
12/5/2019	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens

See the CCL website for 2019 selections: www.croatanbeach.org/book-club/.

Croatan Women's Club

Next Meeting

Date: **Monday, 09/16/2019**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Martha Davenport
601 Croatan Court

See the CCL website at www.croatanbeach.org/womens-club/

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

Safety: The summer is over and school has begun. Please mind our community 25 MPH speed limit and stop signs. As leaves fall and become wet with morning dew (or rainfall), they become slick as ice and can lead to loss of control even at slow speeds. Please drive carefully.



Croatan really dodged a bullet with Hurricane Dorian veering off to the northeast after hitting the Outer Banks. But, as the storm season deepens, expect more, and stronger rip currents. If you venture into the ocean while the water temperature is still pleasant and find yourself being dragged out to sea on a rip current, remember **do not swim against the current**. Rather, **swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current**, then make your way back to shore. The lifeguards are gone for the season, so swim with a friend. The storms also alter the sea floor dramatically – **do not dive into the ocean** from a surfboard or paddleboard.

September is National Preparedness Month

I think it is safe to say that most of us have an emergency supply kit; but just in case there are those who don't – here are the basis that you should prepare in the event of approaching severe weather:

- 3-day supply of non-perishable food that can be eaten out of the can/box;
- 3-day supply of water (1 gallon/day for each member of the household);
- a hand-crank or battery-powered radio with weather band channel;
- extra batteries;
- portable charger for mobile phone(s);
- a written family emergency plan;
- multiple flashlights with extra batteries;
- candles and waterproof matches (or a butane lighter)
- first-aid-kit
- manual can opener (yes, they still exist)
- 3-day supply of prescription medicines (Hint: wait until storm warnings are issued before putting meds together so that the medications do not expire while sitting in the emergency kit)
- Food and water for pets
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Plastic bags for trash
- Any extra consumables for babies or elder family members
- Cash (in case ATM and credit card processing machines are not operating)

- Full tank of gasoline for each vehicle (fill up ahead of the storm)
- Waterproof containers in which to store these items.

Know your evacuation zone (<https://www.vaemergency.gov/hurricane-evacuation-zone-lookup/>) and have two prospective destinations in mind. Please heed evacuation directions - I think we all saw the video of the woman on Ocracoke Island who didn't abide with the Dorian mandatory evacuation order and ended up in her attic to escape flood waters.

Security: The CCL is still seeking a few extra contributions to support the planned hours for our security patrol through the end of the year. As the "package delivery season" gets into full swing, this off-duty police officer's presence helps deter porch pirates. If you wish to contribute to the Security Fund, please contact any CCL Director.

On the subject of package delivery, exercise common sense precautions, such as not scheduling (or delaying delivery) during periods of planned absences or having packages delivered to a neighbor, who may be at home during the day.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC):

This month's CAC meeting has been postponed until September 18 – 7:00 PM at VBPD Second Precinct Headquarters, 820 Virginia Beach Blvd (aka: 17th Street). All are welcome to attend.

Diane D'Alberto is stepping down from the President's chair after several years at the helm, but will still manage the Adopt-a-Muster efforts.

The Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad continues to seek volunteers to assist in a variety of support positions, such as scribes, logisticians, etc. If interested, please visit <http://vbvrs.org>.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO):

Brad Sike has stepped down as President of VBCCO. C. Douglas, Jr. ("Doug") has assumed the role.

Brian Solis, the Acting City Manager, attended the September meeting. I found him friendly, candid, and willing to share successes and challenges with the various civic association representatives present. He discussed the legal and business challenges of regulating motorized scooters, the results of the recently completed city-wide survey, and provided a copy of proposed city code changes to be discussed at the September 24 City Council Meeting.

The VBCCO newsletter – *The Voice* – is available at <http://www.vbcco.org/september-2019-the-voice/>. It is worth a read for articles about changes to battery recycling and erecting fences.

VBCCO meetings – usually 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month at the Great Neck Recreational Center - are also open to all.

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



Virginia Beach Curbside Services: Trash Collection, Bulky Item Collection, Recycling and Yard Debris

Since we have more waste products after Dorian, you may want to review some of the city rules for waste collection. You can find the full information on the City website at <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/pw-waste-management/Pages/curbside-services.aspx>.

Some pointers on each service:

Trash Collection

- Have containers and/or items for pickup at the street between 5:00 p.m. the day prior to your day of collection and 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. In Croatan, Tuesday is the day of collection.
- Keep at least 3 feet of clearance between your container and any other item (yard waste bags, limbs, bulky items, mailboxes, cable boxes, or vehicles) including the blue recycle container.

Bulky Item Collection

- Use the Bulky Item Request Form found at the website above. Please note: The city has reached capacity to schedule for 9/17. They will schedule for 9/24 instead.

Recycling

- Paper: office paper, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, phone books, paper bags
- Cardboard & Chipboard: **flattened**, un-waxed, clean & dry
- Plastics Bottles # 1 -7, **NO plastic bags**.
- Cartons, including food and beverage cartons (juice, milk, soy milk, soup, broth, etc.)
- Glass Bottles & Jars: clear, green & brown; remove & discard lids.
- Metals: aluminum, steel, or tin food & beverage cans; clean aluminum foil

Yard Debris Collection

- Limbs up to 4 feet long and 6 inches in diameter will be collected in a pile not to exceed 4 x 4 x 4 feet.
- Two piles, generated from each house, will be collected on each collection day.
- You may also dispose of smaller yard debris, such as grass and leaves (no dirt, rocks, mulch or root balls) in up to 25 clear plastic bags, not more than 25 lbs. per bag.
- Tree removal debris is not collected at the curbside. However, it can be collected through the yard debris container program, provided each piece is no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Neighborhood Contacts

Send any corrections, deletions or additions to this page to Marian Kitchin at mdkitchin@gmail.com.

Welcome Wagon

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



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Book Collection

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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



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

Tidewater Wildlife Rescue

Helpline 757-255-8710

A volunteer organization dedicated to assisting orphaned and injured wildlife throughout Tidewater, Virginia.
Tidewaterwildliferescue@gmail.com



*Tidewater Wildlife Rescue
(757) 255-8710*



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
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 and Nextdoor.com

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