



The Croatan Civic League News

October 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If you haven't done so yet, please make your reservation for the **Fall Ball** on Friday, November 1st at the Hunt Club Farm. The dress is your best blue jeans, favorite boots or shoes, and dressy/casual sweaters. There will be good food and drink from Beach Bully, and dancing with our favorite Spring Fling DJ, Johnny from Astro. The reservation form can be found at: <https://www.croatanbeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-Annual-Dinner-Flyer-membership.pdf>

**** Reservations must be in by October 25th. ****



ELECTIONS AHEAD

There will also be a very brief annual members meeting and elections for the Board of Directors. This year we have eight nominees for eight seats. They are **Kathy Donahoe, Cheryl Garvey, Larry Kurtz (Incumbent), Bob Lougen (Incumbent), John Mannarino, Katie Ripberger (Incumbent), Amanda Robinson (Incumbent), and Patricia Zuraw.**

The other events for the rest of the year are:



October 26 - Halloween Party at the Torgerson's.
5 PM start time
November 24th - Photos with Santa at the north end of Croatan Beach. 2 – 4 PM.

Further information can be found at
<https://www.croatanbeach.org/events/>



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/14	Women's Club
10/17	Book Club
10/26	Halloween Party
11/1	Fall Ball
11/8	Newsletter Deadline
12/2	CCL Board Meeting



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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Don't forget to vote on November 5th!

Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL VP

Croatan Beach Restoration Project

The following is from the Operations Branch, Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This contract action was deferred into first quarter FY-20, (which started on October 1st.) They anticipate solicitation release in late October and look to have a contract award prior to the December holidays. Construction is looking like February - April timeframe.

We have had some pretty high winds out of the north over the last several days and the tides are moderately high. This picture looking south from Croatan Rd. was taken at 2:15 on October 11th. That's a little over an hour after low tide.

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

Safety and Security:

With the onset of Autumn and fewer beach-goers, speeding and stop sign violations on Vanderbilt are down, but not eliminated. (Next target may be Bushnell Drive – so forewarned is forearmed). School's open, days are getting shorter, and children are walking at dawn, dusk, and in the dark. If you're out after dark, please wear reflective clothing. If you're driving, please drive kindly.



Vandalism and home burglaries are on the rise nearby, including someone removing the flags from the recently-dedicated monument at the south marina, and tossing them into Lake Wesley. Two home burglaries at the south end of the oceanfront (still north of Rudee) serve as reminders to keep vigilant. If you live near an incident and have exterior home recording security, please contact police under the "WeCam" Program, so that detectives may view that section of video pertinent to their investigation.

With "package delivery season" getting into full swing and we want to deter "porch pirates." Consider exercising such precautions as scheduling (or delaying delivery) to periods when you'll be home, using a "drop box," or having packages delivered to a neighbor, who may be at home during the day.

Reminders:

- October is both **Crime Prevention Month** and **Fire Prevention Month**: Please lock your cars and test smoke/carbon monoxide detectors; replacing batteries with fresh ones.
- **Off-season parking lot hours are from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM**. Don't get locked-in or towed.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC):



At the September 18 CAC meeting, Second Precinct Commanding Officer, Captain Shannon Wichtendahl, mentioned that all summer augmentees have been returned to their primary commands/duties and that the VBPD is more than 60 officers short of full staffing and that the accession pipeline is insufficient to overcome that shortage. As reiterated by Chief Cervera the following evening, the VBPD is actively soliciting applicants. If you know anyone looking for a rewarding and respected job, you might suggest he or she investigate the VBPD.

You may have read in the papers that Something-in-the-Water (SITW 2020) will likely run longer than, possibly a full week, this coming April. The City reportedly netted more than \$300k in revenue from the three-day initial SITW and has dollar signs in their eyes. I will pass on additional facts as they become known.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO):

Last month, I incorreced identified Brian Solis as Acting City Manager. His correct title is Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects.

The VBCCO is seeking input into how it can be more supportive of its constituent organizations. In response, the CCL Board of Directors identified these five concerns specific to Croatan: Sea Level Rise and Storm Drainage, Beach Preservation and Replenishment, Short Term Rentals and Ordinance Enforcement/Preservation of Residential Community Quality of Life, Safe Motor Vehicle Operation (speeding, stop signs)/Parking Enforcement, and Oversized Vehicles Damaging Property and Infrastructure. For Virginia Beach, in general, we identified these five concerns: Sea Level Rise and Storm Drainage, Protecting Neighborhood Environment/Quality of Life against Commercial Interests, Reliable High-Speed Internet Throughout City, .Revitalization of Economically Depressed Areas of the City (e.g., 17th Street Corridor), and Alternative Means of Transportation (e.g., bus, scooters, light rail, ride sharing).



If you have other concerns, please send them to me so that we may discuss and bring them forward. Remember, the CCL Board is not in charge of anything – we’re just volunteering our time to represent community needs to others.

VBCCO Meetings are open to all interested citizens. VB Mayor Bobby Dyer is scheduled to be at the November 17 meeting (7:00 PM at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2521 Shorehaven Dr). Acting City Manager Tom Leahy is scheduled for the December 12th meeting.

Dogs on the Beach:

After months of lobbying, I have finally secured a position on the “Dogs on the Beach” committee formed by the VBPD. I found both Captain J. T. Orr, VBPD Special Operations Commander Officer, and Lieutenant Jarvis Lynch, Animal Control, amenable to citizen concerns and appearing willing to back away from the initial (last-March) total exclusion of off-leashed dogs on the beaches.

The goal of this committee, which is more of a Project Action Team (PAT), is to re-write concise, clear regulations before next summer season.

In the meantime, we’re looking for a volunteer (or two) with woodworking skills to reconstruct two of our poop bag dispensers that have fallen upon hard times. Despite losing their footing, they’re still being stocked (thank you, volunteers), so please continue to pick up after your pets.

Councilman Guy Tower Town Hall:

I attended Councilman Tower’s Beach District Town Hall meeting on September 19. This meeting was well attended and Mr. Tower had senior representatives from numerous City Departments in attendance to answer specific questions. Nevertheless, I found Mr. Tower candid, receptive, and well informed on all issues raised by the audience. These issues included 5G cell towers, Dogs on the Beach, Resort Area Strategic Action Plan (RASAP), Electric Scooters, the Dome Site, and Sea Level Rise.

Tawdry Unabashed Solicitation:

The CCL Security Fund could use a few extra \$\$ bucks \$\$ to cover the security patrol costs for the last few months of the year. Just this past month Officer Noha stopped and questioned those engaged in suspicious activity (e.g., taking photos of homes, reports of multiple late-night visits to rental homes for only brief periods of time). If you wish to contribute to the Security Fund, please consider including a separate (marked) contribution with your Fall Ball ticket purchase, or slap a "sawbuck" or two into the palm of any CCL Director at the Fall Ball. Despite my New York, Italian upbringing, I guarantee the money will get into the Security Fund.

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



CCL Fall Ball

Friday, November 1st, 2019 🍷 7 to 11

Hunt Club Farm

Cocktails: 4 hour **OPEN BAR**—favorite music by Astro " Dancing

Brief Annual Meeting & Election of CCL Board of Directors:

CCL Business Meeting / Treasurer's Report

Nominations & Voting for Candidates for the Board of Directors

To nominate, contact Mike Kelly MKellyAV8@aol.com 703-439-9153

Come and ENJOY something different!! Join your neighbors for the **BALL AT THE BARN!!!!**
Recommended attire: Your best Blue Jeans, favorite boots or shoes, & dressy/casual sweaters

Make **Reservations** by **October 25th**

Submit Reservations to:

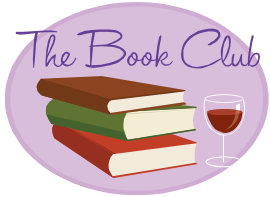
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The Croatan Book Club



Next Meeting

Date: **Thursday, 10/17/2019**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Betty Cholewa

Selection: **Nine Perfect Strangers** by Liane Moriarty

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
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, 10/14/2019**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Linda Ritchie-Royal

Program: Halloween Bash

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



Croatan Halloween Party

Come one, come all show your spooky, silly, fun loving side and hang out with your neighbors Saturday, October 26th at 405 Croatan Hills. Kids, pets, parents, grandparents --everyone welcome!

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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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



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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