



The Croatan Civic League News

November 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As most of you know, we cancelled the Fall Ball which was to be held at the Hunt Club on November 1st. We were unable to get the minimum required number of members to sign up. The shortfall created a significant increase in the cost that would have to be met using unbudgeted, additional funds from the CCL treasury. The Board of Directors met and considered options and fiduciary responsibilities. Unfortunately, the additional funds required were more than the Board felt comfortable spending and voted to cancel this event. This decision did not come easily. We still must have an Annual Members Meeting and Elections. That would have been held at the Fall Ball. I hope that you will join us for the:

CCL Annual Meeting at New Realm Brewery on Friday, November 22nd at 6:30 PM

The event will be similar to the recent "Meet and Greet" that we held at New Realm except for the very-short meeting. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a free drink for all members. Please try to make it. If you cannot, please send and email to our Secretary, Amanda Robinson, giving her your proxy vote. Amanda's email is pixiefloat@hotmail.com. The nominees are Kathy Donahoe, Cheryl Garvey, Larry Kurtz (Incumbent), Bob Lougen (Incumbent), John Mannarino, Katie Ripberger (Incumbent), Amanda Robinson (Incumbent), and Patricia Zuraw. The Board recommends all eight.

Please take a look at the Newsletter security section this month. Safety and security are very important and all of us can make a difference if we work together. Be proactive by installing cameras, locking your doors, and watching what is going on around you. While Croatan is one of the safest neighborhoods in the area, we cannot take that for granted. If you see something, say something. If possible, say something as soon as it happens.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/11 Women's Club**
- 11/22 CCL Annual Meeting**
- 11/24 Photos with Santa**
- 12/2 CCL Board Meeting**
- 12/5 Book Club**
- 12/6 Newsletter Deadline**



The other events for the rest of the year are:

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/>

Make sure you look at the beach update. There is a link to a NOAA tool that can help you appreciate the impact of Rising Seas in our area.

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

President, Croatan Civic League

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Beach Safety Update by Mike Kelly, CCL President

Croatan Beach Restoration Project

The latest from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent to me by the VB Public Works office states that, they are working towards solicitation by 15 November. The project is "conditionally Ready to Award" with certified and signed technical specs and drawings. The solicitation package needs to finish its way through the contracting and counsel reviews and then it will be posted on FBO. For those of you who want to track on FedBizOps, <https://www.fbo.gov/>, the solicitation number is **W9123620B0012**. The Bid opening is tentatively planned for 19 December. Contract award subsequently on 30 January 2020.

Rising Seas

Here is an interesting National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration <https://coast.noaa.gov/slr/> called the Sea Level Rise Viewer. With it, one can view sea level rise and potential impact areas and depth. Put your address in and see what it looks like.

This picture is taken on the morning of Hurricane Matthew. The view is looking north across the Surfside Ave. footpath connector at the eastern end of Lake Christine. All of the sewers and water drains are backed up because the high tide prevents the water from flowing out.





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

Safety and Security: Our “safe” community has taken a couple of hits recently that serve as reminders for cooperative and neighborly engagement and vigilance.

- For the second time since mid-summer, intruders have attempted to gain access to the residence at 440 S. Atlantic. The most recent event occurred in the early morning hours of October 12 when the woman in the attached picture arrived in a gray or silver Toyota Prius and attempted entry to at least three different access points.
- **P-L-E-A-S-E**, if you have video security equipment and can search the 1:00 – 2:00 AM time slot, police are seeking the license plate tag number of this vehicle. If the vehicle shows up on your video, please advise Detective Chelsea S. Lindemeyer, CLindemeyer@vbgov.com, 757-385-2767.
- Other small steps that we can do to help keep our neighborhoods safe:
 - o Install and use video security devices. Register your address with the VBPD under the “WeCam” program whereby they may ask you to review footage if crimes occur in the vicinity. (**NOTE: VBPD will not have access to raw footage unless you make it available to them**).
 - o Have items delivered to a drop-box location or arrange for neighbors to take in boxes delivered while you are at work or traveling.
 - o Stop newspaper and mail deliveries during periods of absence.
 - o Let neighbors know if someone who does not normally live there will be occupying your home during periods of absence.
 - o Keep some light(s) on in unoccupied rental homes and arrange for neighbors to periodically park in the driveway, so that the home does not appear empty.
 - o Call 911 for bona fide emergencies. Call the police non-emergency number – 757-385-5000 – when appropriate to report suspicious behavior that does not rise to an imminent threat.
 - o Please post notices of crimes/suspicious behavior on Nextdoor as soon afterward as possible in order to notify neighbors. MPO Don Noha, who patrols Croatan during his off-ditty hours has access to Nextdoor.
 - o Contribute to the CCL Security Fund when you renew your membership so that patrol hours may be continued/expanded. (The 2019 Security contributions fell about \$1,500 of budgeted hours).



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC):

The next CAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13. I will inquire as to the status of the ongoing Croatan intruder investigation(s) – although their plates may full with a murder and shootings on N. Great Neck Road earlier this month. In other CAC news:

Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad continues to seek volunteers for “behind the scenes” work and support. Volunteers are needed to drive ambulances to/from maintenance (special license not required), restock and clean ambulances, headquarters-level logistics work, etc. If interested, please visit www.vbvrs.org.



Virginia Beach's Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) has a full calendar and new exhibits open. Check them out at <https://virginiamoca.org/>

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO):

I was unable to attend the October VBCCO meeting and therefore do not have a report. The next meeting is Thursday, November 14.



Short Term Rentals (STR):

New regulations for STR went into effect on November 1. Some key measures include:

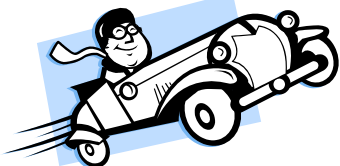
- Parking: On street parking not allowed and one parking spot per bedroom must be available on-site.
- Maximum of three persons allowed per bedroom.
- Emergency points of contact must be provided.
- Registration with the City and payment of all taxes.

The complete regulations may be found at

https://library.municode.com/va/virginia_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_APXAZOOR_ART2GEREPAPALDI_CCOUSST_S241.2SHTERE.

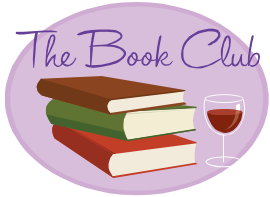
Recent news from Airbnb indicates that they intend to ban “party-house” rentals. Airbnb management has stated that they will self-monitor and self-regulate both lessor and lessee transgressors.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti
CCL VP, Security Chair



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, 12/5/2019**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Debbie Warwick

Selection: **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens

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
1/16/2020	Small Great Things	Jodi Picoult
2/20/2020	Becoming	Michelle Obama

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

Yard Debris Collection

We have a lot of branches blowing around out there; so I thought a reminder of what the city rules are would be in order. This information is on the city website at

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/pw-waste-management/Pages/curbside-services.aspx>

This service is provided on your normal collection day, and does not require a work order. Residents may place yard debris at curbside for collection by the City as follows:

- 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.



THE CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Please Come Join Us on a Road Trip



and



Will be hosting a festive social experience to explore their unique holiday wares at:

Hilltop Shopping Center: 1556 Laskin Rd, Va Beach, VA 23451

MONDAY, November 11th at 7PM

Shore Gallery and **DRESSOLOGY** will be extending their shop hours only for CWC club members and our guests. Socialize and have fun....Browse around, the shops are filled with beautiful decorations and clothing. Remember the **Holidays** are upon us... Need a few gifts or a Special dress?

Please try to car pool. Connect with your friends and make plans to ride together. If you are having difficulty, call one of your Board Members for assistance.

Remember to bring a friend, new members are always welcome.
CWC club annual dues are \$40.

Refreshments will be provided.

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



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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