



The Croatan Civic League News

December 2019

President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It certainly seems like time has gone by quickly this year. One of the reasons that I came to Croatan was to relax and slow the world down. I am not succeeding.

We started 2019 off with new Directors and Officers and we have just elected four new Directors for 2020. The "New Board" voted to keep the officers in the same positions. Thank you to those Board members who served and left, those who continue to serve, and to those you just volunteered. And, thank you as well to entire civil league membership for continuing to support through dues, donations, and volunteer time.

This past year, we updated the website and further enhanced the Facebook social network. Hopefully, you have all looked at it and find it useful and appealing. A new feature is the ability to pay dues, contribute to the security fund, and buy tickets to the Spring Fling using a credit card through the website. We expect many of you will use it and appreciate the convenience.

The Board will finalize the 2020 budget at the next meeting to be held on Monday, January 6th. Annual dues will be \$75 for two and \$50 for a single. We will decide the date for Spring Fling; under consideration are May 30th and June 6th. If anyone has a preference, please let me know.

As you move deeper in the holiday season, please remember to stay safe and secure. Lock your doors. Drink responsibly. If you become overwhelmed or depressed, reach out to someone...my number is below, and I will be around.



My best wishes to all of you for this "most wonderful time of the year!"

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VIRGINIA BEACH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/6 CCL Board Meeting
- 1/19 Newsletter Deadline
- 1/13 Women's Club
- 1/16 Book Club



Croatan Beach Restoration Project by Mike Kelly, CCL President

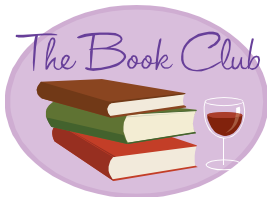
The failure of Congress and the President to agree on Federal budgets in a timely fashion affects many things. I am sure that many of you have had some experience with the challenge. One of the cascading effects is that the beach restoration will be delayed (again). The Corps of Engineers told the city that the solicitation will be delayed until February 2020. The primary reason is insufficient funding to conduct, immediate dredging of Rudee Inlet and bid the Rudee Inlet Maintenance Dredging project. The Federal FY-20 budget not yet passed, so until that happens the solicitation is in a holding pattern. The city says that the Corps is looking at options. John Mannarino and I have a meeting scheduled with Director of Public Works in December 18th. John is a new civil league Director and will be taking the lead on the beach effort. Starting next month, he will be providing reports on the status.

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**US Army Corps
of Engineers.**

The Croatan Book Club



Next Meeting

Date: **Thursday, 1/16/2020**

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Karen Moore

Selection: **Small Great Things** Jodi Picoult

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
2/20/2020	Becoming	Michelle Obama
3/19/2020	Origin	Dan Brown

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

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

Safety and Security: Thank you to those contributing to boost the Security Fund; we made it almost halfway to the goal needed to cover the added hours of security patrol for December.



I have not heard of any vandalism or thefts in the past month, so I appreciate everyone keeping eyes out in the neighborhood. I have seen some major-league speeding down Croatan Road, though, so please keep your mind focused on driving and not on work, kids, surf, sales, etc. In addition to MPO Noha's patrol, VBPD Special Ops has had motorcycle cops monitoring speed (and issuing tickets) on an unannounced basis.

One of our neighbors was injured recently falling into a hole created by the earth hollowing out beneath the surface. If you have storm drains (or recent construction) near your homes, please beware of sinking or shallowing of the surface. If you notice such holes forming, please report same to Public Works Department via the "**See-Click-Fix**" or "**VBWorks**" smartphone applications (both are free downloads).

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC):

As promised, I inquired into the status of the investigation of the attempted burglary of one of our neighbors' homes back in October. Regrettably, the suspect had not been identified as of November 13. Please see last month's newsletter for a full-face picture of that suspect.

Thank you to the 58 respondents to the Nextdoor poll proposing posting a sign regarding video surveillance in the neighborhood. There was an 80/20 split between those favoring signage and those opposed. The idea is still alive, but hit a few stumbling blocks regarding public v. private property, location, etc. The CCL will continue to research the best solution and will again advise when one can again be proposed.

Cars continue to be stolen at an alarming rate (13 last month in the Second Precinct alone). Invariably, most had been unlocked and almost half were found with their keys. VBPD's "Beep It to Keep It" slogan encourages taking positive action to ensure that your vehicle is locked.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO):

VB **Mayor Bobby Dyer** spoke about his joy of working in/for Virginia Beach, despite the 5/31 tragedy. He acknowledged attending almost 700 civic engagements in his first year in office and looks forward to continuing to engage with the community, which he describes as dynamic, resourceful, and durable.



Mayor Dyer spoke of the need to enhance business opportunities while concurrently managing storm water drainage and sea-level rise. I asked how the City was balancing these interests given the loss of permeable land incident to the development of the former Owl Creek Golf Course and signs offering development parcels in existing wetlands to the west of S. Birdneck Road and at the NE corner of General Booth and Prosperity. This received a “case-by-case basis”-style response, which is probably all he could say.

The City sent out a letter to all registered **short-term rental (STR)** owners announcing the establishment of new STR regulations as of November 1, 2019. A review of the VB Planning Commission Agenda (see Public Notices in the *Beacon* or vbgov.com website) shows numerous Conditional Use Permit applications for new STR properties for December meeting decisions. None of the applications are for properties in Croatan (yet). The complete STR regulations may be found at https://library.municode.com/va/virginia_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_APXAZOOR_ART2GEREPRAPALDI_CCOUSST_S241.2SHTERE .

The VBCCO seeks to be more representative of the community, writ large, and therefore plans to contribute criteria that the City may wish to seek in the C.V. or interviews for a **new City Manager**. For instance, should the City manager possess a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) degree and/or be certified by the National Certified Public Manager (CPM) Consortium?

I wish you all Happy and safe Holidays.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti
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Croatan Women’s Club

Next Meeting



Date: **Monday**, December 9th
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Martha Roomsberg
Program: Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange

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

Neighborhood Contacts

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

Welcome Wagon

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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.

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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!
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