

The Croatan Civic League News

October, 2021



President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The End of Summer party was a smashing success with 188 people. The weather was beautiful. One thing I noticed was that dancing didn't really get going until late in the day. People were spending their time talking and catching up with friends and neighbors that they haven't seen in awhile due to the COVID challenges.

I want to thank everyone who helped:

- Rick Zuraw for the truck and trailer transport of the alcohol – a very critical element.
- Katie Ripberger who restocked our logowear for the event. She sold quite a bit, but still has items that would be great for the upcoming holidays.
- Cheryl Garvey and Jane Kelly for raffle sales. Bill Garvey for gathering the prizes.
- Bill Garvey also gets credit for getting the right DJ and ensuring that we had plenty of ice for our drinks
 - it was a hot day.
- Bob Lougen, Jen Alex, Amber Torgerson for their help manning the entrance desk.
- I am sure I have missed someone so please forgive me.

Most of all, I want to thank all our members and guests who came and made it a great day in Croatan.

The US Corps of Engineers and the City have a contract for sand removal in Rudee Inlet. Some of that comes back to the Croatan beach. See the note in this newsletter for a few details.

It's time for our Annual Meeting and election for the Board of Directors. We will meet on Friday, November 12th at the New Realm Brewery. Start time is 6:00 PM and we will conduct a very short meeting and the election at 7:00 PM. If you can't make it, please contact your favorite Director or Amanda Robinson, and provide your proxy. I will send a note on the nominees and any items to discuss soon.

Finally, as many of you know, Marian Kitchen is no longer able to put together the newsletter. We will certainly miss her. She created a nice document every month that kept us connected and well-informed. Kathy Donahoe is taking over and I know that she will do a great job.

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

Mike Kelly
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Beach Restoration by Mike Kelly

GREAT NEWS! The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) informed the Coastal Section Project Manager in the City of Virginia Beach Public Works that the Rudee Inlet Dredging contract was awarded on Friday, September 24, 2021. The notice to proceed is expected around mid-October.

My guess is that the start date will be in late October or early November, but we won't know for sure until we are told. I have asked the project manager to provide a presentation to the neighborhood when they have the details.

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A Letter from the Editor by Kathleen Donahoe

A big shout out to Marian Kitchenl for her years of service to Croatan and publishing the newsletter every month. She has done a tremendous job of keeping our neighborhood informed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/ 4 CCL Board Meeting

10/10 Women's Club

10/21 Book Club

10/31 Halloween Parade



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.

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



Safety/Security – October 2021:

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Fire Safety Month
- Suspicious Activity
- School Zones and School Buses
- Pedestrian Safety
- Croatan Parking Lot – no fee, new hours
- Dogs – please pick-up after them
- VBWorks replaces See-Click-Fix
- CAC – Burglaries are Up; CPR/STB Classes, COVID vaccines
- VBCCO – Flood Control Bond Referendum

October is Fire Safety Month: This is the time of year to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. As evening temperatures drop, please take the opportunity to ensure that space heaters are placed away from flammable material.

Suspicious Activity: I received two disturbing, yet thankfully - descriptive, reports of suspicious activity recently. One involved an apparent attempted home break-in; the other a stalking/ potential abduction. Our Security Patrol Officer – MPO Noha – has assisted the individuals involved in making police reports of the two incidents; but they were made after the fact. Do not wait for one of his duty days to report incidents – **notify police immediately**. Both incidents sound as if they involved imminent threat and therefore warranted a **911** call.

School Safety:

School Zones: Please reduce your speed in school zones to the posted limit (usually 25 MPH). VBPD will be monitoring and enforcing school zone speeds. Be conscious of school zone warnings placed close to intersections that can difficult to see when turning – S. Birdneck Rd from General Booth and Upton Street from Dam Neck Road are two examples.

School Buses: Flashing red lights mean **STOP**, even if approaching from the opposite direction (unless separated by a highway median). Be alert – there is no median on General Booth Blvd north of Southside Road; therefore, you must **STOP**.

Pedestrian Safety: Whether walking, jogging, or bicycling, please be conscious of how visible you are to drivers. Low sun angles create glare and deep shadows. Drivers may not see you if you are “up-sun” of them or are emerging from deep shadow when they’re in bright sunlight. Wear bright or reflective clothing, carry or mount a light, and be sure that you are seen before crossing in front of vehicles, especially turning vehicles.

Beach Parking Lot: The good news is that as of October 1, you can again park for free in the lot at the south end of Vanderbilt. The bad news is that the lot now closes at 5:00 PM. If you get locked in, you should call 3-1-1 to “escape.” The lot opens at 6:00 AM.

Dog Piles: If you walk your dog in the early morning or evening hours, whether at the beach or in the neighborhood, note that neither darkness nor lower temperatures excuse not recovering and disposing of its excrement. Bags are plentiful at beach entrances and neighbors appreciate the courtesy of a clean lawn. Bring a flashlight or your cell phone and a plastic bag or two.

VBWorks: The City has replaced *See-Click-Fix* as the “go to” application for reporting issues to Public Works. Free downloads are available for both iPhone and Android. *VBWorks* is not as user friendly as its predecessor, but it is what we’re stuck with until it can (hopefully) be updated. Alternatively, you can report issues requiring public works attention by calling 311.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC): Held Wednesday, September 8.

Burglaries are Up: Throughout Virginia Beach, but specifically in the North End, police have received multiple reports of a burglar breaking into homes at night to steal valuables (e.g., purses, wallets) left “in plain sight” through picture windows, back porch doors, etc. This individual is described as a white male of medium height who walks with a pronounced limp. Usually dressed in a dark hoodie, he departs the scene in a dark sedan. Make it a routine task to draw curtains and lock doors.

CPR and Stop the Bleed: VB Volunteer Rescue Squad continues to hold these free 3-hour classes on the third Saturday of the month. Visit vbvrs.org to sign up.

COVID-19 Cases: VBVRS reports that all recent COVID hospital-transfer cases were among unvaccinated persons. Vaccinated persons have not required hospitalization even if they’ve come down with the Delta variant of the disease. Don’t be vulnerable – get vaccinated and enjoy that increased measure of freedom held in abeyance for too long. Booster shots are becoming available for those identified in CDC guidelines as “at risk.” Vaccination clinics are offered regularly and announced on <http://vb.gov>.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Jada Lee, Director of Emergency Communications and Citizen Services is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the October 13 CAC meeting – 7:00 PM, VBVRS Station #14, Conference Room (740 VB Blvd). CAC meetings are open to all.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO): The VBCCO President has resigned and the organization no longer meets the directorship necessitated by its charter. All meetings are on hold while volunteers work through the process(es) of reforming.

Bond Referendum: In the November 2, 2021, General Election, Virginia Beach residents will have the opportunity to vote on a half-billion-dollar Flood Protection Program bond referendum that will determine whether or not City Council should increase the real estate tax rate to fund flood protection projects. This is just phase one of this Flood Protection effort.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti,

CCL Representative to CAC and VBCCO Virginia Beach Approaching Grim Milestone

Do you want to save \$200.00, save your neighbors, save children, bicyclists, pets and wildlife? GO SLOW IN CROATAN!!!



CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE presents

HALLOWEEN PARADE

GOODIE BAGS FOR THE 1ST 50 KIDS

SUNDAY OCT 31

A Halloween-themed illustration featuring a large, glowing full moon in the center. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a person in a costume, possibly a zombie or a witch, standing in a graveyard with several tombstones. To the right, there is a silhouette of a haunted house with yellow lights in the windows. The background is a dark purple color with silhouettes of bare trees and flying bats. The overall scene is spooky and festive.

Starts at 4:30PM at
405 Croatan Hills Dr.

COSTUME CONTEST AT 5PM FOR BEST....
PET COSTUME \\ FAMILY COSTUME \\ DECORATED KID
TRANSPORT \\ AND MORE CATEGORIES

PARADE WILL BE AROUND CROATAN HILLS DR. AND VIRG. DARE LOOP

The Croatan Book Club

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Time. 7 P.M.

Location: Home of Alice Weisz

501 Bushnell Drive



Book: **Anxious People** by Fredrik Bachman

All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), and notify hostess that you will be attending. Bring a light snack/wine to share, if desired.

Future Selections (in order):

The Postmistress- Sarah Blake

Yellow Wife - Sadeqa Johnson

Information is also on the CCL website: www.croatanbeach.org/book-club/.

The Croatan Women's CLUB

Please Come Join Us

MONDAY, OCT 18th at 7PM

AT THE HOME OF

LINDA RICHIE

517 South Atlantic



Parking is available at 517 and 516 S Atlantic

If you are new to the neighborhood or have never been to a meeting, please don't be shy. We are always happy to welcome new faces. Come see what a great group of women we have in Croatan!



Come join the CWC for a **SPOOKTACULAR** time of food, drink, and great conversation!!

Costumes encouraged: prizes awarded for funniest, most original, and best group costume.

If you need to pay your dues, please bring a check payable to CWC for \$40, or cash.

THE 2022 CWC DRINK OF THE MONTH calendar will be available for presale, \$15.

A-N bring an appetizer



O-Z Bring white wine

Neighborhood Contacts

Book Collection

Betty Rosignolo
760 Virginia Dare Drive
437-8662; rbrosignolo@cox.net
For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey
cgcroatan@gmail.com
(757)471-5436



if you know of new
Croatan neighbors

Who to Call

Dead or Stranded Marine Mammal
(dolphin, seal, whale) or Sea
Turtle Virginia Aquarium Stranding
Response Team
757-385-7575



Magazine Collection

Michele Speight,
Teen Crisis Intervention
549 Bushnell Drive
428-7947msp8@cox.net

Tidewater Wildlife Rescue

Helpline 757-255-8710

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

We are on the WEB!
Check us out at
www.croatanbeach.org
and Nextdoor.com

Important Contacts

Police, Fire and Rescue	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	543-7000
VBSPCA Wildlife Referral Line	263-4762
Wildlife Conflict Helpline	(855)571-9003
Beach Wedding Permit	385-4800

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