

The Croatan Civic League

May, 2022



President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The beach has sand! See the article in this newsletter.

The Board continues to meet via Zoom. We rarely have a member observe or participate. I urge you to attend. Your concerns are very important. Contact me at the email address below and I will send you an invitation with the link. The next meeting is on Monday, June 6th.

The member's social was held on Friday, April 29th at Beachside Social off 27th St. 41 people attended. Everyone had a good time playing shuffleboard and the food was excellent. We had hoped to get more people there. 53 signed up. This was a free event for members. We ask for RSVPs so that we know how much food to order. When people don't show up, we still must pay for their food. It's easy to skip a free event but remember that the civic league is still paying for you. I was not there due to Covid quarantine and told Amanda Robinson in advance. I know that things pop up at the last minute. Please, if possible, let us know if you can't attend.

The Croatan Cares 5K Walk/Run had 42 people sign up but only 23 participated. The event raised \$1800, the goal was \$1000, for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Thank you very much for all of you who participated and donated.

SPRING FLING 22 is on June 11th. There will be flyers in your mailbox this week. You can sign up on the CCL website and pay with a credit card. You can also pay by cash or check.

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/16 CWC
5/19 Book Club
6/6 CCL Board Meeting
6/11 Spring Fling



Beach Update for May 2022

After more than six years of effort, we have additional sand on the beach. It's not all that we hope for, but if you have followed my updates over the years, you will remember the challenges that the city had. It required city council funding approval, a change to two federal permits for dredging Rudee Inlet, and took three tries to get a successful solicitation and contractor. What follows is a summary of the work and two briefing slides provided by the city showing the plan for continued sand management for the Croatan Beach and the replacement of the weir.

The contractor, Norfolk Dredging Co., started on Friday, April 22, 2022. The work was completed on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. 50,000 cubic yards of sand was placed.

Based on the permitted allowable placement volume, the limit of the placement site was identified to be between Twilight Lane and approximately 300 ft. south of Croatan Road. The direction of sand placement progression was based on the shortest length of pipe distance needed to allow the contractor to efficiently discharge sand to build the beach. That is, since the dredging was occurring to the north of Croatan Beach, the optimum discharge of sand onto the beach was to start from the northern portion of the placement area and progress south.

Some people said that "tar balls" were in the mix of sand. They were "clay balls" and dispersed rapidly post-nourishment. The city engineers said that the quality of the sand was excellent and composed of a more uniform sand gradation with less fine material.

You may remember that the 2016 study stated that 130,000 cubic yards of sand would be necessary to create the necessary beach profile. Time and available funding resulted in significantly less. Along with the 50,000 cubic yards of sand placed along the beach berm, 20,000 cubic yards of sand was placed along the dune face in 2018. Although, the dune work was conducted four years ago, subsequent beach profile monitoring surveys indicate that the dunes are maintaining their volume and position. The beach will continue to be monitored. (My theory and hope is that we will miss any storms and have a robust accretion cycle. This will keep the beach north of Croatan Rd. "fat" and have a cascading effect to the south.)

Spring and Fall beach profile monitoring will continue to assess the beach. Project # 100142, Croatan Beach Shoreline Management, is a new project that proposes funding for future sand placement and maintenance of Croatan Beach. This project is included in the FY-23 budget proposal. The first slide below is the budget slide outlining the project.

The weir is functioning as designed but has experienced failures of the top cap that covers the sheet piles. Public Works Operations is responsible for repairs associated with the weir. They have made some repairs in the last week. The second slide is a new project for FY-23 to rehabilitate the weir structure.

Croatan Beach Shoreline Management

Total Cost:
\$2.5 M



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- Project # 100142
- This project creates a long-term beach erosion control and beach replenishment program for Croatan Beach.
- Programmed funding assumes placement of approximately 50,000 cy of sand to maintain the design berm width and dune structure on a five-year cycle as needed based upon condition monitoring surveys.
- This project first appeared in the FY 2017-2018 CIP. Dune restoration work took place in 2018. A 50,000 cy beach berm widening will be conducted in April 2022 as part of Rudee Inlet Federal Channel and Outer Deposition Basin Dredging Project.
- This project will provide funding for future sand placement and maintenance of Croatan Beach.



Council District	Appropriations to Date	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Total
5	1,760,000	78,000	78,000	78,000	78,000	78,000	380,000	2,530,000

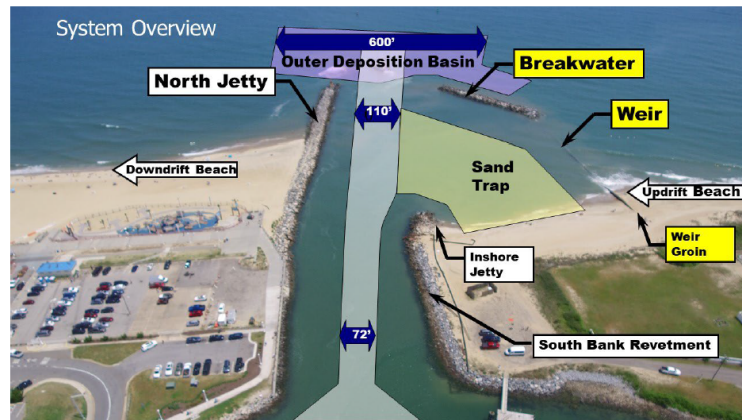
Rudee Inlet Weir Replacement

Total
Cost:
\$5 M



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- Project # 100617
- This project provides funding for the design and construction to modify and replace the sand weir and terminal groin structures at Rudee Inlet.
- The weir cap has experienced numerous failures in recent years requiring sectional repairs. A complete evaluation and replacement of the structure is required to ensure that the weir & jetty infrastructure performs as designed and to extend the service life of the system.
- Construction schedule will be established based upon condition assessment.



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5	0	754,824	4,227,015	-	-	-	-	4,981,839

Did You Know?

Croatan welcomes all new neighbors with a great welcome basket. Please contact Cheryl Garvey if you know of a new neighbor at cgcroatan@gmail.com.

Safety/Security – May 2022

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Safe Spots
- Motor Vehicle Thefts
- Police Patrols
- Dogs on Beach (restricted summer hours begin this month); Keep Paws Cool
- Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins June 1
- CAC – Library reopens; Oceanfront Survey
- 5/31 Memorial Survey
- Unclaimed Property Virtual Call Event

Safe Spots: The recent death of a 15-year-old in California prompts me to remind all that the VBPD offers “safe spot” locations for exchanging money for merchandise purchased through on-line facilitation site (e.g., Craigslist). The location in front of police precincts is so designated and is under video surveillance. These locations offer the safest exchange areas for self-arranged purchases. Second Precinct Headquarters is located at 820 Virginia Beach Blvd (aka: 17th Street).

Motor Vehicle Thefts: A full two-thirds of motor vehicle thefts from Virginia Beach are due to key fobs left in vehicles. One vehicle stolen in Virginia Beach was recovered in Las Vegas.

Police Patrols: I have heard concerns expressed over a paucity of sightings of our patrol officers – both those we engage to keep special watch on Croatan and police in general. Our contracted patrol officers often patrol at night or in an unmarked car, but I have asked them to be more visible. Please note: The amount of time they can be present is constrained by both their official duties and the limits of our Security Fund (contributions to the Security Fund can be made to CCL Treasurer). Many of their enforcement actions have been for erratic driving, speeding, and illegally parked vehicles – and, as noted last month, open garage doors.

Croatan is a relatively safe enclave – which is not to say that we’re immune from criminal activity. Police deploy normal patrols in accordance with the anticipated level of threat, however, I have observed police bicycle patrols in the neighborhood. While less intimidating than a cruiser with flashing lights, they are probably more effective at spotting suspicious activity due to their slower speed, 360-degree vision, and increased maneuverability.

Dogs on the Beach: Beginning at 10:00 AM the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (May 28), dogs are **not allowed on Croatan Beach** between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, whether leashed or not. (Legitimately registered/marked service animals are allowed during the restricted hours but must be leashed). All dogs are allowed leashed or unleashed (if under handler’s verbal control) on the beach until 10:00 AM and after 6:00 PM daily. Handlers must clean up after their animals.

Cool Paws = Happy Dogs: The sun is getting more intense and the pavement and beach surfaces are growing hotter. Please be mindful to walk your dog in the early morning or late afternoon hours to avoid the risk of burning their little tootsies. Seek shady or grassy paths, or the water’s edge to allow them to cool their paws as necessary.

Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins June 1: Take the time to review your Hurricane Preparedness Kit, identify your evacuation zone ([Know Your Zone | VDEM \(vaemergency.gov\)](#)), “favorite” the National Weather Center out of Wakefield, Virginia at <https://forecast.weather.gov>, and subscribe to VBAAlert ([More About VBAAlert :: VBgov.com - City of Virginia Beach](#)) for weather warnings and guidance. All of Croatan is in either Evacuation Zone A, B, or C. Forecasters predict an above average Hurricane Season in 2022 – the law of averages dictates that sooner or later they’ll be right.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC): The April 13 CAC meeting was uneventful. Second Precinct Commander, Captain Harry McBrien, spoke of a well-behaved crowd during College Beach Weekend. Police monitored social media and worked with property owners to ensure that no short-term rental (STR) parties grew out of control (as has recently occurred in Houston and Pittsburg). No college students were arrested during the weekend, but 22 illegal firearms were confiscated, mostly from ne’er-do-wells arriving from other Hampton Beach locales intent on preying upon visitors.

A representative from Neighborhood Preservation and Code Enforcement has rejoined the CAC meetings after a lengthy COVID-induced hiatus. This provides an additional avenue for voicing STR non-compliance issues. Code Enforcement complaints (e.g., excessive noise) may be made on-line or by calling 757-385-3111 (or 311). Illegal parking complaints may be reported to 311 or (if blocking streets, fire hydrants, or driveways) to the police non-emergency number at 757-385-5000.

The Oceanfront Public Library (700 Virginia Beach Blvd) has reopened for full service following lengthy renovation.

Human Rights Commission requests that those who visit the Oceanfront this summer, whether resident or visitor, **complete a survey** located on the vbgov.com splash page (bottom left) on their experience at the Oceanfront.

5/31 Memorial Survey: The City of Virginia Beach has opened a public survey regarding the proposed memorial to the 5/31 Mass Shooting. It will be available until May 18 at <http://publicinput.com> or at the bottom (left) of the Virginia Beach website splash page.

Unclaimed Property Virtual Call Event: The 4th Annual Discovery Day event is scheduled to take place on **May 11 - 12, 2022**. Details about the event will be included on an insert in the tax bills mailed at the beginning of May. Searches in advance of the event can be performed by visiting www.vamoneysearch.org. Last years' event generated 635 searches and yielded a recovery of \$94,123 by Virginia Beach residents. (Hint: Search with/without middle names/ initials/suffixes, even nicknames).

M. C. "Connie" Agresti,
Safety and Security Director
CCL Representative to CAC and VBCCO

Time To Renew Or Join CCL

Do you want to save \$200, save your neighbors, save children, bicyclists, pets and wildlife? GO SLOW IN CROATAN!!!



CROATAN BOOK CLUB

Book club meets on the third Thursday of each month. All selections are available through the Virginia Beach Public Library among other sites.

Next Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022. Time 7 P.M.

Location: Home of Karen Moore

508 Coastal Drive

Book: Finding Freedom by Erin French

Marie Early will lead the discussion. All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), and notify the hostess that you will be attending by response to the email. Bring a light snack/wine to share, if desired. During the warmer months meetings may be held outdoors.

Future Selections (in order):

The Cellist of Sarajevo – Stephen Galloway

The Paris Library - Janet Skeslien Charles

Butterfly - Yusra Mardini

Tobacco Wives - Adele Myers

Have you read a good book recently? Want to recommend it to others? Share your find with us.

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

Croatan Women's Club

WC May Picnic

Date: Monday May 16, 2022

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Place: Home of Denise Love, 524 Croatan Hills Drive

Mini subs will be provided by the CWC

A-N bring salads - suggestions (fruit salad, potato, coleslaw, pasta, garden, etc.)

O-Z bring wine or Prosecco

CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE
presents our annual

SPRING FLING


AT THE POINT

JUNE 11TH • 4 - 9PM

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY !
prices increase June 3rd
buy tickets at www.croatanbeach.org
or (use QR Code below)

Members \$20
Non-Mem \$50

Tickets Include:
FOOD - BBQ, BEEF BRISKET CHICKEN, SHRIMP, OYSTERS, VEGGIE BURGERS & MORE
DRINKS - MARGARITAS, WINE, BEER & POP
ALSO MUSIC BY ASTRO MUSIC



www.croatanbeach.org/event/ccl-spring-fling

Neighborhood Contacts

Book Collection

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

Who to Call

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



Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey
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(757)471-5436



if you know of new
Croatan neighbors

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

Neighborhood Contacts continued

Name	Committee	Email	Phone
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Ken Jobe	Special Advisor	kejo425@aol.com	428-0328

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

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