

CCL Newsletter

August, 2022



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the Summer despite the hot, muggy weather we are having. At least we have had some rain. For a while, there was no water flowing over the Lake Christine dam/weir. Over the last several days there has been good water flow as a result of the afternoon thunderstorms.

You can read the Croatan Beach update that follows. Bottom line: its's still about money.

For those of you that made it on June 11th, the Spring Fling was a great success. It was the first since COVID. We had great weather, good food and music. Interestingly, this year beer and wine were more popular than the traditional margaritas. When you see them, please thank all the Board members who spend their time putting this together and managing it on the day. If it wasn't for their volunteerism and dedication, this event would not happen.

Don't forget that on Tuesday, August 23rd, the city Traffic Management Office will provide an information presentation on the plan for more speed control measures on Croatan Rd. It will be at the VB Rescue Squad building at 740 Virginia Beach Blvd from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. I want to emphasize that the move to "Phase IV Physical Measures" is a result of a petition signed by the residents who live on property adjacent to Croatan Rd. I have heard that some people, who do not live on Croatan Rd., are not in favor of stronger measures for speed reduction. I urge you to come to the presentation to hear the what, why, and when. Also, if you don't routinely do so, I would urge you to walk Croatan Rd. Perhaps you don't exceed 25 MPH, but quite a few others do. If you are walking, running, walking a dog, or riding a bike, it can be pretty uncomfortable.

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

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Did You Know?

- The CCL annual meeting is November 4th at the Attic (upstairs Waterman's).
- The city traffic calming meeting is August 23rd at 6:30 at VB Rescue Squad building at 740 Virginia Beach Blvd. (See additional info below).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/18 Book Club

**8/23 Traffic
Calming**

9/6 CCL Meeting

**11/4 CCL Annual
Meeting**



Beach Update for August 2022

Here is the latest on Croatan Beach repair and nourishment.

As most of you know, the storm that occurred after Memorial Day did considerable damage to the berm and dune structure south of Croatan Rd. The north side was okay because the city has just put down approximately 50,000 cubic yards of sand taken from the outer deposition area of Rudee Inlet.



The Department of Public Works (DPW) met with Bob Lougen, ADM Chuck Kubic and me on June 16th. Rosemary Wilson and Guy Tower also attended the meeting. I previously reported DPW's intent to find the sand to put on the southern part of the beach.

I had an update phone call with the DPW Director, L J Hansen, on August 1. He told me that he met with his staff, and they have identified the scope of the work. Currently, it is approximately 130,000 cu. yd. of sand. The challenge, as always, is how to get the funding. He said that he has talked with the City Manager and that they are trying to identify a "funding stream." My guess is that it will cost several million dollars. The city does not have that level of funding laying around and they are working on it. He hopes to do the work late this year. They have asked the Corps of Engineers and the State for help. No luck.

I will get an update from DPW in two weeks and will report to you.

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Traffic Calming

Despite a combination of many past efforts to control speeding, including use of police enforcement, a \$200.00 fine posted at the entrance, and other lesser speed calming devices like poles and a portable city-owned sign that monitors one's speed, speeding remains a very serious problem particularly observable on the main ingress and egress on Croatan Road. The problem is so pervasive that our neighborhood is now classified as being in Phase IV of the City's neighborhood traffic study. This allows further assistance from the City of VA Beach in an effort to bring speeding under control.

The Department of Public Works has offered to speak to us about the next phase of speed calming devices: how they work, where they may likely be placed, when to expect with their installation, and for how long they will remain in place.

Please join us at the VB Rescue Squad building on Tuesday, Aug 23rd from 6-8 p.m. to learn more and be able to get answers directly from the experts.

Safety/Security – August 2022

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Please Share with Renters
- Simple no-effort reminders
- Do not engage car thieves

Please share with renters: Welcome to our community. We hope you enjoy visiting Croatan as much as we enjoy living here. Please respect our beach and community. Here are some recommendations and guidelines (from local ordinances) to help make this a stress-free summer.

Dog Days of Summer: Simple reminders on these hot days:

- Try not to walk dogs in the hottest part of the day.
- Keep plenty of water available for you and your pet.
- Dogs must be off beach between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM daily.
- Dog waste must be picked up and properly disposed of in abundant garbage bins.

Beach Reminders:

- Don't swim alone
- Wear sunscreen
- No diving
- Fill in holes
- Please pick-up your trash

Parking Reminders:

- Rental parking must be on property of the rental

- Do not park in such a way as to block mailboxes, driveways, or fire hydrants
- Surfside and Vanderbilt marked parking spots are available from 9:30 AM until 7:00 PM only (visitors and residents, alike)
- Parking lot at south end of Vanderbilt opens at 6:00 AM and closes at 8:00 PM. You may park for free before 10:00 AM.

General Safety:

- Be sure to lock cars and remove valuables (especially firearms).
- Do not leave unattended cars idling – motor vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity.
- Prune vegetation to prevent obscuring driver sight distance and expose signage
- Speed limit is 25 MPH throughout Croatan, slower if necessary
- Bicyclists under 15 must wear helmets.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC): No CAC meeting held in July, but there was a Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) meeting held August 1. Police Chief Paul Neudigate asked that citizens **not engage suspected car thieves physically**. Video shows that some of these perpetrators arm openly armed. Chief Neudigate does not want to risk citizen injury by engaging in a firefight with these ne'er-do-wells. Rather, call 9-1-1.

M. C. "Connie" Agresti,

CCL Safety and Security Director

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, August 18, 2022 at 7 P.M.

Location: Home of Debbie Warwick, 516 Kerry Lane (plenty of parking available)

- Book: The Paris Library - Janet Skeslien Charles

Eileen Wren will lead the discussion. All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), and notify the hostess that you will be attending via a 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):

Butterfly - Yusra Mardini

Tobacco Wives - Adele Myers

Cloud Cuckoo Land. Anthony Doerr

The Judges List – John Grisham

The Garden of Small Beginnings – Abbi Waxman

Privileged Information – Stephen White

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

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



Neighborhood Contacts

Book Collection

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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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if you know of new
Croatan neighbors

Magazine Collection

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Teen Crisis Intervention
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Tidewater Wildlife Rescue Helpline

757-255-8710

A volunteer organization dedicated to assisting orphaned
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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

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