

CCL Newsletter

November, 2022



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

President's Letter

Ladies and Ladies and Gentlemen,

Board of Directors elections were held on Friday, November 4th as part of our Annual Meeting and Fall Social. Watermans did a nice job. Thanks to all of you for being there and making it a success. Re-elected are Connie Agresti, Amber Torgerson, Jen Alex, and me. We also added a new board member, Jen Resio. Congratulations to everyone and thanks for your willingness to volunteer.

At the November Board on Monday night, we elected the 2023 Board Officers.

President – Mike Kelly
Vice-President – Bob Lougen
Treasurer – Sharon Heath
Secretary – Amanda Robinson

Remember that we still have two events before the end of the year.

- Photos with Santa on the beach, Sunday November 13, 2:30 - 4:30 PM. Contact Amanda Robinson to schedule.
- Croatan Holiday Lights Decorating Contest. Details will be out soon.

We had a lively discussion about Croatan Beach. L.J. Hansen provided me with an update which I discussed. There are two options that they are looking at. The key points follow:

Option 1.

- Moffatt & Nichol is currently preparing design construction documents (i.e. plans and contract manual) for the proposed beach nourishment via truck haul.
- Croatan Beach was surveyed in mid-August 2022. To achieve the April 2017 concept beach profile is close to 100,000 cu yds. Based on local available sand sources and current diesel fuel prices, the engineers estimate for this truck haul is \$7.4 Million. The duration of the construction will take between 8 and 9 months working 5 days a week at 9 hrs./day.
- This would likely cause a significant disruption to the Croatan community and some issues related to the trucks on the road network.
- There is a deficit of approximately \$5.8 M between available funding and the engineer's estimate.

- The current schedule, based on the anticipated receipt of the additional funding, is to go to bid by early January 2023 with construction to begin by April 2023. This would require an operation that runs throughout the summer season with construction complete by January or February 2024.

Option 2.

- Public Works Engineering is in communication with the USACE NAO pertaining to the opportunity to utilize sand from the upcoming Virginia Port Authority deepening of the Atlantic Ocean Channel (AOC). Sand from this project will be used to renourish the Resort Beach. The City has requested if the 100,000 cu yds needed for Croatan Beach can be included in the contract.
- There will be significant cost savings to the project along with the construction on-site time being reduced to 1 month.
- The current schedule for the AOC deepening/Resort Beach nourishment to go to construction is for late 2023/early 2024.

We will be reestablishing the Beach Committee to review these options and provide feedback. I have some volunteers already, and if you want to be part of the group, please contact me.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/13 Santa Photos
11/14 Women's Club
12/1 Book Club
12/9 CCL Meeting



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, December 1, 2022

Time 7 P.M.

Hostess: Cindy Kilmer

Place: 406 Vanderbilt

Book: The Judge's List, by John Grisham

Discussion will be led by Judi Kiernan. 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.

There will be no November meeting but rather it will take place December 1.

Future Selections (in order):

Cloud Cuckoo Land. Anthony Doerr

The Garden of Small Beginnings – Abbi Waxman

Privileged Information – Stephen White

The Orphan Keeper – Cameron Wright

Three Words for Goodbye – Gaynor,H. & Webb,H.

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

Fun Evening at the November 4th Annual Meeting

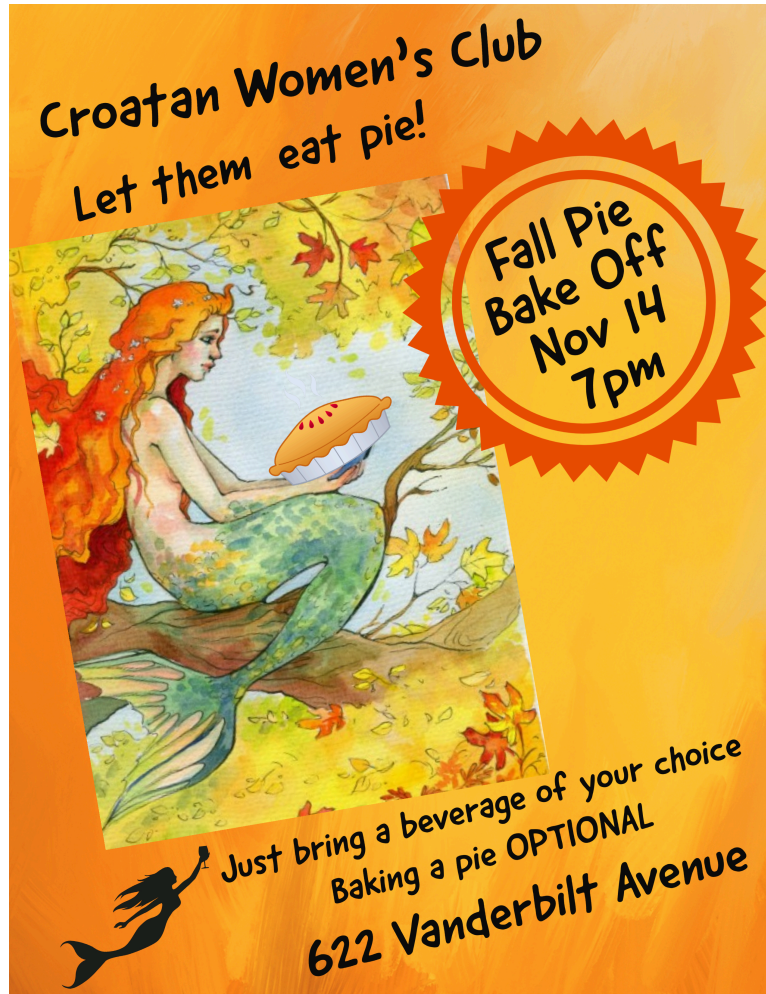


Santa Photos on the Beach

November 13th from 2:30-4:30



Women's Club



Safety/Security – November 2022

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Social Media “Chatter” – the white pickup truck
- Driving, Speed, Parking, Etc.
- Seasonal Personal Security Awareness
- Parking Lot closes at 5:30 PM
- CAC – Summer Successes

Social Media “Chatter:” Police are aware of numerous postings to Nextdoor and other social media platforms regarding a vehicle and individual acting suspiciously around teenagers. The vehicle, a white Ford F150 pickup

truck (reportedly with Ohio license plates), has been reported in the Hilltop Food Lion parking lot and various neighborhoods, including Croatan, since September. The female passenger (identified as a middle-aged Asian woman) is not known to have done anything, per se, illegal, but has stopped alongside young people and asked intrusive questions thereby raising parental concerns. If you spot this vehicle/lady, please contact the police at 757-385-5000 or 9-1-1. Use your judgement.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Although the speed limit is 25 MPH throughout Croatan, please moderate your speed **below 25** when conditions, cornering, or the presence of other vehicles, pedestrians, and animals mandate such prudence, especially as dusk comes early these days. Please advise your contractors.

For pedestrians – please wear light colored and/or reflective clothing at night. Carrying or mounting a light helps you be seen – and if walking a dog, helps you find their deposits.

Driving with a handheld device is illegal in Virginia. Please keep heads out of apps.

Yes, our patrol officers are monitoring speed. Sometimes they are in marked cruisers and other times they are in unmarked vehicles. Because Croatan is a traffic calming-designated neighborhood, VBPD's special operations highway officers periodically monitor speeds as well. If on motorcycles or using a bicycle-mounted officer as a picket, they can hide pretty well.

As we move deeper into Fall, holiday parties proliferate. If you are the host, be sure your guests have a safe means home. If you are a guest, consider alternatives to driving yourself if you want to indulge. Between lawyer fees, court costs, insurance premiums, and fines, a DUI can end up costing \$5,000 - \$10,000 over a period of years. If you are in an accident or anyone is injured, the sky's the limit. A \$20 Uber ride is a better investment.

Despite CCL efforts, city highway engineers have yet to provide us with updated parking plans or procedures for Croatan residents¹ seeking to have guests park in "No Parking" zones within our community. The provisions listed on our website (croatanbeach.org) therefore remain in effect – you must ask the city for parking permits at least five working days in advance of need and provide copies of the approved permit for each guest to place on their dash. The permits allow temporary on-street parking in areas marked as "No Parking" or to overstay the 7:00 PM limit in timed parking on Surfside and Vanderbilt. Please ensure that guests park at least 20 feet from corners and do not block lines of sight, mailboxes, driveways, trash cans, or fire hydrants. Residents inconvenienced by illegally parked vehicles should contact the host (listed on permit) or police non-emergency number (757-385-5000) for ticketing or towing. The city is reluctant to tow vehicles and officer response times may be dependent upon what is happening elsewhere in the precinct/city. CCL directors do not have a role in the permitting process.

Seasonal Personal Security Awareness: Maintain situational awareness when visiting/shopping in malls this holiday season. Property crimes often increase at this time of year and in tough economic conditions. Here's a select, by no means inclusive, list of safety suggestions.

- Ensure that you have positive control of credit cards, packages, and handbags at all times. Shop without a purse (if possible); carrying a single credit card in a front pocket.
- Keep one hand unencumbered of packages, cell phone, and shopping bags.
- Shop with a friend or family member and watch each other's backs.

¹ This privilege is available to Croatan resident owners only. The city does not allow renters holding large parties to seek/use parking on residential streets otherwise designed as "No Parking." Parking in the Owl Creek Boat Ramp overflow parking lot in Headquarters Road is an option – whether one provides shuttle service or not.

- Park in well lighted areas, close to store entrances.
- Consider periodic trips to vehicle to store packages (especially from high-end retailers) and keep them out of sight – in trunk or under cargo carrier cover.
- Check around your car before unlocking it and lock doors immediately upon entering.
- If you still have a key ring, interlace keys through fingers. If attacked, aim for eyes.
- If you feel you are being followed, return to the mall/store and seek out security/police.
- If in a minor fender-bender that appears intentional, do not open window all the way to exchange information (documents held against glass are legible), consider calling police before exiting vehicle, and ensure you have an escape route if you feel unsafe.
- If shots are heard, seek cover in the deepest part of the store. Many have rear exits.
- **Virginia Beach Emergency Communications can respond to 9-1-1 texts.** If it isn't safe to speak, turn off your phone ringer, and communicate via text.
- When all else fails - **nothing is worth your life** – let the thief have the package!

Parking Lot: During the “off season,” the parking lot at the south end of Vanderbilt closes at 5:30 PM. If locked in, you must call 3-1-1 to have the gates open for you. Worse yet, you may be towed.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC): Second Precinct Commanding Officer, Captain Harry McBrien, thanked citizens for helping reduce property crimes within the precinct. Most noticeably, thefts of and from motor vehicles are down because people are locking their car doors and taking valuables inside with them. Keep up the good work.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti,

CCL Safety and Security Director

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



Croatan Logowear

The Croatan Civic League has an inventory of logowear for sale. The pictures below are all we have available and no new orders are being taken at this time. Please contact Katie for sizes on the shirts and jackets. This is all we have in inventory.

If you wish to purchase one of the items or have any questions please contact Katie Ripberger at katiefr@howardhanna.com.

THANK YOU!



Neighborhood

Welcome Wagon

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

if you know of new
Croatan neighbors



Magazine Collection

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

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



Tidewater Wildlife Rescue Helpline

757-255-8710

A volunteer organization dedicated to assisting orphaned
and injured wildlife throughout Tidewater, Virginia
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