

CCL Newsletter

October, 2023



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

President's Letter

Ladies and Gentlemen,

An important reminder:

Our member social and annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 11th. The theme is "Jewels and Jeans" and will be at the Hunt Club Farm. We will have drinks, dinner, and dancing. All the details can be found on the website at <https://www.croatanbeach.org>. RSVPs must be in by November 3rd. We would appreciate it if you do not wait until the last minute to sign up.

During the annual meeting portion of our evening, we will have a treasurer's report and board of director elections. Up for election are the following residents: Bob Lougen, Janice Nielsen, Frank Borum, Kathy Donahoe, Mike Fantozzi, Jim Ferrera, Cheryl Garvey, Katie Ripberger, Amanda Robinson, and Bill Wren.

If you are interested in joining the board, please contact me.

The Michels and Gierok families are hosting a SUPER HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL for the Croatan neighborhood on Saturday, October 28th. The costume contest starts at 5:00 PM. The location is 428 Maryland Ct. See the ad on the CCL website. This looks like it will be a fun event for children (and other kids of all ages.)

Our CCL Safety and Security Director, M. C. "Connie" Agresti, has in his usual, outstanding fashion, included important notes for everyone to review. They are well-worth reading more than once.

Please see the update on the beach restoration project in this newsletter.

We sent out a note regarding Vice-Mayor (and our Councilwoman) Rosemary Wilson's Townhall/Community Meeting on October 12th at 6:30 PM at Corporate Landing Middle School. The address is 1597 Corporate Landing Pkwy, off Dam Neck Rd. City Council elections aren't until November 2024, so if you want to know what our representative is thinking or bring an issue publicly to her attention, this is a great opportunity.

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

Mike Kelly
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/16 Women's Club
10/19 Book Club
11/6 CCL Meeting
10/28 Neighborhood Halloween Party
11/11 Annual Meeting, Hunt Club



Croatan Beach Update for October

I received the following information last week.

Public Works Engineering Coastal Section staff conducted a field visit of Croatan Beach 09/26/2023. The beach fared quite well through the late September storm. There are no observed signs of breaching of the dunes, loss of the primary dune face or damage to infrastructure along the beachfront. The beach berm width is narrower than its pre-storm position, which is expected. However, it is also expected that the beach berm width will recover post-storm.

In the meantime, the City of Virginia Beach's hydrographic surveying consultant, Waterway Surveys & Engineering, will be conducting a beach profile survey of Croatan Beach the first week of October. The data from this survey will be used to assess the current condition of the beach. It should also be mentioned that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Norfolk District (USACE) will be receiving bids to place sand on both the Resort Beach and Croatan Beach on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 2:00 PM. The USACE is the contract administrator for this upcoming renourishment project.

130,000 cubic yards of beach quality sand will be placed along Croatan Beach as a part of this project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2024.

Mike Kelly

Please Volunteer!!

Coming Soon!



Croatan Book Club

Next Meeting Thursday, October 19, 2023. Time 7 P.M.

Hostess: Marie Early

Place: 717 Vanderbilt

Book: Lessons in Chemistry – Bonnie Garmus

All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not – come to socialize and hear a review of the book) and notify the hostess that you will be attending via a response to the email. Bring a light snack/wine to share, if desired. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, location varies.

Future Selections (in order):

Dancing in the Mosque – Homeira Qaderi

The Maid – Nita Prose

The Violin Conspiracy – Brendan Slocumb

Women's Club Meeting Schedule for the Year

October 16, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023

January 8, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 11, 2024

April 15, 2024

May 6, 2024

June 10, 2024

VBCCO Meeting Update, September 21, 2023

- ✓ Project Wayne Status has not changed.
- ✓ Comp Plan Update. Two years behind on the plan due to COVID. In redevelopment mode since most of Virginia Beach is developed now. A consultant is involved and the target area is outdated strip malls.
- ✓ The 10-1 voting districts ruling was passed on to the State Legislature.
- ✓ The District 1 (Kempsville) Council is leaving post. It will stay open until special election in November.

- ✓ Michael Berlucchi the District 3 Councilman said hello.
- ✓ LRNow, representative for restoring VB water, spoke and requested that we pass on this survey and include in our newsletters. Please use this link for the survey. <https://arcg.is/1T1HOP0>
- ✓ A recommendation to join the National civic league will be considered by the board.
- ✓ A new page will be added to the VBCCO website for neighborhood issues with a section for pros and cons
- ✓ VBCCO election process will start at Oct meeting with elections for two year terms in Nov.
- ✓ Delegate Karen Greenhalgh spearheaded an Energy Forum/Town Hall with key marketing executives from Dominion Energy and Virginia Natural Gas on the panel. Delegate Anne Farrell Tats was in attendance as well. Great information was shared.
- ✓ Next VBCCO meeting is Wednesday October 25, 2023 6:30PM at Bow Creek Recreation Center

Jim Ferrera
Croatan VBCCO Representative

Safety/Security – October, 2023

Residents/Owners: Please share with renters and contractors – be courteous; we all live in this community.

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Fire Prevention Month
- See and Be Seen
- Wet Leaves
- Storms Continue
- Package Delivery
- CAC – November 7 General Election Early Voting; Online Recycling Options

Fire Prevention Month: is observed every October in recognition of the Great Chicago Fire, October 8 – 10, 1871. The VBFD has posted a lengthy notice on Nextdoor addressing some dos and don'ts. Here are some highlights:

- Change batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors this month. Replace detectors if > 10 years old or if testing fails.
- Fires are not permitted on the beach.
- Permits are required for burn pits and bonfires.
- Permitted fires must be at least 50 feet from any structure. (Commercially-sold outdoor fire places must be at least 15 feet from any structure).
- The burning of leaves, limbs, and other yard debris is prohibited.
- A means of extinguishing any fire must be readily available. Put fires out twice – drown the blaze, rake and/or stir the remains, drown it again.

- Ashes must be disposed of in a non-combustible container placed away from any flammable material or structure.

Visit <https://virginiabeach.gov> -> Departments -> Fire -> Fire Prevention for more info.

See and Be Seen: Lower sun angles and increasing dusk during Autumn commuting hours lead to hazards for both drivers and pedestrians.

If walking or biking in dusk or darkness, please wear light colored and/or reflective clothing or shoes, carry a flashlight (could be cellphone feature), and obtain a leash or collar for your dog that has reflective qualities. Be aware that if you are up-sun, drivers may not be able to see you. Try to make eye contact with drivers before crossing a street; or just be patient and wait for sufficient gaps in traffic. Bicycles should have lights if being ridden at night.

If driving, keep these visibility challenges in mind and exercise caution when approaching crosswalks and intersections. Don't drive distracted, maintain a constant scan, and have a good pair of polarized sunglasses. Please refer to owner's manuals for instructions on setting dusk-sensing headlights and daytime running lights (helpful even on sunny days). If using windshield wipers, Virginia State Code requires that headlights be in the "on" position. This will ensure that even the tail lights are illuminated.

Wet Leaves Mean Slick Roads: Rain and dew can leave fallen leaves as slick as ice. Beware of driving or bicycling over them, especially on curves.

Storms Continue: As I write this, I am watching National Hurricane Center track Tropical Storms (T/S) Philippe as it meanders across the Atlantic. We dodged a bullet with T/S Ophelia recently and hope that our luck holds. Hazardous weather warnings and watches have been plentiful of late and those who have lived in Croatan for more than a season or two, know that the winter nor'easters can be especially destructive to our beach and property. Keep your storm survival kits replenished and mind the warnings through VBAAlert, weather.gov, forecast.weather.gov, VB Office of Emergency Management posts on Nextdoor, or some other authoritative source.

Package Delivery: As the Holiday Season approaches, package deliveries increase and are often made by those driving privately owned vehicles rather than marked trucks or vans. Most are legitimate, but this practice leads to increased concerns over potential porch pirates cruising ("casing") the neighborhood. Consider directing delivery to days when someone is at home, speak with a neighbor about taking in packages delivered to doorsteps – especially if you're going to be away from a few days, or direct deliveries to commercial receiving facilities. This option is often listed on eCommerce websites. Neighbors – even if you haven't been asked, keep an eye out for packages being carried away from porches rather than towards them.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC): Will conduct its meeting on October 11. Some topics of discussion will include:

Early Voting is Now Underway for the November 7 General Election. Visit <https://virginiabeach.gov> -> Services -> Elections and Voting for more information. Please note that the 2024 election district numbers (below) have changed from previous years. Croatan's candidates for Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly (98th House of Delegate District) and State Senate (19th State Senate District) are both on the ballot. The delegate race is unopposed. Both candidates for State Senate are new "faces." Ref: [Who's My Legislator? \(virginiageneralassembly.gov\)](https://virginiageneralassembly.gov)

Recycling Options – Vote Online Starting Monday, October 2: The Virginia Beach contract with their recycling company is up for renewal. Local government leaders are seeking public input to influence their decisions on how to proceed. Visit “SpeakUpVB” after October 2 to cast your vote for one of four options:

- **Option 1:** Same services as present with increased cost (estimated at \$2.50 - \$4.00 per household per month).
- **Option 2:** Eliminate curbside recycling and increase number of recycling centers (currently only two) at an estimated cost of \$400,000 each.
- **Option 3:** Develop an opt-in/opt-out recycling process. Cost increase would be a factor of how many households opt-in.
- **Option 4:** Other options not already offered.

The next CAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8 in the conference room of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, Station #14 – 740 VB Blvd (17th Street) - at 7:00 PM. If attending, please park on the east side of the building. This meeting is open to all.

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!!!

Neighborhood Contacts

Magazine Collection

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

Book Collection

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760 Virginia Dare Drive
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For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey
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if you know of new
Croatan neighbors



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Dead or Stranded Marine
Mammal (dolphin, seal, whale)
or Sea Turtle Virginia Aquarium
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