

CCL Newsletter

July, 2024



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

President's Letter

Mike's letter will return next month.

Our next Board meeting will be held August 5th at 6:30. Please let him know if you would like to join this meeting via Zoom.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

7/18 Book Club

8/5 CCL Meeting

CROATAN BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting Thursday,
July 18, 2024 Time 7 P.M.
Hostess: Judi Kiernan
Place: 408 Vanderbilt Avenue
Book: Saved - Benjamin Hall

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)
The Emancipation of Evan Wallis – Jeffrey Blount
Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone – Benjamin Stevenson
Next Year in Havana – Chanel Cleeton

Ordinary Grace – William Kent Kruger
The Measure – Nikki Erlick
The Heaven and Earth Grocery – James McBride
The Women – Kristen Hannah
Becoming Madam Secretary – Stephanie Dray

VBCCO Meeting June 18, 2024

@ Ocean Lakes Community Center

Thomas Lewis, Jr chairman of ICRB = Independent Citizen Review Board

* The purpose of the ICRB is to review resident complaints after Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) Internal Affairs investigations involving allegations of abuse of authority or other serious misconduct to ensure they are complete, accurate and factually supported.

* ICRB is an 11 member board (volunteers, not paid) appointed by the City Council but may also include 2 non-voting members with law enforcement experience.

* Collectively the ICRB board completed more than 600 hours of training prior to beginning their duties.

* To learn more about how a request for review is filed, who can request a review or any other questions please visit VirginiaBeach.gov/ICRB or attend their monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

2. Ruth Hill Director of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation

* Four Divisions: Code Enforcement, Homeless Services, Home Rehab and Housing Choice Voucher

* For more information call (757)385-5750 or VirginiaBeach.gov/HousingMatters or HousingInfo@gov.com

Submitted by James Ferrera

Women's Club 2024-2025 New Officers

President - Elizabeth Kasprak
Vice President - Linda Richie Royal
Recording Secretary - Laura Saltzer
Corresponding Secretary - Jackie Feagan
Treasurer - Susan Savage
Programs Chair - Diane Ferrera

Safety/Security – July, 2024

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Bicycle Safety, including E-bikes
- Thunderstorms
- Beach Safety Reminders
- CAC – situational awareness/personal security

Bicycle Safety: Bicyclists are reminded of requirements to obey traffic laws – ride with traffic, comply with signage, and wear helmets – required if 14-years-of-age or younger. E-bikes offer the thrill of speed but should not be operated in excess of the automobile speed limit. Ride responsibly. I watched a teen scream down Ft. Raleigh/Bushnell the other day, blow through stop signs, and squeal his brakes to avoid Croatan Road traffic all without a helmet or footwear. Yeah, I was young once and I remember the exhilaration of going fast. Now, I've got scars.

Bicyclists – see and be seen. You have an obligation to ensure that you are seen. Wear light or bright colors during the day; mount lights or reflectors and wear reflective clothing at night. Make eye contact with drivers in meeting, passing, or crossing situations.

Drivers – state law requires that you give bicyclists at least three feet of lateral space when you pass them. If this means waiting for a clear spot in oncoming traffic – so, be it.

Thunderstorms: We've had some pretty intense thunder-boomers of late. **VBAAlert** provides text notifications of impending severe weather. It is a free download to iPhone or Android. Please use it.

If you hear thunder or see lightning, get off the beach. Lightning will strike the highest point around. On the beach, that could be you. Storms usually approach Croatan from the southwest passing to the northeast, so check behind you, especially when storms are forecast.

Beach Safety Reminders:

- For your own, and everyone else's safety, please fill in holes dug in the sand, whether by humans or your animals.
- If you level it on the sand, it can end up in the water, where wildlife can ingest it. Please protect our wildlife.
- Stay off of Dunes: The dunes contain many buried hidden hazards such as rusted and jagged fence posts, etc. Cuts in feet and other fleshy body parts will lead to a tetanus shot and several days out of the water. Also, it is illegal to dislodge any grass or vegetation growing on the dunes.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC): Meets every second Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the conference room of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad #14, 740 VB Blvd (17th Street). CAC meetings are open to all.

The Second Precinct CAC serves as a tax-exempt conduit for sending money and in-kind donations to the Virginia Beach Animal Care and Adoption Center, 341 S. Birdneck Road. The Care Center is always seeking volunteers.

The CAC is seeking volunteers to spend 2 – 4 hours setting-up, serving, and cleaning-up the Independence Day Adopt-a-Muster event to feed the expected 150+ police officers and sheriff deputies who will be working the Oceanfront on that day. The food is arranged, but we need warm bodies to assist. This will be held on Thursday, July 4 from 2:30 – 6:00 PM at the Precinct Headquarters (820 VB Blvd (17th Street) – enter from the 18th Street side. Please let Connie Agresti or Jenny Perry (757-724-2232) know if you can help out.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti,
CCL Safety and Security Director

Neighborhood Contacts

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Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey
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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



Book Collection

Betty Rosignolo
760 Virginia Dare Drive
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For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

Magazine Collection

Michele Speight,
Teen Crisis Intervention
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Croatan Civic League Board of Directors

Name	Title
Mike Kelly	President, VB Gov
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M.C. "Connie" Agresti	Director, Security, Citizen's Advisory Committee
Frank Borum	Director, Traffic Mgmt.
Kathy Donahoe	Director, Newsletter
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