

CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the Summer despite the hot, muggy weather we are having. We did, however, have a beautiful 4th of July weekend. A long-time Croatan resident said that the beach was the most crowded they had ever seen.

My theme and plea are for you to consider joining the Croatan Civic League Board. The board is authorized fifteen members in accordance with our by-laws. We have twelve. Most have been board members for six years or more – several in double digits. Besides the board officer positions and those responsibilities, your board members cover neighborhood safety and security, traffic safety, membership, directory updates, welcome wagon, landscaping, annual Spring Fling, other social and children's programs, website maintenance, monthly newsletter, neighborhood outreach and communications, beach improvement, and liaison to external organizations (2nd Precinct Citizens Advisory Committee, Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations, City Council and staff, State Military Reservation, U.S. Navy, and others as needed). Some responsibilities are a couple of hours a month; some are more.

We do much with a few people.

The members of the board are all volunteers. They care about the neighborhood and want to keep it as exceptional as it is. The CCL has been in existence since 1992 – 33 years. And, just like past board members, current members have done their part. Some board members are ready to “retire and pass the flags” to others. It is time for a fresh look with new, enthusiastic volunteers.

Speaking frankly, some CCL activities will stop because the board does not have enough people to keep them going. I have even imagined the possibility of ending the Croatan Civic League. Perhaps that is not a big deal to you, but I think that it would be a significant loss to this great neighborhood.

We need you. Interested in talking more about it – email me at my address below!

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,
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Croatan Beach Renourishment Project Update



This is a collaborative effort with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Virginia Port Authority, and the City of Virginia Beach. Kelly Mills, the city project manager, said that they do not have much control over the contractor. The contractor works for the US Army Corps of Engineers. The city is the “go between” entity who disseminates information to the residents, and provides real estate, logistics support, and institutional knowledge as needed.

Kelly said that, “No municipality would choose summer for a beach replenishment.” There are only five or six US companies in the beach nourishment industry. The timeline for the Chesapeake Bay Channel Widening Project, the source of the sand, and contractor availability drove the schedule.

The renourishment is a 24/7 operation and is expected to be on Thursday, July 10th. I am not sure how restrictive beach access will be while the contractor is working. It will likely be in 1000-ft segments with safety fencing around the area. But it could be larger. In the resort beach area, the contractor tied up 1500-ft sections (500-ft of pre-work, 500-ft of work area, and 500-ft of post work area). The contractor typically completes about 300’ per day. But, if the contractor runs into delays, the schedule may change.

Stay off the dunes. If you are on the beach, be safe and stay away from the working areas. If you live on the beach, you may not have direct access to the beach while the work is going on.

Hurricane protection is the goal. Your safety is paramount.

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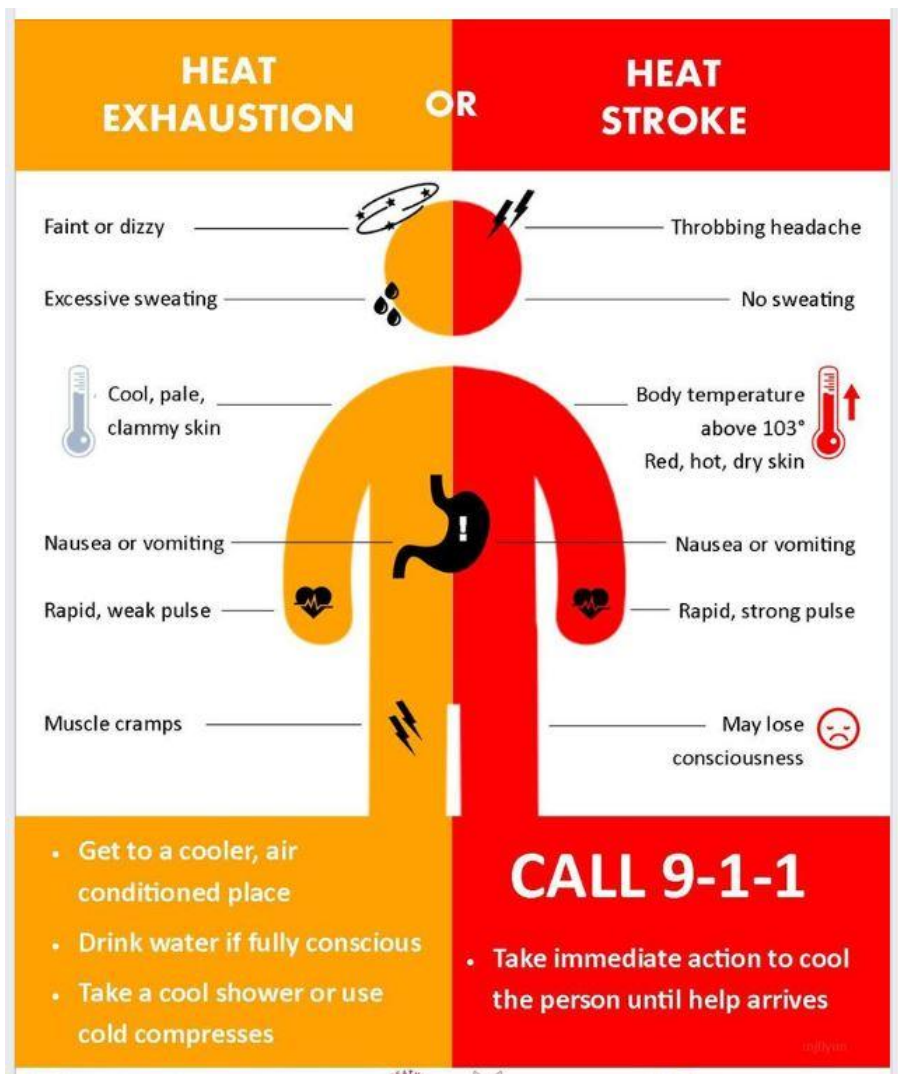
*****Please Share with Renters & Contractors*****

Bottom Line Up Front:


- Baby it's **HOT** Out There – Heat Stroke & Heat Exhaustion Warning Signs
- Dogs on Beach – Dangerously Hot Sand, etc.
- Many New Laws, eff. July 1
- Security Patrols
- CAC – No Meeting in July



Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke: As I write this, Virginia Beach is in the midst of a three-day Extreme Heat Warning. Officials encourage limiting outdoor activities, wearing loose-fitting, light-colored garments, and staying hydrated. The very young (e.g., infants and toddlers) and elders are especially susceptible to heat-related maladies that can be life threatening. Please study the chart below and heed its advice.



Dogs on Croatan Beach: Beyond inconveniencing beachgoers, another reason that ***dogs are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM*** is that the sand can get dangerously hot, exceeding 135° F - hot enough to blister their paws. Show concern for your “best friend” by walking them during the cooler hours of early morning or evening. Dogs, especially those with heavy coats, can also get heat exhaustion and heat stroke with many of the same symptoms as listed for humans.

> PROTECT YOUR DOG'S PAWS			WEATHER AUTHORITY
AIR TEMP	CONCRETE	ASPHALT	
80°	95°	115°	
85°	105°	130°	
90°	125°	140°	
95°	140°	155°	
7 SECOND RULE - PLACE HAND ON THE SURFACE TOO HOT FOR YOUR HAND, TOO HOT FOR YOUR HOUND			

New State Laws: Governor Youngkin has signed numerous bills that institute new laws that go into effect July 1, 2025. Please visit this excellent article for a summation of the most significant: <https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/local/virginia/new-virginia-laws-july-1-2025/291-e9a88733-d57a-4dac-966e-2fb3288f1e43>

Croatan Security Patrols: Congratulations to Master Police Officer Christopher K. Daley, one of our VBPD officers who provides security in Croatan during his off-duty hours, for his selection to the rank Sergeant.

During the past week, Sgt-select Daley has been busy monitoring traffic and parking. He has issued one warning and two summonses for excessive speed, four summonses for stop-sign violations, 32 parking tickets, and made one felony arrest. That's an impressive record worth noting for those who claim they never see our security patrols.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

The June CAC meeting was held in conjunction with District 5 Councilwoman/Deputy Mayor Rosemary Wilson's Town Hall at the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center on June 11. Topics included the proposed redesign of Rudee Loop, Police, Fire, and EMS performance and safety tips, and Phase 1 of the 17th Street Improvement Project. The details were disseminated via Constant Contact last month but can still be found on <https://virginiabeach.gov>.

Due to the staffing demand of numerous Oceanfront events, there will be no CAC meeting in July. **The next CAC meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 9** at the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Building, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd (17th Street). Enter conference room on east side of the building, where there is plentiful free parking. CAC meetings are open to all.

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

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be held at Sharon Cherry's house:

673 S. Atlantic Ave. July 17th, start time 7pm.

Book we are discussing is: Hillbilly Elegy - J.D. Vance.

You can also watch the movie on Netflix and come discuss with us.



Future books:

August 21st - The Rose Code - Kate Quinn (Very popular so get on wait lists now)

September 18th - Harlem Shuffle - Colson Whitehead

October 16th - God of The Woods (also popular so check wait lists)

November 20th - Yours Truly - Abby Jimenez

December 18th - Circe - Madeline Miller (fictionalized Greek Mythology)

January 15th - Throne of Glass - Sarah J. Maas (this is first in a fantasy series and was re-released in 2021 very popular right now with people of all ages)

Any questions? Email or call Cindy Kilmer cynthiakilmer@verizon.net or 703-470-1996. Looking forward to spending time with some new and old members!



CROATAN "BE BONE STRONG" WALKING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Midweek Evening Walks: Every Thursday starting on Thursday, July 10th, the Be Bone Strong Walking Club will meet at 7pm on the corner of Croatan Rd/Kerry Lane for a one-hour easy walk and talk around the neighborhood.

Midweek Morning Walks: Every Tuesday morning starting on Tuesday, July 8th, the Be Bone Strong Walking Club will meet at 7am on the corner of Croatan Rd/Kerry Lane for a one hour (or more) walk. If the group wants, we can do the Japanese Interval Walking Training (IWT) program (3 mins of fast walking/3 mins of slow walking repeated for 3 miles. View the

Tuesday morning 7am walk as an 'intentional exercise walk'. Depending on the group that joins us that day, we might go longer than an hour. But it will always be a group decision regarding how far, how fast, how long.

Saturday Morning Walks: The Be Bone Strong Walking Club will continue to meet every Saturday morning at 7:30am on the same corner -- Croatan Rd/Kerry Lane.

Let's Register for a Race and Speed Walk it Together as a Team! I'm registering for the annual Virginia Beach 10 Miler and I encourage you to do the same. It'll be fun! We can walk together and get our medals together! And part of the course passes right by Croatan! Reach out to me with any questions you might have and of course, let me know if you registered so I can start to keep a "VB 10 Miler List". Here's the link to get more info and register: <https://virginiabeach10miler.com>

Barbara + Bettina

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CROATAN'S LITTLE LIBRARY

A big **THANK YOU** to the Croatan resident that left a bag of summer reads for Croatan's Little Library!!! Remember, there are books for all ages!

Suggestions or Questions? Please don't hesitate to send an email to: littlelibrary@croatanbeach.org.

Enjoy your summer reading!



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