

CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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VICE-PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello,

We have had several successful community events in the past 30 days. The April member social at Warriors Taphouse was well attended and the staff at Warriors did a great job taking care of us. We also had our first of two neighborhood Garage Sale last Saturday despite the rain. The page on our website listing the homes and sale items seemed to work well. The annual Croatan Cares 5K Walk/Run last Sunday successfully raised \$1300 for the FoodBank! Thanks to all that participated. This Saturday May 9th is the second Garage Sale day.

Upcoming events:

Croatan Walking Club - Every Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m., intersection of Croatan Road and Kerry Lane.

Annual Garage Sale #2 - Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 2pm.

[Click here](#) for a list of addresses

Road Closure - Northbound General Booth closed Saturday May 9th, 7:00am -10:30am

Spring Fling - Saturday, May 30th, 3:30-8:00 p.m. at the Point at the north end of Croatan Beach. All residents are invited. Buy your tickets by [clicking here](#).

This year's Spring Fling will be open to all adult residents of Croatan. Children are not allowed because of the restrictions imposed by our ABC license.

Our sponsor is Dominion Energy. The entry fee for each adult is \$20 with RSVP. The reason for the fee is to ensure a reliable headcount to have enough food and drink for everyone. The entry fees collected will be added to the Dominion fund for next year Spring Fling and children's programs.

Instead of a raffle, we are going to have door prizes. Everyone will get a single ticket at check-in, and we will have several drawings throughout the day.

Short Term Rentals – Short term rental rules can be found [here](#) . To report violations, call 757-385-8862.

The next Board meeting is on Monday, July 6th.

Bob Lougen, Vice-President, Croatan Civic League



Road Construction, Traffic, and Pedestrian Safety: Road construction abounds, but it is especially concerning is adjacent to Croatan Road as the State Military Reservation (SMR) constructs a new entry gate at on General Booth Blvd and Headquarters Road.



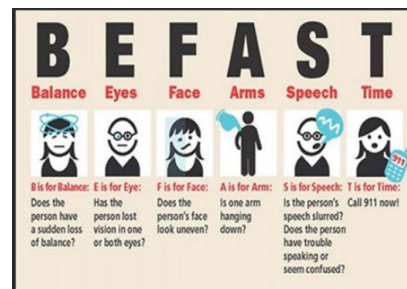
- Be conscious of lane closures, traffic cones, merging and turning traffic.
- Be wary of sight-distance compromises from portable traffic control signs.
- Be suspicious of turn signals or lack thereof.
- Be patient – as single lanes will reduce gaps in traffic thereby inhibiting opportunities to turn.
- Consider re-routing your travel to increase the use of right-hand turns.
- As weather warms, expect increased bicyclist and pedestrian traffic further complicating the picture.
- E-bikes – can't say enough about need for caution – they're fast, quiet, and often operated recklessly. Riders are obliged to respect and follow the rules of the road. The city's website has a dedicated E-bike page: [E-bikes | City of Virginia Beach](#) .

Bicyclists and E-bicyclists: ensure that you have lights on your two-wheeler. Wear light colored and/or reflective clothing and be aware of vehicles. Do not assume that a driver sees you just because you can see the car. Wear a helmet – mandatory if 14-or-under.

Dogs on Croatan Beach: Beginning 10:00 AM Saturday, May 23, dogs may not be on Croatan Beach between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. (Legitimately registered/marked service animals are allowed during the restricted hours but must be leashed or in escape-proof containers). Comfort and emotional support animals are ***not*** included in this exception. All dogs are allowed leashed or unleashed (if under handler's verbal control) on the beach until 10:00 AM and after 6:00 PM daily (daylight hours only). Handlers must clean up after their animals. Bag dispensers and trash barrels are available at every beach entrance.

- **Oceanfront Resort Area:** Dogs are ***not allowed*** on the Resort Area Oceanfront sand beach from Rudee Inlet north to 42nd Street. This is a 24/7 rule during “the season.”¹ The rules for dogs on beaches north of 42nd Street are the same as for Croatan (see above).
- **Boardwalk:** Leashed dogs are allowed on the Oceanfront Boardwalk and grass surfaces west of the boardwalk between the hours of 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Again, owners must clean up their pet's waste.

Stroke Awareness Month: May is Stroke Awareness Month. Learn and know the signs of a stroke in yourself and others. Google “Stroke Awareness” to learn more and remember **BE FAST**. Strokes are life-threatening emergencies – **call 9-1-1**.



Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins June 1: Take the time to review your Hurricane Preparedness Kit, identify your evacuation zone ([Know Your Zone](#)), “favorite” the National Weather Center out of Wakefield, Virginia at <https://forecast.weather.gov>, and subscribe to **VBAAlert** ([More About VBAAlert](#)) for weather warnings and guidance.

All of Croatan is in either Evacuation Zone A, B, or C. Forecasters predict an above average Hurricane Season in 2026. What we observed last year is that warmer ocean temperatures contribute to building massive (Cat 5) storms very quickly. You must re-register with *VBAAlert* **at least every six months** to continue receiving severe weather notifications.

Croatan Parking Lot: Despite the directions of the on the City’s website ([Croatan Parking](#)), the kiosks remain covered. The cellphone apps *Passport Parking*, *HONK*, and *VBGo* are supposed to work for payment. Personally, I have not been able to download *VBGo*. I am also trying to verify reports that *HONK* assesses a fifty cent (\$0.50) charge for each usage. I don’t know about the others but will let everyone know when I get responses from those in charge.

Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC): Next CAC meeting will be held at the Second Precinct Police Headquarters, 820 VB Blvd (aka: 17th Street) on **Wednesday, May 13 at 6p.** Please park in the Convention Center parking lot along VB Blvd and enter through the main entrance. CAC meetings are open to all. Expect discussion on curfews, recent oceanfront violence, E-bike regulation, etc. The Second Precinct will be welcoming a new Commander – **Captain James Gordon.**

Military Appreciation Month will be recognized by VB Parks and Recreation with free access to all Recreation Centers on Fridays through May 29 to all active duty, military retirees, veterans, and dependents. For more information [click here](#).

Memorial Day: Memorial Day weekend 2026 in Virginia Beach (May 22–25) features the annual [Salute to Summer](#) beach party, with free nightly concerts at oceanfront parks (17th, 24th, and 31st streets) from May 22–24, featuring bands like The Deloreans. The city hosts a formal [Memorial Day Ceremony](#) on Monday, May 25, 2026, at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial.

National Police “Week” is May 5 – 15. Residents are invited to burn a blue porch or window light during this period as a show of support for and solidarity with police.

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



CROATAN WOMEN’S CLUB



Croatan ladies, the Croatan Women's Club’s May meeting:
WHEN: Wednesday, May 13th @ 6:30
WHERE: 555 S. Atlantic Ave (Elizabeth Antolak’s home). Elevator provided.
SPEAKER: Color Analysis.... What Season Am I?
Find more information and RSVP on our website
<https://www.croatanwomen.com>

Hope to see you there!
Elizabeth Kasprak, Croatan Women’s Club President

CROATAN "BE BONE STRONG" WALKING CLUB

Spring is here! Let's walk!

Our Saturday morning walks are a simple (and surprisingly powerful) way to build consistency, strength, and friendships, and it'll help kickstart the weekend with fresh air, friendly faces, and a little momentum.

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

We have different pace groups, so you can choose what works for you. Come out Saturday at 8am (weather permitting/an email will be sent ONLY if cancelling), and just maybe it'll turn into a weekly routine.

Meet-up spot: Corner of Croatan Rd. & Kerry Lane. Please feel free to share this with friends, neighbors, or family members who might want to join us.

See you Saturday!

Barbara + Bettina

Croatan *Be Bone Strong* Walking Club



BOOK CLUB

New Members Welcome!

Our next meeting will be held at Eileen Wren's home (518 Bushnell Dr) on **May 21st, start time 6:30pm**. We are discussing [The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar](#), a historical fiction read based on the life of Van Gogh's daughter-in-law and how she fought tirelessly to have Vincent Van Gogh's art displayed in museums.



Future reads:

June 18th - Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

July 16th - the Stolen Queen by Fiona Davis

August 20th - Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

September 17th - Beneath A Scarlet Sky Mark Sullivan

More titles coming soon

Book reads are chosen by age, availability at library in print and audiobook form, plus suitability for the group and a mix of genres. Movie versions are also acceptable forms for discussion.

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



IN MEMORIAM



We want to share with the community that long time resident of Croatan, Bernie Iliff, has passed away. Our condolences to the Iliff family. Family and friends are invited to a gathering at the HD Oliver Funeral Laskin Rd. Chapel May 8th from 4 – 6PM.

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