

# CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2026

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a short newsletter because we had no CCL Director's meeting in June.

The weather is beautiful and getting hot. We saw 95 degrees on Saturday, June 6th.

However, during Spring Fling last week on May 30th, we had a great temp at 68 to 72 and wind at 15 mph by the evening from the northeast. The wind made things quite cool and, as a result, very few people stayed until the end. Still another great event. The food from Beach Bully was outstanding. We tried hamburgers this year and they went over well. We had a bit of leftover food which was donated to the VBPD 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct. The beer was donated to that very special group at Dam Neck. Cheryl Garvey brought two terrific cakes from Harris Teeter. What was left of the cake was given to those who stayed and

helped with cleanup. Finally, the Dominion donation helped keep costs down and allowed us to purchase great door prizes. We have enough money left over to host a similar event next year.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, or helped with setup and cleanup. Community events like Spring Fling are successful because of the many residents who pitch in behind the scenes.

I would like to give a special thank you to the Croatan businesses/individuals who so generously donated door prizes for our event:

- Carl Eason – Wolcott River Gates
- Regina Amick – Wolcott River Gates
- John Basilone – Wolcott River Gates
- Katie Ripberger – Howard Hannah
- Jenn Mapp Bressan – Mappcraft-Tiny Closet, Tons of Style
- Nirali Trovato – Towne Wealth Management
- Lisa Allen – Biomechanic Physical Therapy
- Debbi Kassir – Aldo's Ristorante & Bar

Don't the flags along Croatan Road look great? The idea came from Carol Skarbeck. Thanks to the Garveys for making it happen.

## Question: Should we keep the flags flying year-round?

It will cost a few extra bucks because the flags must remain serviceable with no fading, fraying, or tearing.

**“Connie” Agresti has, as always, good safety & security information in the newsletter. Please take a moment to read.**

Our next CCL Director’s Meeting is on Monday, July 6th at 6:30 PM. Location is TBD.

All the best and stay safe,

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## SAFETY/SECURITY – JUNE 2026

**\*\*\*Please share with renters & contractors\*\*\***

### Bottom Line Up Front:

- Nighttime road construction
- Seasonal Speed Limit on Pacific Avenue
- Beach Safety Tips (Annual Reminder)
- Balloons Kill Animals – Wedding/Graduation Celebrants Take Note
- Dogs on the Beach
- Atlantic Hurricane Season Began June 1
- CAC – Economic Crimes Briefing; Maryland High School Weekend; Oceanfront Events



**Night Work on General Booth:** Weather permitting, nighttime construction will limit passage on Gen. Booth Blvd to one lane between the hours of 8p and 6a through June 17. Adjust your speed accordingly, including traveling below 35 MPH when necessary for your safety and the safety of workers.

**Pacific Avenue Speed Limit** is down to **25 MPH** between 16<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets for the summer. Pay attention!! There have been multiple pedestrian fatalities in Virginia Beach lately (including on Pacific Avenue).

**Beach Safety Tips:** As an annual service to our residents and visitors, these safety tips are provided to help make your vacation safe and day at the beach fun:

- Do not enter the water alone
- Do not dive into the water head first
- Watch small children at the water’s edge
- Respect designated bathing and surfing zones
- Do not enter the water where people are fishing
- Read and understand how to escape a rip current (see graphic elsewhere in this newsletter)

- Bring only plastic shovels and dig holes no more than two feet deep
- Fill in any holes dug by you or your pet
- Please stay off dunes. These are fragile ecosystems, currently being rebuilt. Disrupting flora is a misdemeanor. Additionally, buried fence posts and other rusted metal can inflict serious injuries.
- Wear sunscreen to protect skin and sunglasses to protect eyes
- Stay hydrated with non-alcoholic beverages

...and as a courtesy to all, please pick up and dispose of all trash.

**Balloons Kill Animals - Weddings and Graduations celebrants take note:** The release of lighter than air balloons from the beach is prohibited in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Balloons eventually lose buoyancy and come down at sea where they can be ingested by marine mammals and birds, inhibiting their ability to breathe or swallow. The fine for such release is \$25 per balloon. Please don't kill "Flipper."

**Dogs on Croatan Beach:** Dogs are allowed to be on Croatan Beach only before 10a and after 6p daily. They may be leashed (or run unleashed provided they are under their handler's verbal control). Handlers are responsible for picking up pet waste. Plastic bag dispensers and trash receptacles are available at all beach access paths.

**Atlantic Hurricane Season Began June 1:** Take the time to review your Hurricane Preparedness Kit, identify your evacuation zone ([Know Your Zone | VDEM \(vaemergency.gov\)](#)), "favorite" the National Weather Center out of Wakefield, Virginia at <https://forecast.weather.gov>, and subscribe to *VBAAlert* ([More About VBAAlert :: VBgov.com - City of Virginia Beach](#)) 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 2025. 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.

**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC):** Meetings are conducted every second Wednesday of the month at the Second Precinct Muster Room, 820 VB Blvd (aka: 17<sup>th</sup> Street) beginning at **6p**. The next meeting is on **June 10** and is open to all citizens. Come and meet the new Second Precinct Commander, Captain James J. Gordon. If attending, please park in the Convention Center parking lot and enter through the main entrance to the precinct.

**Drones:** VBPD is preparing to deploy six drones to three high-rise locations along the Oceanfront under a "[Drone as First Responder](#)" program. These drones can be launched remotely and survey incidents and provide situational awareness prior to arrival of officers. He stated that police are coordinating with Fire/Rescue and Coast Guard into the possibility of deploying personal flotation devices (PFDs) from drones to assist swimmers in trouble until human lifesavers can arrive.

**Mayor's Task Force for a Safer Virginia Beach:** Some of you have read of my appointment to this Task Force. I can use insight into the mindset of the young adolescent (heavy lift, right) into why interactions frequently result in violence; and why that violence frequently turns deadly. What can we offer, as a community, to stem this violence? How do we teach our young that the strong man walks away? How can we dissuade poor decisions that destroy lives, families, livelihoods, and career opportunities in a world where not everyone has loving and devoted parents. My email is [mcaiii@aol.com](mailto:mcaiii@aol.com).

M. C. "Connie" Agresti,  
CCL Safety and Security Director

## CROATAN BHOF 'BE BONE STRONG' WALKING CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Thanks to everyone who signed up to join the Croatan Walking Club at the Spring Fling! We're looking forward to many walks with you in the months to come.

### CHANGE OF START TIME:

Due to the increasingly warmer temperatures, we will change our start time to 7:30am from 8:00am, effective Saturday June 13th. We will still meet at the corner of Croatan Road and Kerry Lane.

### BE INFORMED ABOUT YOUR BONES:

Get more information about how to protect your bones and even build back bone density from the only U.S. not-for-profit that focuses on bone health and the prevention of osteoporosis: <https://www.bonehealthandosteoporosis.org>.

See you Saturday mornings!

**Barbara + Bettina**

Croatan *Be Bone Strong* Walking Club



## BOOK CLUB

### New Members Welcome!

This month our book is Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali. Please join us June 18th at Sharon Cherry's house at 673 South Atlantic at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the book.



Future reads:

July 16th - The Stolen Queen by Fiona Davis

August 20th - Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

September 17th – Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

*More titles coming soon*

Please join us if you have read any of these books and would like to discuss. We read a variety of genres based on recommendations from our members. 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. For more information please email Cindy Kilmer at [cynthiakilmer@verizon.net](mailto:cynthiakilmer@verizon.net) or call Cindy at 703-470-1996.

## CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB



Please join us for our June BEACH BASH!  
Celebrating the Season & Looking Ahead.  
Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.  
736 Virginia Dare Drive.  
Graciously hosted by Victoria Crenshaw.  
BYOB – Food Provided.

The final Croatan Women's Club gathering of the 2025-2026 season!

Find more information and RSVP on our website

<https://www.croatanwomen.com>

Hope to see you there!

Elizabeth Kasprak



Croatan Women's Club President



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