

CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We just celebrated the 250th anniversary of our founding. What a great day! The neighborhood looked terrific with flags, bunting, and other expressions of patriotism and love of our country. I know everyone saw the flags on Croatan Road. Did you see the chalked stars on the sidewalk and bike path? That was an amazing effort by a few of our neighbors.

Well, the 4th of July was also very hot and the long-range weather reports tell us that this excessive heat will continue through the summer. "Connie" Agresti's safety and security notes highlight the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Please read them carefully and don't stress yourself (or your pets) to a point where medical attention is needed.

The annual Spring Fling, held on June 6th, was a great success even though the strong sea breeze got colder as the evening went on. The food was great and the addition of hamburgers was well received. We had 237 people attend. Thanks to all the board members who helped to set everything up, the Croatan businesses/individuals who generously donated door prizes, and to all of those who attended.

The schedule for the rest of the year will include all the events that we have had in the past. We will publish that soon.

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

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SAFETY/SECURITY – JULY 2026

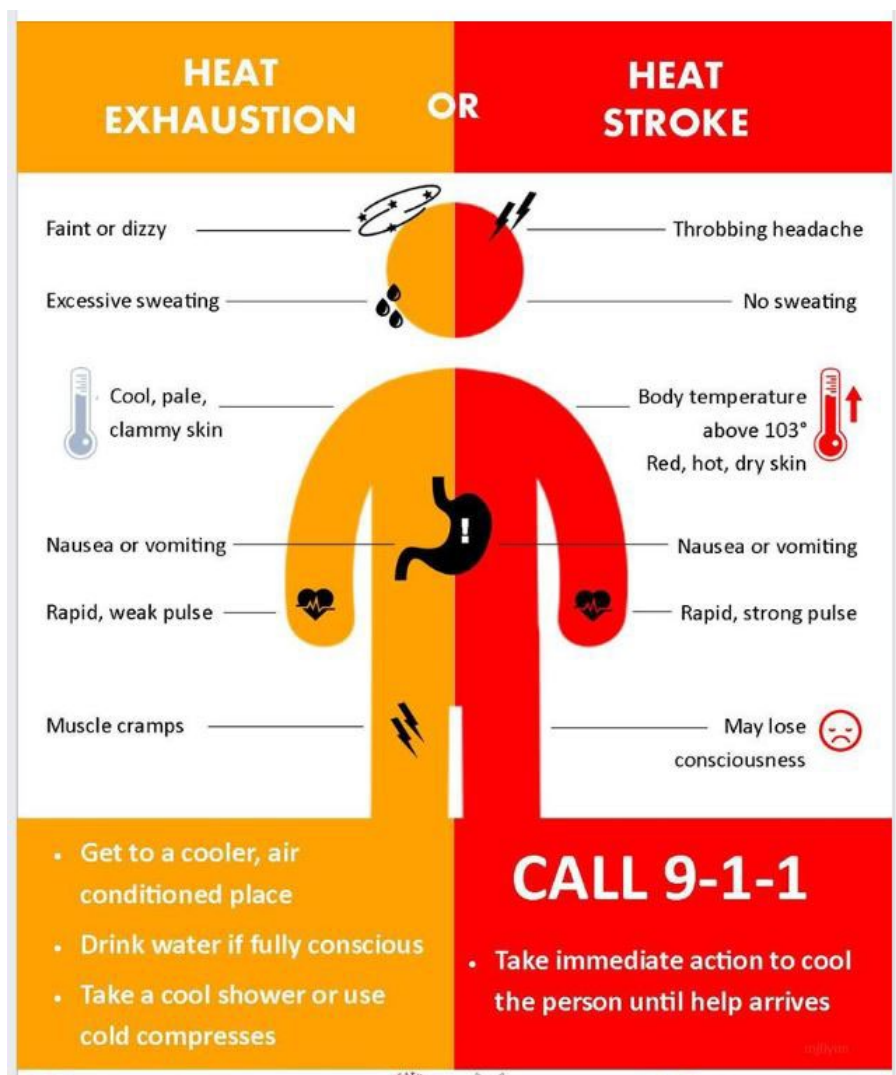
Please share with renters & contractors

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Baby it's **HOT** Out There – Heat Stroke and Heat Exhaustion Warning Signs
- Dogs on Beach – Dangerously Hot Sand, etc.
- Security Patrols
- Rip Current Escape Technique
- CAC – Officer of the Quarter, Drones as First Responder, etc.



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.

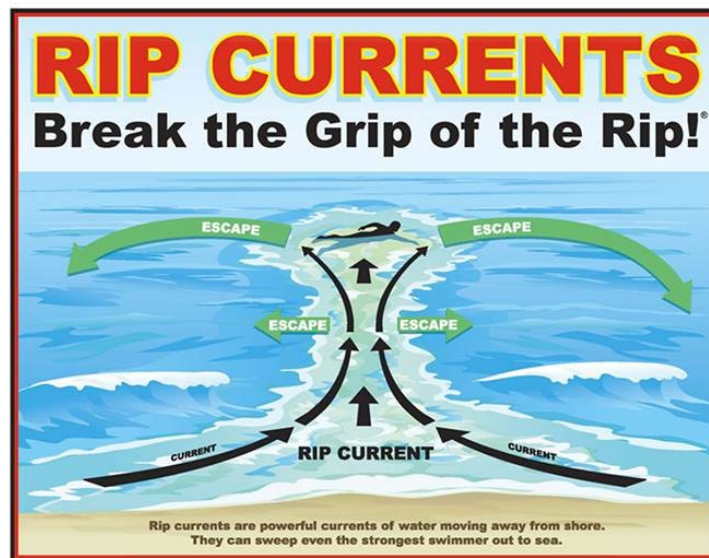


Dogs on Croatan Beach: Dogs are allowed on Croatan Beach before 10a and after 6p. Two reasons: (1) crowds, and (2) blazingly hot sand. On days like Independence Day weekend, sand temperatures can exceed 135° F - hot enough to blister your feet and dog paws. “Show the love” for your best friend by walking 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. Keep them hydrated.

Croatan Security Patrols: Duty demands have limited the availability of officers to perform patrols in Croatan. During June, eight hours of patrol yielded six traffic stops (5 summonses and 1 warning), plus beach and neighborhood patrols. Two parking tickets were also issued.

Rip Current Escape Technique: I mentioned but omitted this graphic from last month’s newsletter. Please read, heed, and post. Rip currents occur ***frequently*** along our beaches.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org



Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC): The July CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, July 8 at 6p in the Second Precinct Muster Room, 820 VB Blvd (aka: 17th Street). We will be honoring an Officer of the Quarter, discussing recent oceanfront events and the debut of Drones as a First Responder program, as well as planning for the remainder of the summer meetings. Free parking is available at the Convention Center parking lot adjacent to the precinct building's main 17th Street entrance. CAC meetings are open to all.

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

CROATAN BHOF 'BE BONE STRONG' WALKING CLUB

CHANGE OF START TIME:

Due to the increasingly warmer temperatures, we have changed our start time to 7:30am from 8:00am. 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 *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis.

Please join us July 16th at Diane Ferrara's house at 539 South Atlantic at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the book.

Future reads:

August 20th - *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghly

September 17th – *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

October 15th - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

November 19th - *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

December 17th- *The Natural Way of Things* by Charlotte Wood

January 2027 *Remain* by Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan

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 selections 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.



Have a book you liked that you want to share with the group? For more information, please email Cindy Kilmer at cynthiakilmer@verizon.net or call Cindy at 703-470-1996.

CROATAN SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to Croatan resident Allison Swan on having her painting chosen for the Neptune festival poster! (The 52nd Annual Neptune Festival Boardwalk Weekend will take place on September 25-27th at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.)

To read more about Allison, her artwork, and the poster please go to the following [link](#).



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR VIRGINIA BEACH RESIDENTS



Keep these numbers handy. We're here to help!



EMERGENCY: 911

All emergencies



NON-EMERGENCY: (757) 385-5000

This line operates 24/7 and is used to request police services or report issues that do not require an immediate, life-saving response (such as fireworks, noise complaints etc.)



NON-PUBLIC SAFETY - DIAL 311 OR 757-385-3111

This is a single point of contact for non-public safety municipal inquiries, neighborhood maintenance, and general information.



VB ONLINE PORTAL:

<https://vb311.virginiabeach.gov/>

To request service or report issues



SHORT TERM RENTAL COMPLAINTS: 757-385-8862

To report issues with Virginia Beach-based short-term rentals



VA AQUARIUM STRANDING RESPONSE TEAM 757-385-7575

Marine mammals & sea turtles that come ashore and need assistance



EVELYN'S WILDLIFE RESCUE (757) 434-3439

Rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife



TIDEWATER WILDLIFE RESCUE (757) 255-8710

Injured wildlife



VIRGINIA BEACH ANIMAL CONTROL 757-385-4444

Stray, abused, and abandoned animals



THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE VIRGINIA BEACH
A SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITY!

