

CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Summer is over, the kids are back in school, restaurants are not as crowded, and the dogs reclaim the beach on Monday, September 7, at 6:00 p.m. Most are looking forward to a beautiful Fall. It can't come soon enough and, hopefully, with some rain. Overall, August was very dry in our immediate vicinity and September looks to be not much better.

Upcoming Events:

Sep 4 (Friday, 5:30-6:30pm)	Ice Cream Social 505 Bushnell Drive
Oct 3 (Saturday, 8:30am-1pm)	Croatan Garage Sale
Oct 25 (Sunday 5:00-7:30pm)	CCL Annual Meeting & Social (Board Elections) Surf Rider Restaurant 501 Birdneck Road
Oct 31 (Saturday Afternoon – Time TBD)	Children's Halloween Party Maryland Court cul de sac
Nov 15 (Sunday 2:00-4:00pm)	Pictures with Santa Croatan Beach
Dec (Time/Location TBD)	CCL Holiday Social
Dec (Time/Location TBD)	Walk the Lights

Elections for the 2027 Board of Directors will be on Sunday, October 25, at the Annual Meeting.

I want to thank Amanda Robinson and Pat Costigan for their participation on the Board as directors. Amanda is leaving the Board but will continue to help with the Children's events. Pat spent 2 years as our Treasurer and is ready for a break.

The following people are up for reelection as Directors for the 2027-2028 Board years:

Michael "Connie" Agresti, Amber Alvarez Torgerson & Michael Kelly

We have three new members to be voted for:

Chuck Womack, Nic Masarone, and Mary Adams

With the addition of Chuck, Nic and Mary, the Board will have 12 directors. Our By-Laws allow up to 15, so we have room for 3 more directors. We need some fresh ideas and energy. If you want to help keep Croatan great, please consider joining the Board. Contact me if you are interested.

Thanks, Mike

Mike Kelly
President, Croatan Civic League

Please share with your renters and contractors

Bottom Line Up Front:

- School's Open – Please Drive Carefully
- Lifeguards are Gone – Rip Currents and Storms Remain
- E-bike – Safety Class for parents and operators
- Dogs on Beach
- Parking Lot Hours and Fees
- State Military Reservation (SMR) Main Post Entrance
- Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) – open positions, Traffic Engineering Brief



School's Open: VB City Schools opened on August 24. Please give yourself and our neighborhood children your ***focused*** attention when driving, whether to those walking to/from bus stops or when you're driving your child to school. That means: no cellphone, no "to do" list, no mental math on work arrival time, etc.

On streets and highways without a median, drivers must stop for school buses displaying flashing red lights. ***General Booth Blvd north of Croatan Road is undivided – you must stop even if traveling in the opposite direction of a stopped school bus.*** Consider using your car's own flashers when doing so.

Virginia Beach now has permission to use traffic cameras to ticket speeders in school zones, including on S. Birdneck Rd.

Lifeguards Are Gone – Rip Currents Remain: Croatan Beach loses its lifeguards after Labor Day weekend. If you're going into the water, please do so with a buddy – or let someone know where you are.

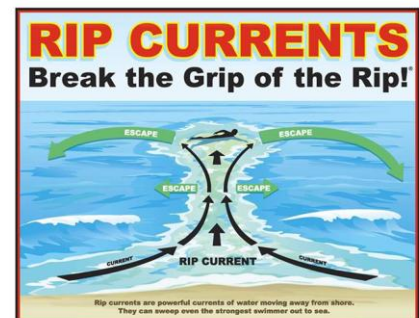
I hesitate to write that the Atlantic Hurricane Season has been quiet so far (TS Dolly formed this past week before disintegrating into a tropical wave), but the season still has three months to go. Staying subscribed to ***VBAAlert*** will keep you informed of current beach hazards. Visit [VBAAlert | City of Virginia Beach](#).

You might also like to favorite [National Hurricane Center](#) for the latest information and forecast. That site is updated repeatedly throughout the day.

E-Bikes: Police will conduct an E-Bike Safety and Education class for operators and parents of youthful operators at W. T. Cooke Elementary School (1501 Mediterranean Ave, VB, 23451) on **Saturday, September 26, from 10a until noon**. Topics will include traffic laws, safety requirements, relevant legislation, Oceanfront regulations, and e-bike collisions. Please see attached flyer on the last page of this newsletter for registration information.

Dogs on the Beach: As of 6:00 PM, Monday, September 7, dogs are again allowed on Croatan Beach during all daylight hours. They may be unleashed if under the handler's verbal command. As always, please clean up after your pup.

Croatan Parking Lot: Parking fees begin their seasonal hiatus at the Croatan parking lot (902 Vanderbilt Avenue), effective Thursday, October 1. This annual change will be accompanied by the parking lot closing time being dialed back to 5:00 PM.



State Military Reservation (SMR) Main Post Entrance: The primary Post entrance for the SMR (née: Camp Pendleton) has been relocated to Headquarters Rd and General Booth Blvd. It will begin operation soon (date, TBD).

A traffic light is being erected at Headquarters Road and Gen. Booth as part of the Capital Improvement Program for this new entrance. I have expressed concerns to VB officials (including police) regarding the potential for traffic back-ups inhibiting egress from Croatan but at this point the signal's location is a *fait accompli*. Please be patient when turning and we'll see how this plays out.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC): There was no August Second Precinct CAC meeting because of the workload on the precinct and paucity of CAC officers in town. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept 9 at 6:00 PM in the Second Precinct Muster Room, 820 VB Blvd. Ms. Valerie Henchel, VB Traffic Engineer, is expected to discuss such topics as crosswalks, speed limits, traffic signals, etc. (Please note: the new SMR traffic light installation does not fall within her purview.)

CAC meetings are open to all. Please park in the Convention Center lot and enter through the main precinct entrance on 17th Street. Two CAC officer positions (Vice President and Secretary) are open. Please contact Connie Agresti (703-919-9794, or mcaiii@aol.com), if interested.

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



CROATAN BHOF 'BE BONE STRONG' WALKING CLUB

JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING:

We meet at the corner of Croatan Road and Kerry Lane at 7:30am. ALL PACES, ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME! We have different pace groups and no walker ever walks alone.

BHOF 'BE BONE STRONG' WALKING CLUBS ARE SPREADING THE JOY!

New chapters are popping up around Virginia Beach including Seatack, Southgate, Little Neck, and more!



FLEET FEET VIRGINIA BEACH IS PARTNERING WITH THE BHOF 'BE BONE STRONG WALKING CLUBS!

HOKA will be hosting a shoe clinic at the Fleet Feet Virginia Beach store in early October for all Walking Club members. It will be a great opportunity to get your feet properly assessed and fitted for the right shoes for you. Refreshments will be served. Stay tuned for more details.

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



CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Hope everyone had a great summer and are ready to get our year going. Looking forward to seeing new and former faces.

We are kicking off our Women's Club this fall on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.!

The social will be held at 555 S. Atlantic Ave, home of Elizabeth Kasprak.

Please RSVP to Croatanwomen.com.

See you soon!
Elizabeth Kasprak



CROATAN BOOK CLUB

New Members Welcome!

This month our book is Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan.



Future reads:

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 reads are chosen by age, availability at the 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.



EVENT ROAD CLOSURE NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Although these road closures do not affect Croatan directly, we thought it beneficial to pass along the information.

Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Parade | Saturday, September 12, 2026

	Status	Area Affected	Re-Route
8:30am	Road Closed	8:30 AM - Closure of Atlantic Avenue from 9 th Street to 17 th Street and 200 blocks of 10 th Street to 16 th Street for parade assembly	
9:00am	Road Closed	9:00 AM - Closure of Atlantic Avenue from 9 th to 29 th Street for parade route.	
By 1:00	Estimated Reopening	Atlantic Avenue will open by 1:00 PM. If the parade ends sooner than expected, Atlantic Avenue will open at the end of the parade. During the parade, no vehicular traffic will have access to Atlantic Avenue	

Additional Information/Map Pertaining to this Event Available, please email cwmiller@vbgov.com
For more information about the parade, please call the Resort Management Office at (757) 385-4800

Neptune Festival 8k Race | Saturday, September 26, 2026

	Status	Area Affected	Re-Route
4:30 am	Limited Access	30 th St – 32 nd St Atlantic Ave	Use Pacific Avenue
5:00 am	Road Closed	30 th St – 32 nd St Atlantic Ave	Use Pacific Avenue
7:15 am	Road Closed	40 th St – Ruddee Loop	Use Pacific Avenue
11:00am	Road Open	5 th St - Ruddee Loop	
Race Ends 11:00 am	Limited Access	40 th St – 5 th St Atlantic Ave	
		Atlantic Avenue will open in certain sections throughout the morning at intermittent times determined by VBPD	

Race Details:

- Start Line/ Finish is on 31st and Atlantic Ave

EVENT ROAD CLOSURE NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER (CONTINUED)

Neptune Grand Parade | Saturday, September 26, 2026

	Status	Area Affected	Re-Route
9:00 am	Road Closed	200 Blocks of 5 th St – 15 th st	
11:30 am	Road Closed	38 th St – 5 th St Atlantic Ave	Use Pacific Avenue
12:00 pm	Estimated Road Opening	200 Blocks of 5 th St – 15 th st	
2:00 pm	Estimated Road Opening	38 th St – 5 th St Atlantic Ave	

Parade Information:

- Units will assemble in the 200 Blocks of 5th St to 15th St
- Parade begins on 16th St of Atlantic Ave and heads north
- Parade ends at 31st St Atlantic Ave
- Parade Viewing Stand at 25th St Atlantic Ave

For more information about the parade, please call the Resort Management Office at (757) 385-4800



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Kelly President, VB Government Liaison		Bob Lougen Vice President, Website, Facebook, Communications	
Mike Fantozzi Director Secretary	Patrick Costigan Director Treasurer	M.C. "Connie" Agresti Director Security, CAC	
Frank Borum Director Traffic Management	Cheryl Garvey Director, Welcome Wagon, Landscaping	Bill Garvey Past President, By-Laws	
Amanda Robinson Director, Social Activities, Children's Programs	Katie Ripberger Director, Logo Wear, Social Activities	Amber Torgerson Director	
Martha Kelly Director Newsletter	Chuck Womack Director	Nic Masarone Director	



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!



E-BIKE SAFETY

WORKSHOP

presented by Virginia Beach Police Department



FAMILIES &
ALL AGES

Join us for a **FREE WORKSHOP** to learn the rules and ride responsibly. We'll cover:

- e-bike safety basics
- rules of the road
- Q & A with
Virginia Beach Police Department



September 26, 2026
10 a.m.–noon
W. T. Cooke Elementary School
1501 Mediterranean Avenue, Virginia Beach 23451



**REGISTER
TODAY!**

757-418-9411
aespinos@VBgov.com



**Police
Department**