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Message from the (Who-ville) President

Facing certain doom, the Mayor called on every member of the town. As it would appear, they simply weren't enough to be heard. It was just then, at the brink of the end, when the Mayor discovered "a very small, a very small shirker named Jo-Jo" shirking his civic duty, silently bouncing a YoYo.

We read nightly, my son and I, and my evening exhaustion is rarely if ever an acceptable alibi -- not that I'd want to shirk the responsibility. It's really a pleasure on so many levels, one of which being the newfound meanings in these stories I've heard throughout my own childhood. In our story last night, *Horton Hears a Who*, I found it interesting listening with my adult ears.

When it came to saving *Who-ville* in our story, each and every voice was essential...even the very smallest. After all, it was that one small, extra "YOPP" from Jo-Jo that put it over. Collectively, the *Whos* made their voices loud enough to be heard, and their town was saved.

One of the many beauties of this great land in which we live is our ability to be heard. Much like the *Whos*, we all have a voice and it can make a difference. And here in our community, we are louder and more effective when we unite to make a stand for what is important to us as Norfolk citizens. The same plays out on the state and national level. A significant price has

been paid to provide and ensure this privilege.

"The Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave".

It's amazing to me...no matter how many times I've heard, read or written those words, I feel suddenly introspective. I'm sure that I'm not the

only one who is covered in goose bumps when this line is sung at a ball game...every time.

Of course, these are much more than words. This phrase is sort of a lyrical land scrip, if you will...or the title to our American culture, held by all who believe in and defend freedom. We are blessed by the privilege to live

in the land of the free, and ever grateful to the brave men and women who rightfully call this "home".

I'm looking forward to our celebration, this 4th of July, parading cheerfully through the streets of our neighborhood as we have in the years past. And at the top of our patriotic spirit we will proudly honor freedom in the USA.

Happy Birthday, America!

Timothy M. Fox

P.S.

Tonight we read *The Sneetches*.



The annual neighborhood 4th of July Parade will march on!

Due to a number of financial hurdles, the Civic League will not close Suburban Parkway for our parade route. However, we will meet at Suburban Park Elementary Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and step off at 10 a.m. to celebrate America's birth! Just as last year, neighbors donning patriotic themes will parade up Carl, turn left onto Brickby, and left onto Galveston—finishing up back at the school.

The Civic League will serve refreshments after the march and NFD will have Engine 9 on site for the kids. If you didn't come last year, take a look at the pictures on our website...it was a great time...and is sure to be again.

Bring your marching band, and see you on the 4th!



Suburban Acres Civic League

Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 6:32 pm. President Tim Fox led us in the pledge to the flag.

PACE REPORT

Officer Curtis Jackson reported that there were six reported crimes in Suburban Acres: two larcenies in which communication and travel devices were taken, two acts of vandalism, one vehicle tampering and one non-auto larceny. Three of these crimes were at the same location.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for this evening's meeting is Jim Talbot. Mr. Talbot is Assistant Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response for City of Norfolk.

Mr. Talbot's message was loud and clear. The need for emergency awareness and preparedness is critical for the City of Norfolk. Giving our boundaries on the bay, the harbor and our many lakes and runoff storage, it is inevitable that flooding would be an issue for Norfolk and in particular, Suburban Acres.

He explained that the first recorded major hurricane was in 1749 when it, along with a hurricane in 1806, created the 800 acre site that is now called Willoughby Spit. He also said that the last hurricane to landfall in the Hampton Roads area was in 1933. All storms or hurricanes add to coastal changes and damage.

Mr. Talbot discussed the need to register with the city if there is a need for transportation or special attention during an emergency. He also talked about making a list of medicines, registering this list with a large chain store, preparing your home for the emergency, ideas on storing food and water, emergency evacuation, getting flood insurance even though you are not in a flood plain, and much more.

Mr. Talbot distributed information to the league. The first, created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is called **Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness**. The second, created by the State of Virginia, gives you three easy steps for an emergency, (www.readyvirginia.gov) and lastly, **Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit**, also created by FEMA.

Some of these pamphlets will be available at the next meeting. James Talbot can be reached at james.talbot@norfolk.gov. Please remember that an emergency can happen at any time—an ice storm, tornado, tropical storm, utility outage, flooding, hurricane etc. **MAKE CERTAIN YOU ARE PREPARED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to new members Audrey Renn, 469 Virginia Drive and Betsy Sanders at 211 Forsythe.

Again, there was an opportunity to express opinions both for or against the *dog park proposal* for Suburban Parkway. The vote on the Dog Park will take place at our August meeting.

The estimated cost for an expanded *4th of July parade* skyrocketed this year due to new city regulations. At present the estimated cost would be over \$3,000. Though this has been

discouraging, there will be a step off the sidewalk like last year's parade. Everyone interested in participating is welcome. Let's get out and meet our neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch decals are available for a \$3.00 donation for three decals. Decals affix to you doors or windows, letting possible criminals know that your neighborhood participates in Neighborhood Watch. The decals are available every meeting. Call JoDee Cook at 587-7918 for more information.

Council woman Theresa Whibley will be our guest speaker at our next meeting on July 13th, 6:00 p.m. refreshments, meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the *Norfolk Work Force Center*, next to Kroger.

Robert Lain is our newly elected SACL Board member. Welcome, Robert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Membership Committee will be calling members to verify database information.

The July 4th Community Walk will start at Suburban Park Elementary at 9:30.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenue for May was \$200.00. \$125.00 from Membership Dues and \$75.00 from advertising.

Beginning bank balance was \$1425.69 and ending balance \$1510.19.

OLD BUSINESS

The Meeting Minutes for May 2009 were unanimously approved by the membership.

Water running down Thole and Virginia Drives from the landscaped medium.

The dog park proposal will be up for a vote at the August meeting.

The need to understand the city Assessment process.

League Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the next general meeting on July 13, to be held at the Norfolk Work Force Center, next to Kroger.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

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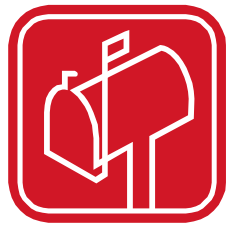



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Letters From Our Neighbors

Emergency Preparedness

is a Mindset By Steve Collins



Neighbor,

The Civic League hosted an emergency preparedness briefing last night. The information was very informative. It is time to 'dust off' emergency preparedness plans. It is the season for hurricanes and tornados. A few items of information that I previously did not know. Some quoted. Some inferred.

1. A category III hurricane with a path very near Norfolk, with the right wind direction, at the right tidal flow would put my home "under water".
2. It is not a matter of "if" a category III hurricane will target the Tidewater area, but "when".
3. The Tidewater area is named because of its significant daily tidal flow...3 feet. Hurricane Isabel was a category V hurricane initially, but made land fall 60 miles away as a tropical storm(sustained winds -58mph...gusting to 78mph). The tidal flow was 8 feet. A category III Hurricane could create a tidal flow between 15 and 22 feet.
4. Willoughby Spit was created in 1749 by a hurricane.
5. An emergency evacuation of the Tidewater area would be a "disaster in and of itself". "We are not really prepared for that contingency". "Although officials have been thinking and preparing for a number of years, the average Tidewater resident

is pretty apathetic." The biggest mistake would be waiting too long to evacuate.

6. If conditions were set, residence could easily be put in a "no win situation" between emergency evacuation in a " traffic jam" or in a house "under water".

7. "If you choose to stay after a mandatory evacuation is ordered, there will be no resources available for your aid. You will be on your own."

This all said, Emergency Preparedness is a mindset. It is not about panic or fear. It is a choice....a fleeting choice if we wait until it is too late.

A couple of preparedness websites for your use.

<http://www.readyvirginia.gov/>

<http://www.vaemergency.com/index.cfm>

I would urge you to at least visit the websites and take some of the advice. We heard about preparedness kits; supplies, non perishable food and water; pet plans and medication; but one choice we should consider is how to act as a community and help each other. Public Service Announcement: "Most people do not have flood insurance." It would be a wise investment. Most insurance does not cover the event of flooding.

The Civic League is lining up speakers for each month's meeting. Seems like there is some relevant information on the horizon. The July meeting topic will be the 'Norfolk tax assessment'. This Civic League is shaping up to impact its community. Definitely something worth your time and investment.

There will be a 4th of July Parade starting at Suburban Park Elementary. Bring lawn chair and some water. Sounds like the place to be.




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Civic League and Community News

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SACL Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

The Board of Directors has proposed a few amendments to the Suburban Acres Civic League Constitution and Bylaws to make current the 1994 publication. A review of the proposed changes and membership vote will take place at the July meeting. A document with the proposed revisions is posted on the League website at www.suburban23505.com under the 'About' tab, with changes indicated.

Call for Board Nominations

Suburban Acres Civic League is on a quest to fill one more position on the Board of Directors. Would you enjoy the reward of helping to guide our thriving Civic League? As a member of the Board, you would be an integral part of our community. Board of Directors meets monthly on Mondays two weeks prior to the scheduled Civic League meeting. If you're enthusiastic about our neighborhood and able to commit time and energy, you could be the perfect fit. Please contact President Timothy Fox at saclpresident@gmail.com or call 338-0439.

Congratulations to our YOTM winners

Congratulations to Kenny & Theresa Bryant of Suburban Parkway for the June 2009 Yard of the Month! Your yard looks gorgeous... and we can't believe you got the 10 yards of mulch spread so quickly!

Suburban Acres Dog Park Proposal

A dog park has been proposed for the city-owned lot on Suburban Parkway at Parkdale. There will be an opportunity to provide your written comments at the July 13th civic league meeting. A vote on this proposal will take place at the August meeting to be held at the Norfolk Workforce Center. For information call JoDee Cook at 587-7918.

Neighborhood Watch Awareness Drive Underway

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator JoDee Cook reports at least eight of our neighbors are walking the neighborhood to help raise awareness of our Neighborhood Watch Program and encourage membership in Suburban Acres Civic League. If you'd like to support our efforts, please consider a donation for the Neighborhood Watch decals. These "static cling" decals apply easily to the inside of doors and windows, without glue or adhesives.

Neighborhood Watch volunteers and others who would like to assist in the distribution of decals can contact JoDee Cook at 587-7918 for information. A donation of \$3 per sheet (3 decals per sheet) helps your civic league raise money for special projects.

Nominations for Crime Prevention Awards

The City of Norfolk's 2009 Crime Prevention Awards Planning Committee is seeking nominations of extraordinary people who have helped prevent and reduce crime within their communities. Each year the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

of Norfolk (CPAAAN) and the City of Norfolk honor citizens and employees nominated by residents, co-workers or supervisors who demonstrate the impact nominees have made on efforts to fight crime. For a nomination form, contact Ms. Maravia Ebong, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Norfolk Police Department, at 664-6937. Nominations deadline is August 17.

Winners will be announced at the 17th Annual Crime Prevention Awards dinner on Thursday, October 15, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the Hilton Norfolk Airport. Dinner tickets are \$20 each or \$200 for a table of 10. All are welcome to enjoy the camaraderie and hear Sheriff Robert McCabe as guest speaker. Citizens may also support this event by making a personal or business donation to CPAAAN. Proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for children of active-duty Norfolk police officers. Please contact Ms. Ebong for more information.

Greater Wards Corner Partnership Update

Greater Wards Corner Partnership (GWCP) will not be meeting in July or August, but will resume monthly meetings in September. GWCP meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the Workforce Development Center, 201 E. Little Creek Road, (next To Kroger) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please join GWCP in September for the next meeting.

NPD Website Has New Feature

The Norfolk Police have created a website, accessible to the public, that will contain information on persons wanted in the City of Norfolk. Information provided will include the name, description, charges, and a photo. Visit the Wanted Person Website: http://www.norfolk.gov/Police/wanted_person.asp

9th Annual Youth Safety Week

August 23-29 is a week focused on protecting and educating children. Norfolk Sheriff's Office will provide DMV quality IDs for children with current photo, height, weight, and fingerprints at various locations in the city. Crime prevention specialists will visit camps and community groups to promote youth safety. For information, call 664-4979.

Cooling Assistance Applications Accepted June 15 through August 15

The Cooling Assistance Program helps eligible Norfolk households with one of the following:

- Payment of an electric or gas deposit if it is the primary cooling source
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The Suburban Recipes



Those of us at the June civic league meeting enjoyed an assortment of food and refreshments provided by Dee Adams and her sons, Carlos and Orlando. Here are two of those recipes, provided by Dee, Carlos and Orlando. Thanks, folks!

Fruit Pizza by Orlando Garcia:

- 1 package store bought sugar cookie dough
- Toppings: you can really be creative with this....
- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tub of whipped cream or whipped topping
- 3 kiwis peeled and sliced
- 3 bananas
- 1 pint fresh strawberries (or sliced canned peaches works well and looks great, too.
- 6 ounces fresh blueberries
- 6 ounces fresh seedless grapes
- vanilla glaze in a packet

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Flatten cookie dough onto a 12-inch pizza pan. Bake until firm to touch, about 11 to 15 minutes. Cool. In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese, sugar then add whipped cream. Spread the baked cookie with the cream cheese mixture and decorate with sliced fruit. In a small sauce pan, dissolve glaze in water and then brush the fruit. Refrigerate for 1-2 hrs. Slice with pizza cutter.

Brownie Fruit Pizza by Carlos Garcia:

- 1 (20-ounce) box fudge brownie mix (Duncan Hines Chewy Fudge Brownie Mix is recommended)
- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tub of whipped cream or whipped topping
- 4 bananas, sliced and tossed in lemon juice to prevent browning
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup fresh grapes halved

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Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease a 15-inch pizza pan. Prepare the brownie mix according to box directions. Pour into the prepared pizza pan. Bake for 20 minutes, or until done. Remove from the oven and cool.

Beat the cream cheese, sugar, and whipped topping together in a bowl. Spread the mixture over the cooled brownie crust. Arrange the banana and strawberry slices over the cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with the chopped nuts if you like and drizzle with chocolate ice cream topping. Refrigerate 1-2 hrs, and enjoy!

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To be eligible, the maximum gross monthly income to qualify is \$1,174 before taxes for a household of one, and \$2,389 before taxes for a family of four. Applications for equipment-related assistance, security deposits and emergency shelter are accepted through August 15. For additional information, call the Norfolk Department of Human Services at 664-6035.

Free Camps for Norfolk Youth

Camp rewards at Camp E. W. Young includes three fun-filled days of activities, sports and entertainment, from swimming, basketball and putt-putt golf, to speakers on crime prevention, music producers, a ventriloquist and an image consultant, designed for a select group of 10-14 yr olds with proven success in school, sports, and/or citizenship. Dates are August 17th, 18th and 19th from 8 am to 4pm. Registration deadline is August 3rd. Call 664-4979 for information.

Master Gardeners Offer Help-Line Service

Norfolk Master Gardener Volunteers offer free and confidential advice to all Norfolk novices as well as more seasoned gardeners on a wide range of topics through their Help Line Service. Call the Help Line Number at 683-2855 from 9 AM until Noon, Monday through Friday to talk to a Master Gardner or email them at

MG710@vt.edu. Messages can be left at the above number when the MG is not there. He/she will get back to you as soon as possible. Don't let insect pests get you down, plant disease discourage you, or get stumped by landscape questions. If has to do with plants, they can assist.



FNPL Fall Sale and Book Drive

WANTED: NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR THE FALL SALE !... The Norfolk Public Library NEEDS your help! The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library's *Annual Book Sale* will be held in October at a new location—the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch library in the Ocean View area of Norfolk. We are excited about our new venue and are looking for donations of gently used or new books to include in our sale.

If you or someone you know has books that they would like to donate to our organization, we would love to have them! St. Patrick Catholic School has graciously agreed to serve as a drop off point for donated books. Starting June 8th to September 18th, books may be brought to the reception area Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm. The school is located at 1000 Bolling Avenue, Norfolk. Simply mark your box or bag of books "Friends of the NPL Book Sale". For additional information, contact Amanda R. Lloyd, Volunteer and Training Coordinator, at 664-7328, ext. 320.

EARNN Program Earns

Neighborhoods Nothing for 2009

Budget Cuts Blamed

Editor's Note: The following email was received June 9 from John Deuel, Executive Director of Keep Norfolk Beautiful, concerning Norfolk's EARNN program. In previous years, Suburban Acres Civic League has received checks for up to several hundred dollars from this program, contributing a great deal to our general fund.



Dear Norfolk Neighborhood Recycling Leader:

As we approach the end of the current fiscal year, it has been the time when we have calculated the level of recycling participation in your neighborhoods and presented cash awards to those Civic Leagues that have increased their recycling or maintained a high level of recycling. Most of you have won varying amounts of these awards in the past and you are to be congratulated for your efforts to promote these efforts.

Unfortunately, due to the extremely limited funding available in the current year's budget, there will be no cash awards presented this year. This does not diminish the positive impact your Civic League has made on our recycling efforts and I encourage you to promote recycling to all the households that are eligible. An ordinance to reauthorize the EARNN program has been developed and is being considered by the City. If passed, this would allow us to continue the EARNN program and expand it to include recognition and awards for the other environmental stewardship efforts your Civic League could support. Examples of this include litter cleanups, environmental presentations to your members, storm water pollution prevention and energy efficiency.

Another project that will promote recycling is an enhanced marketing and outreach campaign. Already, the Department of Public Works is increasing messaging and developing strategies to help residents in your neighborhood to recycle and to recycle more. Some of these efforts, including a Neighborhood Recycling Block Leader program, will involve volunteers from your neighborhood assisting in sharing information with neighbors about recycling. Look for updates on this new campaign to be coming out to you soon.

If you have any questions regarding the EARNN program, please give me a call at 441-1347. Thank you for all you do to Keep Norfolk Beautiful!

John Deuel

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Keep Norfolk Beautiful
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2009 Civic League Meeting and Events Calendar

E-mail suburbanacres@gmail.com
for more information

<u>July 4</u>	<u>Fourth of July Parade</u>
<u>July 13*</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>August 10*</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>September 14</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>October 12</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>October 24</u>	<u>Fall Harvest Celebration</u>
<u>November 9</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>
<u>December 14</u>	<u>Civic League Meeting</u>

**July and August Meetings will be held at the Workforce Development Center (next to Kroger)*

*All other Civic League meetings are held at Suburban Park Elementary School, 310 Thole Street
Check the newsletter or visit our website at www.suburban23505 for additional information.*

Giving Credit Where Credit is Overdue

In the rush to get the newsletter out to you every month, we sometimes overlook the many contributions of photo art and editorial content made by our dedicated volunteers. So it's time to make up for our lapses and give credit where credit is overdue.



For example, the photo of Rory the handsome border collie in the June newsletter (left) was taken by his best friend, **Susan Boice**, who also contributes much of the civic league and community news in every edition and helps to coordinate production of the newsletter.

Another frequent contributor, **Dennis Mori**, has been the man with the camera at many of the civic league meetings and events, and is also our advertising representative. His photos have appeared in many newsletters over the past 18 months.

President **Tim Fox** is a masterful photographer, as well as a pensman of note, who contributes tirelessly to this publication. His photo credits are too numerous to call out individually, but his floral photo graced our cover last month.

Board member **Doug Barnhart** also deserves special recognition for his regular youth sports columns that not only recognize our neighborhood youth but help drum up support for youth programs and special events. Many thanks to you, Doug, for your contribution to these pages, and to our community at large.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Congratulations to all of our neighborhood scholars who are graduating this year. And to all students who have completed a successful school year, WAY TO GO!

Granby:

Andrew Frazier
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Norfolk Christian:

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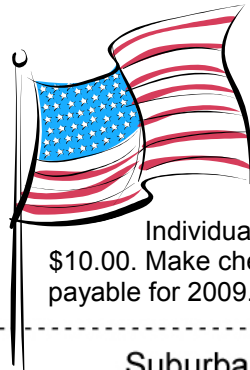
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