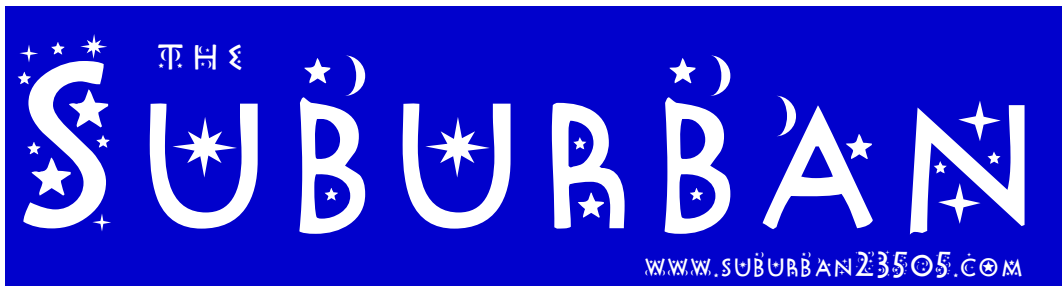


Suburban Acres  
 Civic League  
 August 1, 2009  
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Join us Monday,  
 August 10, 2009 at  
 the Workforce  
 Development Center  
 Meeting at 6:30 pm  
 Doors open for  
 refreshments at 6 pm  
 6th District State  
 Senator *Ralph  
 Northam* will address  
 current legislative  
 issues and answer  
 your questions

## Message from the President

We spent a rather significant amount of time on the curbside, trail blazing our Hot Wheels and positioning soldier figurines around the base of the Crape Myrtles in front of our home. The street of my Norfolk childhood home was rowed by these muscularly trunked, vibrantly pink, and very accommodating trees. Much of our play incorporated them in some way or another. Perhaps this is the reason that during this time of year, in the early afternoon, a time travel vehicle carrying me back to an earlier year -- is a convenient find.



Then, they were just trees. Up we climbed, to them we ran to reach base in a mean game of kick the can, and snap! we popped these peculiar pods that exploded with a pink report. It was much later in my life that I discovered the heritage of this beautiful tree that in 1996 accounted for 50% of our city's street trees. In a neighborhood as this, I suspect my news is not, but I'll shoot for the non-natives.

Mr. Fred Huette, director of Norfolk Botanical Gardens from 1936-1966, is credited for his planting initiative that yielded these mature specimens today that lend an elegance to our city landscape. For me, I suppose I would owe a 'Thank You' to Mr. Huette for this conception that serves as another of my time travel machines as they take bloom each summer. And what a lovely vehicle.

Climbing down from the trees, we also found summer fun pitching a tent in the backyard, never sleeping, and counting 'shooting stars' in the early morning. Well, a great opportunity to set out a lawn chair and cast wishes to the sky is soon coming. Late night Tuesday, 11 August, until dawn of the 12th, the Perseid meteors will be most visible in our sky (weather permitting). The Perseid meteor showers are considered by many to be one of the year's best showers...when there is no competing moon. Per earthsky.org, we should/may still get a great show. If I hear simultaneous hooting and hollering late that night, I won't call 'the Civic League'...or officer Jackson....instead I'll presume my good neighbors are enjoying the natural summer. ::laughs::

We have much to celebrate here, if you welcome this perspective. We're enveloped year round in a tapestry of color presented through the vegetation, an occasional light show from the heavens (free!), and great neighbors with whom to enjoy it all. Speaking of, my family and I REALLY enjoyed the 4th of July parade and celebration. It was an OUTSTANDING parade and a great

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## Suburban Acres Civic League

### Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 6:34 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: we did not have a flag at the facility

#### PACE REPORT

Officer Jackson discussed with me that an error was made in the stats that were presented at the meeting. The stats presented were from the previous month. Actually, THERE WERE NO CRIME INFRACTIONS for June 5 through July 12. There were questions from the membership concerning curfew for our teenagers (11:00), lack of radar use on Thole Street, increase in trucks use and speed on Thole Street, and still issues with traffic calming and larceny.

#### GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for this evenings meeting was Councilwoman, Dr. Theresa Whibley. This is Dr. Whibley's first term as our Ward 2 representative in the city council. She is also a major contributor and co-chair to the Greater Wards Corner Task Force, which our civic league is a member.

One of the leagues major questions for Dr. Whibley would have been the issue concerning the assessment tactics of the Assessors Office that were publicized. This practice has been halted giving the uproar from residents of Norfolk

In addition, Dr. Whibley addressed other pressing issues such as definition and laws concerning derelict and non conforming properties. The floor was then opened for questions. She answered all of the questions from league members with knowledge, genuine concern and humor.

If you missed this meeting, you not only missed a splendid opportunity to meet our councilwoman but also to experience her candid discussion about the workings of the city.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fourth of July Parade was a huge success. See News Letter for greater detail.

The vote on the Dog Park that was to take place at our August meeting is postponed. Because of time issues, a motion was made and approved by membership to give effected parties the opportunity to voice their concerns about the dog park. The date for this to be determined.

The vote on the approval of the League Constitution and By – Laws was postponed because of time constraints. Motion was made for the postponement and approved by the membership.

Looking for people to assist with increasing our membership. If interested, please contact JoDee Cook at 587.7918.

We desperately need your email address and your membership data. Please email Eric Heard at [sacsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sacsecretary@gmail.com) or call 963-6996. If you are receiving the newsletter and announcements from the league, you have satisfied this request.

Neighborhood Watch Decals are available and are asking a \$3.00 donation for three decals. These decal affix to you doors or windows, letting possible criminals that your neighborhood

participates in Neighborhood Watch. The decals can be gotten at the meetings. Call JoDee Cook for more information at 587-7918.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenue for June was \$135.00. \$45.00 from Membership Dues and \$90.00 from advertising.

Expenses were \$217.15. Beginning bank balance was \$1510.19 and ending balance \$1428.04.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Water drainage at the Thole Street and Virginia Drives medium has been reported to city officials for resolve.

Dog Park issue to be resolved at future meeting (see above)

League Constitution and By – Laws will be voted on at a future meeting (see above)

#### NEXT MEETING

State Senator Ralph Northam will be our next guest speaker at the Work Force Center, August 10th, at 6:30. Please join us for refreshments at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

*Eric Heard, Secretary*

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Message from the President (Continued from page 1)

American day all around. Thanks to Engine 9 and NPD Officer Swensen for their participation, and a special thanks to the SACL Board and neighbors alike who made it a community event to be proud of and enjoy wholeheartedly. There are some great pictures from the event now posted to the website and in this newsletter (thanks Marty & Jeb).

The Civic League doesn't make the great folks in this neighborhood, nor is it the owner of the life celebrations in Suburban Acres and neighborhood events, such as the parade. But it does well to facilitate great things with great people in a great place. This Suburban Acres Civic League is you, it's you're neighbor next door, it's the gentleman who waves at you while raking the lawn as you walk by. I encourage you to consider a membership (if you're not already), knowing that your contribution and involvement help to enhance our Suburban lifestyle -- a win-win for all.

Meanwhile, I hope you are, as I am, enjoying this beautifully mild season. May you have a minute to travel on the stars, back to the tree where you once aspired to be in a lovely place as you are today.

Be well, neighbors.

Timothy M. Fox

2009 Civic League Meeting and Events Calendar

E-mail suburbanacres@gmail.com for more information

<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>

Our August meeting 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.com for additional information.




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# FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND CELEBRATION PICTURE GALLERY

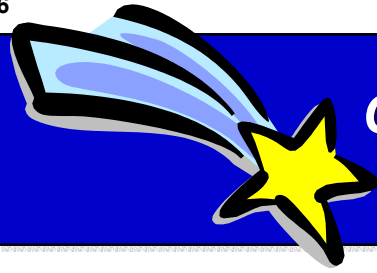
Photographs courtesy of Jeb Clarke, Marty Ohme and Tim Fox





Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the July Fourth Parade and Celebration such a great success. We couldn't do it without you.

Photo credits:  
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Marty Ohme  
Tim Fox



## Civic League and Community News

For more news and events visit our website at [www.suburban23505.com](http://www.suburban23505.com)

### **Vote on Revised SACL Constitution and Bylaws Set for August Meeting**

Due to time constraints at the July general meeting, the review of proposed changes to the civic league constitution and by-laws and the membership vote will take place at the August 10 meeting to be held at the Norfolk Workforce Center. A document with the proposed revisions is posted on the League website at [www.suburban23505.com](http://www.suburban23505.com) under the 'About' tab, with changes indicated.

### **Dog Park Proposal to be discussed at September meeting**

After discussion at the July meeting, it was decided by members to delay a vote on the dog park proposal for the city-owned lot on Suburban Parkway at Parkdale. There will be general discussion and an opportunity to voice opinions on this proposal at the September meeting.

### **Neighborhood Watch Awareness Drive**

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 at 587-7918 for information. A donation of \$3 for a sheet of 3 decals helps raise money for special civic league projects.

### **Congratulations YOTM Winner**

Congratulations to the Charles Leonard family of 219 Granby Park, winner of the August 2009 Yard of the Month.

### **Greater Wards Corner Partnership Update**

Greater Wards Corner Partnership (GWCP) 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. For more online information, go to [www.wardscornernow.com](http://www.wardscornernow.com)

### **Neighborhood University Fall 2009 Courses**

Sign up for Neighborhood University fall courses!

To register go to: [www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/NU.asp](http://www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/NU.asp)

### **Weatherization on a Shoestring**

Thursday, September 10, 2009 — 7 to 9pm

Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road

The Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues is joining with the

Home Rehabilitation Initiative (HRR), Bureau of Community Outreach, to sponsor a workshop of use to anyone wanting to make your home more energy efficient. The workshop will feature a presentation by a representative from Lowe's on "weatherizing on a shoestring," followed by the STOP Organization, local recipient of stimulus funds that focus on energy efficiency, with information about the availability of stimulus funds for homeowners. Applications for weatherization services through STOP will be available.

### **Know Your Neighbor**

Thursday, September 17, 2009 — 6 to 8pm

Campostella Heights Resource Center, 1714 Mt. Vernon Ave.

*Galina Burley, Manager, Bureau of Community Outreach*

This course will offer you tools needed to unite your neighbors, and as a result, make your neighborhood more ready to tackle any neighborhood project including emergencies. Classes build on fundamentals of emergency preparedness, crime prevention and building a neighborhood organizing portfolio

### **Norfolk Drinking Water meets EPA Regulations**

The Department of Utilities recently distributed its annual Water Quality Report. This report contains information on Norfolk's water sources, the water treatment process, and federal drinking water regulations. Once again in 2008, Norfolk's drinking water met all regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A copy of this report was mailed to all Norfolk residents and businesses. This report is also available online at [www.Norfolk.gov/Utilities](http://www.Norfolk.gov/Utilities).

### **Spend a Quiet Afternoon at Ocean View Beach**

The Chesapeake Bay calmly laps 7.5 miles of beaches in Ocean View, making them ideal for sunning, swimming and children's play. With free parking, bathhouses and picnic areas, Norfolk's northernmost stretch of land is a relaxing summer destination for your family.

Visitors will enjoy the 6.5-acre Ocean View Beach Park. The park has a large band shell for presentations and dancing, a boardwalk, beach handicap access ramp, lots of open green space, a bathhouse and free parking.

Two other park beaches, Community Beach Park, with picnic and grilling areas and ample parking and Sarah Constant Beach Park, also with picnic and grilling areas and a newly renovated restroom facility, are located just blocks away.

All three park beaches are staffed by Ocean View Beach Patrol Lifeguards from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.

Dogs on leashes are welcome on the beaches during the off-season, as well as before 9 a.m. and after 7 p.m. during the summer.

For more information on the beaches of Ocean View, call the Norfolk Visitors Center at 757-441-1852.

# The Suburban Recipes



## Nonie Cavagnaros Crab & Shrimp Louie Salad

Thanks to Lester Cavagnaro and Eric Heard for this cool summer salad recipe.

Shred a head of iceberg lettuce  
3 Scallions  
3 Hard boiled eggs chopped fine  
1 Green bell pepper cut into small cubes  
Use either shrimp or crab. You can use the salad shrimp, but we find it too small. Use the shredded crab or if you are getting the crab fresh, cut up as you desire.

**Dressing:**  
1 Tbls Wine Vinegar  
2 Tbls Olive Oil  
1/4 Tbls Nutmeg  
1 tsp Sugar  
1 tsp Dry Mustard  
3 Tbls Chili Sauce  
3 Tbls Mayonnaise  
Paprika to taste.

Mix all ingredients together.  
Refrigerate for 1 hour to chill.

# AUGUST WORD SEARCH

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**Please remember to care for the flag:** A reminder that caring for the flag is important whether it's the large flag hanging from your house or the small flag on the stick you found at the front of your house on the morning of the Fourth of July. No one wants to see a tattered, soiled flag lying in the street.

Many neighbors roll their flags and save them for next year's celebration. The Civic League will dispose of your flag if you cannot use it. Just drop it off at the August 10th meeting at the Workforce Center (next to Kroger).

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Individual Membership is \$5.00 and Family Membership (two individuals) is \$10.00. Make checks payable to "Suburban Acres Civic League". Dues are now payable for 2009.



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