

**Please join us on
Monday, January
11 at Suburban
Park Elementary
School.**

**John Stewart will
address wetlands
preservation and
how it affects
Suburban Acres.
Doors open at
6 pm. Meeting at
6:30 pm.**



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Message from the President

Looking back through '2009', it's been an inspirational year for the civic league; which translates to the people, actions, and events of the Suburban Acres community. There are a host of "thanks" to be given for the year's success, most appropriately to all who have given time and energy throughout the year to support and grow our Suburban Acres neighborhood. Many participants and volunteers make the SACL an effective organization that lends to the quality of living in Suburban Acres. Your efforts are greatly appreciated... and we are a better community with your contribution.

Having the pleasure of serving alongside a number of great folks on the Executive Committee, I know firsthand the sacrifice of time that is made to help keep this organization moving forward. To the Executive Committee of 2009: Your passionate attention to Suburban Acres is invaluable; and to each of you, I offer my humble gratitude. THANK YOU!

We'll see a couple of new names on the Executive Committee this year as our financial stewardship is entrusted to Lester Cavagnaro (Treasurer), and Steve Collins joins the ranks of the Board of Directors. All are listed on page 8.

One very important action of the SACL is its communication effort and keeping our 500+ homes on the same page (*well...6 to 8 pages*) through *this* newsletter, a robust document that is both informative and entertaining. Mr. Bruce Larson, 2009 Editor in Chief, please take your bow! *The Suburban* has been the very BEST Civic League newsletter I've ever held. Thank you for your tireless work to produce such a quality publication. And please join me in

welcoming Kevin Janney as our *new* Editor-in-Chief this coming year. I certainly do look forward to enjoying *The Suburban* in the months ahead.

We'll start the year off by placing focus on the environment as our participation in the EARNN program is getting well underway. Please join us at the January 11th general meeting where our special guest speaker, John Stewart of the Lafayette Wetlands Partnership, will discuss preservation and restoration of the wetlands of the Lafayette River; a subject that directly impacts our neighborhood nestled on the North Branch of the Lafayette River. Please remember that we need at least 30 in attendance to receive our points for EARNN (*which also equates to EARNN \$\$ for the SACL*). Be sure to bring your neighbor along!

If you've ever wondered about the integrity of this community, questioned safety and security of our streets, pondered the sustainability of this great neighborhood that has drawn in the newbies and retained the long-timers...then I have to insert a sincere membership-drive slogan here: Suburban Acres, in all regards, is *you* and *me*. Your participation (at any level) is needed and strongly encouraged. Present *your* ideas to enhance our community. Let's look at the possibilities, build our agenda and pursue accomplishing our collective goals.

The neighborhood and its community make a great setting for a classic life story. In ours, the *2009 chapter* summary for the SACL reads something like, "... *an outstanding year with promise for continued momentum into the next.*" As you pause to reflect on the closing of 2009, I hope your personal chapter summary includes a passage about this wonderful acreage each of us call *home*, tucked in the heart of our great city.

See you in the New Year...and a happy and prosperous one to all!

Timothy M. Fox

Presentation by John Stewart, Lafayette Wetlands Partnership, Monday Jan. 11

Lafayette Wetlands Partnership is an all volunteer group composed of local citizens and representatives of government, business, and non-profit organizations with a mission to preserve and beautify our urban wetlands, and to advise and encourage neighborhoods to become stewards of local wetlands.

John's presentation on January 11th is specific to our Suburban Acres Civic League neighborhood. Attendance of thirty (30) adults at this program also garners 5 EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) points for SACL.. Please attend and bring a neighbor! John's presentation will help our neighborhood to "*Think Globally, Act Locally*".



Suburban Acres Civic League

Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2009

Meeting Commenced at 6:45 PM

Attendance: 31

Pledge of Allegiance

Pace Report

Officer Curtis gave us the stats for the last month. There was a domestic disturbance on E. Kenmore, 3 vandalisms on Granby Park, 3 larcenies on Granby, East and West Kenmore, GPS stolen, 2 stolen vehicles on Granby and Virginian.

Treasurer's Report

For November, the civic league had revenues of \$491.00 and expenses of \$446.44, for a net gain of \$44.56. Ending check-book balance was \$1,302.41.

Annual Review Presentation

President Timothy Fox created a presentation of the accomplishments of our civic league in 2009. These included:

- Created and maintained a beautiful and user friendly website for our residents and neighbors by our webmaster Timothy Fox.
- Held our Second Annual Fourth of July Parade. Many of our residents marched in the parade or sat by the sidewalk and watched it.
- Held our Second Annual Harvest Celebration. In addition prizes were awarded for costumes. A chili contest brought out some of our best cooks.
- Supported Suburban Park Elementary School with its annual food drive. SACL donated \$400 plus non-perishable food.
- Revised and approved the Suburban Acres Constitution and By-Laws. Previous revision was in 1994.
- Published, expanded and improved our monthly civic league newsletter, *The Suburban*. It is distributed to about 500 recipients. We have received many compliments on the improved newsletter. Bruce Larson has done an excellent job of improving the newsletter. Dennis Mori has sold space in the newsletter and has brought in over \$1,600 in ad revenue in 2009.
- Taken a more proactive involvement in our very focused Neighborhood Watch Program in our community. Robert Lain is now gathering information from city databases to get a more intricate understanding of our crime in Suburban Acres.
- Neighborhood Watch decals were purchased for sale to residents and others to promote awareness and make a profit for league. Jo Dee Cook was responsible for this project.
- Promoted league and resident participation in other organizations that promote a better Norfolk. Elyse Kalfus is President of the Wards Corner Business Association; Eric Heard and Elyse Kalfus are board members of the Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues. Approximately 10 members are regular attendees of the Great Wards Corner Partner



Mary Verykousis receives the Suburban Acres Civic League Volunteer of the Year award from Treasurer Bruce Larson at the December 14 general meeting. Newsletter carriers were also recognized with award certificates for their contributions. The special meeting included an annual report presentation from President Tim Fox and delicious food and beverages prepared by VP JoDee Cook. Special thanks to Dennis Mori for creating the unique recognition certificates.

ship/Task Force. Three of our members are on the board of directors.

- Notified league members of important political issues and events related to The City of Norfolk and upcoming issues at the council meetings that will impact our community, such as unfair property tax assessment.
- Hosted meetings to acknowledge persons who have contributed to our community like the recognition event for our crossing guard Mike Waldron.
- Open our doors to hear elected officials, such as State Senator Ralph Northam, Delegate Kenny Alexander, Councilperson Terry Whibley.
- Hosted meetings related to home preservation and economy.
- Improved our neighborhood by cleaning various areas of our community.
- Actively involved in the EARNN programs, from recycling to keeping storm drains clear to cleaning up landscaping around the community. Also looking into partnership with Christian Academy for working to clean up the waterways.
- Installation and completion of the landscaped mediums for traffic calming on both Thole Street entrances into Suburban Acres.
- Increase in number of people attending the monthly meetings. About 24% of our residents are members of our league.

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Volunteer Recognition

The meeting closed with a recognition presentation for Suburban Acres volunteers who contribute every month by delivering *The Suburban* door to door. Special recognition was given to our distribution coordinator, Mary Verykousis, with the Volunteer of the Year award. In addition, these volunteers were awarded with a special certificate of appreciation: Doug Barnhart, Dan Bigelli, Marvin Cheek, Gus Coccarelli, Steve Collins, JoDee Cook, Jennifer Hellman, Ray Kubik, Charles Leonard, Maggie Martin, Bud Raber, Gloria Sweitzer, Janet Turner, Bill Twiford, Lyda White, and Janette Whitlock. Thanks to Bruce Larson and Dennis Mori for planning this event and providing the custom certificates, and to JoDee Cook for planning and preparing the food and beverages. A very festive and delicious presentation.

At the end of the meeting, our president spoke about the dedication of board members and volunteers involved in making 2009 so successful.

New Business

Purchase of the web domain name for another years' use.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Eric Heard, Secretary

With contributions by Tim Fox, Bruce Larson, JoDee Cook, and Dennis Mori

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Neighborhood Watch Update

By Rob Lain

Happy New Year to all! I hope you and yours had an enjoyable holiday season, and look forward to achieving a safe and secure year for Suburban Acres in 2010.

The following are updates from December's Neighborhood Watch report.

There were thirteen separately recorded incidents in Suburban Acres reported to the Norfolk Police Department from November 22 to December 22, according to our neighborhood's crime data on the Norfolk CrimeView Community website. This is a clear spike in criminal activity and one that all in Suburban Acres



should find of great concern. The table below summarizes what's been reported.

Owing to a work commitment that kept me from attending the December SACL meeting, I will announce our updated Neighborhood Watch Block Captain & Block Watcher list at the January 2010 SACL general meeting.

The report in last month's SACL newsletter mentioned our intent to hold a January Neighborhood Watch organizational meeting, in which we can address the Watch's goals and direction for 2010. This will likely be held near the end of the month, with date, time, and location to be announced at the January SACL meeting.

See you at the next Civic League meeting! If you can't attend, please be looking for news via e-mail or your Block Captain regarding the date, time, and location for the Neighborhood Watch meeting later this month.

Reach Rob at 469-3685 or robertjlain@cox.net.

Description	Date	Time	Location
Stolen vehicle	11-25-09	1900	100 block Cromwell Pkwy.
Vandalism	11-25-09	1930	100 block Granby Park
Larceny-parts from auto	11-26-09	1000	7300 block East Kenmore Dr.
Simple assault	11-30-09	0545	7400 block West Kenmore Dr.
Vandalism	11-30-09	1930	7400 block Granby St.
Larceny-parts from auto	11-30-09	1500	7300 block West Kenmore Dr.
Stolen vehicle	12-2-09	1650	7300 block Granby St.
Larceny-from auto	12-5-09	2130	200 block Norva Park
Aggravated assault	12-9-09	1240	7300 block West Kenmore Dr.
Stolen vehicle	12-14-09	0630	100 block Cromwell Pkwy.
Larceny-(all others)	12-14-09	0630	100 block Cromwell Pkwy.
Simple assault	12-17-09	1300	7500 block Virginia Dr.
Larceny-(all others)	12-16-09	1430	7300 block Granby St.



Preparing Your Home's Plumbing for Winter Weather

Frozen and burst water pipes can put an instant freeze on your holiday gathering. Follow the tips below to protect your home's plumbing before cold winter weather arrives.

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas of the house such as garages, basements, attics and crawl spaces.
- Consider installing "heat tape" or "heat cable."
- Seal off outside access doors and cracks to keep the cold out.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water lines located in the garage.
- Locate your master shutoff so you know how to turn off your water.
- Keep your home's thermostat on the same setting during the day and at night.

If you do experience a water service emergency, contact the Department of Utilities at 757-823-1000. For more information on other ways to prepare for winter weather, visit www.readyvirginia.gov.

Recreation

Ball fields... Facility Maintenance takes care of athletic fields throughout the city for the enjoyment of both school and recreation teams. The softball fields at Northside Park are very popular. A new third field has been constructed to meet demand, and the two existing fields have been renovated. The finishing touches are being put on the softball fields now. Teams have praise for the results.

Ocean View Senior Center Playground... Ocean View Senior Center's grounds received a facelift in December. The old playground equipment was demolished in October, and new equipment was installed. In addition, picnic shelters at the Center got new roofs and tables.

Blankets needed at Animal Care Center

Like Linus, the animals at the Norfolk Animal Care Center need the security that only a warm blanket can give. And, as the winter months fast approach, the Shelter is in need of blankets, quilts, comforters, towels, sheets and all types of bedding. Other items are needed at all times: canned wet food (dog/cat/puppy/kitten) any brand, but none expired; non-clumping, clay cat litter; dog and cat toys.

If you can donate any of these items, but cannot get out to the Shelter, you may bring them to my office and I will make sure they are delivered to the Shelter. Drop donations off at Norfolk Animal Care, 5585 Sabre Rd.

Students to lead Norfolk Martin Luther King Remembrance January 18th

In 1929, the year Martin Luther King was born, P.B. Young of Norfolk had already become one of the most successful and

influential black newspaper editors and publishers in the country. Described as the "Dean of the Negro Press", Young's Journal and Guide was the largest selling black newspaper in the South.

At the elementary school that bears his name, 30 fifth grade students are participating in the "Leadership Academy". Sponsored by the Norfolk Police Department, the program is designed to help prepare the students to assume leadership roles in the school and community. The year-old program at P.B. Young Park Elementary has become so successful that it might be implemented at other elementary schools.

The students and their police department sponsors, Sgt. Bill Dixon and Officer Courtney, will lead the city's annual celebration of Doctor Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 18. The march will begin at Scope (Monticello Avenue side) at 10 a.m. with a program of music and remembrance scheduled to start at 11 a.m. School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Jones will be the guest speaker and the Norview High School Chorus will provide the music.

-City of Norfolk, Communications Division



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Neighborhood Calendar

Calendar Notes

Norfolk City offices closed
January 1 & 18, February 15.

 **Street Sweeping**
Monday Jan. 11 and
Friday Feb. 5

 **Recycling Pick Up**
(Blue Bins) Jan. 7 &
21, Feb. 4 & 18

Town Hall Meeting Jan. 4 Please
Join **Senator Ralph Northam** and
Delegate Paula Miller for a Town
Hall Meeting Monday, January 4,
2010 7:00 – 8:30 pm Mary D.
Pretlow Anchor Branch Library,
111 W. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk.
The Virginia General Assembly
convenes on January 13, 2010.
Residents of the 6th Senate and
87th House districts are invited to
join their representatives for a
discussion on the issues they'll be
voting on in Richmond this ses-
sion. Let them know what's im-
portant to you!

**Jan. 14 Mayor's Ward's Corner
Taskforce**, 8:30 am, Norfolk Fit-
ness & Wellness Center, 7300
Newport Ave.

**Jan. 14 Norfolk Federation of
Civic Leagues**, 7:30 pm, Lake
Taylor Hospital cafeteria, 1309
Kempsville Rd. (business meet-
ing-no speaker)

**Jan. 28 Greater Wards Corner
Partnership**, 7 pm, Workforce
Development Center, 201 East
Little Creek Rd. (next to Kroger)

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 7 pm City Council Mtg.	6	7 	8	9
10	11  SACL Meeting 6:30 pm	12 7 pm City Council Mtg.	13	14 830 am Mayor's Wards Corner Taskforce 730 pm Norfolk Fed/Civ League	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 2:30 pm City Council Mtg.	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26 7 pm City Council Mtg.	27	28 7 pm Greater Wards Corner Partnership	29	30
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February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 pm City Council Mtg.	3	4 	5 	6
7	8 SACL Meeting 6:30 pm	9 2:30 pm City Council Mtg.	10	11	12	13
14  St. Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16 2:30 pm City Council Mtg.	17	18 	19	20
21	22	23 7 pm City Council Mtg.	24	25	26	27
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Announcements

Send your announcement to
suburbanacres@gmail.com

If you're not currently receiving email updates from Suburban Acres Civic League, please send us a brief email to let us know you'd like to be added to our distribution list! Send us an email at the above address requesting to be added to our list. Yard sale? Help wanted? Items for sale? Lost and found? Lets us know!

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Community News

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Traffic Alerts

Hampton Blvd-ODU

As part of a project that began in late December for curb and sidewalk replacement, two southbound lanes and the sidewalk on Hampton Blvd between 35th and 38th Streets are closed. During construction, the left turn lane at 38th St will be closed and left turn traffic will be detoured to 43rd St. The work is expected to continue for approximately four weeks, weather permitting. The city scheduled the work to begin just prior to the holidays to minimize the impact to ODU, area public schools and Naval Base traffic.

Hampton Blvd-NIT & Naval Station

Nearly two decades after it was first discussed as a way to alleviate congestion near two of the City's largest employers, a project is underway to build an underpass on Hampton Boulevard near Norfolk International Terminals and gate 6 at Norfolk Naval Station. A temporary six-lane road will be constructed to divert traffic from Hampton Boulevard while the underpass and new bridges are being constructed. The new design is expected to reduce congestion on the roadway and allow more trains to access the terminals.

Tidewater Drive-Southbound

Southbound traffic on Tidewater Drive will be detoured near Lindenwood Avenue starting as early as January 4th for the third phase of work on the railroad underpass in the area. The closure is expected to last through mid-April.

The street's northbound lanes, which have been closed since September, will be reopened as soon as the southbound detour route is firmly established. Southbound motorists will be directed to turn right on Lindenwood Avenue, left on Church Street and left on Princess Anne Road to return to Tidewater Drive.

-Traffic reports from City of Norfolk Communications Division and the Virginian Pilot.

TRAFFIC UPDATES AT:

610 A.M., Highway Advisory Radio

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Live Traffic Cams on the web at www.511va.org

For 2010, Resolve to Make a Plan

Here's a New Year's resolution that is easy to do and will make a big difference.

Everyone should have a family emergency plan, so resolve now to make yours. This is important because your family may not

be together when an emergency happens. You need to plan in advance how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in different situations. How do you make a family emergency plan? Start here:

- ◇ Choose an out-of-town friend or relative as an emergency point of contact. During emergencies it is often easier to make a long distance call than a local call. An out-of-town contact can help communicate among separated family members. Be sure everyone in your family knows the phone number for that person.
- ◇ If you have cell phones, teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around cell network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.
- ◇ Decide on a meeting place in case you cannot return home. Choose a neighborhood meeting place and another meeting place outside your neighborhood in case you can't re-



turn there. For example, your neighborhood meeting place may be a friend's house on the next street. A meeting place outside your neighborhood may be a nearby church, store or another friend's home.

- ◇ If you are a parent, ask your schools and daycare providers about their emergency plans. Find out how they will communicate with families during a crisis. Ask if they are prepared to "shelter in place" if needed and where they plan to go if they must leave.
- ◇ Talk with your family about the types of emergencies that could happen to you. Include weather emergencies, health crises and human-caused situations.
- ◇ Write down your family emergency plan. Get printable worksheets to make a plan at www.ReadyVirginia.gov. This Web site also provides information about emergency supplies and how to respond to all types of emergencies.

Research shows that families with written emergency plans are better able to handle and recover from unexpected situations. Making a family plan is simple, doesn't cost anything, and could save you and your loved ones a lot of heartache. Resolve to make your family plan now.

Also learn about Winter Weather Preparedness at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's Ready Virginia web site, VAEmergency.com

City facility now accepts household hazardous waste and electronics

Piles of paint cans in the garage? Outdated electronics gathering dust in the attic? With the new, convenient collection for electronics and household hazardous waste now available for free, Norfolk residents can clear out the clutter. The region's first municipal-operated household hazardous waste (HHW) and e-waste facility opens January 2nd. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adjacent to the Waste Management offices on 1176 Pineridge Road, the facility is the result of a partnership with Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB) and Public Works' Division of Waste Management.

Household Hazardous Waste Accepted at new Norfolk Facility

- Paint & paint-related liquids
- Automotive fluids
- Fuels & oils
- Propane tanks & cylinders
- Mercury-containing thermostats & thermometers
- Soaps, detergents, cleaners
- Liquid & solid pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Compact fluorescent bulbs
- Fluorescent tubes (4ft. only)
- Household, automotive & rechargeable batteries
- Personal & laptop computers and workstations, servers
- Monitors and Televisions
- Keyboards, printers, copiers and computer peripherals
- Consumer electronics and household appliances including microwaves (NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR REFRIGERATORS)
- Telephone & fax equipment
- Cell phones
- Cameras, camcorders, stereo equipment, DVD players, VCRs
- DVDs, cassette tapes and VCR tapes (with cases)

The service is free and expected to result in cost savings to the City. When residents take materials to the HHW facility at the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA), the City is charged \$35.00 per visit. The added convenience of this facility is also expected to prevent illegal dumping.

For a limited time, strings of holiday lights will also be accepted for recycling. Light strands must be separated from other items.

Residents have expressed concern over electronics waste, the fastest growing waste stream in the United States, which often contains hazardous materials and needs proper disposal. Since 2007, more than 245,000lbs of electronics has been collected through special, single-day events, which would have otherwise ended in the landfill. The new facility provides a convenient and safe on-going disposal option, and allows for the collection of recyclable materials, reducing the waste stream even further.

This service is available for Norfolk residents only and proof of residency is required. For a complete list of accepted items, call 441-5813 or visit www.norfolkbeautiful.org.

Letters From Our Neighbors

Making a New Year's Resolution



By Steve Collins

It's that time of year once again - time to keep those New Year's resolutions. Resolutions are a "Bad News"-"Good News" story. The "Bad News" - Many people do not make resolutions and for those that make them, most do not keep them. The "Good News" -those that discipline themselves to make and keep their New Year's resolutions have learned the art of deliberate change and accomplishment in their lives.

Some observations: 1) Three of the top ten New Year's resolutions center around – Getting organized; self improvement; and making a difference (inferring that most people want to improve themselves or make contributions to improve their social network). 2) Most people enjoy contributing to something that collectively has a bigger benefit because of the synergy of a combined effort; they feel a sense of pride that is created by the fruit of their collective effort. 3) Most people can overcome any obstacle to personal involvement once they have made a firm commitment or solid decision toward accomplishing a goal or contributing to an effort.

The critical effort to keeping a resolution or achieving a goal is to create an action plan that systematically walks one toward the goal. A *goal* would look something like this: Goal: invest in the community in 2010. 1) Make decision: decide to participate in the civic league in 2010. 2) Make commitment: fill out membership form and send in annual dues (\$5/\$10) in January. 3) Action plan: 3a) Attend 50% of meetings, 3b) Participate in one community activity; 3c) Meet two neighbors. 4) Unintended benefit: 4a) Meet neighbors; 4b) Make friends; 4c) Have fun; 4d) Familiarity with community issues / opportunities.

Making a resolution could be a "Good News" story for you. January is that time to make that annual commitment. 2010 could be the year that you step out of your comfort zone, make that plan and keep that resolution to invest in Your Community. Your neighbors would certainly like to meet you and welcome you to the effort. See you at the next meeting! Happy New Year!

Steve



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By Karen Mayne

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Many of us do. Here is one resolution that will help both the environment and your pocketbook, and it doesn't involve the size of your waistline! Most of us have heard the phrase "reduce, reuse, and recycle,"



and we know about the materials we can put into the City's blue recycling carts. But we may not think about reducing and reusing the things in our life. Each year, the average Norfolk resident creates 1825 pounds of waste

(that's almost a ton!). Everything plastic – whether a plastic bag or bottle, synthetic fabrics and carpet, and even car parts – is made from hydrocarbons mined from oil, natural gas, or coal.

Everything metal – from silverware to vacuum cleaners – is made from metals mined somewhere in the world. Mining of hydrocarbons and metals not only uses up limited natural resources that can never be replaced, it also causes environmental and social disruption in many regions around the globe. So, before buying something new, think about whether what you have can still serve a little longer (and that will save some money!).

When it is time to get rid of something, think about whether it could be reused to serve a needy family for some time longer. We have many thrift stores in our area that will take clothes and household goods, and many of them will pick up at your home. Habitat for Humanity has a program that will take surplus or still usable construction materials (everything from sinks to siding) – they are located at 900 Tidewater Drive and can be reached at 640-0590, ext. 217 or www.shrhabitat.org. Mailing stores, such as the UPS store at Southern Shopping Center, take back plastic packing peanuts, and grocery stores usually take back plastic bags.

Recycling is the last "r" for our New Year's resolution. The recycling industry employs 1.1 million workers nationwide and is a \$236 billion a year industry. Our local recycling saves space in the SPSA landfill – something we all should be concerned about! And, every time you put out your recycling cart (even if it isn't full), the City "counts" the cart towards our neighborhood's participation rate for the EARNN program (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods), and that earns us points towards our annual goal of getting \$750 from the City for our civic league.

The opening of the City's new household waste recycling center at 1176 Pineridge Road in the Norfolk Industrial Park (Monday thru Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm) provides an opportunity to recycle even more waste. This site will take things such as old computers, TVs, electronics, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and household waste such as pesticides and fertilizers, cleaning products, and used automotive oil. For a complete list of materials this facility will accept and its location, call the City's Keep Norfolk Beautiful program at 441-1347 or go to www.NorfolkBeautiful.org.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Now, that's one resolution that is easy to keep and will help the planet!

You can reach Karen by e-mail at KarenLMayne@aol.com or by phone at 587-1287.

EARNN Points Add UP for SACL

By JoDee Cook

Will you please be a Suburban Acres EARNN neighbor? 2010 will be a special year for us as neighbors come together to help enhance our neighborhood, get to know one another even better, and earn dollars for our civic league through Norfolk's EARNN (Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk Neighborhoods) program. Points are earned for SACL by placing your blue recycle bin out for every bi-weekly collection (70% recycling participation earns 35 points).

SACL earns 5 points when 30 or more members attend civic league meetings with EARNN topic presentations. Attend SACL's January 11th meeting for a presentation by John Stewart of the Lafayette Wetlands Partnership and storm water management personnel. A follow up effort in cooperation with Archer Green Apartments and Norfolk Christian High School's Eco-Bio Club will clean Lafayette River tributaries within our neighborhood boundaries. A youth initiative involving Litter Prevention Team work can earn SACL another 20 points.

EARNN Program Coordinators JoDee Cook and Bob Lyons are seeking neighbors willing to coordinate or assist with the following EARNN initiatives:

- Leadership for Youth Engagement (10 EARNN points)
- Graffiti Abatement (10 EARNN points for five neighbors trained through Norfolk's Tag-Out program to remove graffiti on an as-needed basis)
- Illegal Sign Removal (10 points for five neighbors trained and certified to remove illegal signs on an as-needed basis)

If you are interested in helping with EARNN projects, please get in touch with JoDee or Bob and help keep Suburban Acres a top notch place to live!

Contact JoDee Cook at 587-7918.
Reach Bob Lyons at 480-0522.

Current SACL EARNN Points	
5	Storm Medallion Decals
10	Youth Engagement in Medallion placement
3	Street sweeping signs (displayed monthly)
3	Recycling signs (displayed bi-weekly)
5	Newsletter articles on environmental & conservation issues
15	Blue bin recycling participation
41	Total

EARNN Points are awarded annually in June:		
50 points = \$ 200	75 points = \$ 350	90 points = \$ 500
60 points = \$ 250	80 points = \$ 400	95 points = \$ 550
70 points = \$ 300	85 points = \$ 450	100 points = \$ 700

Norfolk Public Library Events

Wild Rumpus

The adventures of Max and the “wild things” will come alive this winter at Norfolk Public Library. Visit the branch locations below for readings of Maurice Sendak’s 1964 classic children’s book, *Where the Wild Things Are*. We’ll even have a special visit from a Wild Thing! Fun for the entire family to enjoy! Bring your camera. (Family)

Monday, January 11

Larchmont Branch @ 3:00 PM

Saturday, January 16

Pretlow Anchor Branch @ 2:00 PM

Visit from Salty, The Admirals Mascot

Wednesday, January 6 @ 3:30 PM

Larchmont Branch

Salty the Dog is coming to Larchmont! Meet him and hear a hockey story. Remember your camera! (Family)

Wild Writers

Wednesday, January 13 @ 4:00 PM

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

Join the Old Dominion University Writers in Community in a *Where the Wild Things Are*-themed writing workshop. (School Age)

Paper Hat Day

Friday, January 15 @ 3:30 PM

Larchmont Branch

Come make a paper hat and decorate it with feathers or gemstones for our paper hat parade! (Family)

Special Winnie-the-Pooh Story Time

Wednesday, January 20 @ 3:30 PM

Larchmont Branch

Celebrate the birthday of A. A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh’s creator, with story time and ice-cream! (Family)

NPL LOCATIONS NEARBY

Larchmont Branch ~ 6525 Hampton Boulevard ~ 441-5335

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch ~ 111 W. Ocean View Ave. ~ 441-1750

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Credit Union to Open Wards Corner Branch

By Kevin Janney

Langley Federal Credit Union plans to open its new Wards Corner branch at the corner of Granby Street and Louisiana Drive by the end of March. Of the six full time employees projected to staff the branch, five of those will be new hires, according to LFCU spokesperson Susan Thrash. "We have been looking for a good location in Norfolk and we took advantage of this opportunity. This location will serve current members, and help us grow on the Southside," said Thrash. LFCU was established in 1936 and has more than 175,000 members and \$1.5 billion in assets.

According to Thrash, LFCU's Director of Research and Communications, the convenient location and highly-recognizable Wards Corner area contributed to the site's selection, as well as the fact that the building had been built as a bank, which helped with renovation complexity and cost. The Granby Street location will be LFCU's second Southside branch, the other located at Chesapeake Crossroads on Portsmouth Boulevard. LFCU has sixteen other branches on the Peninsula.



New Langley Federal Credit Union branch at 7420 Granby St.

The 7420 Granby Street site is a former Life Savings Bank of Norfolk branch, and was built in the early 1950's according to M. B. "Mike" Mausteller Jr., Senior Vice President of Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate. The Wards Corner location and nine other Life Savings Bank branches reopened as Branch Banking & Trust Company (BB&T) bank branches after the two organizations merged in October 2003. BB&T closed the branch a couple of years ago in an effort to consolidate area branches. Mausteller says the brick and masonry building "is extremely well built" and anticipates LFCU will do well at the site because "the Wards Corner area is populated by a lot of loyal customers who enjoy doing business in the local area."

The renovation project designer is Guernsey & Tingle Architects, with Glenn Development serving as contractor. The property transaction was brokered by Harvey Lindsey Commercial Real Estate of Norfolk.



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