

SUBURBAN ACRES CIVIC LEAGUE NEWS



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**Join us on
September 8, 2008
for our regularly
scheduled meeting
at 7:00 pm
(Doors open 6:30 pm)
at Suburban Acres
Elementary School**

To Turn or Not to Turn?

Civic League members will vote on the removal of the **No Left Turn 3-6 PM** sign at Little Creek and Virginian Drive (traveling west on Little Creek into Wards Corner). The vote will be held at the September 8th Civic League meeting. Members who are current on their dues may vote.



It was an awesome show of patriotism at the annual July 4th Parade... including tractors, hula hoops, escort vehicles, a cool convertible, stilts, authentic patriot attire, whacky costumes, lots of laughter, and much more! And most exciting of all, neighbors took the time to meet and enjoy each other before and after the parade. *For more, see page 2. Parade photos courtesy Timothy Fox.*

Message from the VP

Proposed 2009 Meeting Schedule Changes

Tops Agenda for September 8th Meeting

The Suburban Acres Civic League is a group of proud neighbors who work together in the interest of enhancing the community in which we live. The safety, integrity, and enjoyment of living in Suburban Acres all top our agenda. Civic League meetings are currently held quarterly, with a growing number of social events and a few special interest subcommittee meetings peppered between the League meetings.

With a desire to maintain momentum, and to be more involved and better informed of the activities that affect our community, it has been suggested that the Civic League meet formally on a more frequent basis. The following schedules have been proposed and will be voted on at the next Civic League meeting on September 8th.

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Proposed Civic League Meeting Schedules:

1. Monthly
2. Bi-Monthly (starting in January)
3. All months *except* July, August, December, and January
4. Remain quarterly

The Civic League is an excellent tool for strengthening a community. Together, we become a much more effective body when it's time for our voices to be heard downtown, when we're standing up together against crime on our blocks, or when we come together to enjoy good ol' fashion neighborhood fellowship.

Through 2008, I feel as though we have made significant progress toward revitalizing the functionality of our Civic League, and I only expect the momentum to build. Our involvement (yours and mine) at any level is integral to shaping the community in which we enjoy living. Whether your interest is in city development (as it impacts our neighborhood), community safety, or neighborhood morale events, there's a place for you to make a positive difference.

As your elected Vice President, I have found great reward in serving this community and making a contribution to its improvement. I encourage you to join us and help to shape this organization into what it needs to make our Suburban Acres the best community it can be. I look forward to meeting you, and enjoying this neighborhood with you for many years to come.

Regards,

Timothy Fox

Suburban Acres Civic League, VP

Civic League Events Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

October 11, Saturday — *Suburban Acres Golf Tournament* (Median Mermaid Fund Raiser)

October 25, Saturday — *Family Harvest Party* (Chili Contest and Pumpkin Decorating Contest)

November 10, Monday — *Civic League Meeting* (Officer Elections / Fire prevention guest speaker)

December 14, Sunday — *CHKD Benefit* (Hot Cocoa w/ Santa at The Padgett's Land o' Lights)



Suburban Acres Fourth of July 2008 Parade In Review

By Tim Fox

I'm absolutely delighted by our neighborhood's show of patriotism at the annual July 4th Parade! We easily doubled participation from last year and the creativity meter went up several notches. And most exciting of all, neighbors took the time to meet and enjoy each other before and after the parade – what an outstanding community!

Whether you paraded with us or cheered us along the route, thank you for participating in the neighborhood celebration of our country's birthday. Additional thanks to NPD Officer Curtis Jackson for leading our parade, to the civic league board and officers who supported us and provided refreshments, NFD Engine 9 (who joined us after an emergency call), and special thanks to those of you who helped to post flags throughout the neighborhood.

Out of excitement for this parade's success, folks are already discussing float ideas and other great enhancements for next year!!! Just add community, and watch it GROW!

Civic League and Community News

Please note: A special meeting for election of 2009 officers will be held on Monday, November 10. There will be no general meeting on December 8.

Neighborhood Watch Program Underway

The first organizational meeting of Suburban Acres Neighborhood Watch was held Thursday, August 7 at the Workforce Center. Twenty six residents turned out for the meeting, led by NPD Crime Prevention Officer Sandy Parker. For information about the program, or to get involved as a Block Captain or Watcher, call JoDee Cook at 587-7918.

Yard of the Month

Winners

Ruby and Rita have been busy awarding "Yard of the Month" winners, who have the privilege of displaying the Yard of the Month mermaid crafted by Jack Sanderlin. Our first two winners are: Reverend and Mrs. Hardison, 7039 Kirby Crescent (July) and JoDee Cook, 7371 Kirby Crescent (August). Ruby and Rita have a difficult task with so many outstanding yards in the neighborhood, but watch for them — the next

winning yard might be yours.

Rain Barrels

Suburban Acres residents are helping the environment by purchasing rain barrels from Lynnhaven River NOW. During July, JoDee Cook coordinated an effort for neighbors to construct their own barrels under the guidance of Michael Minor. Participants include Deanna Adams with her two sons, Diane Ruhl, MaryAnn Grogen, James Sutphin, Kathy Palmer, Rose and Scott Gray, Susan Bastinelli, and Toya Barnett.

Storm water run-off is our number one source of pollutants entering our rivers. By capturing roof-water, they will help reduce the amount of run-off from their property.

Aging in Place:

Creating a Livable Community will be held October 7 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

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Being an active member of your community has never been as important as it is today.

We need your involvement in the Suburban Acres Civic League. The larger our membership, the louder our voice will be heard! Don't wait, join today!

Individual Membership is \$5.00 and Family Membership is \$10.00. Make check payable to "Suburban Acres Civic League". Dues are now payable for the 2008 calendar year.

Suburban Acres Civic League Membership Form 2008

First Name

Last Name

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*Please make check payable to **Suburban Acres Civic League**. Mail with this form to Bruce Larson, Treasurer, Suburban Acres Civic League, 574 Thole Street, Norfolk, VA 23505.*