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Election of Officers November 10

***Please join us
November 10 at the
next Suburban Acres
Civic League
meeting to elect
officers and board
members for 2009***

Time: 7:00 pm
(Doors open at 6:30)

Place: Suburban
Acres Elementary
School on Thole St.

Guest Speaker: Ray
Steffens from Norfolk
Fire Department on
Fire Prevention

Suburban Acres Family Harvest Celebration!

Saturday, October 25th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, October 25th, The Suburban Acres Civic League is hosting a *Family Harvest Celebration!* You're invited to join us at the Padgett's home for good ol' fashion neighborly fellowship. Refreshments will be provided and *costumes are encouraged!*

Join us at the home of Civic League President Shawn Padgett,
314 Suburban Parkway (*near Galveston - you can't miss the largest
Halloween light display*)

Enter the Chili Contest! Bring a crock-pot of your prize-winning (*or just
plain delicious*) family recipe

Show off your Pumpkin! Bring your carved pumpkin to enter the contest

Mini Pumpkin Decorating! Mini pumpkins will be provided for children to
decorate at the party

Memories! Provided by you!

Suburban Acres

Civic League

Meeting Minutes for

September 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD

WATCH PROGRAM: Reported by JoDee Cook, there are 29 neighbors participating at the present time. Archer's Green is also participating. Neighborhood Watch signs will be posted soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bruce Larson reported the current balance \$1,159.85

PACE REPORT: Officer Curtis Jackson provided crime statistics: July—two burglaries, August—vehicle larceny, September—larceny and robbery.

Crime Prevention pamphlets were made available.

VOTE: The civic league voted in favor of:

Monthly meetings for the civic league effective January, 2009

Removal of "No Left Turn" sign at Little Creek and Virginian (which presently restricts left-turn traffic onto Virginian Monday through Friday 3 to 6 p.m.)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05

Message from the VP

November marks two years since my family joined this community. Andrea and I became Civic League members immediately, knowing that we wanted to be a part of what would foster a great community for our children (then 'child'). The Civic League has provided us many opportunities to get to know a number of you here in the neighborhood.

In comparison to my previous neighborhood (*in which I lived 12 years without participating in its Civic League*), I could easily say that I now know at least ten times the number of my neighbors. That really says a lot to me. That's ten times the number of people who know my family and will be an extra set of eyes for their safety. It's that many more people with whom we'll share our views and work to resolve the issues that affect our neighborhood, and that many more of you with whom we will laugh throughout the years as we come together to celebrate life.

As a result of the September meeting, ***the Civic League body voted to increase its meetings to monthly -- effective January 2009.*** This will provide more opportunities to get to know your neighbors, and it will facilitate your ability to be heard and to keep well abreast of the events and issues in our community. More frequent meetings will also help to maintain momentum as we progress through the year, and hopefully it will enhance the attendance at meetings...*no more guessing which month to come.* With this, there will certainly be an impact on those who are active participants—and especially the officers and Board of Directors who do much of the leg work behind the scenes and in between the normal meetings.

I'd really like to thank the folks I've served alongside on the Board over the past two years. I appreciate the commitment you've all made to our community. You've certainly gone above and beyond to help make this neighborhood the best it can be!

As we prepare to close down the business of 2008, we have this one more important task of establishing our leadership for the coming year. ***The November 10th Civic League meeting will be largely for that purpose, electing the officers and the Board of Directors.*** We are always encouraging participation at any level, but the emphasis this coming month is greatly on the League management. So I strongly urge you to throw your name in the hat if you'd like to help guide the SAACL through 2009. And if not, that's OK too. But come November it will be your opportunity to elect the folks you think will best champion the needs, concerns, and desired direction of this neighborhood.

Suburban Acres is a great neighborhood because it's residents are great people who care about their community. I'm glad to be a part of that with you. ***I'm looking forward to talking with you at the Harvest Celebration this coming weekend,*** and I hope to see you at the meeting on November 10th. Until then, be well.

Warmest Regards,

Timothy Fox
Suburban Acres Civic League, VP

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Civic League and Community News

Suburban Park Elementary

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Suburban Park Elementary is organizing a food drive with the goal to make 30 baskets to ensure needy families in their school have a feast to celebrate this Thanksgiving. The Civic League is supporting this food drive, and we ask the members of our community to help out. We will collect canned goods at the November 10th Civic League meeting and we will be making additional donations, such as turkeys, potatoes, onions, fruit, and pies.

If you would like to make a contribution, please email the Civic League at suburbanacres@gmail.com, or call Tim Fox at 338-0439. Thank you for your generosity.

Neighborhood Watch Update

The city has posted three new Neighborhood Watch signs at entry points to our area, and additional signs for the Archer's Green area have been ordered and will be placed soon. Block Captains and Watchers are encouraged to attend the Norfolk Police Forum on Gangs set for

Civic League Events Calendar



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

October 25, Saturday — Family Harvest Party at the home of Shawn Padgett, 314 Suburban Parkway

Chili Contest and Carved Pumpkin Contest

November 10, Monday — Civic League Meeting

Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2009
Guest Speaker Ray Steffens from Norfolk Fire Department on Fire Prevention

December 14, Sunday — CHKD Benefit

Hot Cocoa w/ Santa at The Padgett's Land o' Lights

October 29 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 6400 Newport Avenue (behind DePaul Hospital). For information about Neighborhood Watch, or to report an incident, call our Watch Coordinator JoDee Cook at 587-7918.

Wards Corner Kid Safe Spook-tacular

Come to the Halloween carnival under the big top!

Sponsored by the Greater Wards Corner Business Association and Wards Corner Optimist Club.

When: Halloween Night, October 31, 2008 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Where: 135 E. Little Creek Road (the old Dollar General Store)

Cost: \$1.00 plus a nonperishable food item

New this year—the Haunted Pumpkin Patch!!

A raffle benefits the Optimist Club children's program. Entertainment by Astro DJ. Join the fun with Games, Face Painting, Juggling by Tim Nolan, Pictures with the Tooth Fairy and food and refreshments.

Enter the costume contest!

Categories include Ages 2-6, Ages 7-12, Most Original and Family. We'll see you there.

Be a Reading Partner Volunteer

Volunteers are needed for the Reading Partners program at Suburban Park Elementary School! Please contact Claudette Dalmida at 531-3118 or 531-3119 for more information or to volunteer for this worthwhile program.

Congratulations September YOTM

Ruby and Rita announced that our neighbors Steve and Bettie Collins at 224 Granby Park received the Yard of the Month mermaid for September. Congratulations and thank you for helping keep Suburban Acres beautiful!

For more information about these and other news and events, visit our website at www.suburbanacres.wordpress.com

Halloween Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treating

Following these easy safety tips will help keep you and your children from harm this Halloween. If going door to door is not for you, consider heading for an indoor party.

Trick or Treaters

- Always trick or treat in groups accompanied by an adult.
- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Shoes should fit.
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on the sidewalk.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Be polite and say "thank you."
- Don't enter any house unless you know the people.
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Don't carry fake knives, swords or other props that look authentic, and make sure they're flexible and cannot hurt anyone.
- Stay away from unfamiliar pets and animals.

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home.
- Young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween, so put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick or treater.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick or treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick or treaters include packages of low fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single serve packets of low fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
- Nonfood treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.

Suburban Acres Athletes

Shooting Stars!

Ever have a desire to see good old-fashioned athletic competition that doesn't have anything to do with salary caps, steroids and the ESPN over-hype machine? If so, just take a quick walk or short ride to one of our neighborhood schools for a cornucopia of athletic options. Although the Fall Sports Season is winding down, the schools still have plenty to offer, such as:

- Visit Norfolk Collegiate's tennis courts to see one of the area's top-ranked girls' tennis teams.
- Catch the surprising Norfolk Christian Boys Soccer team in action at Suburban Park Elementary.
- Drive to Powhatan field (ODU campus) to cheer on Granby and Norfolk Christian Football, as well as the Granby Field Hockey team.
- Check out all three schools' boys and girls Volleyball Teams in their respective gyms.

You may want to get your basketball tickets early this year. Collegiate and Granby will have their traditional powerhouse teams, but an added treat will be playing on the Christian hardwood. Although only a sophomore, one of the country's top prep prospects will be leading the Ambassadors to new heights. All indications are that this child is the "real deal" and you will be able to say "I saw...."

Finally, we're naming names, but we need your help! We'd like to acknowledge individuals who participated in college or high school sports this Fall. Unfortunately, we have limited resources, thus we're relying on you to provide details. If you have any info about a neighborhood athlete, please send it to Doug Barnhart at dbarnhart1@cox.net.



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Welcome our new neighbors!

Please be sure to welcome our new neighbors, Rob, Stephanie, and Caleb Kiernan at 500 Suburban Parkway. Your Suburban Acres neighbors look forward to meeting you at our next meeting.

How to become a civic league member?

Individual Membership is \$5.00 and Family Membership (2 people) 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

Address

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

*Please make check payable to **Suburban Acres Civic League**. Bring to the next meeting or mail with this form to **Bruce Larson, Treasurer, Suburban Acres Civic League, 574 Thole Street, Norfolk, VA 23505. And thank you for your support!***