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Fall

Larchmont/Edgewater Community News

2003

## Civic League Meeting: December 11 at 7:30 PM

### President's Letter

I hope everyone is doing well this holiday season. I would like to thank everyone who turned out for the October meeting. It was standing room only; I greatly appreciate everyone's patience with the lack of seating.

Although it was a problem, it was a nice problem to have. I'm sure you will agree that it was good to have our new PACE officers at the meeting. Officer Routon and Officer Hicks will do a great job for us and we look forward to working with them (see neighborhood watch article).

The presentations, from Barry-Robinson group on the proposed Catholic school and Art Collins on the Bolling Square condo project, were quite informative. I felt it was important to give the whole neighborhood the opportunity to review and comment on these projects. Both projects met with overwhelming support from the record crowd. The civic league will continue to liaison with both of these groups to give the neighborhood a strong voice in the development of these projects. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ben Hatcher for serving on this committee. As a citizen and resident of our neighborhood, his



input and experience as an architect has been invaluable to our committee.

We will have several issues on the upcoming agenda. We will have a short presentation by the Village Pointe Senior Housing group. They are a non-profit housing organization which provides housing for low income seniors. Their newest location is nearby, on 38th street, so it would be good for us to hear of the services that they offer to the surrounding communities.

Next, we will continue the discussion and review the progress of becoming a local historic district. Mary Miller, from the City, will be on hand to

answer questions concerning the process and the benefits in being designated a Historic District.

Last but not least, we will have elections of your civic league officers. As stated in the bylaws, nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer will be accepted from the floor. If interest exists, we will entertain splitting the Secretary/Treasurer position. I encourage anyone interested in these positions to attend. If you are unable to attend and want to get involved, call a board member.

See you there!

### Proposed Historic District

We are pleased to inform you that we have started the process for making our neighborhood a Historic and Cultural Conservation District. Below is a Statement of Intent, which provides the guidelines for this initiative.

Statement of Intent: The Historic and Cultural Conservation Districts are intended to protect and conserve areas of the city and individual structures, premises and sites having special

historic or cultural significance; encourage new development and redevelopment that is consistent with the character of existing development in these areas; prevent destruction of historic structures and encroachment by uses, structures and site development features that are incompatible with the unique appearance and historic and cultural significance of these areas; and help implement the historic preserva-

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### Current Board Members:

#### Elected Positions:

**President** – Dave O'Dell  
440-9061

**Vice President** – Hal Cannon  
440-0354

**Secretary** – Rhonda Liberto  
423-3801

**Treasurer** – Rhonda Liberto

#### Volunteer Positions:

**Membership Chair** – Hale Delevan

**City Code Enforcement**

**Chair** – GM Ziller 423-2064

**Neighborhood Watch Chair**

Laurie Chapman 423-5731

**Parks and Recreation Chair**–

Hal Cannon

**Newsletter: Editor** –

Rhonda Liberto

**Graphics** – Kent Queman

### Need Your Help!!!

We are actively recruiting for help with the Newsletter and the Parks and Recreation Chair. Please contact any board member or come to the meeting.

### New Website Coming

A Larchmont/Edgewater website, [www.larchmontedgewater.org](http://www.larchmontedgewater.org), is currently in the works to help keep our neighbors up to date on information regarding issues in our neighborhood.

## December 11 Meeting Agenda Larchmont Methodist Church

**Village Pointe Senior  
Housing**

**Historic District  
Mary Miller  
City of Norfolk**

**Officer Election**

*Historic District (cont'd)*

tion policies in the General Plan of Norfolk.

The following are a few of the FAQ's regarding our neighborhood becoming a Historic District and Historic Preservation.

Q. What kind of designation is the civic league seeking?

A. The civic league is asking to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Norfolk to create a local historic and cultural conservation district for the Larchmont-Edgewater neighborhood.

Q. How would this designation benefit the neighborhood?

A. It would protect the look and feel of the neighborhood.

Q. Will this affect paint colors and minor alterations I want to make?

A. No local historic district in the City currently reviews paint colors. Minor alterations are frequently classified as maintenance so staff members can readily issue a Certificate of Appropriateness.

See website for more info:  
([www.larchmontedgewater.org](http://www.larchmontedgewater.org))

### August/September Neighborhood Watch

Larcenies from autos continue to be the most frequent crimes reported in the Larchmont/Edgewater area. In August and September there were 18 and 12 larcenies, respectively. During this same time period, 9 stolen vehicles were reported to the police, and there were 13 incidences of vandalism and 3 burglaries. All of the burglaries involved items taken from garages. All residents need to be aware of people who are not familiar to them, and/or do not belong in the neighborhood; and keep cars locked at all times.

Officers Routon and Hicks, our PACE officers, continue to work 8-hour shifts in the neighborhood, either mornings and afternoons or afternoons and evenings, depending on the need at the time. They have occasionally been on bike patrols in the evenings to watch for the vandals. Remember to always call the police to report any incidents, whether you are directly involved or not. They need all information, no matter how minor it may seem, in order to identify possible trends. They cannot help us if they do not know what happens in our neighborhood. You can reach them by calling the Blue Sector

Headquarters at 664-7317 or the non-emergency # 441-5610. Officer Routon can be reached via pager at 364-9625.

A big thank you goes to our Area Coordinators and Block Captains for all the help and information they help disseminate: Cece Turrietta, Maria Fallin, Dave Powell, Jean Walters, Bobbie Jo Jonas, Debbie Robinson, John Luker, Sandra Ybarra, Jill Fox, Mary O'Donnell, Kerri Pleban, Mary Scott Sutelin, Ann Morgan, Lynn Tomlinson, Clark Lee Merriman, Judy Rachels, Charlotte Harrell, Phil Merritt, and Phil and Mary Holly. Please give these folks a big "thank you" when you see them! They help all of us by passing along security information to their neighbors and by sending me information from their areas. They do a wonderful job, but we cannot do it alone....we need EACH block represented, so please contact me if you are willing to give a small amount of your time to the security of our neighborhood. I can be reached at either 423-5731 (1134 Magnolia Ave.) or via e-mail at [laurie@chapman.net](mailto:laurie@chapman.net).

### GET INVOLVED!

## Civic League Membership

Join *your* civic league & get involved!

Dues are only \$10 per household per calender year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: *Treasurer, Larchmont Civic League, 1041 Jamestown Cres., Norfolk, VA 23508*

### Tax Aide for the Elderly

The AARP, in conjunction with the IRS, sponsors Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). The program provides tax preparation help, free of charge, for the low to moderate income population over 60 and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Computer returns will be prepared and e-filed at the DePaul Senior Center.

We need volunteers to help staff the TCE site. Tax training is provided for tax counselors. We also need help with greeting clients and organizing their paperwork for the counselors. If interested, call Kent Quemam at 489-8024.

### Bazemore's Friendly Market



6412 Hampton Boulevard Norfolk, VA 23508  
757-489-1002 FAX 757-489-1003  
[bazemores@earthlink.net](mailto:bazemores@earthlink.net)  
[www.bazemores.net](http://www.bazemores.net)

President Rosean Runte has invited neighbors to the third annual holiday Illumination at ODU Kaufman Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 pm.  
Parking is available in Lot 27 on Elkhorn Avenue.  
Refreshments will be served.  
Please RSVP to [rsvp@odu.edu](mailto:rsvp@odu.edu) or call 683-3116.  
Bring a canned food item to donate to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia.