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Larchmont/Edgewater Community News

2004

Civic League Meeting: September 23 at 7:30 PM

President's Letter

It's that time of year and school is back in session. Time for our next civic league meeting. First, let me apologize for the change of date. We had difficulty in distributing the newsletters in time for the meeting so we thought it best to put the meeting off for a couple of weeks until we could assure adequate delivery. Our new date is September 23rd at the Larchmont United Methodist Church.

Our feature this meeting will be Old Dominion University. Several construction projects are in the works at ODU and Vice President Fenning will be bringing us up-to-date on their progress.

Also, representatives from ODU will be discussing their upcoming "Community Service Day". The school plans to go out into the surrounding communities and assist with litter pickup and other projects. Since ODU is our largest neighbor, let's come out and hear about all the happenings around campus!



Dave O'Dell

Due to the large volume of data collection, the Local Historic District project is still not ready for presentation to us. The data collection phase is almost complete. Once this is done, the committee will work with the City to prepare a proposal for the City Council. Prior to its submission to the City Council, it will be brought before the civic league for review, comment, and approval. A firm date for this meeting has not been set, as the project needs to be coordinated with various City departments. We will notify you of this meeting as soon as we can determine the date.

Last, we were all saddened by the death of our neighbor, Col. Taylor. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Thankfully, the perpetrator was caught and has already plead guilty to the crime.

Come join us on the 23rd. We'll see you there!

Neighborhood Watch

The number of crimes in the Larchmont/Edgewater neighborhoods finally dropped dramatically in July. We believe this is due to the increased vigilance of everyone in the area since the unfortunate attack on Col. Taylor and the capture of his attacker. With all eyes and ears open you have reported all incidents; no matter how small they seemed. That's exactly what you are to do! Let's keep up this "always on alert" attitude and hopefully all types of crime will continue to decline.

There were a few crimes in our neighborhood, much more in June than July.

See Neighborhood Watch on back

Historic District

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a great summer. I am happy to state that we have made great progress on collecting the data that will be necessary for establishing the guidelines for our neighborhood to become a local Historic District. Data collection entailed using the Norfolk Pattern book as a guide for classifying the architectural design of the houses in the Larchmont/Edgewater area. This required that the committee categorize the style of each house within the Larchmont/Edgewater area.

Once this work is finished the next step is to collate and summarize the data and begin writing a description of the architectural styles and building materials of the houses. After this is accomplished, our committee will make a presentation to the Civic League.

We look forward to everyone's continued support.

Mike O'Hearn
Local Historic District Committee

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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*

A Neighborly Reminder

With school starting, the children will be filling the sidewalks on their way to school. Remember, Norfolk City Code requires that a dog be on a leash, lead control or secured in an appropriate animal carrier. There are several areas that are 'off-leash' areas within the city and Larchmont/Edgewater has a couple of these areas located in our neighborhood.

Additionally, please clean up after



your dog; this includes your neighbors yard, and the 'off-leash' areas as well. This unwanted discovery is a frustrating experience for both pet owners and non-owners. It is your responsibility as a pet owner and a good neighbor.

Lastly, it is also against Norfolk City Code to allow your cat to roam freely. Our neighborhood is a fun place to play; let's keep it that way for everyone.

Neighborhood Watch (cont'd)

In June, there were 2 residential burglaries, 4 burglaries to non-residences (an office in the Larchmont Methodist Church was entered overnight), 7 larcenies (most items from yards), 3 vandalisms, and 3 hit-and-runs to property.

In July, there were 2 burglaries to residences and both the Baptist and the Methodist Churches were broken into (the pre-school office in St. Andrews Episcopal in West Ghent was also burglarized), only 1 larceny to residences but 3 larcenies to cars and 1 larceny of parts from an auto, and only 1 vandalism was reported.

The July stats are wonderfully low. Let's hope the stats for August are just as low. I will have those stats on the 14th of September and you will be able to (as always) find them on our website, www.larchmont/edgewater.com, shortly thereafter. You can help our effort of keeping the stats low by becoming a Block Captain. Many areas are still not covered!! Please give me a call at 423-5731 or email me at laurie@chapman.net

Laurie Chapman



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Riverview Village Business Association
 Holiday Open House
 Saturday November 6th

Bring your family to a day of fun from the Virginia Zoo to the Granby Street bridge as the Riverview Village shops and restaurants, and the Zoo kick off the holiday season with free food, entertainment, door prizes, and special shopping discounts. Free Trolley rides available between the Riverview Village shops and the Zoo from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

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