

Neighborhood News



May 2009



Dave O'Dell
President

President's letter

Greetings! Thank you for the turnout at the April meeting. Although the Superintendent of Schools was unavoidably called away, we had an excellent meeting discussing all the issues at large in the neighborhood.

The Superintendent has asked to speak at our Fall meeting. I am sure that anyone with school age children, public or private, will want to attend.

We normally do not have two civic league meetings so close together however we have had an urgent request. The City and Old Dominion University have requested to speak to us regarding the plans for Old Dominion football! It is hard to believe that it is just around the corner. Both entities would like to review the plans for parking and traffic control. With summer just around the corner, we wanted to get this meeting in before school let out. As this will have a **major** impact on the neighborhood on game days, I am sure you will want to attend.

The City Assessors have begun their review of the neighborhood properties. I have included information in this newsletter regarding their process. The appraisers have appropriate identification and will be in City vehicles. Please keep this in mind if you are contacted regarding your assessment.

Larchmont and Edgewater are premier places to live. Please help us keep them that way. Get involved!



ODU Football Season-ticket sales hit 13,500 as deadline passes

As the May 1 deadline passed, Old Dominion's football season-ticket sales had reached approximately 13,500, although a final count is about a week away.

School officials said they must wade through mail-in orders postmarked Friday or earlier before determining the final tally.

Renovated Foreman Field seats 19,782. Officials are planning to set aside 4,000 for students, 1,000 for visiting teams and 1,000 for internal school use, which would bring the number of tickets accounted for at this point to 19,500.

<article credit: The Virginian Pilot, May 3, 2009>

Civic League Meeting

May 28, 2009 ♦ 7:30 p.m.

Larchmont United Methodist Church
1101 Jamestown Crescent

Neighborhood Crime Watch Report

Laurie Chapman, Vice President

During the month of April, twenty crimes were reported. Thirteen of these incidents occurred during Spring Break for Norfolk Public Schools, the April 10-19, which was during Easter weekend and the week after. The majority of the crimes reported during this week as well as for the entire month were larcenies from autos or parts from autos (8 during Spring Break alone, 12 the entire month). All four vandalisms occurred during this vacation period as well as one burglary. There were two bicycle larcenies and one simple assault reported earlier in the month.



Please check out more details at <http://gis.norfolk.gov/crimeviewcommunity>.

And remember to PLEASE report any crimes that are not emergencies to 441-5610. Our PACE officer, Curtis Jackson, can be reached at 831-3484.

Clean the Bay Day Saturday June 6 9 am - Noon

For details or to volunteer call 441-1347
or visit www.norfolkbeautiful.org

ODU 2009 Football Schedule

- 09/05/09 Chowan at Norfolk, 6:00 p.m.
- 09/12/09 Virginia Union at Norfolk, 6:00 p.m.
- 09/19/09 Jacksonville at Jacksonville, Fla. 1:00 p.m.
- 09/26/09 Monmouth at Norfolk, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/03/09 Fordham at Bronx, N.Y. 1:00 p.m.
- 10/10/09 Presbyterian at Norfolk, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/17/09 Campbell at Norfolk, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/24/09 Savannah State at Savannah, Ga. 5:00 p.m.
- 10/31/09 Georgetown at Norfolk, 6:00 p.m.
- 11/07/09 North Carolina Central at Norfolk, 2:00 p.m.
- 11/21/09 VMI at Lexington, Va. 1:30 p.m.

Seven home games, all at 6:00 pm except November 7.

Norfolk Neighborhood University

Navigating Norfolk's Website

May 30, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Granby Municipal Building, 401 Monticello Avenue

Classes are free and open to the public. Register at www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/NU.asp or call 823-4210.

Real Estate Tax Relief for Seniors and Disabled

Seniors over 65 and persons permanently and totally disabled with a net worth of less than \$350,000 can have part of their Norfolk real estate tax relieved based on net income. The table below shows the relief available.

The person seeking relief must live in the property, and this must be applied for every year prior to June 1. Applications can be obtained from the Commissioner of the Revenue (1st floor City Hall) or various satellite sites. Call 441-1502 for more info.

Income of those in home	Percent Relief
\$0 - \$28,611	100%
\$28,612 - \$26,958	80%
\$36,959 - \$45,306	60%
\$45,307 - \$53,653	40%
\$53,654 - \$67,000	20%

Real Estate Assessments in Progress

The city's Assessors Office is conducting a physical inspection of every residential and commercial property in Norfolk to help ensure fair and accurate assessments of properties.

Appraisers will knock on all doors and will conduct exterior reviews. If no one is home a hanger will be left notifying the resident of the visit.

At the homeowner's request an appraiser will make an interior inspection. The appraisers will carry proper city identification and will drive marked city vehicles. If in doubt, you can call 664-4732 to verify the identify of an appraiser.

If you want to appeal your real estate assessment, contact the Assessor's Office at 664-4732. You may formally appeal to the Real Estate Assessment Board of Appeals annually prior to May 31.

Civic League Elected Officers

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Membership—Hale Delavan (hdelavan@aol.com)
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Code Enforcement & Zoning—GM Ziller (gmzjr@verizon.net)
Safety & Welfare/Neighborhood Watch—Laurie Chapman
Newsletter Editor—Jim Chandler (jim_chandler@cox.net)
Newsletter Distribution—open, need volunteers
Webmaster—Sally Hartman (hartmansk@gmail.com)

Important Numbers

Police, Fire or Medical Emergency 911
 Non-Emergency Police number 441-5610
 PACE Officer, Curtis Jackson 831-3484
 Norfolk Care Central (Complaint Line) 664-6510

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 Acceptable formats are MS Word, jpeg, tif or pdf.
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Treasurer, Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League
 1041 Jamestown Crescent
 Norfolk, VA 23508

Civic League Membership Join now and get involved!

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
 E-mail: _____

Bring to the next meeting or mail today to:

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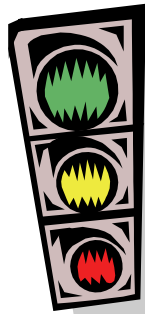
Should We Have an E-Newsletter?

You may have noticed that our neighborhood's all-volunteer newsletter delivery system has some glitches leaving some homes without the printed newsletter. The civic league's board is trying to improve the delivery of the newsletter, which usually is published quarterly and also posted to the civic league website. One option is to move to an electronic newsletter distributed by email.

Please take a moment to complete a brief survey about the current newsletter and the possibility of converting to an e-newsletter. The survey should take no longer than two minutes to complete. It is posted online at www.larchmontedgewater.org.

New Traffic Signal Timing for Hampton Blvd

The city's Division of Transportation developed a traffic signal retiming plan for all signals within the city, with retiming over a five year period. The traffic signals on Hampton Blvd, from the mid-town tunnel to Admiral Taussig Blvd were slated for retiming sometime in April and May.



The new traffic signal timings were developed by modeling the traffic flow along Hampton using traffic analysis software and traffic counts between December 2008 and January 2009. The

timings are projected to decrease the amount of delay a driver experiences along Hampton Blvd. Questions? Contact Acting City Traffic Engineer Rob Brown at 664-7300.

Street Sweeping Reminder

***** Third Tuesday every month *****

May 19 ♦ June 16 ♦ July 21

Please remove cars from the streets on street sweeping day.

Do you recycle? You should!

Here is what you should, and should not, toss into those blue recycle containers. For more info about recycling, contact SPSA 548-2256 or www.spsa.com.

Acceptable Recyclables

- Newspaper & Inserts (place in paper bags)
- Aluminum Cans, Pie Plates and Foil
- Glass Bottles and Jars (clear, brown and green)
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only (no plastic bags)
- Steel Cans
- Cardboard Boxes
- Unwanted Mail & Magazines
- Mixed Office Paper

Unacceptable Recyclables

- Plastic Shopping Bags
- Yard Waste
- Styrofoam Containers
- Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers (such as those for yogurt and butter)

