

# Neighborhood News

## Civic League Meetings

Thursdays

May 31, 2007 &

June 14, 2007

7:30 pm

Larchmont Methodist Church

1101 Jamestown Crescent

## President's Letter

*Civic League Meeting will feature Congresswoman Thelma Drake*



President  
Dave O'Dell

Hello Everyone!

Despite the variable weather, I hope you have had a great Spring. It is time for our next civic league meeting. Our honored guest will be Congresswoman Thelma Drake. She is looking forward to getting together with us to answer any questions we have and get feedback from us. I'm sure she will have a lot to talk about so come on out and here what she has to say. Don't miss this great opportunity!

We will have another meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Old Dominion University. ODU would like to give us a briefing on some of the current projects scheduled for the upcoming year. Although it will be the beginning of summer, come find out what exciting things are happening on campus!

Sadly, this will be Denise Fisher's last newsletter. She has decided to retire, pick up stakes, and move on to greener pastures. Since taking over the newsletter, she has implemented many new ideas and has been very innovative. We will miss her energy and enthusiasm. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

This brings me to my next subject. We need a new newsletter editor! Denise's departure leaves a void in this very important aspect of the civic league. If you have any desire to be a working part of the civic league, now's your chance! Minimal experience is necessary. We have several people in the civic league that will be happy to assist in getting you up to speed. If you are interested, contact any board member and let us know!

Finally, with warmer weather, I have received a large increase in complaints about pet owners not cleaning up their animals waste while walking them through the neighborhood. City code requires that pet owners clean up their pets waste. For those of you who are responsible pet owners, thank you so much. For those of you who have ignored this important aspect of pet ownership, please be aware that Officer Routon and his colleagues will be requested to enforce the City code. Please make this unnecessary.

Be a good neighbor!

Dave

## Oyster Shell Is Sought for Recycling Effort

by Christy Everett, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

During this century, oysters have been the most harvested animal in the Chesapeake Bay. Between heavy harvest, loss of reef habitat, pollution, and disease, the oyster population is thought to be one percent of what it was just over a century ago. How can you help? Next time you eat oysters, save that shell to put oyster habitat back into our local waters!

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is heading up a project to coordinate the shell collection and recycling project. Shells are collected at local participating restaurants and citizen drop-off areas and taken to be processed and deposited in oyster restoration projects.

You can participate in the oyster shell recycling effort by taking your oyster shell to a CBF designated location. The Norfolk citizen drop-off locations are at the dining dock behind the Webb Center at Old Dominion University, near the intersection of 49th Street and Elkhorn Avenue, and at Norfolk Public Library's Larchmont Branch, 6525 Hampton Blvd. next to the Birdsong Wetlands sign.

In Norfolk, order oysters at these restaurants where they will recycle your oyster shell (remind your server!): Tanner's Creek Seafood Restaurant and Raw Bar, 5103 Colley Ave., or O'Sullivan's Wharf, 4300 Colley Ave.

Find more information at [www.cbf.org/shellrecycling](http://www.cbf.org/shellrecycling).

## Neighborhood Crime

by Laurie Chapman

Here's a recap of what has occurred in Larchmont and Edgewater from the first of January through early April. The majority of incidents in our area have been larcenies: 5 cases of parts taken from autos, 3 from the auto itself, and 5 from a residence or yard. The next most prevalent crime has been vandalism, with 8 occurrences, followed by 7 hit and runs involving property. We also had 3 narcotics cases, 1 for drug paraphernalia, 1 for possession of stolen property, 1 case of arson, 1 of trespassing, 1 simple assault, 1 prostitution incident, and 1 burglary of a residence.

Please call 911 for emergencies, 664-7038 to report a vandalism, or 441-5610 for non-emergencies. Always give your complete information AND request that a report is taken. Otherwise, the incident will NOT show up in the monthly report and officers will not be able to spot trends.

Crime statistics are available on the website at [www.norfolk.gov/neighborhood\\_offenses](http://www.norfolk.gov/neighborhood_offenses).

Visit our website at  
[www.larchmontedgewater.org](http://www.larchmontedgewater.org)

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## New Sales Tax Holidays Are Coming

After years of resistance from the General Assembly, and particularly the Senate Finance Committee, sales tax holidays have become the darling of Virginia legislators. The back-to-school sales tax holiday allows consumers to save the 5 percent sales tax on clothing and shoes costing \$100 or less and school supplies costing \$20 or less.

The back-to-school sales tax holiday will take place this year August 3-5. This year, the Assembly approved two new annual holidays: a sales tax exemption for purchases of energy-efficient appliances October 5-8, and the tax break for hurricane-related purchases, that will run the week of May 25, starting in 2008.

Items that qualify for the October holiday must fall under the Energy Star designation by the Environmental Protection Agency and cost \$2,500 or less. They could include dishwashers, laundry machines, air conditioners, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats and compact fluorescent light bulbs. The hurricane-preparedness exemption also covers portable generators priced at \$1,000 or less and items such as batteries and carbon monoxide detectors. A complete list is expected next year.



## Development Continues at The Landings

If you haven't visited The Landings at Bolling Square, you may want to stop by and see what all the excitement is about. The Landings is a 174-residence development comprised of town homes and condominiums in the heart of Larchmont. Situated along the shores of the Lafayette River just off Jamestown Crescent at Bolling Avenue, The Landings is designed for people with a busy lifestyle who wanted an established Norfolk neighborhood with the space and amenities of a single-family home, but without the maintenance.

While Phase 2 of this exciting project is just getting underway, there are still a few residences available in Phase 1 for immediate move-in. The Landings offers plenty of wonderful amenities including a beautiful waterfront promenade, a private outdoor swimming pool, fitness center and an inviting community clubhouse complete with kitchen.

The designer and developer, Collins Enterprises, LLC, concentrates on urban redevelopment and property acquisition in emerging cities, such as Norfolk. The Norfolk Housing and Redevelopment Authority first invited Arthur Collins, president of the company, to Norfolk in 1997; they wanted him to redevelop vacant, downtown parcels. Since that invitation, Collins has successfully undertaken many "new urbanism" projects in Norfolk including PierPointe, The Heritage Apartments, RiverPark, 338 Boush Street, and the new WaterMark in the Talbot Park area.

The Landings Sales Center is open Tuesday – Sunday from noon – 5pm. Site agents are Lin Miller and Nancy Howard. For more information, call 757/353-3596.

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