

Message from the president

Hello neighbors,

I am honored to serve you as president and want to first thank all those who volunteer time to OPCL, in particular the board of directors and committee members. The primary goal of the OPCL is to improve the quality of life within our neighborhood, the Shore Drive community and the city, through our volunteer work. Although the COVID-19 pandemic strained our ability to come together, we remain committed to these priorities:

- **Ocean Park Beach Replenishment and Preservation of Pleasure House Point Natural Area**

- **Phase 4 — Delivering the promised Shore Drive improvements in the city's Capital Improvement Plan**

- **Appropriate Development: Marlin Bay Apartment Project**

We will bring the community together to achieve these goals and provide a collective voice to preserve and improve the unique place that is Ocean Park. We will reach out as broadly with this flier to include as many people as possible. We encourage everyone to

join with us by civic league membership, voicing your concerns, communicating with us via your preferred method and most importantly, supporting neighbors.

Attend our monthly meeting (next one May 5). Our meetings have been on Zoom — so super convenient — and we will try out virtual/in-person hybrid meetings soon. Go to opcl.org to register for the meetings, check out opcl.org/a-year-in-ocean-park to read about our activities this last year.

Sincerely & with best regards,
Danny Murphy, OPCL president

IMPORTANT 2022 DATES

May 5 Membership Meeting

June 9 Membership Meeting

July 3 Fireworks

July 7 Membership Meeting

Aug 4 Membership Meeting

Sept 8 Membership Meeting

Oct 6 Membership Meeting

Oct 15 Fall Fest Social Event

Nov 10 Membership Meeting

Dec 8 Membership Meeting

Hello new and old
Ocean Park
neighbors and friends!

Come out for the

Annual OPCL Spring Fling

Saturday, April 23

At TASTE

(Bayville location)

4-7 p.m.

Enjoy great food, live music
and fun!

Free for OPCL members.
Annual dues are only
\$20 per family
and include the social events .
Join at the event or online:
opcl.org/join-renew

Dues

Completely voluntary, yet necessary. Your civic league operates on a \$15,000 annual budget to cover the costs from postage stamps to web hosting; scholarships to insurance and corporation fees. OPCL helps keep you informed of local issues that may require action for our collective voice to be heard. The volunteers on the board need your help to keep the wheels of neighborhood politics greased. Please

take a moment to pay membership dues of just \$20 per household for the year. When you pay your 2022 dues you receive free admission to our social events a brand new OPCL sticker, (as long as supplies last). Hurry to get yours first.

We hope to see you at future meetings and if you have the time, please volunteer on a committee at communications@opcl.org.

To join, go to opcl.org and follow the JOIN US link to make payment online or mail a check payable to O.P.C.L. and send it to:

Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL)
P.O. Box 55385
Virginia Beach, VA 23471

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address so that we can mail your sticker and stay in touch.

Volunteer in Our Community

Would you like to help out a little or a lot? Do you have ideas for more fun social events?

Would you like to be on the Scholarship Committee to review applicants for our OPCL scholarships?

Find many other opportunities at opcl.org/aboutopcl

We are dedicated to FUN — help plan some good times!

Contact: president@opcl.org

We Have Ocean Park Merch!

t-shirts (\$15) and hoodies (\$40) for sale

Email: communication@opcl.org



Ocean Park Echo Mini

APRIL 2022

Welcome to Ocean Park. Your neighborhood extends from the Lesner Bridge to the 7 Eleven and from the Lynnhaven River to the Chesapeake Bay, including several smaller communities and high-rises within those borders. We invite everyone in this area to attend Ocean Park Civic League meetings and participate in the fun activities we plan each year. For more information, visit www.opcl.org, join the civic league, sign up for emails or go to the Ocean Park Civic League Facebook page. You may also find neighborhood-related information on Instagram @oceanparkcivicleague, Nextdoor, Ocean Park Neighborhood Page on Facebook and Ocean Park Bulletin Board on Facebook.

Remember that a civic league operates differently than a homeowners association. The league does not create or enforce rules for the neighborhood. It acts as combined representation for the majority of the neighborhood and as a facilitator of social events for the neighbors. Votes occur on occasion to determine those topics needing community representation and always take place at General Membership meetings. The civic league represents all residents of Ocean Park and all residents (owners and renters) belong.

Ocean Park Updates

Beach Sand Replenishment

City project planners tell us that the Beach Replenishment Project will provide us with sand in May-June. For details go to www.opcl.org.

Marlin Bay Apartment Development

Community members wrote hundreds of letters, posted signs and spoke to Planning Commission about the proposed Marlin Bay Apartment development. The developer then withdrew the project. We continue to work with developer John Peterson to find a right-sized project for the Marlin Bay property. For the latest details see www.opcl.org

Voting District Changes

For many years Louis Jones has represented our Bayside District on the city council. In the newly drawn districts, he no longer represents our neighborhood. John Moss now serves as our council representative (he was elected as an at-large councilman). He will run for reelection in the new District 9 in November. Come to the Spring Fling April 23 and meet John Moss. We will invite all candidates to speak to the community at a general meeting in the fall.

General Membership Meetings

ANYONE who lives in or operates a business in Ocean Park may attend meetings, regardless of dues status. Plenty of neighborhood information gets presented at the meetings. When votes occur, only paid members can vote,

but the \$20 dues payment can always be accepted online or at each meeting. To pay, go to www.opcl.org.

Join us on Zoom and so-to-be in-person/hybrid meetings monthly to socialize with neighbors and find out what's going on in the community. Find a link to the Zoom General Membership meetings on www.opcl.org or the Ocean Park social media outlets of Facebook, Nextdoor and Instagram.

Crime Statistics

Each General Membership Meeting, our liaison, Officer Wroblewski, presents crime statistics for our area. Anyone may ask him questions about specific incidents or our crime rate in general during the meeting. See something amiss in the community? Red light runners? Illegal parkers? You can call the non-emergency number of our precinct: 757-385-5000. Or you can contact Officer Wroblewski at jwroblew@vbgov.com

Fireworks 2022

It's not too soon to talk about Fourth of July Fireworks (held on July 3). Go to OPCL.org/fireworks to support this spectacular show and amazing neighborhood tradition.

May 21 OP Yard and Bake Sale

Needed: 25 yard sales and 10 bakers. \$10 participation fee includes a yard sale sign and map distributed at the first location. Text Andrew Broyles at 757-621-2082 or join the OP Spring Yard Sale/Bake Sale page on FB by the April 30 deadline.