

Ocean Park Echo

November 2011



**Meeting
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**Thursday
January 5
7:30 p.m.**



**Ocean Park
Fire & Rescue
Station**

Dear Ocean Park Residents:

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season! It is winter in Ocean Park, sort of. We have been graced with some great December beach days. I hope you took advantage of them.

At the March OPCL meeting we will have Dave Hansen from the city come to give a presentation about the proposed permanent dredge site at the Crab Creek boat ramp. For the January meeting, we will have Kal Kassir, the chairman of the Bayfront Advisory Committee as a guest speaker. Kal has updates on the work of the Committee and upcoming events and projects along Shore Drive. Do not miss this presentation!

There are many items to learn about that directly impact Ocean Park life. We also have several topics to discuss at the January meeting, including fireworks and the budget for the upcoming year. We are in dire need of a volunteer to fill the office of secretary of OPCL. Please consider donating some time to your civic league. Happy New Year to all!!!

Martin Thomas, OPCL president

Newsletter changes

Thanks to Susan Terpay for her hard work putting together this newsletter for all these years. I realize this has not been an easy job.

You may notice slight changes in style in this newsletter and a few changes in content. Please accept apologies for anything that seems unfinished or missing. This first one was a learning experience. It is a work in progress.

There is a new email set up for specific newsletter information. It is opclnews@aol.com. Please send newsletter information and suggestions to that email. Future newsletters will contain a dedicated section with newsletter deadlines and meeting dates.

Additionally, I would like to look into the possibility of allowing electronic delivery of the newsletter to those who want it. The newsletter is always posted online at opcl.org.

Jill Doczi, OPCL newsletter editor

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OCEAN PARK EVENTS

Santa's Ocean Park Drive

On December 1 Santa drove his sleigh (pickup) through the neighborhood spreading good will and holiday cheer. He "landed" at the Ocean Park Rescue Squad where he met neighborhood children for holiday crafts, photos and fun.

He did need to leave early to attend to important holiday business and he extended his deepest apologies for doing so.

Please see the following page for photos of the event. Huge thanks to all who pitched in to help Dove Paymen

Holiday Lights Contest Winners

Thank you to everyone in Ocean Park who decorated their homes for the holidays! Judging for the Holiday Lights Contest was held December 19 and prizes were awarded to the winners on December 20

The winning home for each category:

Best Door 3900 Whooping Crane Circle

Best Balcony 1001 3558 Shore Drive

Best Use of Lights 3651A Dupont Circle

Best Yard Display 2145 Mystic Cove Drive

Charlie Brown 3818 Clipper Bay Drive

Fireworks Display

No one thinks about the Fourth of July fireworks show in January except the Fourth of July Fireworks Committee. I know asking for donations in the winter will produce poor results, but planning for the show began in December.

Developments include crafting a contract including contingency plans, the possibility of coordinating patriotic music with the show that the entire beach will hear (either by speaker or by tuning in to a specific FM station on personal radios), replacement signage for the stolen signs, the possibility of working with Baylake Pines and Chesapeake Beach to have shows coordinated up and down the beaches, security changes, fire marshal changes and location scouting should the beach not acquire enough sand in the old location by July.

This is quite a job for one person, if anyone would like to join the committee, please contact Jill Doczi at jilldoczi@aol.com or 407-5595. You may volunteer as much or as little as you think you can manage. Even helping put up the signs in the spring helps tremendously.

Holidays in Ocean Park





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OPERATING ACCOUNT

Item	2011 Budgeted	2011 Actual	2012 Proposed
Starting Balance		\$5,568.22	
Income			
Advertising Revenue	\$3,500.00	\$2,925.00	\$3,000.00
Fireworks Reimbursement	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Money Market Interest Earned	\$500.00	\$317.46	\$300.00
Membership Dues	\$3,000.00	\$2,455.00	\$3,000.00
Raffle Money (Spring Crawl Out)	\$0.00	\$202.00	\$200.00
Robbins Fund - Community Improvement	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$22,000.00	\$20,399.46	\$12,500.00

Expenses

Item	2011 Budgeted	2011 Actual	2012 Proposed
SDCC/VBCCO/Other Dues	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fireworks Startup	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Online Payment Fees	\$50.00	\$46.18	\$50.00
Legal Expenses	\$0.00	\$867.90	\$1,000.00
Misc Donations (ie Rescue Squad, CBF)	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
PO Box Annual Fee	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Newsletter/Flyer Printing	\$2,600.00	\$2,830.25	\$2,500.00
Social Events	\$2,500.00	\$1,807.70	\$2,500.00
Umbrella Liability Insurance	\$737.00	\$737.00	\$737.00
Virginia Corporation Fees	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Postage and Mail Supplies	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Website Construction/Maintenance	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$300.00
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Merchandise Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Pleasure House Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Meeting Refreshments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Civic League Logo Design	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$108.99	\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,392.00	\$13,283.02	\$13,242.00

Ending Balance \$12,684.66

OTHER Accounts:	Income	Expenses/Debits	Current Balance
Fireworks Fund: Start-ing: \$ 2960.77	\$14,733.16	\$10,641.01	\$7,052.92
Money Market: Start-ing: \$ 50,000.00	\$25,231.17	\$317.46	\$75,000.00
Robbins Account: Start-ing: \$ 200,552.78 (Robbins Cash Balance: \$7920.49)	\$4,923.08	\$12,000.00	\$193,475.86
TOTAL OF ALL OPCL ACCOUNTS (as of 12/23/11):			\$288,213.44



News from the Bayfront

Comings/Goings

Debbie and Bill Bickel purchased Don Julios and have made changes including a new name: **La Casa Rana**. Debbie introduced herself to the neighbors who subscribe to Facebook on the Ocean Park Civic League page and asked that anyone with old photos of the establishment please contact her at finch.debra@yahoo.com. She would like to reproduce them and hang them on the walls.

Rick Mercadante, our OPCL president before receiving orders, has returned from a year in Djibouti, Africa. Welcome home Rick.

Please submit any comings or goings to www.opclnews@aol.com. If you just moved into the neighborhood, please introduce yourself and give us your location. Returns will be printed, but, for obvious reasons, those leaving (unless permanently and saying goodbye) will not.

As seen on Facebook:

- As recently as the week before New Year's Eve there has been an increase in automobile break-ins. Some resulting in theft and some just disarray. The four posted were on Purple Martin, Shady Oaks and Sunvista.
- Plenty of praise and thanks for those who decorated with lights this season. Many people appreciated driving around and viewing them. Also, posters enjoyed roving groups of carolers. What a great tradition.
- During a Christmas tree discussion several posters noticed Phill Zuzulo's absence from the Little Red House's Christmas Tree lot this year. If the Facebook posters were curious, others must wonder as well. His great nephew posted that, sadly, his health has failed. He is taking it in stride. The rest of the family and business worked the business.

While posting to Facebook requires that one join the site, valuable discussion about our neighborhood occurs in real time on the site. Pertinent posts will be summarized here without promotion or personal opinions/commentary so that the general membership can get a feel for other discussions regarding Ocean Park.

Crime Report

As mentioned in the Facebook column, automobile break-ins have increased over the holidays. Our police liaison, Officer Zelms, asks that we continue to report all crimes, even small ones, so that they may be aware of increased activity. We are the Third Precinct. The non-emergency number: 385-2703. Officer Zelms' email: wzelms@vbgov.

Pleasure House Point

The Trust for Public Land has received a \$500,000 gift from the Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Virginia Power. The donation is the first substantial gift from the private sector towards the acquisition of Pleasure House Point.

From the Dominion Power press release:

"Dominion Virginia Power has joined us in recognizing that conserving Pleasure House Point is a community priority, in addition to an ecological priority, and we are grateful," said Lynda Frost, TPL senior project manager. "A dedicated group of community leaders have been working hard to raise private funds and the large amount of Dominion's gift is a tremendous vote of confidence in their efforts as well as the value and benefits of the project. Dominion is leading by example to encourage other corporate donors to step forward."



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OPCL Finance Committee Update:

The Robbins Legacy account held investments valued at approximately \$193,475. The portfolio is allocated 61percent fixed income/cash and 39percent equity/balanced funds. In addition to appreciation from the original \$180,000 investment, the account continues generating approximately \$6000 per year in interest and dividends. The annual audit of the Robbins Account and OPCL bank accounts will be conducted in January. Ideas for funding of community projects are encouraged and welcome.

OPCL Zoning Committee Update:

No new issues or BZA applications to report.

George and Louise Lyon Memorial Scholarship:

Volunteers are needed in the spring to review applications and award the \$1000 scholarship to a deserving Virginia Beach high school senior attending a Virginia college in the Fall. Please contact Mike Wills if you are interested in participating.

City Encourages community Input to Help Shape City

The City of Virginia Beach invites all residents, business owners, community leaders, and other stakeholders who have an interest in how the city plans, manages, protects and promotes its current and future sustainability initiatives to participate in one of eight public input meetings. The community will learn and share its views on what sustainability is, why the need now to develop such a plan, what are the environmental, economic and social benefits that result from sustainable communities and how important the public's input will be in the development of the city's first Sustainability Plan.

For more information about the public input meetings, visit www.vbgov.com/sustainplan

City of Virginia Beach news – Sign up for newsletters @ www.vbgov.com/community-connect/Pages/E-Newsletters

Pound net case update:

In early December, the Virginia Court of Appeals affirmed the Virginia Beach Circuit Court's 2010 ruling that Mike Wills and Todd Solomon did not qualify as "aggrieved" persons. The lack of standing ruling as based on the fact that neither was a bayfront property owner and thus was not negatively impacted by the permitting of pound nets off the beaches in Ocean Park and Chesapeake Beach. Given the low probability that the Virginia Supreme Court would hear the case, it is unlikely the decision will be further appealed.

— Mike Wills

SDCC meeting notes

Focus of the meeting was the neighborhood dredging project. Lynn Hume spoke on the history, and developments of Maple St. dredging site, including alternative sites presented to the city. The main opposition points, from a legal standpoint, are that the Maple St. land parcel is privately owned, zoned residential, and no dredge sites appear on the comprehensive plan of the City of Virginia Beach, which is a requirement of Virginia state code 15.2-2232.

The discussion moved on to the Crab Creek site which according to Dave Hansen, would be funded by the Lesner Bridge project. There seems to be some question as to the legality of burying this in the federal budget for this project. Hopefully, many OP residents responded with public comments prior to Beaches and Waterways Advisory Committee closing date.

What SDCC wants: Impact studies to study risks and expenses (safety, environmental, traffic, etc.) of any dredging site along the Shore Drive corridor, public debate and public input allowed (if not encouraged), and transparency on the part of both the city council and BWAC in their consideration and actions on the issue.



Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Dredge Report

Please take the time to read the following two letters and familiarize yourself with this issue. The city proposes to build a PERMANENT dredge station at the base of the Lesner Bridge. If you have concerns about this decision, you need to become involved NOW. Other neighborhoods actively and successfully opposed it in their locations and now it Ocean Park will become the alternative if the residents do not speak up. Attend the next two civic league meetings to learn more.

Edited version of letter sent by OPCL used to express concerns:

Dear Chairman Fraim: Despite our considerable efforts two years ago to highlight the problems and oppose the use of the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility as a permanent dredge spoils transfer site, it has come to my attention that the city of Virginia Beach is once again considering the placement of a permanent dredge spoils transfer station at the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility.

As a resident of Ocean Park, fisherman and frequent user of the facility, I am opposed to the use of this site for the following reasons:

1. Operating barges in close proximity to a recreational facility is dangerous.
2. Use of dump trucks through a residential neighborhood is dangerous.
3. Use of dump trucks through the boat ramp parking lot is dangerous.
4. Use of barges in the Lynnhaven Basin creates a danger to the Lesner Bridge, boaters and kayakers.
5. Quality of water at beaches is jeopardized by unloading of spoils.
6. Air quality will be compromised by diesel equipment and odor from dredge spoils.
7. Potential environmental harm to nearby spawning grounds.
8. Inequitable use of a facility that was paid for and maintained by Saltwater fishing license and user fees.
9. Loss of property value by nearby property owners.

In addition, use of the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp as a dredge spoils transfer station seems at odds with the investment the City and the community are making in Pleasure House Point (PHP). The rationale for preserving this site on the Lynnhaven River is well-founded and supported for many years by local residents. Use of the boat ramp for this proposed purpose is a direct contradiction to the goals of the City, Trust for Public Land, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the granting agencies that are financially committed to the acquisition of PHP.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is a major equity partner in the purchase and development of Pleasure House Point, and the location of a Dredge Material Transfer site directly across a narrow channel from their planned landmark environmental education center would be a travesty.

The Foundation is currently planning a center constructed to the highest LEED level possible which would be an amazing educational tool, as well as a great source of pride for the City of Virginia Beach. Constructing this building directly across from what is essentially an industrial waste site is unfathomable.

Although the goals of the neighborhood dredging project, and continued dredging of our city's waterways, are well intentioned, using Lynnhaven Boat Ramp as a permanent dredge spoils transfer station is poor public policy based on the potential risks to the environment, boating safety, public beach access and private property values. Several council members are on record in opposition to the use of the LBR as a spoils transfer site and as do I, suggest that facilities like this should only be located in close proximity to the areas that would benefit from the neighborhood dredging program or a remote site suitable for commercial/industrial type uses. I hope that you seriously consider our community's concerns and remove the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility from the commission's recommendations for a dredge spoils transfer facility.

Use of the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp as a dredge spoil site and transfer station seems at odds with the investment the City and the community is making in Pleasure House Point (PHP). The rationale for preserving this site on the Lynnhaven River is well founded and supported for many years by the Ocean Park City League. Use of the boat ramp for this proposed purpose is a direct contradiction to the goals of the City, Trust for Public Land, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the granting agencies that are financially committed to the acquisition of PHP.

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Pleasure House Point

From the Chesapeake Bay Foundation website—

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), together with the Trust for Public Land and the City of Virginia Beach, is leading an effort to conserve Pleasure House Point, one of the last remaining natural waterfront areas in Virginia Beach. Located on the Lynnhaven River just inside the Lesner Bridge, Pleasure House Point is comprised of 122 acres of trees, marsh, sand and water. A leader in environmental education, restoration, and advocacy in Hampton Roads for more than three decades, CBF has a vision to enhance Pleasure House point to better serve and educate current and future generations. Our goal is to partner with our neighbors and the Hampton Roads region to share in the effort to preserve as much open space as possible and enhance the Pleasure House Point site.

Our vision includes:

An environmental center. CBF plans to construct a model “green” building that will be U.S. Green Building Council Platinum LEED-certified. It will serve as a mode of sustainable building and a showcase for architects, designers, builders, homeowners, and visitors to study state-of-the-art energy and resource-saving features. The center will provide office space for CBF’s Hampton Roads staff and other community non-profit conservation or educational institutions. Ideally, the building will also feature meeting space for environmental education lectures, workshops and community meetings and events.

Environmental education. CBF’s award –winning outdoor field education programs will be provided on-site for area students and teachers, providing Standards of Learning (SOL) correlated environmental education focused on local watershed issues. CBF will employ its fleet of workboats, canoes, and kayaks to explore the nearby Chesapeake Bay, Lynnhaven River and Pleasure House Creek to increase students’ environmental literacy, stewardship ethic, and engagement in learning. CBF hopes to expand its partnership with Virginia Beach Public Schools so that every seventh grade student will attend the environmental education program at Pleasure House Point, supported by a teacher training program for lead teachers at each middle school

Restoration. CBF will utilize Pleasure House Point as an active demonstrations site for important and relevant restoration projects, including oyster and shoreline plantings and water-quality restoration.

Many community groups have fought for years to conserve Pleasure House Point. Their work continues today.

What’s the harm with a small commercial development on this property? The answer is simple. There is no do-over. Undisturbed land cannot be re-created. This is a legacy purchase; we will not have this opportunity again. By preserving the property, we preserve a piece of ourselves. The story isn’t finished. You can help write the ending by donating to the PHP fund.

Your tax deductible donation can be made using the [PayPal link](#) on this page, or by sending a [donation form](#) and a check made out to VBPRF at P.O. Box 2237, Virginia Beach, VA 23450. If the Foundation’s Board determines that the capital campaign cannot timely meet its goal, donors of \$100 or more will be contacted and given the option of a refund or applying the gift to the purchase, acquisition or preservation of open space in Virginia Beach. Campaign gifts of less than \$100 will not be returned and will be used for this purpose.

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Mystery Solved in OP

by David Malmquist | September 13, 2011 VIMS website

WAVY TV reporter Stephanie Harris interviewed VIMS professor Mark Patterson in September following local media reports suggesting that blobs washing up on Ocean View Beach might have been human waste released from a passing vessel. Patterson examined blobs collected by a local woman from the beach and confirmed an earlier report that the objects were not human waste but rather decaying potato sponges that were most likely dislodged from the bay floor by the high waves associated with Hurricane Irene.



Hurricane Irene leaves behind mysterious “gray blobs”

by David Malmquist | September 8, 2011 VIMS website

Most of Hurricane Irene’s impacts—heavy rain, high winds, downed trees, coastal erosion, and storm-tide flooding—are all too familiar to the storm-weary residents of Chesapeake Bay and the Eastern seaboard.

But based on post-storm queries to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, one impact remains a mystery—what are all those “gray blobs” floating atop waterways and strewn along beaches?

Blob reports and queries have been streaming into VIMS since Irene passed by on the last weekend of August. The blobs—encountered by boaters and beachgoers in Hampton Roads, Mobjack Bay, the Poquoson River, the York River, and as far away as Long Island—have been described as being of “various sizes,” with the smallest “around the size of a baseball.” Reports of their texture range from “kind of rubbery or leathery” to “kind of soft.” They’ve also been described as “ash gray” and “foul smelling.” Cathy Hopkins of Hampton reports that they’re “pretty gross.”

Theories about what the objects might be are as numerous as the incoming reports: Old crab floats? Sewage? Tar balls? Ambergris from whales? Sea turtles?

VIMS professor Emmett Duffy has a simpler explanation. “They’re potato sponges” says Duffy, a self-professed “friend of the sponges” who is renowned in marine science circles for his discovery of complex, cooperative societies among sponge-dwelling Caribbean shrimp.

VIMS has received numerous reports of these blobs since Irene passed over the Chesapeake Bay region on the weekend of August 27-28.



Duffy explains that like other sponges, potato sponges make a living by filtering microscopic food from seawater. They draw the water into and through channels in their porous bodies by the beating of countless tiny hairs (flagella) on their cells.

Potato sponges, which comprise a diverse group within the genus *Craniella*, are normally inconspicuous animals (yes, they are animals) that inhabit shallow coastal habitats around the world, growing to about the size of a soccer ball. They

look like, well, potatoes and attach to the seafloor with a network of protein fibers and glassy, needle-like “spicules” that form something like an anchor.

But when weather conditions cause large waves and strong currents to scour the seafloor, they can dislodge large numbers of these sponges, freeing them to float to the surface and wash ashore. Clogged with storm debris and no longer able to filter feed, the sponges die. Then they start to smell as decay and bacteria move

in to consume the carbohydrates and collagen that form their body.

Potato sponges are not poisonous—Dr. Duffy even found a recipe for potato sponge cake on the Food Network (but it turned out to require regular potatoes). Nevertheless, VIMS scientists caution area residents to avoid touching them as a precaution, as their glassy spicules can irritate the skin and eyes.

This will be the first of a series of columns based on what we find in our neighborhood. With the future association Ocean Park will have with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Pleasure House Point site, it seems appropriate. Anyone with items, critters, organisms, plants or other matter may submit suggestions to opclnews@aol.com



Shore Drive Corridor Improvement Plan

PROJECT HISTORY

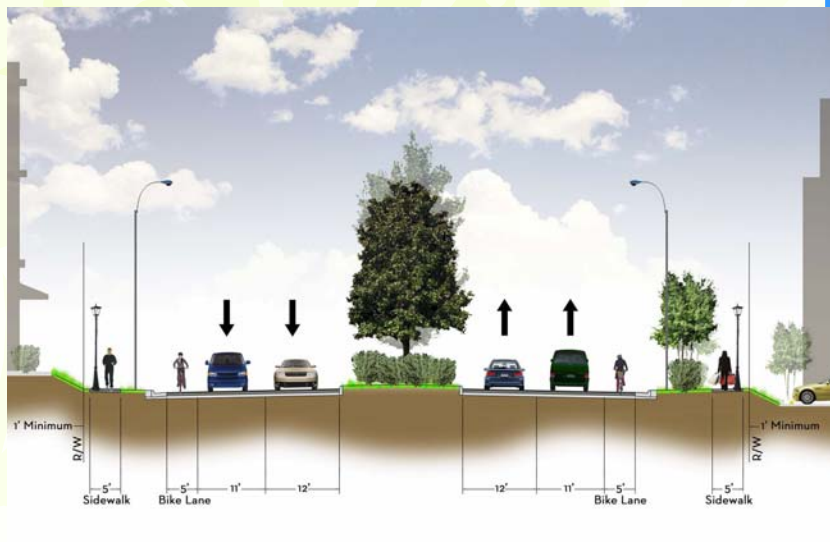
The Shore Drive corridor carries approximately 41,000 vehicles per day and is the city's only east-west arterial on the north side of the city. The surrounding land use consists primarily of relatively dense residential and light commercial developments. In 2004, design of Phase I of the Shore Drive demonstration projects began with the primary intent to improve the capacity of the four-lane facility and delay or avoid the need to provide a six lane facility. In 2007, Phase I construction was complete and design of Phases II, III, and IV began with the same primary intent. A Citizen Information Meeting was held on June 19, 2007 displaying preliminary design plans (35 percent) for Phases II and III. Due to funding constraints, both projects were put on hold.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

In 2010, funding was shifted from Phase IV to Phase III after Phase III was identified by the community as a higher priority. Shore Drive Corridor Improvements, Phase III is a fully funded project in the City of Virginia Beach's Capital Improvements Program. The purpose of this project is to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, while providing the corridor with aesthetic elements such as landscaping,

hardscape, and lighting. In general, the corridor will remain a four-lane, divided arterial facility with a raised median, signed for 35 miles per hour. Specific design features for this project will include narrowing the travel lanes to create a tighter feel and tame the traffic speeds. The edges of travel way will be consistently delineated throughout the project limits with a barrier curb and gutter. The raised median areas will be enhanced with landscaping/hardscape materials. Community-friendly features, such as bike paths, sidewalks, and crosswalks, also will be addressed. A 5-foot-wide on-street bike path and a 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk will be provided along both sides of the roadway within project limits. The exception is at the west end of the project where there will be a 10-footwide shared-use path from the Lesner Bridge to Jade Street, to provide a connection to the Cape Henry Trail. Landscaping features will be provided between the curb and the sidewalks. Pedestrian crosswalk areas will be emphasized with stamped asphalt crosswalks and improved signing. New pavement, signing, and striping will be placed along the roadway corridor. Property entrances will be consolidated and oriented to the side streets where practical. New drainage pipes and structures will be added. In areas of known flooding, the roadway profile will be raised. Overhead utilities will be relocated underground at the intersections and mid-block crossings to improve visibility as well as aesthetics. New street lights and lower level pedestrian lighting will be provided and existing signalized intersections will be upgraded with new uniform mast arm signal equipment.

Project Schedule	
Right-of-Way Acquisition	Summer 2012
Utility Relocation	Fall 2012
Construction Start	Summer 2013
Construction End	Summer 2015



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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The project is still in the preliminary engineering phase, with the design at approximately 35 percent completion. Public comment resulting from this meeting will be reviewed and considered as the design phase continues.



Join Ocean Park Civic League

Property owners, residents, renters and businesses are eligible to join.

Please encourage all your neighbors as well.

Annual civic league membership dues are just \$15. Our membership year runs from Jan. 1-Dec. 31 so the earlier in the year that you pay your dues, the more benefits you receive.

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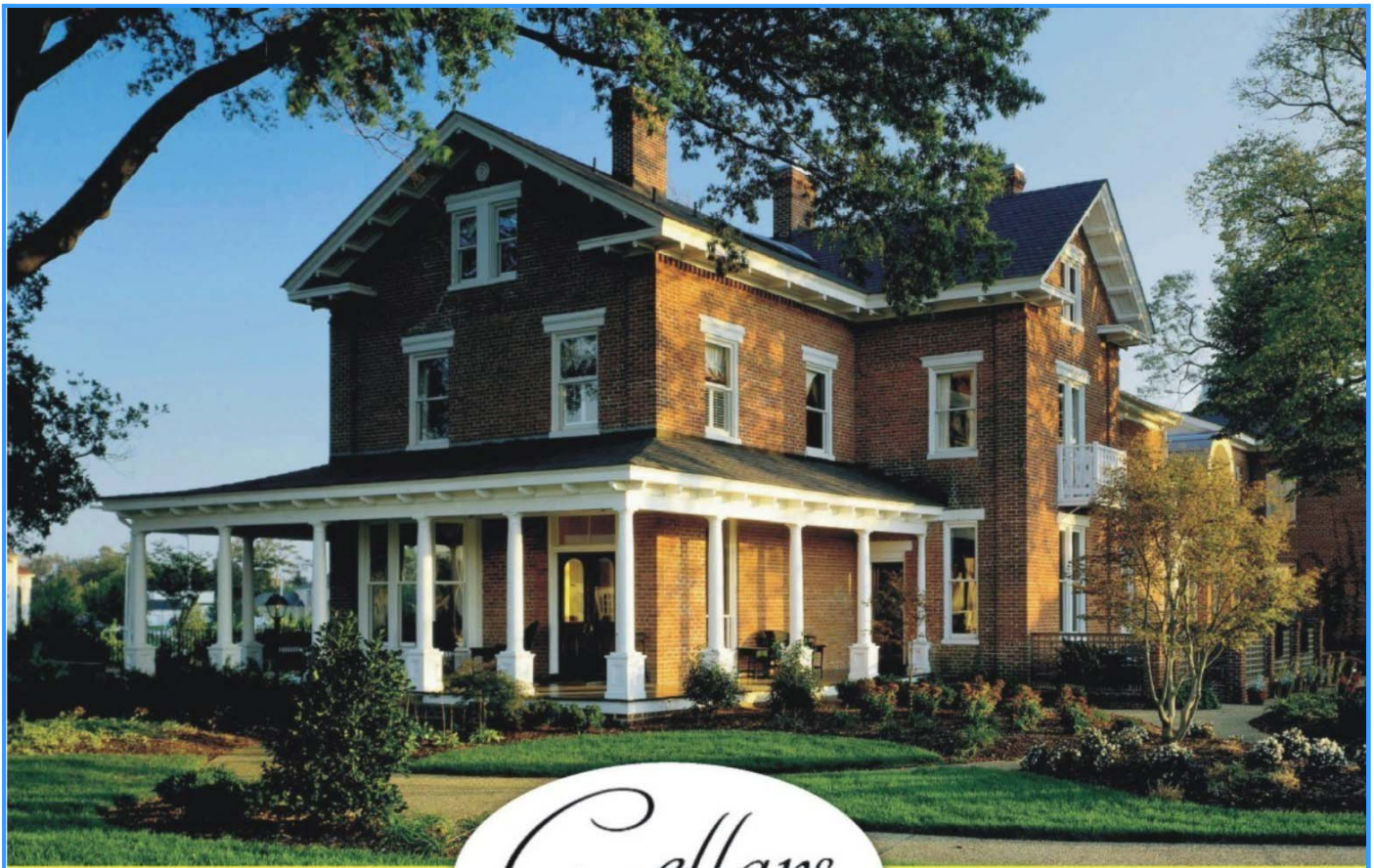
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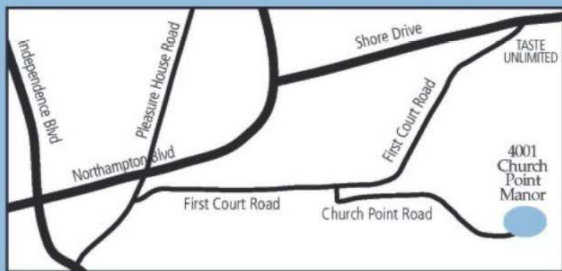
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