

Ocean Park Echo

Meeting Meeting Meeting

Thursday

May 10

7 p.m.

Ocean Park Fire
&
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Next
Meeting
July 5

Virginia Beach Police to Address Safety Issues at May 10 Meeting

Happy May. Mark your calendars for **The Ocean Park Civic League meeting on Thursday, May 10.** A representative from the Virginia Beach Police Department will speak about safety issues and the growing problem of gangs in the area. We should have plenty of time for questions.

My message this month is about membership and volunteerism. Our membership is growing steadily, but we need your help to achieve our goals. Please join the civic league, and encourage your neighbors to join. Our most pressing need right now is volunteers. We have an ambitious social program and several other ideas, but we need you to make them come to life. At this time, about a dozen people are doing the majority of the work, and they are too tired to take on more.

The Ocean Park Civic League is being invited to attend an increasing number of city-wide meetings. This is good news, because our input is sought. In the future, I expect we will be invited to comment on Shore Drive improvements and the new Lesner Bridge. If more people can take on positions of leadership, the burden will spread out, and no one will be overworked. I already see signs of burnout in the leadership, so please step forward. Our present volunteers are very dedicated and pleasant to work with. Please join us.

As a final note, we will elect new officers later this year. All four officer and all six liaison positions will be voted on. If you would like to be on the board, now is the time to step up! I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Howard Weinberg, President

Town Hall Meeting Draws Standing-Room Only Crowd. SEE PAGE 3.



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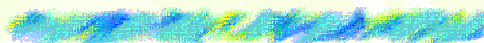
News from the Bayfront

By Mike Wills, courtesy of Jody Connors

Virginia Beach zoning enforcement officer Randy Wallace reported that he is removing illegally placed signs from public property.

The “No Indigo Dunes” signs were mentioned in particular at the Bayfront Advisory Council’s regular April 19 meeting. In other reports:

- The Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center is being monitored for compliance with a new Conditional Use Permit (CUP) they were granted for special functions. Deep Blue Marine still is not in full compliance with its CUP.
- The new community signs, *Welcome to the Bayfront*, are complete, and we should see them installed soon.
- The company operating whale-watching tours from Lynnhaven Inlet is seeking a use permit to operate parasailing from the same area. At this time, one six-passenger boat is planned.
- R.J. Nutter outlined an application for a conditional rezoning at Marina Shores. The plan now calls for 232 condominium units in an eight-story building, with two parking spaces per unit and 60 additional spaces. The proposal was slated to go before the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Board Monday on April 23 and most likely to the Planning Commission in June.
- It was noted by Clay Bernick that he expected the Sandler Indigo Dunes project would come before the Bayfront Advisory Council again in the near future as there had been some significant changes made to the plan.



The Bayfront Advisory Committee normally meets at 3:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Bayside Recreation Center. Public participation is encouraged and welcome. If you cannot attend and have comments or issues you would like to address, please pass them along directly to the committee members whose contact information can be found at www.vbgov.com or any civic league board member.



Indigo Dunes

Safety Issues on Bayfront Residents' Minds

Virginia Beach city officials heard a standing-room-only crowd of Bayfront residents voice concerns about over development along the Shore Drive corridor during a March 26 town hall meeting, hosted by the Shore Drive Community Coalition.

Town hall attendees voiced the greatest concern about the proposed Indigo Dunes' development. Sandler at Indigo Bay LLC owns the Pleasure House Point property and has announced plans to develop more than 1,000 residential units.

It was clear from the audience that a strong message was being sent that there needs to be consideration of what could happen to the Bayfront community if these new projects are approved. This was echoed throughout the evening as plans were presented by city officials relating to traffic, safety and other related infrastructure issues.

Council members attending were supportive in agreeing that density levels adversely had affected the corridor, and that they did not support current development proposals because of this. Vice Mayor Louis Jones told the town hall assembly that he is not in favor of development of the site, stating, "This is not a done deal. The city will always try to make a decision that is fair."

It was also noted that the local environment and integrity of the area was suffering because of exceptions and variances that were being allowed for various developments, such as those being requested by Indigo Dunes.

Joel Rubin, a spokesman for L. M. Sandler & Sons, told the group, "We believe the density we are proposing is well below what is permitted for the site. We have been in touch with both members of City Council and civic associations, and hope we can reach an accommodation that is fair to the property owner and acceptable to the community."

The first review meeting for the Indigo Dunes project will be May 21, at 9:30AM. The Chesapeake Bay Area Preservation Board, Planning Commission and the City Council have not scheduled hearings yet.

The Department of Public Works also provided an update on Shore Drive Safety improvements, Phases I-IV. Phase I construction of sidewalks, bike path and safety improvements are under way. Remaining phases are in the design stage with public meetings to be announced. Lesner Bridge designs include widening it to six lanes, two of which may be designated pedestrian traffic.

At the meeting, considerable funds were raised to combat the Indigo Dunes project (www.NoIndigoDunes.com) with sales of decals, t-shirts and yard signs. For information on Indigo Dunes, visit: www.indigodunes.com. For info on local opposition, visit: www.noindigodunes.com, or www.sdcc.info.

The Shore Drive area has the highest density in the city. According to city engineers, Shore Drive has about 46,000 cars per day on its four lanes, compared to 49,900 cars on eight lanes at Virginia Beach Boulevard's Town Center.

Zoning UPDATES

See the items below for an update on current issues affecting your community:

- **Dune destruction at 3832-3834 Jefferson Boulevard:** It was determined that the dune at 3832-3834 Jefferson Boulevard was excavated beyond the scope permitted, and the builder restored the dune.
- **Parking Spaces:** The new parking spaces created on Dupont Circle at Bayvista and Chesapeake House were designated as “Bayvista Parking.” William Morgan in Traffic Engineering inspected and confirmed that these are public parking spaces and asked the developer to remove the inappropriate signage.
- **Stop Work Order Issued at Raleigh Avenue:** City surveyors confirmed that trees mistakenly were removed from the Raleigh Avenue right-of-way by Shore Ventures while clearing Lots 1 and 16 along West Stratford Road. A stop work order was placed on the permit, and the developer was asked to submit a new site plan. Attempts to reach city project manager Ron Frink to inquire about the status of remedies have been unsuccessful.
- **Possible Attempt to Remove Barriers at Raleigh Avenue:** Unconfirmed reports have been made that some trees may have been inappropriately removed from the lot being developed on the north end of Raleigh Avenue and a neighboring property. The owner of the lot is also making a possible attempt to remove the barriers blocking Raleigh Avenue between West Stratford Road and Jefferson Boulevard that would open Raleigh Avenue to thru traffic. There is a petition circulating for those neighbors who would like to oppose the opening of the road.

If you would like to express your comments and concerns please contact Mike Wills at 498-6276 or mandjwills@cox.net. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.



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The first thing you can do to help us is to join. Dues are only \$10 per year per household. Property owners, residents, renters and businesses are eligible to join. Please encourage all your neighbors as well.

For 2007, our priorities are:

1. Increase membership
2. Defeat plan to build Indigo Dunes
3. Ensure future open space at Pleasure House Point
4. Improve safety
5. Beautify Ocean Park
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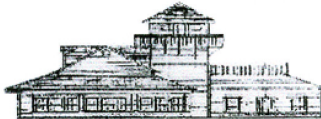
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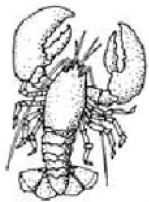
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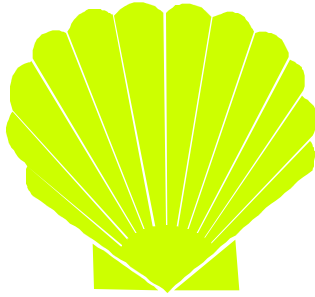
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