Ocean Park Echo

Meeting Meeting Meeting

Thursday

Sept. 6

7 p.m.

Ocean Park Fire and Rescue



Message from the President

Many things are happening in Ocean Park. Don't miss the Sept. 6 meeting. I expect it to be spirited and set precedents for the future. Please come prepared to discuss, vote or hear about:

- 1. Lynnhaven Boat Ramp/Dredge Spoil Transfer Station: There is a proposal to turn the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp near the Lesner Bridge into a dredge spoil transfer station. Shana Conley, project manager, and Phil Roehrs, both with the City of Virginia Beach Public Works department, will talk about the project and answer questions at the September meeting.
- 2. Indigo Dunes the latest news.
- **3. Funding for Indigo Dunes.** How much money, if any, should the civic league spend on legal fees? Should the civic league ever spend money on legal issues?
- 4. What to do with the proceeds from the sale of the civic league property on East Stratford Road? Should it go toward Indigo Dunes legal battles? Should it be used to endow our civic league, which is currently in precarious financial straits? All ideas are welcome.
- 5. How to clean up the beach push debris into the bay or onto the dunes? Cast your vote.
- 6. How you can help the troops overseas during the holiday season.
- 7. Junk cars, lawn clippings and dog poop.
- 8. November elections: Hear the election slate, volunteer to run for office yourself, or sign up as a chairperson. A contested election is welcomed.
- **9. Hear the latest on the Lesner Bridge improvements** and Shore Drive safety issues.

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News from the Bayfront

By Mike Wills

- Shore Drive Demonstration Project: Phase I of the Shore Drive Demonstration/Beautification project is complete. The design of Phases II and III are 75% and 100% funded, and a "pedestrian activity survey" will be mailed shortly to all Bayfront residents to address issues in the design of the remaining phases. The city has extra sidewalk money that will be used to complete the sidewalk in front of Lynnhaven Park next to Charlies' restaurant ahead of schedule.
- Lesner Bridge Design Charrette: The Bayfront Advisory Committee will host the Lesner Bridge Design Charrette on a date still TBD. A charrette is a planning process in which local residents can discuss and recommend design elements. The meeting will be open to the public, however only invitees will be asked to vote on the design features being discussed. The bridge is expected to be replaced at the end of its useful life in 8-10 years at a cost of \$80-90 million. The city already has begun to lobby the state and federal government for funds. 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 sixpassenger boat is planned.

- Deep Blue Marine: Since pulling the power on the building, City zoning enforcement officer Randy Wallace reported that Deep Blue Marine is addressing the issues required to come into compliance with the conditional use permit.
- Condo/mixed-use project slated for the former Colley Marine site: Project still on hold, but the owner is trying to work with the city on interim alternative uses. They discussed a skateboard/surf shop and an ice cream parlor as possible tenants.
- Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center: City staff presented renditions of a proposed expansion. The owner is proposing to add two levels, consisting of 96 condo units. In order to add the required parking, a parking deck is proposed for the front lot as well as upgrades to the facade of the building. The proposal is scheduled to go before the planning commission Sept. 12.
- Welcome To the Bayfront: The new community signs should be in place this fall.



The next Bayfront Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at a location TBD. 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.

Elections set for Nov. 8

Ocean Park Civic League Needs Community Leaders

The Ocean Park Civic League will elect 2008 officers at its Nov. 8 meeting. Below is a description of each position and the current list of candidates who have announced that they will run. There are several key openings that still need to be filled if we want to keep our organization moving forward. Please take a moment to see if your skills are a good match for any of these positions. The jobs don't require a lot of time, and you will be doing a valuable service for your community. If you're interested in serving on the board or on a committee, please let me know or contact us if you're not certain and want

SLATE

more information. The civic league holds general membership meetings every other month at 7 p.m. on the 1st Thursday following the 1st Monday of September, November, January, March and May. The executive board meets on the off months and consists of the officers, past president, Northside and Southside representatives and four at-large representatives.

> **OPCL** Nominating Committee Jim Royall jgroyall@yahoo.com Sid Vaughn esvaughn2@cox.net

Board of Directors

President: Presides over regular and executive OPCL meetings. Nominates all committee chairpersons, subject to executive board approval. Chairpersons report directly to the president, as do all liaisons. The president may approve expenses up to \$100 without board approval, sets meeting agendas and is an official OPCL spokesperson. Howard Weinberg, incumbent Walt Stone

Vice President: Assumes duties of the president in case of absence, presides over meetings when requested and may represent the city in official situations. Serves as president should the term not be completed. Liz Dyer

Mike Wills (incumbent)

Treasurer: Maintain records and balances of checking and savings accounts, which are separate, insured accounts with a recognized financial institution. Receives all monies, submits financial statements meetings and maintains current roll of members. Posts financial reports on OPCL web site. Grace Moran

Secretary: Records and prepares minutes of OPCL meetings, schedules meetings and distributes agendas. Submits minutes to president and executive board within 5 days of meetings and, after approval, forwards minutes for display and archival on the OPCL web site. Maintains file of past 12 months' meeting minutes. Vacant

Northside and Southside representatives

(2 positions open): Presents concerns of residents and businesses in Ocean Park on north or south sides of Shore Drive. Serves on executive board and ideally serves as co-chairman of the membership committee.

Northside - Jim Royall (incumbent) Southside - Deb Ford

At Large Representatives (4 positions open):

Presents concerns of residents and businesses in Ocean Park and often represents a subset of homes in the area, such as Chesapeake House or Aries on the Bay. Ideally, the representative also will serve as

a liaison or committee chairperson. Anne Kane Vicki Schiano Bryan Ramsey Pat Mirani

Committee Chairpersons

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Newsletter: Oversees design, content and publication of The Ocean Park Echo (5 times a year). Current volunteer: Susan Terpay

OFFICERS

Zoning: Organizes and schedules review sessions at which the committee compiles and reviews information relating to pending applications for zoning variances, Chesapeake Bay and wetlands issues. Reports zoning violations to city officials. Current volunteer: Mike Wills

Social: Schedules and organizes social events such as beach parties, holiday parties and other social events. Vacant

Membership: Organizes membership data and conducts membership drives. Vacant

Traffic/Safety: Acts in conjunction with city officials and police regarding traffic issues on Shore Drive and in Ocean Park, as well as other safety issues. May become involved with a neighborhood watch. Current volunteer: Nicole Felini

Pleasure House Point (Indigo Dunes): Monitors development and organizes activities with regards to this part of Ocean Park.

Current volunteer(s): Liz Dyer (running for Vice President, may vacate PHP position if elected) and Walt Stone (running for President, may vacate PHP position if elected)

Door Prize: Solicits and obtains door prizes for general membership meetings. Current volunteer: Vicki Schiano

Youth: Organizes and interacts with OPCL youth and local schools. Helps establish a "junior" civic league. Vacant

Webmaster: Maintains and updates OPCL website. Current volunteer: Jim Royall

Historian: Gathers records, interviews people, creates and maintains OPCL history. Current volunteer: Nadine Hook Community Liaisons

Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) Attends monthly BAC meetings, relays OPCL concerns and reports to membership. Current volunteer: Vicki Schiano

Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) Attends monthly SDCC meetings, relays concerns and votes on behalf of OPCL and reports to membership. Current volunteer: Julia Bell

Council of Civic Organizations (CCO): Represents OPCL at meetings, votes and reports to membership. Vacant

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC): Represents OPCL at monthly meetings and reports to membership. Current volunteer: Teresa Curtenay

Indigo Dunes Reported by Walt STONE

City of Virginia Beach to appeal state ruling on Indigo Dunes

The City of Virginia Beach will appeal a decision by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) that L.M. Sandler & Sons can destroy wetlands to build the Indigo Dunes project off Shore Drive. Sandler has faced strong civic league opposition to the proposed project, which would build as many as 1,063 homes on 69 acres near Lynnhaven Inlet.

In May, the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board ruled that Sandler could not destroy 1.5 acres of tidal wetlands even if they created six acres of new wetlands on the site and treated storm water runoff from Indigo Dunes and the nearby Ocean Park neighborhood. But in July the VMRC overruled the Wetlands Board.

A Victory for **Bayfront Residents!**

By Walt Stone and Liz Dyer

The momentum has swung once again, and the local community's opposition to the construction of the Indigo Dunes project, which would destroy wetland areas and the sensitive RPA buffers around them, has been heard.

Recently entering the opposition, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as well as regional legal and environmental experts, who are providing advisory direction in the fight against what is considered the "single greatest threat to the Chesapeake Bayfront," have decided that this will have precedent effects for the region, the welfare of our community and one of the last remaining natural beach-wetland ecosystems so close to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and Lynnhaven River.

Hundreds of residents made phone calls and sent e-mails and letters requesting the city to please review and appeal VMRC's decision (a decision that was improperly made to overturn the Wetlands Board denial of the

Indigo Dune's project plans). This followed an original determination by the Wetlands Board that the project clearly did **not** meet all of the specific criteria (required by lawful ordinance) including that 1) destruction/impacts were "necessary," 2) avoidance and minimization were practiced first and fully to the extent practicable, 3) the development was water-dependent and 4) the public benefits far outweighed the detriments. Following a five-and-a-half-hour Wetlands Board review, these issues and criteria were scrutinized exhaustively with the final determination that the project, as proposed, did not meet the above stated criteria.

The City Council's decision to appeal the decision of the VMRC is good news, and the Ocean Park Civic League plans to fight with the city against the decision of VMRC.

Recently, there has evolved a critical challenge of the purported ability of this project even to "clean up" its own future pollutants/ drainage sufficiently, a considerable task in itself, not to mention how it will be able to effectively clean a combined run-off from the surrounding Ocean Park area as well. As its primary, and perhaps only public benefit being described, this now has drawn attention to where no substantive proof of such claims has been made by the applicant, nor has the actual path and direction of Ocean Park's run-off been fully determined.

Consider for starters that 1) flooding and directional run-off moves south-east toward Shore Drive and the Lesner Bridge, away from Pleasure House Point, and 2) there are no connecting inlet pipes under the current streets pulling drain/run-off into each of the four drop inlets at the actual canal-wetlands of Pleasure House Point's 60 acres.

What does this mean? That whatever benefit being purported appears to be no benefit at all considering that this project would do nothing more than geometrically increase pollution run-off by twice the amount of Ocean Park adding over 1,000 homes and 2,500 people (doubling the density) who like us, don't live without vehicles, trash, lawn maintenance and pets!

What has begun to happen is that the fabric forming the basis for justification of this type of development is unraveling and will continue to do so, as vocal residents, state agencies and environmental protection organizations continue to come to the forefront in opposition. The voice of the community is being heard: We want our beaches and wetlands preserved, our community protected, and our roads made safe!

What can you do?

Go to **www.NoINdigoDunes.** com for updates as critical reviews and public hearings are scheduled. Please see <u>chesbayfront-php.tripod.com</u> for a walking tour of the wooded-wetland site and why it needs to be protected (no, it's not a toxic-viral, waste dump filled with wrecked vehicles, rusted appliances and drug paraphernalia as the developer has presented). It is <u>in fact</u> a fully functioning and valuable wetland and buffer system, protected by laws, with estuarial breeding grounds and protective resources for marine-aquatic life (oysters, crabs, fish) waterfowl and wildlife including herons, ducks, hawks, owls, osprey, foxes and turtles. ALL of this will be killed and/or displaced if the area is turned into a filled/graded and bulk-headed moonscape.



NoIndigoDunes.Com

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

Board of Zoning Appeals Update:

- **3841 Surry Road:** A variance request for a 5-foot side yard setback (southeast side) instead of 8 feet, as required, and a 19-foot rear yard setback (west side) instead of 20 feet, as required, for a proposed room addition. The request was granted by the Board of Zoning and Appeals with no opposition from the civic league.
- **2249 Sunvista Dr.:** A variance request for a 15foot rear yard setback instead of 20 feet, as required, for a proposed room addition using the existing deck footprint was approved by the Board of Zoning and Appeals with no opposition from the civic league.
- Lots 1 and 16 on West Stratford Road: The developer of Lots 1 and 16 has agreed to plant eight live oaks on the lots and the city right-of-way at the completion of construction as compensation for the inadvertent removal of tree(s) in the Raleigh Avenue right-of-way.

UPDATES

Correction regarding the development of Lot 10 on Raleigh Avenue: The live oaks indicated on the site plan were misinterpreted as existing trees and, as a result, it was reported that some trees on the lot may have been inappropriately removed. The lot was cleared as permitted according to the approved site plan, and the proposed trees will be planted once construction is complete. Also, no formal plans have been submitted for approval to relocate or remove the barriers blocking Raleigh Avenue to thru traffic.



What Does the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Mean to a Waterfront LYNNHAVEN River NOW **Property Owner?**

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Featuring:

Billy Almond and Jarrod Katzer, WPL and Kay Wilson, Associate City Attorney

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For More Information or To Register:

Contact Karen Forget, Lynnhaven River NOW, 757-962-5398 or kforget@lynnhaven2007.com

The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act places limitations on what you are able to do on your property. If you want to install a swimming pool, build a shed or an addition, expand your driveway, even cut down trees, you are impacted by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

This program will help you understand the regulations, what they mean to you as a homeowner and how the variance process works. Billy Almond and Jarrod Katzer of WPL will walk you through the process from the homeowner's project idea or building plan through the design and regulatory process to the actual installation. Kay Wilson of the City Attorney's office will explain upcoming changes homeowners can expect in the process, and all three will be available to answer your questions.

If you live on the Lynnhaven River, including Linkhorn Bay, Broad Bay, Long Creek and the Eastern and Western Branches, or in the headwaters area along Thalia Creek, London Bridge Creek, Green Run, Windsor Oaks or Windsor Woods, you are in an area affected by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and need to understand what that means to you as a homeowner.

www.lynnhavenrivernow.org

Sale of 3608 East Stratford Road property pending

As permitted by membership vote, the property located at 3608 East Stratford Road was advertised for sale from May 1-June 15. The civic league offered the property "As-Is" with a deed restriction that it may only be maintained or redeveloped as a single-family residence.

We received interest from approximately 30 individuals who requested information on making an offer. We received three offers and entered into a contract for the highest offer of \$262,100. However, due to the condition of the roof, the buyer was unable to obtain a homeowners' policy needed to secure financing and unable to close on the purchase. The board voted to release the buyer from the contract and proceeded to contact parties who remained interested with asking price of \$262,100 cash. We have received and accepted a new full price offer and hope to close the sale soon.



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Help put a smile on a soldier's face this holiday season!

Our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq are in need of basic items most of us take for granted everyday — toiletries, snacks, reading materials, cards, games, etc. ALL DONATIONS ARE <u>TAX DEDUCTIBLE</u>

For a list of suggested, approved items and drop-off locations, or if you have questions, please contact Pat Mirani at 233-2549 or e-mail: tricia0730@cox.net

If you would like to mail a check, send to:

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

Please use "U.S. Armed Forces" in the check memo (do not abbreviate).

Thanks for your help and if you would like to volunteer for assembling and sealing, let us know!

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15TH!

Here's how you can help:

Adopt A Box – Just \$8.95 will pay the postage to ship a flat rate box filled with donated items.

- Stuff A Gift bag Fill a 1- or 2-gallon Ziploc bag for an individual soldier and drop it off at one of the drop-off points
 or -
- Buy Some Stuff Buy and/or contribute items

Ocean Park Civic League volunteers will do the rest!

- Assemble miscellaneous items into a Ziploc bag for a soldier.
- Pack, label and seal shipping boxes.
- Ship items to the APO in Afghanistan and/or Iraq for delivery to the remote Forward Operating Bases.

Please include a card, note or child's drawing. © Our troops love letters from home ©





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