



## Important Dates

### Ocean Park Civic League Meeting

Jan 8  
 March 5  
 May 7  
 September 10  
 November 5  
 Thursdays  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Ocean Park  
 Rescue Squad

### BAC Meeting

Nov 20  
 Dec 19  
 3:30 p.m.  
 Virginia Beach  
 Resort and  
 Conference Center

### SDCC Meeting

Nov 24  
 Dec 29  
 Monday  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Ocean Park  
 Rescue Squad

### Brock Environmental Center Party

Nov 16  
 Saturday  
 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 BEC

# Ocean Park Echo

JANUARY 2015

## Message from the new president

I would like to start by thanking you for once again having the faith in me to allow me to be your president. I am honored by the privilege to serve as your president, and

promote good fellowship in our community. I think this an incredible, but all too often overlooked, goal. Our civic league doesn't exist just to further the interests of our

our meetings at venues that promote more social interaction. Hopefully, our first meeting in January will be at the new Brock Center.

Following that, I will be talking to



truly excited by the possibilities the next few years will bring. I think we all owe a heartfelt thanks to both Susie and Mike for shouldering the responsibility of being your presidents over the past few years. They have done an exceptional job and we should all be grateful for their time and efforts.

Every new year brings forth the excitement of new beginnings. For me this year is especially exciting because I see tremendous opportunities and possibilities for our civic league. One of the main objectives of our civic league, as stated in our bylaws, is to

community with respect to beautification, recreation, sanitation, safety and protect property values, although those things are extremely important. First and foremost, our charter says that we shall bring together residents and property owners to "promote good fellowship." Towards this end, the first thing I will do as president will be to change the format of our general membership meetings. Our meetings will have a more social flair to them, including having food and beverages. Although we will still have to conduct business at our meetings, they don't have to be boring. Also, we will be having

our local restaurateurs to see if we can conduct our meetings at one or more of these local establishments. Promote good fellowship in our community-- what an incredible goal. It's time to put this goal back in the forefront.

Too often folks have a narrow view about what they think our civic league is, or what they think it should be. We all have opinions about what we think a civic should and should not do, and we all feel, with various amounts of passion, that we are absolutely correct in our opinion. Well I can say from experience that our civic league is whatever the preponderance

## Chesapeake Bay Foundation/Ocean Park partnership

the next few years, and let the fun begin.

—*Jill Doczi, newsletter editor*

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—*Christy Everett,  
director Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Foundation*

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## Variations: The good, the bad and the ugly

An official yellow sign shows up on your neighbor's house and a certified letter notice in your mailbox. The city of Virginia Beach has notified you that your neighbor wants the rules changed for their property's zoning requirements. If you received a certified letter, it likely means the zoning regulations your neighbor appealed will be within your view. According to Chris Langaster, assistant zoning administrator seven to 10 neighbors will receive these letters per project.

### The Good:

State law allows citizens to appeal zoning requirements such as rear, front and side yard setbacks required for additions, decks, porches, gazebos, sheds and accessory structures. Zoning appeals also deal with building height, percentage of lot coverage and parking variances. The city of Virginia Beach has a panel of seven Virginia Beach citizen members appointed by city council for (two) five- year terms. This group is the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and declares itself as a quasi-judicial board that will hear and vote on your case. This board meets monthly and has an average of 15 cases per meeting. Hearings are held in City Council Chambers beginning at 2 p.m. and continue sometimes in to the night depending on complexities and oppositions.

For those requesting a variance, city staff suggests discussing the options and any hardships associated with the property such as odd lot configurations, wetland areas, nonconforming (substandard) lots, easements etc. with them prior to filing. Hardship criteria as established by the Virginia Code Section 15.2-2309 can be found at [www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/boards-commissions-committees/Documents/BZA/hardship.pdf](http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/boards-commissions-committees/Documents/BZA/hardship.pdf). There is a \$250 fee for the variance filing and an average of \$150 for state-law-required print advertising (newspaper "Beacon") and signage posting for 30 days. City staff, in-

cluding Langaster, can discuss the variance's merits or downfalls. You must have a survey site plan to original scale and photos of the yard from many angles for this preliminary meeting. Based on feedback from city staff you may now file an appeal. The actual hearing date may take as long as 60 days depending on the BZA's agenda.

### The Bad:

Even though you may have spent \$400 and drove to city hall a couple times all the way from Ocean Park, there is no guarantee you will be victorious with your appeal. Your neighbors may not be thrilled with your appeal. Considerations should be given to all of your neighbors because likely they bear the burden of your request. The smarter homeowner thinks of neighbors before rushing to file that variance, let alone gambling \$400.

You will have approximately three minutes to detail your appeal to the board. Each person opposing or supporting your variance request will be limited to an average of three minutes. Based on the number of individuals speaking and the agenda, the chairman will use his or her discretion on speaking times. You have a rebuttal period as deemed necessary by the board. You will also need to make your yard available soon after filing for city staff to take pictures for the board. At the same time, city staff will place the actual variance sign at your house. The day of your hearing city staff and board members drive to your house to look at your property. There should be no discrepancies with your site plan you submitted. A staffer will note these discrepancies by photograph and personal observation. This may cause complications with your case, possibly resulting in deferral or additional re-advertising cost.

### The Ugly

Besides losing \$400, you may have just put a wedge between you and your neighbor without any guarantee your

variance will be granted. Avoid this in the early stages by meeting with city staff as recommended and separately meeting with neighbors prior to filing. Come to a compromise. Some will agree just to avoid controversy. According to Langaster, it's not uncommon for neighbors to sign an approval petition agreement first with applicants and realize later the appeal is not such a good deal for them.

### Typical Ocean Park type improvements:

- \*Sheds less than 150 square feet (10x15) and with an eave height less than eight feet may be built at a five-foot setback from a property line, except when adjacent to a street.
- \*Detached garages and accessory structures cannot exceed 500 square feet or 20 percent of the living area of the house.
- \* Fencing within 30 feet of a street requires a fence permit
- \* All sheds 256 square feet or larger require a permit
- \* Decks less than 16 inches in height can encroach onto a required setback, but require a building permit.
- \* Call Miss Utility, cutting you and your neighbors cable and phone lines is expensive and inconvenient.
- \* Easements for drainage, utilities and pedestrian access are very common in Ocean

Park and have very specific restrictions, check with Zoning Department.

\* Finally, not all rules are black and white, many parts of Ocean Park are located in

environmentally sensitive (CBPA) borders. Regulations in those areas can alter

the above projects.

For good, bad or ugly questions about variances contact Chris Langaster at [clangast@vbgov.com](mailto:clangast@vbgov.com) or 385-8074.

—Andrew R Broyles  
Class A contractor in Va. since 1978, O.P. resident since 2001

## Flu facts and myths

With the flu season in full swing, the “flu vaccine” debate is also at its peak, especially since this year’s vaccine was not as effective as years past. While that is a debate for another time, I want to address a very important topic that rarely gets addressed, yet creates a lot of problems and confusion: testing and treatment for Influenza. What’s the issue you say? I think I have the flu, I go to the doctor I get tested and they give me Tamiflu. Easy, right?

### ***WRONG!***

Two things that may amaze you:

1. You do NOT need to be tested for the flu, unless you are being hospitalized.
2. Unless you are in a high risk group or hospitalized, you do NOT need, and will not benefit from Tamiflu. Even then it may not actually help.

So why don’t you need to be tested? Because influenza is here and the rapid flu test has a one in five chance of being a false negative. Bottom line is that if you have a fever, cough, body aches, sore throat, and perhaps some intestinal symptoms, you probably have the flu and don’t need to be tested.

But you still need to go to the doctor to get an antibiotic of your Tamiflu prescription, right? First, Influenza is a virus, as are almost all seasonal illnesses like colds and bronchitis. Antibiotics are worthless against viruses. **As for Tamiflu, most people will receive no benefit!** We have very clear treatment criteria created by the CDC, which can basically be summarized as

### **-Symptoms of the flu for less than 48 hours and one of the following:**

- a) you’re older than 65 or younger than age 2
- b) you’re sick enough to be hospitalized
- c) you have chronic disease, especially a respiratory disease like asthma

- d) your immune system is compromised, like chemotherapy patients
- e) you’re pregnant or very overweight

These are the groups at highest risk of suffering from complications of the flu. If you’re not in one of these groups, as miserable as you might be, you will almost assuredly recover from the flu on your own without complications.

The problem is that Influenza has developed resistance to Tamiflu, and so if we use it on everybody, it won’t work for anybody, especially those for whom using it may be the difference between life and death. So if you have the flu and don’t meet treatment criteria, taking Tamiflu likely won’t make a difference in whether you get over the flu or not, and may contribute to resistance that kills those people at most risk.

**But there’s more: even if you are treated with Tamiflu, you are likely wasting your money and for most people you are more likely to suffer from adverse reactions than be helped!**

Almost all of the research on Tamiflu was sponsored and conducted by the company that makes the drug. They initially didn’t release most of their data. Numerous groups have been pushing for years to get the raw data released, and when it finally was last year, the results were staggering.

To summarize:

1. Over 60 percent of the data from the studies was never published... namely that which did not show any benefit from Tamiflu.
2. The raw data actually showed Tamiflu does not reduce hospitalizations.
3. The studies did not show that Tamiflu reduced complications such as

pneumonia

4. The studies did not show that Tamiflu reduced transmission between people.

5. Tamiflu did reduce the length of illness by about 12 hours, yes just half a day.

6. Those that took Tamiflu showed decreased natural immunity to the flu. In other words, by taking Tamiflu, you are not building up the natural resistance that protects against future flu strains that you may not be vaccinated against.

Here is the link to the Cochrane Review, a non-profit group that analyzes studies, and their findings on Tamiflu:

<http://www.cochrane.org/features/tamiflu-relnza-how-effective-are-they?>

While you may say “well, if I get better half a day faster, why not take it?” Is getting better 12 hours faster worth tens of thousands of babies, elderly and people with other medical conditions dying due to Tamiflu resistance? If you are being treated for the flu, all you are doing is contributing to resistance, increasing your likelihood of side effects and adverse reactions, and making money for the makers of the test and drugs (and your doctor if they are able to bill for testing or giving you medicines). Unless you are in a high risk group you are likely causing more harm to yourself, and certainly to society, than receiving any benefit.

Don’t believe me, or want to read more? Here are a couple of great articles on the topic!

<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/02/tamiflu-myth-and-misconception/273167/>

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/harlankrumholz/2013/01/08/the-myth-of-tamiflu-5-things-you-should->

## Lynnhaven River NOW partnership: Volunteer and event opportunities

### River Cleanup

**Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m.**

Join LRNow to help clean up the shoreline at a location yet to be released. No other information available at this time, but check the LRNow website for more updates.

Visit the LRNow during the Winter Wildlife Festival 2015. On February 7, as part of the festival, LRNow will hold a rain barrel workshop and a bird walk at Pleasure House Point. Visit [VBGov.com/WinterWildlife](http://VBGov.com/WinterWildlife) for more information.

### Brock Environmental Center Move

LRNow has a new address. Offices have moved from the Pleasure House Road location to the new Brock Environmental Center.

It takes a community to restore and protect our waterways. We know how fortunate we are to live in this beautiful place. Water is a large part of our More information coming soon to the LRNow website. Call (757) 962-5398 for more information or to register.

### Winter Wildlife Festival

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## How to get a streetlight fixed

Residents have reported numerous streetlight issues from completely dark

—Jill Doczi, newsletter editor

### Please volunteer with OPCL Volunteer Positions (Annual Hourly Needs)

- Newsletter Graphic Designer (30)
- Fireworks Committee (10-50)
- Scholarship Committee (5)
- Audit Committee (3)
- Safety and Traffic Committee Member (5)
- Meeting Coordinator (6)
- Social Committee Member (5)
- Social Committee Chair (30)
- Door Prize Coordinator (6)
- Business Liaison (10)
- Membership Committee Member (5)

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PROTECT THE BAYFRONT SAFETY FIRST PLEASURE HOUSE POINT

Now is the time to join - or renew your membership in - the Ocean Park Civic League. Pay now and get credit for all of 2014!! Dues are just \$15 a year per family. If you are not a member, become one now. Just fill in the Membership Application and mail to the P.O. Box listed below. Or join on-line at [www.opcl.org](http://www.opcl.org). You will be helping your community and keeping yourself informed.

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Mail this application and your dues of \$15.00 (check made to OPCL) for calendar year 2014 to: Ocean Park Civic League P.O. Box 55385 Virginia Beach, VA 23471		

# OPCL official business

## **OPCL Finance**

### **Committee Update:**

The Robbins Legacy account held investments valued at approximately \$223,500, as of November 30, 2014, up from \$216,900 on January 1, 2014. After distributing \$7,000 to the OPCL operating account in November.. The current portfolio allocation is approximately 75 percent fixed income/cash and 25 percent equity investments. In addition to the growth of the original \$180,000

investment, the account generates approximately \$6,000 a year in interest and dividends, which is available for distribution. Since 2008, over \$39,000 has been distributed in support of civic league functions and community organizations. If you have ideas for funding of community projects and improvements in ocean Park, please contact any officer of the civic league listed in the newsletter.

### **OPCL Committee on Governmental Affatirs and Zoning Update:**

The committee has not presented any reports. regarding decisions

## **OPCL News:**

### **The Social Activities**

**Committee has new chairpeople.** Robin Geison and Lauren Harrington both did an exceleent job of organizing the last-minute Hibernation Party and the Ocean Park Lights Display Contest.

**OPCL voted in representatives to all board positions at the November meeting.** Check the roster on the back page of the Echo for new contact information.

**Seeking communications volunteers:** The newsletter provides a great source of information that only comes out a few times a year. Volunteers distribute the newsletter to the neighborhood. OPCL can always use new and substitute volunteer distributors. You may deliver to your street or a block or two. Please email [communication@opcl.org](mailto:communication@opcl.org) if you have interest in helping

with "The Echo."

Between newsletters, OPCL sends emails concerning time-sensitive information or short-term updates. Be sure OPCL has your email by going to [www.opcl.org](http://www.opcl.org) and signing up for email updates. If you would like to unsubscribe from these mailings or make any changes to your preferences, fill in your information and choose the link to update your profile. Contact Ryan McCawley, communications chairperson with any questions or concerns at [communication@opcl.org](mailto:communication@opcl.org).

**Pleasure House Point Adopt-A-Spot cleanup March 21, 2015 from 9 a.m. to noon.** Treats provided for the first 20 volunteers.

## Crime Update

Officer Marcus Johnson, Third Precinct liaison to Ocean Park, will speak at the November meeting about crime and safety in Ocean Park. The following crime reports reflect recent activity in Ocean Park.

9/18/14 3700 block Chesterfield Ave.—larceny from motor vehicle

9/18/14 3700 block Jefferson Blvd.—larceny from motor vehicle

9/26/14 3600 block Shore Dr.—larceny from motor vehicle

9/18/14 3700 block W. Stratford Rd.—motor vehicle theft

9/24/14 3700 block W. Stratford Rd. larceny, all others

10/24/14 220 block Woodlawn Ave. fraud, identity theft

Additionally, two break-in incidents allegedly occurred on the south side of Ocean Park as well as some incidents regarding Pleasure House Point. Johnson responded that he will investigate those issues and have his findings available by the November general membership meeting.

—Officer Marcus Johnson  
Virginia Beach Police Department  
Third Precinct

# Lesner Bridge Updates

For the next several weeks the city plans no scheduled daytime lane closures withing the Lesner Bridge project limits.



*New eastbound bridge lane construction — Jill Doczi*

All the drilled shafts at Piers 1, 2 and 3 (the first in-water pier constructed) of the new westbound (WB) bridge have been installed. Concrete placement for the foundation cap at Pier 1 has been completed.

Work on the the WB bridge approach in front of 3556 On the Bay condominiums continues. The concrete retaining wall, utilities and temporary wire wall are being installed. As the grade is built up to plan elevations, you will get a sense for the new height of the bridge. The top of the wooden formwork for Abut-

ment A will be the new elevation of the bridge deck. Construction of the new bridge abutment “A” continues on the west side for the Lynnhaven Inlet. The first concrete pour on the new bridge abutment took place Wednesday, October 29. The last concrete placement for this bridge abutment took place December 12.

ment A will be the new elevation of the bridge deck.

Work on the WB bridge approach next to the old Duck Inn Property also continues. A portion of the concrete footing for the new retaining wall has been poured and the area prepared for the placement of the pre-cast concrete retaining wall panels. Work on the new seawall (closer to the water’s edge) has begun within this area.

The city will coordinate their seawall construction with the private construction contractor building the private seawall on the Point Chesapeake property. The city’s seawall starts at the right of way line located north of Shroe Drive and will continue south until it connects to the existing bulkhead located south of Shore Drive at the Maryland Pilots Association. The private seawall connects to the city’s seawall at the right of way line and continues north along the dune line towards Cape Henry Towers.

The temporary bulkhead at the Lynnhaven Dredge Material Storage Site (LDMSS) continues. The tie-back system and placement of all the reinforcing steel on the new bulkhead is now complete. Approximately half of the concrete cap has been in place on the the bulkhead. Work will continue on the bulkhead over the next several weeks to form and place the remainder of the bulkhead cap.

As a final note, the construction contractor will not be working over the holidays. No work will take place on the project between December 24 and January 5.

As a reminder, the city regularly posts bridge construction updates at <http://vb.gov.com/government/departments/publicworks/roadways/Pages/lesner-bridge-7-14.aspx> and on Twitter at @lesnerbridge.

If you would like to receive email updates contact Drew Lankford, media and communications, Department of Public Works at [dlankfor@vb.gov.com](mailto:dlankfor@vb.gov.com)



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**\*\*UPDATED 12/28/14\*\*****OPERATING ACCOUNT****2014 STARTING BALANCE \$11,264.47****Income**

Item	2014 Proposed Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed Budget
Advertising Revenue	\$3,000.00	\$2,525.00	\$3,000.00
Money Market Interest Earned	\$300.00	\$261.87	\$300.00
Membership Dues - Checks and Cash	\$3,000.00	\$1,580.00	\$2,500.00
Membership Dues - Paypal	\$1,500.00	\$870.00	\$1,500.00
Raffle Receipts	\$400.00	\$405.00	\$300.00
Robbins Acct-Community Improvement	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
Miscellaneous (Foodbank, etc)	\$400.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,600.00</b>	<b>\$12,641.87</b>	<b>\$15,600.00</b>

**Expenses**

Item	2014 Proposed Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed Budget
SDCC/VBCCO/Other Dues	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Online Payment Fees	\$75.00	\$42.92	\$60.00
Legal Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Charity (ie OPVRS, CBF,LRN,Foodbank)	\$4,200.00	\$3,405.00	\$3,300.00
PO Box Annual Fee	\$90.00	\$92.00	\$95.00
Newsletter/Flyer Printing	\$3,000.00	\$2,771.80	\$3,000.00
Social Events	\$3,000.00	\$1,723.75	\$3,000.00
Umbrella Liability Insurance	\$675.00	\$673.00	\$675.00
Virginia Corporation Fees	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
Postage and Mail Supplies	\$150.00		\$500.00
Website Construction/Maintenance	\$300.00	\$74.12	\$75.00
Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Merchandise Purchase	\$0.00		
Pleasure House Point	\$0.00		
General Meeting Refreshments	\$0.00		\$1,000.00
Civic League Logo Design	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$255.31	\$1,000.00
Chesapeake Bay Foundation Sponsorship	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,565.00</b>	<b>\$13,162.90</b>	<b>\$18,820.00</b>

**2014 ENDING BALANCE \$10,743.44****OTHER Accounts:**

	Income	Expenses/Debits	Current Balance
<b>Fireworks Fund:</b> Starting: \$11288.75	\$15,114.00	\$13,208.81	<b>\$13,193.94</b>
<b>Money Market:</b> Starting: \$ 75000.00	\$261.87	\$261.87	<b>\$75,000.00</b>
<b>Robbins Account:</b> Starting: \$ 216909.53	\$13,182.25	\$7,000.00	<b>\$223,091.78</b>
(Robbins Cash Balance: \$ 1589.50)			

**TOTAL OF ALL OPCL ACCOUNTS as of 12/28/2014****\$322,029.16**

## BAC Meeting Wrap Up

Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting notes: President Kal Kassir will meet with Councilmen Jones and Wood about the possibility of the BAC becoming a commission, emphasizing the need for better recognition in the community and better rapport with city council.

The BAC discussed funding for family events and flag clusters property owners have expressed concerns.

*A city-council-appointed advisory board, the Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) serves in an advisory capacity to city council with respect to development and improvement to the bayfront area. The committee promotes the Shore Drive Corridor and implements the recommendations of the Urban Land Institute's 1997 study of the area. The committee advises city council on all matters relating to the Shore Drive Corridor. Members will attend and speak at any civic homeowner association meetings.*

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**Message from the new president con't**

of those involved want it to be. Let me say that again, our civic league is whatever preponderance of those involved want it to be. The key here being that those neighbors who are involved get to choose the direction. Unfortunately for those with egalitarian ideas about the civic league representing the will of the community, that's just not the reality. I don't mean to say that representing the will of the community isn't the goal, but we can only represent the will of those who participate and let us know what direction we should be going in. That doesn't mean that you have to be involved in the leadership, or serve on committees, although those things help. It just means that you have to show up at a few of our five general membership meetings a year and let your voice be heard. It means that you volunteer to help out occasionally at one of our social events, or one of our community involvement events. It means you participate in a meaningful way. Your

involvement is also part of that good fellowship that I will be spending the next few years to help promote.

As anyone who have perused our Facebook Group knows, we live in an incredible community with a diverse and extremely unique group of neighbors, which is part of what makes Ocean Park the wonderful place it is. I have lived here in Ocean Park with my family for over 25 years. My children grew up playing in the sands of our beaches. Thanks to the United States Navy I have had the opportunity to travel all over the world, and I can say from experience, there's no place like home. With all the horrific things going on in the world today, we should never forget that we get to call Ocean Park our home. Once again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your president for the next few years, and let the fun begin.

—Rick Mercadante, OPCL president

**January 8 OPCL Meeting****AGENDA****Call Meeting to Order****Pledge of Allegiance****Presentations**

OP Crime Report (Officer Marcus Johnson, Third Precinct)

President's Remarks

Establishment of Quorum

Minutes Approval of the September 11, 2014 Meeting (Kristie Zeiler)

Treasurer's Report (Todd Parker)

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Election of Officers for 2015/2016 term

CBF Report (Christy Everett)

**Committee & Liaison Reports—As Needed**

Finance (Mike Wills)

Fireworks (Jill Doczi)

Membership (Ryan McCawley)

Scholarship (Lauren Harrington)

Social Activities (Lauren Bennis)

BAC Bayfront Advisory Committee (Martin Thomas)

CAC 3rd Precinct Community Advisory Committee (Jill Doczi)

CCO Council of Civic Organizations (Susie Walston)

SDCC Shore Drive Community Coalition (Rick Mercadante)

Web site (Ryan McCawley) *Will respond if questions asked*

**Announcements**

Next Meeting—January 8

**Adjourn Meeting**