



## NEWSLETTER

November 2000

✧ Serving the Ocean Park Community ✧

**Meeting Notice**  
**Thursday, November 2, 2000**  
**@ Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue H. Q.**  
**Time: 7:30 P. M.**

### Working Together

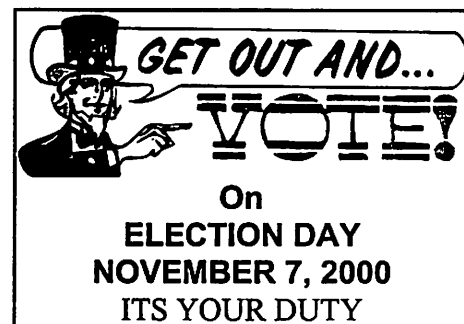
Once again it's time for all of us at Ocean Park to get together for our civic league meeting. This meeting is the best way to keep you informed of what is happening in and around our neighborhood. It is also the best way to keep you advised of possible changes about to happen so we can either support them or work together to keep them from happening. As a group, we need to support what is good for our entire neighborhood. I think we have one of the best neighborhoods in Virginia Beach and we need your help to keep it that way.

This month we would really like to encourage more of our neighbors to be a part of our civic league. If you are a member and usually attend the meetings, why not encourage a new neighbor, or a neighbor who has never attended a meeting to come with you. If you are new to our

neighborhood, please come and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you.

We have lots of information to go over, updates on projects and announcements to make. We want to include you in everything that is happening in Ocean Park. We have some great people working together in our civic league, but we can always use more. We also need your ideas and suggestions on how we can work together to improve our neighborhood and keep it one of the best places to live at the beach! I look forward to seeing you all on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ocean Park Fire & Rescue Headquarters.

*Donna Epperson*



# Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction of the Board Members -Donna Epperson
2. Treasurer's Report - Anne Kane
3. Update on Shore Drive Community Coalition. - Scott Ayers
4. Status - Dredging of Crab Creek - Donna Epperson
5. Update on property owned by Ocean Park Civic League - Wendy Vaughn
6. Information from Virginia Beach Public Schools
7. Christmas Social
8. Raffle - Three (3) Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) Gift Certificates will be raffled at the conclusion of the meeting . You must be present to win.

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## NEWSLETTER DEVELOPMENT

Civic League members are invited to write timely articles for publication in our newsletter. Should residents have any information or knowledge of events or news about our area, please compose a story and forward it, call, or send an e-mail to the editor. Thank you.



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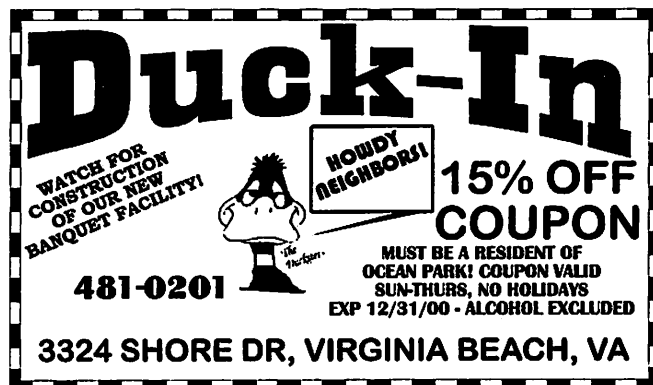
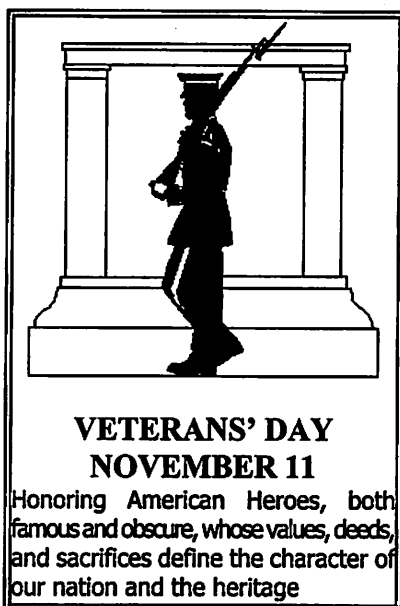
## SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION

**T**HE SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION IS NOW MORE THAN AN AD HOC ORGANIZATION. It will now handle more issues now that its effective sponsorship of OpSail 2000 is behind it. Ocean Park Civic League executive committee member, Billy Sykes, did all the legal work to obtain a state charter as a nonprofit organization. We are now ready to assume a leadership role.

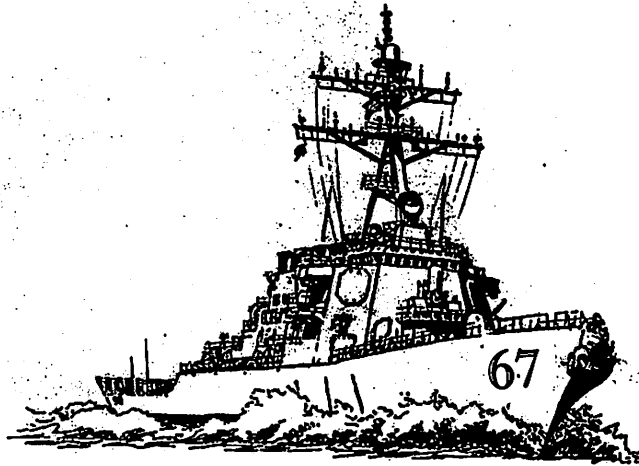
Looking forward to long term developments in the area the SDCC, Mr. Dan Creedon(Cape Henry Shores Civic League) distributed a questionnaire recently to local civic leagues and condominium associations to assess the essential needs and learn what the locale's citizen's visions of the future. These are the questions and majority answers:

1. A. Development of the "Sun States " property as a park adjacent to the bike path .....YES  
 B. Develop as commercial property .....NO
2. Develop the Spoils Area (sand from dredging operations) into a park ..... YES
3. Beach access and parking at the access points(slim majority, no room for parking at access points) .....YES
- 4 Replenish the beaches and make them city property .....YES
- 5 Parking is a critical problem and parking problems will increase. Duck Inn, for example, is planning an additional building. Would you support a study of parking in SD area? .....YES
6. Billboards remain and continue to degrade the area. Would you support action to remove them? .....YES
7. Do you support a request to the city to enforce existing codes and ordinances? .....YES
- 8 Would you support an effort to create a "village center" by closing Sea Shell Street and landscaping the area? (Sea Shell Street was the street used to host OpSail 2000) .....YES
9. Would you support and extended the North Beach Trolley route to Shore Drive and Great Neck Road? .....YES
10. Do you agree that Shore Drive traffic lights should be timed/coordinated to facilitate traffic flow? .....YES
11. Should we plan an annual event to create a sense of community? .....YES

**COMMENT:** No clear decision to pursue any of these issues at this time



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## LOOKING GOOD

(Part Two-continued from September 2000 Newsletter)

Over the past two years our side of Shore Drive (west of the Lesner Bridge) has brightened up with new construction and business enterprises. Here is one that looks exceedingly good:

Earlier this year Broyles Construction completed renovations to their new location at 3601 Shore Drive. The original building was constructed in 1917. Its improvement is a reflection of Andrew Broyles's commitment to improve the Shore Drive corridor and confidently base his business here.

This building is a prime example of the improvements that can be accomplished to a previously dilapidated building and eyesore. We should continue to support these kinds of improvements to provide more positive changes and growth that sustain and enhance our neighborhood and surroundings.

## LYNNHAVEN BOAT LAUNCH AND BEACH FACILITY

The City is preparing to begin the dredging of Crab Creek in preparation for the construction of the Lynnhaven Boat Launch and Beach Facility.

This new project which will create critically needed boat access to the Chesapeake Bay area is located at Stratford Road and Shore Drive southwest of the Lesner Bridge on Crab Creek. No other public boat ramps in the City provide that access. Plans are ninety percent completed.

To initiate the project, Crab Creek will be dredged to make it navigable for small boats. Here is the best information we have about the dredging at this time:

The City's dredge, Rudee II, has been transported from Rudee Inlet. An area inside the bridge and along the east side of the Lynnhaven Inlet Sand Stockpile (LISS) will be dredged 24 hours per day to deepen the natural channel. As the dredge reaches the south end of the LISS and begins to cut the channel along Tazewell and Piedmont toward the boat ramp behind Jimmy's Pizza, they will restrict their hours to operation between 6:00 A. M and 10: P. M. to minimize the noise impact on the residents. The entire dredging operation should not exceed three weeks, barring unforeseen problems.

Construction on the ramp, parking and building is expected to begin by early 2001 and should be completed by next summer.

*Submitted by Wendy Vaughn,  
OPCL executive committee member*

### A NON OBSERVANT HOLIDAY

We celebrate, participate and commemorate many holidays this time of the year. Some are noted in this newsletter. There is one that passed into history with Colonial Revolution as the eighteenth century closed. It was a fun-celebration—Guy Fawkes Day—named after Guy Fawkes and a small group of conspirators who planned to blow up the English Parliament and King James I on November 5, 1605, the day set for the king to open Parliament. On November 5, the English and what is left of their empire mark the anniversary of the **Gunpowder Plot**. On that night, bonfires surmounted by cloth manikins or "Guys" are set alight in every town and village in Britain amongst a blaze of calibrator fireworks. For a bunch of people who are not sympathetic with Guy Fawkes's cause, these guys seem a little bit mixed up. At the same time that they are reviling Guy, they're blowing up and burning things themselves. That was once done with great rejoicing and zeal right here in Princess Anne County some time ago.



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## Preservation and Replacement of Live Water Oak Trees

Residential and commercial development over the years decimated the water oak tree population throughout the City, especially along the Shore Drive corridor. The water oak's indigenous areas of growth favors wet locations near shorelines. The despoilment of these trees cannot be reversed. A concerted effort and awareness initiated by citizens prompted the City to



undertake a conservation program and a formulate a plan to replace the trees. The first planting of water oaks will take place on the median on Marlin Bay Drive from Shore Drive to Mystic Cove Drive. On November 6, a school holiday, a group of student volunteers will do that work.

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### MEMBERSHIP DUES 2000-2001

In the Ocean Park conclave there are approximately 950 residences and businesses. Only one quarter of the families and businesses maintain a membership in the Ocean Park Civic League. Surely, we can all do more to support our civic league. It works for all of us every day. Dues are just \$5.00 per year. If you have not sent your membership dues check in for this year—do it now!

Just fill in the Membership Application and send it to our treasurer, Ms. Anne Kane. You will be helping your community and yourself. If you attend the next meeting, please give your dues to Anne.



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION—2000-2001

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

PHONE:.....RENT:.....OWN:.....YEARS IN OP:.....

Areas of Interest in Ocean Park Civic League ( Check Off ✓)

Newsletter contributions.....

New Development.....

Newsletter distribution.....

Zoning .....

Refreshments, civic league meetings.....

Crime Watch committee.....

Social Events committee.....

Suggestions.....(Your remarks, please.)

Mail this Application with your dues, Five ( \$5.00) to:

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