



# OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE



## NEWSLETTER

November 2001

Serving the Ocean Park Community

**Meeting Notice**  
**Thursday, November 1, 2001**  
**@ Ocean Park Volunteer Fire & Rescue H. Q.**  
**Time: Social-7:00 to 7:30 P. M.**  
**Meeting: 7:30 to 9:00 P. M. Sharp!!**

**COME TO THE MEETING TO HEAR ABOUT SAND  
REPLENISHMENT, OPEN SPACES AND THE BOAT RAMP!**

The Open Space Committee is engaged in assessing the open space areas in Ocean Park and beginning a dialogue with the City regarding their future use and upkeep. Bill Hook, Chairperson, has a committee of nine members. A report will be given at our November 1 meeting.

This committee is also looking into the Fire-Rescue future location. You may recall we had a presentation last year by Frank Shields, a member of the Ocean Park Rescue Squad. He illustrated a proposal for new Fire and Rescue buildings on the current site. The future of the Fire and Rescue location is critically important to all of us because:

1. New facilities are needed to provide a quality and functional environment for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad.
2. New facilities would include space for a hook and ladder truck. With the high-rise condominiums along Shore Drive, the need for a hook and ladder truck is evident.

3. The deed to the existing property assures the Ocean Park Civic League use of the meeting room in the current building. Maintaining the meeting room access is important if Fire and Rescue were to move to a new site.

4. Proximity to the older structures in our community is also an important consideration. The current central location in the Ocean Park community serves us well for response time for both Fire and Rescue. Moving these services could greatly deteriorate the response time we enjoy.

Our community must make our wishes known to the City and work with the City, the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad to achieve new facilities in appropriate locations. We will report on this issue at our November meeting.

**PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING and  
take part in this most important discussion!**

*Wendy Vaughn*, Co-President

**Meeting Agenda**  
(We will keep to the time schedule)

7:00 - 7:30 P. M: Social and Refreshments

7:30 P. M.: Welcome and Pledge to Flag- Wendy Vaughn, Co-President

Treasurer's Report - Anne Kane

Shore Drive Community Coalition update - Bill Hook

Update on Face-Recognition Cameras issue - Bill Sykes

Update on Boat Ramp - Wendy Vaughn, Co-President

Update on Sand Replenishment - Wendy Vaughn, Co-President

Report on Open Spaces and on Fire House/Rescue Squad building proposal- Bill Hook and committee members

8:45 P. M. New Business

Raffle Two (2) Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) Gift Certificates will be raffled at the conclusion of the meeting.  
You must be present to win.

9:00 P.M. Good Night!

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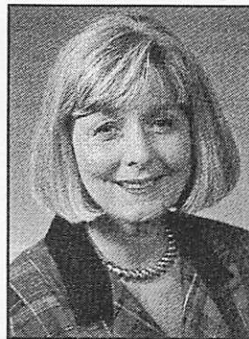
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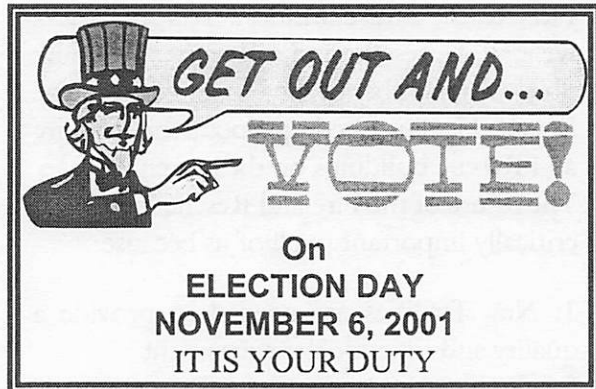
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# OPCL Open Space Committee Meeting

Our Open Space group is getting up a full head of steam. We could not determine which plots of land within Ocean Park are city-owned, and are working with Clay Bernick of the City Planning office to decide what may be the best use for these spaces.

At the last meeting, we had Kelly Thorp (Chairman, Virginia Beach Open Space Advisory Committee) as a guest. He was very helpful in explaining the City's Open Space policy, defining priorities in acquisition of Open Space, and generally giving us a good overview of the process.

We are working on defining "open space" of that which is City-owned and privately owned to determine what influence the OPCL can have in planning for these spaces, and ascertaining what City services may be available for the upgrade and/or maintenance of these spaces. Many more specific areas of concern remain, so if you are interesting if finding out more, come to the next meeting. The next one is tentatively s e t for 7:00 p.m. on November 12, at the firehouse. Or contact: Bill Hook or Michael Spangler.

*Anne Kane*

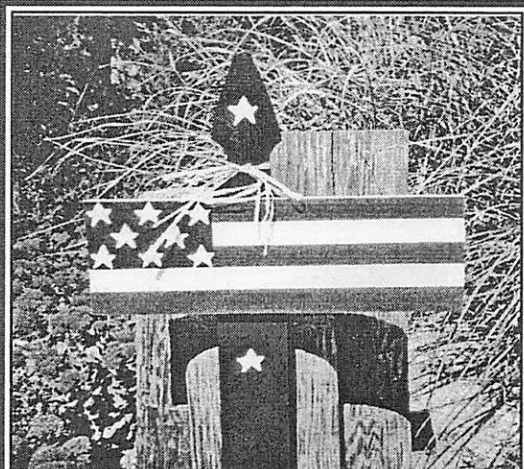
## MONEY MATTERS FROM YOUR TREASURER

Progress continues on the OPCL Roster updates. I am most pleased to welcome 17 new members to the Ocean Park Civic League. We are growing in numbers and also involvement, and our voices are being heard. If you are uncertain of your dues status, just ask me! I will respond to your questions by phone (363-7321) or E-mail ([Akten@aol.com](mailto:Akten@aol.com).) And, of course I will be available at the November 1 meeting to check the records.

Another big "THANK YOU" to those who show additional financial support of our work on behalf of the community. Five (\$5.00) dollars per year does not cover the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter when fewer than 200 of 1,000 residents pay their dues

Don't forget to VOTE on November 6th.

*Anne Kane*



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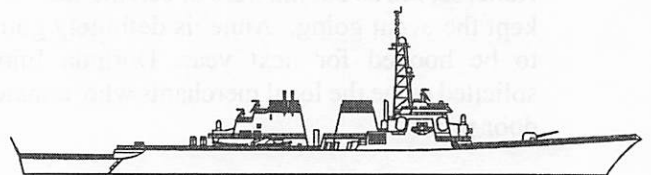
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# SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION OYSTER ROAST PLAYS TO A FULL HOUSE

The Oyster Roast sponsored by the Shore Drive Community Coalition was a grand success. More than 350 people turned out. Three hundred forty two adults and 15 children were there. . The food was great and much better than most expected. Bill Miller, owner of the Duck In, is to be praised for his generosity. Everyone had more than \$12.50 worth of food. Over 24 crates of oysters were consumed and unending supply of great fried chicken was available. Anne Kane acted as master of ceremonies and did a fabulous job. She could be a professional. People leaving, almost to an individual, wanted to have another party next year.

Dan Creedon

The October 13<sup>th</sup> Oyster Roast event was a major achievement and unprecedented success. Shore Drive neighbors from many civic leagues were treated to great food and fellowship. The beach front location and facility of the Duck In Beach Club made it a perfect day. One of the most gratifying parts of the event was the fact that it was planned and executed in less than two months. This could only have been accomplished by the efforts of our various ticket captains within the SDCC member civic associations and the self-appointed organizing committee of Todd Solomon. He arranged for the live entertainment of a local Jimmy Buffet as well as an event program. Dan Creedon obtained our video camera door prize. The Cox High School Jazz Ensemble unfortunately couldn't play due to a family emergency. Dan's wife, Anne, manned the ticket booth. Ocean Park's rising star, Anne Kane, served as our mistress of ceremonies. She kept the event going. Anne is definitely going to be booked for next year. Dorinda Ennis solicited some the local merchants who donated door prizes.

Susan Karlau glued together the entire event. Susan, the SDCC treasurer, sold tickets, pushed people to sell them, even hand delivered tickets, and most importantly kept the money straight. It is quite hard to believe that just eight weeks ago a decision to move forward on the event was made and Susan's report shows that 357 tickets were sold! After expenses are paid, the SDCC will be making a significant donation to our local volunteer rescue squads. This event sets a high bar for next year. Just think of what can happen with more planning. One of the goals of the SDCC was to start an annual event. We did, and boy, was it fun and successful. See you next year.

Gaynelle Ayers



From my viewpoint, the Oyster Roast was a great success. The weather was gorgeous, the location resplendent and the food and entertainment was great. Anne Kane was a wonderful MC. I hope the Coalition will make this the annual event, and continue to schedule it the day of the Bay Bridge walk/bike. It made for a perfect Saturday! The Duck In Beach Club is a perfect venue - I hope we will plan it to be there every year.

Wendy Vaughn



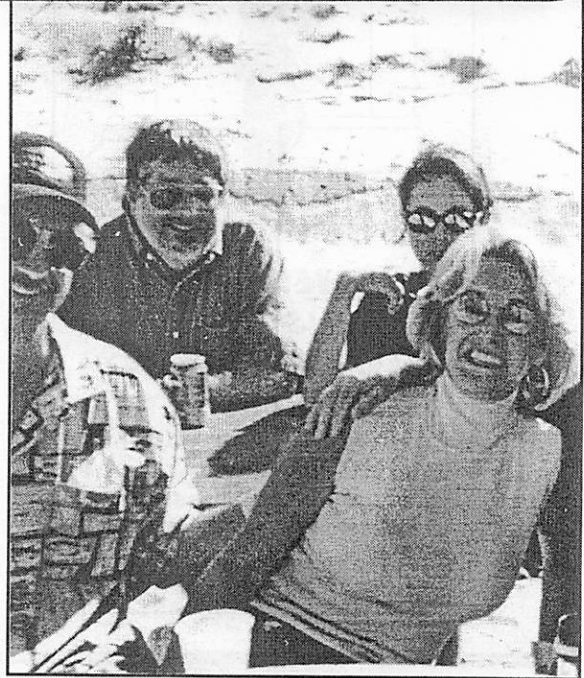
# SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION OYSTER ROAST PLAYS TO A FULL HOUSE- SOME PICS

The beautiful day, the terrific new setting at the Duck-In, the easy-going music and the fine crowd of Shore Drive residents created a grand party.

Ann Kane as Ocean Park's good-looking Phyllis Diller, the generous gifts from the Shore Drive merchants, the tasty oysters, the constant assistance of the Duck In staff and the volunteer help from so many SDCC folks added to a perfect afternoon.

Businesses that provided gifts for the event were: Will o' the Wisp, Shore Drive Gallery and Design, Croakers, La Pizzeria, H2O, Croakers and Lynnhaven Fish House.

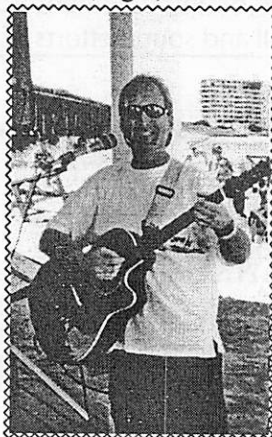
Dorinda Ennis



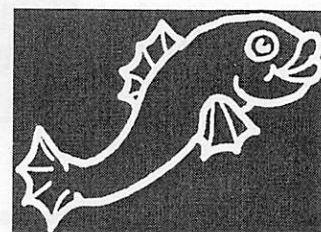
Rear, left Bill Sykes; right, Frances Sykes;  
front, left, Scott Ayers, right, Gaynelle Ayers



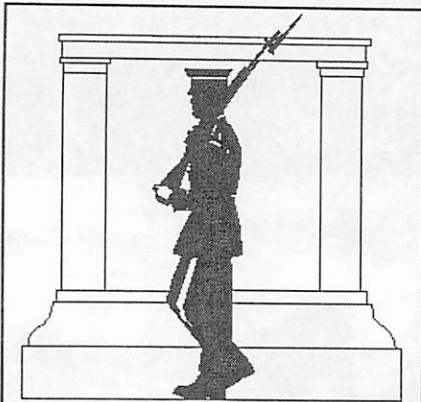
Left, Dorinda Ennis; right, Anne Kane



Left, Susan Karlau; center, Walter Karlau;  
right, Anne Creedon







**NOVEMBER 11  
ARMISTICE DAY  
REMEMBRANCE DAY  
VETERANS DAY**

Honor all veterans and those who now serve in the Armed Forces whose values, deeds, and sacrifices define the character of our Nation and its values.

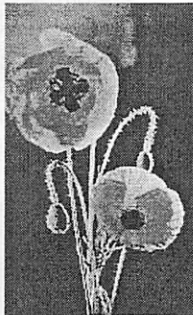
This poem, once taught in American schools during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, is seldom heard today. It was written in Belgium by a British Army officer, Major John McCrae.

**In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though  
poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



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**WHAT IS THE OCEAN PARK  
CIVIC LEAGUE?**

The Ocean Park Civic League is an organization of dedicated and concerned citizens whose goals are to improve living in Ocean Park, Pelican Dunes, Mariner's Landing and the City of Virginia Beach.

We endeavor to:

Preserve the neighborhood's essential character as an attractive community on the Bay.

Encourage a neighborhood spirit which will perpetuate friendly, open relations between neighbors which make our area a fine place to live.

The currency of improvement for Ocean Park remains the good will and sound efforts of all its citizens.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
WISHES YOU A  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

On August 23, at the Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue Headquarters, members the local community, City officials and the president of the City's Council of Civic Leagues paid tribute to Judy Connors. We print her letter of gratitude.



### JUDITH K. CONNORS

To my friends in Ocean Park:

I had known for many years that Ocean Park is a very unique community in which to live. The citizens really proved it on August 23rd when so many came together to "honor" me. The many friendships and memories of good times (and some not always so good!) shared that evening are so special. But the gift from the civic league truly overwhelmed me. Hanging on a wall in a prominent place here in Vermont is the wonderful aerial photo of Ocean Park so I can share with new friends the location of our "little bit of paradise".

To one and all,  
thanks for the memories.

Judy Connors



### NEWSLETTER DEVELOPMENT

As the population of Ocean Park grows, the circulation of the civic league newsletter, published for the community grows, too. Our faithful couriers deliver more than 1,000 copies on the weekend before the civic league meeting. We need more volunteers to help with the deliveries. Please come forward and help us for about an hour or so on the Saturday before the meeting. Please contact John Wigmore at 460-2431. Let our community know we can count on you. Many burdens continually fall upon a few. We do need help from our citizens to healthily support the wide-ranging applications of our civic league. Your civic league serves as the prime the community resource for the sustaining the quality of life we all enjoy.

Annual membership dues and advertisements sustain the cost of the newsletter. If you would like to place a business or personal ad (well, not too personal) in the newsletter, or submit any timely news, please contact Jerry Nelinson, at: e-mail: [baygull7@aol.com](mailto:baygull7@aol.com), or call: 464-5018. Your contributions and news items are welcome.

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

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME:.....

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

Newsletter contributions.....

Newsletter distribution.....

Refreshments, civic league meetings.....

Social Events Committee.....

New Development.....

Zoning .....

Crime Watch Committee.....

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

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