

# Ocean Park Civic League Newsletter

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## Next Civic League Meeting

Time: 7:30p.m.  
Date: Thursday, Sep 3, 1998  
Place: Ocean Park Fire and  
Rescue station  
E. Stratford Road and  
Shore Drive

## Agenda

1. The intent of this first meeting is have a Social Meeting for new residents and members of the Ocean Park Civic League. Refreshments will be served.
2. Meet your new officers.
3. Organize for various committees such as the Newsletter, Socials, Delivery of Newsletter/Meeting announcements and other needed functions. We desperately need volunteers.
4. Meeting Schedule for 1998-1999 All meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30PM.

Sep. 3, 1998  
Nov. 5, 1998  
Jan. 7, 1999  
Mar. 4, 1999  
May 6, 1999

There are no meetings during the summer months: June, July or August.

## New Officers

Pres.: James J. McElligott, Jr  
Vice Pres.: Derek Allen  
Past Pres: William Hook  
Secretary: Shyrlee Hurwitz  
Treasurer: Betty Wood

## Shore Drive Commission Advisory Committee (SDAC)

The following excerpts are taken from the Shore Drive Breeze, a quarterly publication published by the Shore Drive Advisory Committee, Editor: John Langlois.

The Committee has recommended to the Planning Commission and City Council that the B-4 zoning in the area be reviewed to see what could be done to enhance future development. The Committee recommended that the City do whatever possible to encourage the owners of the Sun States property at Great Neck Road and Shore Drive to clean up the remains of the development that was heavily damaged by fire. This has occurred and the property is much more attractive today. The Committee endorsed a bike path concept connecting Bayville Park to Seashore State Park with First Landing. Each member of the

subcommittee has been assigned to at least one subcommittee. The subcommittees will be working earnestly over the next few months to advance the efforts in all directions. A goal has been set for having major pieces in place by July 1, 1999. By that time, the SDAC expects to have a master landscape plan for Shore Drive, as well as comprehensive guidelines for the area developed. In addition, we expect to have clear recommendations with regard to the three development opportunities identified in the Urban Land Institute (ULI) report, and finally, we expect to see significant improvement with regard to enforcing existing ordinances.

### **Clean the Bay Day**

Thanks to our Vice President Derek Allan for a successful Clean the Bay Day on the Ocean Park Beach. Derek was the Coordinator for Ocean Park and attended meetings for Clean the Bay Day. He was responsible for assigning tasks and providing clean-up bags for volunteers. Thanks not only to him but to all of the Ocean Park volunteers who made this a very successful Ocean Park Clean the Bay Day - -June 13, 1998.

### **Summer Activities**

Even though we do not meet over the summer months doesn't mean that we are not looking out for Ocean Park interests. The Civic League opposed the following BZA variance requests:

1. The construction of a deck that would front the bay and in our view be a menace during winter storms. ----BZA disapproval.

2. City Highway Department wants to open West Stratford Street from Powhatan to Woodlawn Ave. The Ocean Park Civic League opposed this plan. Residents of Pelican Dunes and the Powhatan area were against opening of W. Stratford for the additional traffic and security concerns it would bring to their respective neighborhoods. -- jury is still out, but I'm not too optimistic on this issue.

3. Attended an information meeting of the City's Planning Commission to hear comments from citizens pertaining to the Shore Drive Corridor Overlay District. The Planning Commission will be voting on this important issue this month.

### **Other**

Ms Jane Pitts and her husband Richard have moved from Ocean Park. I will miss the both of them. Jane was very helpful in contributing articles and publishing this newsletter. Best of luck to the both of them.

Membership Application  
for  
Ocean Park Civic League

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence  
in Ocean Park \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest in Ocean Park Civic League

Newsletter: a. Article contribution \_\_\_\_\_ b. Publishing \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Distribution \_\_\_\_\_

Socials: a. Refreshments for Civic League meetings \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Serve on committee for social events \_\_\_\_\_

Civic League Organization: a. Application to IRS for tax exempt  
status \_\_\_\_\_

B. Chair or participate in a committee  
e.g. Crime Watch, Zoning,  
New Development, etc, \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application with your check for \$5.00 payable to Mrs. Betty  
Wood, Treasurer; Ocean Park Civic League; P.O. Box 55385;  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-5385 or give your completed application  
and check to Betty at a Civic League Meeting. Dues are payable  
now.