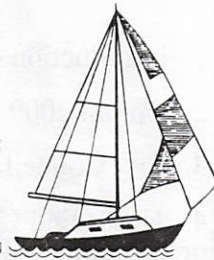




# OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE



## NEWSLETTER

September 2000

✧ Serving the Ocean Park Community ✧

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

### Back to School and Back to Work!

Just as September is the start of the school year, September is the start of our Civic League calendar!

In preparation, the incoming Executive Board members met on July 20<sup>th</sup> with the outgoing members to get organized. We discussed roles and responsibilities and we new members learned some of the basics of how the Civic League runs.

Billy Sykes, Donna Epperson and I, as the committee "sharing" the office of President, will be handling the meetings in somewhat tag-team fashion. I volunteered to put together the agenda and run the September 7th meeting. Nancy Taylor has taken on the duties of Secretary, and Anne Kane has taken on the duties of Treasurer. Thank you, Nancy and Anne!

We are grateful for the leadership and hard work given by the outgoing officers: Jim

McElligott past-President, Christine Hankins, past-Vice-President, Shyrlee Hurwitz, past Secretary, and Betty Wood, past Treasurer. And we are doubly grateful for the opportunity to consult with them this year! I for one will need to tap their knowledge!

Improvement of our neighborhood is certainly the reason I am participating in the Ocean Park Civic League. I moved to Ocean Park only one year ago, but have heard many stories of the improvements made through the efforts of this civic league. With the commitment I see around me, this year should prove to result in more improvements. I know I will learn a lot as I go along, and look forward to working with all of you.

*Wendy Vaughn*



## Meeting Agenda

1. Introduction of the incoming Executive Board—Wendy Vaughn
2. OpSail 2000 Report----Scott Ayers, chairperson
3. City Council Information---- Wendy Vaughn
4. North End Civic League zoning efforts. Mr. Billy Almond(North End Civic League) will give a slide presentation ---Donna Epperson
5. Status of Ocean Park Civic League owned property---Billy Sykes
6. Raffle----Three(3) Twenty-five(\$25.) Gift Certificates will be raffled at the conclusion of the meeting. You must be present to win.

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## OPSAIL 2000

The most important event of the summer along the Shore Drive corridor was OPSAIL 2000 visit of sailing ships from nations around the world. This unique armada anchored at our bay step in June. Over eighty volunteers from various civic associations within the Shore Drive environs and the ad hoc Shore Drive Community Coalition provided a well orchestrated and a highly successful event with the City's help. Despite a lower than the anticipated turnout of sailors from the visiting OPSAIL fleet, all went well. More than three hundred fifty sailors came ashore. They were warmly welcomed and fed at the hospitality tent located at Sea Shell Road and Shore Drive. Since more sailors were expected to make liberty on Shore Drive than hit the beach, an abundance of food and refreshments was left. The leftover food was served to the general public.

The sale of T-shirts (more successful than we could have imagined) was masterfully managed by our civic league member, Hugh Woods. Proceeds of a silent auction at the Kane-Marie Gallery, a party sponsored at Marina Shores, and other local entities helped fund the hospitality event. After all expenses were paid, \$7,000 was left. This sum was equally divided and donated to the Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad and the Chesapeake Beach Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, checks of \$3,500 each were presented by Scott Ayers on behalf of the Shore Drive Community Coalition to the representatives of both volunteer units.



Gaynelle and Scott Ayers (Ocean Park Civic League) headed the funding committee. Their concerted efforts and that of others brought the proceeds to well over the projected goal.

Judy Somers worked with the Kane-Marie Gallery and Marina Shores setting up the fund-raising events at these locations. She employed all her skills to give the Shore Drive segment of the OPSAIL 2000 event an abundance of publicity through the press, radio and television.

To all who gave their time and energies to the landmark OPSAIL 2000 occasion: The worldwide organizers of OPSAIL 2000, and the Hampton Roads community owe you a debt of gratitude.

At the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ocean Park Civic League, Scott will give a comprehensive report on the success of OPSAIL 2000.

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## **SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION**

### **BACKGROUND**

On July 27, 2000, a number of individuals who were active in the Shore Drive Community Coalition's effort to provide hospitality to the OPSAIL 2000 sailors (see the article on page 3) met to critique that effort. At this meeting it was proposed and agreed that the Coalition be made a permanent organization.

Why form a Shore Drive Community Coalition when we have, in each neighborhood and condominium, either a civic association or a condo association? While civic associations and condo organizations are essential in addressing local or neighborhood needs, these organizations lack power and clout when it comes to issues or problems that are more than a neighborhood issue. Yes, there is a limited history of our community coming together when a threat to our community is identified. One that you may remember was the desire to open a Lovely Ladies' (go-go entertainment) establishment a few years ago. It was defeated by community action. We are not prepared to respond at the community level; all our actions are on an ad hoc basis, lacking the full power of our Shore Drive Community.

### **PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Shore Drive Community Coalition is to:

1. Engage in activities that foster a sense of community
2. Actively lobby the City Council to enforce existing ordinances and to improve zoning
3. Request that the City join with the coalition to enhance the appearance of the Shore Drive area.
4. Empowerment of the entire Shore Drive area civic leagues and condominium associations into a super civic league, while each organization still retains their parochial entity.

The prime movers of the Shore Drive Community Coalition are Daniel F. Creedon (Cape Henry Shores Civic League), Todd R. Solomon (Cape Story by the Sea Civic League), and Scott Ayers and Jerome Nelinson (Ocean Park Civic League)

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## IN SUPPORT OF NAS OCEANA



At the July Virginia Beach Council Meeting, the council took action to maintain NAS Oceana as the Navy's Master Jet Base on the east

The Navy and the City deems it vitally important to bring the new Super Hornet F/A -18E/Fs here and keep NAS Oceana open.

Th City acknowledges citizens' concerns about jet noise and pledges to continue to work with the Navy and community to address those concerns.

In the months ahead, we will have guest speakers at the civic league meetings to address the multifarious issues involved.

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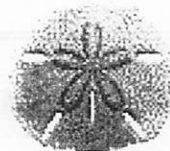
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## CRIME IN THE AREA

Under siege by petty criminals during the spring and summer months have been the Bay Lake Pines, Bay Lake Beach area and our Ocean Park community.

Car break-ins are most prevalent crime. The dimly lit character of the areas near the beach carries the most risk for these crimes. These neighborhoods, however, still rank low among the overall crime rate in Virginia Beach.

Citizens should report all crimes and suspicious behavior to the police. The "at risk" hours are between midnight and 4:00 A. M. Home and auto alarms along with observant neighbors seem to be the best deterrents.



## LOOKING GOOD!

Contra to the eastern side of the Lesner Bridge, our side of Shore Drive is looking good. New or rejuvenated buildings add a stylish look to the community. Several new personal service businesses have opened .

\*The Three Ships Landing complex is artfully designed and attractive.

\*The Nail Chateau, owned by Luci Kim, offers the finest in personal nail services in the area.(Please note advertisement)

\*Coastal Charm, a creative boutique, in a revitalized building, offers a large variety of unique decor, sculptures, designs and more—a must see. Michelle and Ryland Patrick are the co-owners.(Please note advertisement)

\* Andrew Broyles rejuvenated a World War I vintage structure into a attractive office building.(Story in the next newsletter)

## Planning and Zoning

Judy Connors and Donna Epperson attended a meeting with the Department of Planning - Zoning Division on July 21, 2000. The North End Civic League asked that we in the Ocean Park Civic League join with them on working to get changes to certain development requirements, basically on duplexes being built. This includes matters concerning changing the setbacks for these structures, parking spaces, driveways, and other structures such as sheds, etc. We also discussed implementing a Design Review Committee to investigate each request for such structures.

The North End Civic League placed a great deal of time and effort into this. They have prepared a slide show in which they show different structures and detailed information to explain what this is about. Billy Almond, a North End Civic League member, will present the slide show to our members at the next meeting that we can better understand what they are working for and to get us to work toward the same goals.

*Submitted by Donna Epperson (Ocean Park Civic League)*

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES 2000-2001

Now is the time to renew your membership in the civic league for the ensuing year. Dues are just \$5.00 a year. If you are not a member, become one 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.

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Newsletter contributions.....

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Refreshments, civic league meetings.....

Social Events committee.....

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Crime Watch committee.....

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

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