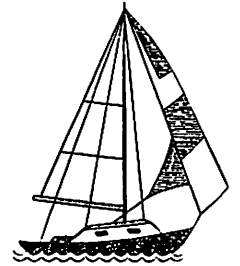


# OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



September 2001

Serving the Ocean Park Community

## Meeting Notice Thursday, September 6, 2001 @ Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue H. Q. Time: 7:30 P. M.

### Tribute to Judith K Connors FIRST AND READY TO LEAD

One of those rare individuals, Judy Connors, a long time resident who made a conclusive difference for Ocean Park and the City of Virginia Beach, is leaving our vicinity. She is leaving us to live in New England. We are sorry to see her depart.

Over several decades, through her effective combined energies, her enduring set of ideals, and a resolve to do the best for people and the community she helped fashion Ocean Park, our treasured enclave by the sea. The City of Virginia Beach became a better place because of the contributions she made to it, and a myriad of civic organizations.

She has been the epicenter of many committees, and organizations, namely:

- Judy served as president of the Ocean Park Civic League. She molded it into the marquee organization it is today. Her leadership is an inspiration to the younger people who officiate in the civic league today
- The City appointed Judy to serve on the new Lynnhaven boat ramp project which is now under construction.
- She served on the Shore Drive Advisory Committee.
- A member of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR).

- Board member of the Francis Land House.
- Member of the Ocean Park Woman's Club. Served as the president from 1994 to 1996. While serving, she sponsored the Virginia Beach "Kids Voting Virginia", which allows children vote in the back room of each election. Served as the legislator chairman.
- The first woman appointed to the Virginia Beach Board of Zoning Appeals.
- An active leader with the Girl Scout Organization.
- She encouraged the City to purchase the Ocean Park beach property from the person who owned it, thereby, starting the sand replenishment projects saved our eroding beaches. We enjoy those beaches today.

Members of the Ocean Park Civic League feted Judy at a "Farewell Reception" at the Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue Building on August 23.

We will miss Judy. We who reside in Ocean Park and the City will remain grateful for her generous contributions. She added an affirmative dimension to our community. If she tires of that cold New England weather, we will be here ready to give her a warm, "Welcome aboard," again.

*William G. Sykes* - Co-president

## Meeting Agenda

1. Social and Refreshments: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introduction: Co-president William G. Sykes
3. Guest Speaker: Mr. Afshin Farashahi, Democratic nominee, House of Delegates, 83rd District
4. Treasurer's Report: Anne Kane
5. Update on property owned by the Ocean Park Civic League: Wendy Vaughn
6. Updates on Shore Drive Community Coalition: Anne Kane
7. Information on Cape Story Fireworks on the Bay - 4th of July - Annual donation?
8. New Business
9. Raffle: Two (2) 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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## SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION

August 27, 2001

The monthly meeting of the SDCC was held at the Ocean Park Fire Station. In addition to the general officers' report, liaisons from Beaches and Waterways and the Shore Drive Advisory Committee gave reports on latest developments. There seems to be an overall lack of communications among City government offices and City Council and various sub-committees. Several ideas were brought forth to improve sharing information.

Mr. Bill Miller also shared a letter he had written to all involved with the proposed expansion of the Lesner Bridge. It seems the consulting firm did not consider any costs or impact of aligning the new bridge to the south of the current site. All studies and drawing show a slightly northern alignment to the current spans. He was asking for fair consideration of all possibilities before Council makes a decision. It was agreed that contact must continue to be made with Council to insure that our interests are truly represented by any decision made by them.

Information concerning the beach replenishment plans and the big Fall Event( First Annual Oyster Roast) are covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

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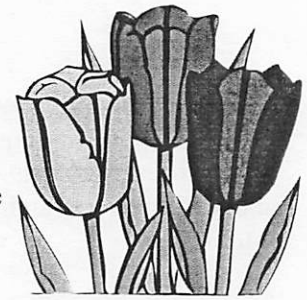
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## RESIDENTS MAKING A CONSPICUOUS DIFFERENCE

Kathy and Steve Carper "adopted" the triangle at the intersection of Tazewell Road and Stratford Road. The space was once an attractive triangle that had been turned to mud by contractors' trucks in the area. Kathy bought native shrubs and flowers for it! She worked with the City to select appropriate plants, and the City's landscape department did the planting. This piece of land now blooms again. Thank you, Kathy and Steve, for your investment in our community.



## OCEAN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SQUAD NEEDS OUR HELP

Virginia Beach's emergency medical services are provided by a group of eleven rescue squads operating thirty ambulances throughout the City, the Ocean Park unit being one of them. They provide free emergency service. They provide free emergency service. The City covers operational expenses. However, the Squad owns the building and land in which the Ocean Park ambulances and fire equipment are stationed. It is an asset to the community.

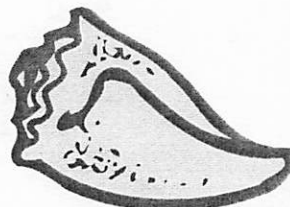
After many years of use, major repairs are needed. The difference in cost between a major renovation and enlarging the building is not that great. An enlarged building seems preferable to accommodate the new equipment to service the increased size and height of buildings in this area. Proper fire equipment rapidly deployed may save your property. A large multipurpose room in the building also serves as a meeting place for several civic organizations. Your Ocean Park Civic League officers urge you to consider making a generous contribution to the Ocean Park Unit.

## OCEAN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE



### ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2001

Please Send Your Tax-Deductible Contribution to:  
**Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad**  
Post Office Box 5545 \* Virginia Beach, VA 23471





## FUN DAY ON THE BAY

A Bike/Walk Event  
on the Chesapeake Bay  
Bridge-Tunnel.

The Chesapeake Bay  
Bridge-Tunnel will hold their  
4th Annual "Fun Day on the  
Bay" The date has been set for  
Saturday, October 13, 2001

The distance is 3 ½ miles to the  
Virginia Beach 1st Island or a  
7 mile round-trip hike from  
the South Toll Plaza.

Transportation will be available  
from designated satellite  
parking areas in Virginia  
Beach and Norfolk to the  
South Toll Plaza. If you are  
coming from the Eastern  
Shore, no tolls will be  
charged for walkers.

Shuttle buses to the Chesapeake  
Bay Bridge-Tunnel will begin  
boarding at 7:30 a.m. and will  
run continuously during the  
event from two satellite  
parking areas. (Event parking  
will not be allowed at the  
South Toll Plaza or on the 1st  
Island.)

For additional information  
regarding this spectacular  
event, please call the  
Chesapeake Bay  
Bridge-Tunnel office at  
(757)331-296, or fax us at  
(757) 331-4565.

## THE SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION

### FIRST ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

#### THE DUCK IN SHORE DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2001  
(SAME DAY AS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE WALK)

TIME: 1 - 5 P. M.

PRICE  
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For more information and tickets,  
please call Anne Kane @ 363-7321

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING ON  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001-SEE ANNE KANE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SDCC



## THE SHORE DRIVE CORRIDOR

The overall physical character of the Shore Drive corridor is viewed as an area that has evolved in a very uncoordinated and uninspired fashion. Nevertheless, as has been shown through the recent findings of an advisory panel's study, numerous opportunities still exist to transform this area into a special place with its own character, while also making it a memorable gateway to the oceanfront resort area. Changes need to be made regarding the relationships and design of land uses, alternative modes of transportation, and beach management. These improvements are underway.

### OCEAN PARK BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT TO BEGIN MID-SEPTEMBER

The bid has finally been awarded. Dredging work will begin mid-September. A letter received from Mr. J. Bernas, Office of Beach Management, City of Virginia Beach informs us that: "Dredged sand from the Lynnhaven Inlet will be placed on the Ocean Park beach between the Lynnhaven Inlet and Rookery Way." The project was originally scheduled to begin during the second week of August. Approximately ninety days will be needed to complete the project.

During this time, the contractor needs your cooperation to assure that all Hobie Cats and other boats are removed from the beach. Boats left on the beach or dunes may be towed at expense of the owner. If you know of anyone who may have a boat on the beach, please advise them to remove it. Help by keeping the beach "cat-free" during the entire length of this project. Once the project is underway, sections of the beach will be temporarily closed. To ensure public safety, security will be provided to limit public entry into the work area. Please keep in mind that any temporary inconvenience will be worth the end results.

We are fortunate to be scheduled for this work by the Corps of Army Engineers. The Ocean Park Civic League extends its thanks to Mr. Bernas and his office for their work in making this happen.



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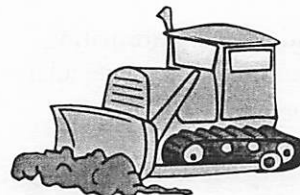
#### Multi Use Trail- Bike Path Part of the Shore Drive Beautification Initiative.

The City of Virginia Beach is receiving a \$150,000 grant for the trail-bike path. This is a welcome recreational addition. It runs from Marlin Bay Drive to East Stratford Road.

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### LYNNHAVEN INLET BOAT RAMP AND BEACH FACILITY

Work on this new addition to our area is continuing on schedule. The contractor North Star Construction Corporation, who is building the facility, keeps our civic league informed of their progress. Piers and pilings are in place. The information center and rest rooms are taking shape. A completion date is tentatively set for November 12, 2001.



**SHARE Mid-Atlantic,  
A Program of Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia**

SHARE is a nonprofit, community building organization, offering a Nutritious food package to anyone. In exchange for two hours of volunteer service, \$30 worth of food is only \$15 plus transportation and state sales tax. If you are interested in signing up for a share package or becoming a host site, call SHARE at 757-627-6599 or 1-800-253-7842.



**FLASHER ARRESTED ON OUR BEACH**

In mid July, a local resident encountered a "flasher" on our beach. The police were called and responded in enough time to arrest him. The police indicated they had about 15 to 20 calls about him this summer. The police would like to know if there were any other victims of this man. If you or someone you know has had an incident, please call Officer Koontz at: 464-9361. There are charges pending against this the flasher. The police said there is still one flasher out there whom they have yet to catch. Please be on the lookout for this individual. If you have a cell phone, bring it with you when you go to the beach. Call the police immediately.



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E-mail: [jmi@neptunefestival.com](mailto:jmi@neptunefestival.com)



### MEMBERSHIP DUES -2001

In the Ocean Park conclave there are over 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 today. You will be helping your community and yourself. If you attend the next meeting, please give your dues to Anne.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-2001

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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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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455-5385

