

Ocean Park Echo

Meeting Meeting Meeting

Thursday

March 6

7 p.m.

Ocean Park
Fire and Rescue



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Dredge Transfer Site Proposed at Lynnhaven Boat Ramp

The City of Virginia Beach is proposing to put a dredge transfer station at the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp, a popular spot for fishermen and boaters. These stations allow crews to unload sand and silt from barges onto trucks, which transport the spoils to a dump site.

The proposal has sparked protests from boaters and nearby residents, many of whom have signed an online petition and are lobbying City Council to consider other locations. They have complained that they don't want to compete with the additional trucks on the roads and the barge in the waterways.

The Ocean Park Civic League is in no way opposed to the dredging that needs to be done periodically to branches of the Lynnhaven River and neighborhood canals, but the following is a list of our concerns over the proposed construction of a permanent dredge spoils transfer operation.

- **We are concerned** about the initial plan to run 40-50 dump truck loads of heavy, wet sand across a deteriorating Lesner Bridge with only a 10-year lifespan remaining.
- **We are concerned** that the transfer station will pose a tremendous inconvenience to boaters and those seeking recreation at the site and provide too much potential conflict.
- **We believe it is unfair** to those who waited years for a Lynnhaven boat ramp/beach access facility that is paid for with funds from fishing license, boat launch and parking fees.

Continued-See Lynnhaven River Dredging

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News from the Bayfront

The Virginia Marine Resource Commission is withholding a decision of the City's Joint Permit Application, pending further City hearings and actions. A public hearing is scheduled for March 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bayside Middle School, 965 Newtown Road. It is imperative that anyone who opposes this idea appear at this hearing. If you need a ride, call 318-9224.

MARCH 19

6:30 P.M.

BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Report on Proposed Location of
Permanent Dredge Spoils Transfer Site
at Lynnhaven Boat and Beach Facility**

**Lynnhaven River Dredging:
Get details at a new website**

If you're hearing about the proposed dredging of the Lynnhaven River and don't know about the impact to Ocean Park, follow the link below for details and what you can do to help. You also can sign a petition asking Virginia Beach City Council to look elsewhere for a site. See www.boatrampclosing.com

Lynnhaven River Dredging

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- **We are concerned** about the negative environmental impact on the Lynnhaven River, including runoff from barges, pavement, industrial equipment and disturbance of spawning grounds and marine habitat.
- **We believe** that the establishment of a permanent industrial type operation is not compatible with surrounding residential and recreational environment.
- **We believe** this would be the loss of an opportunity to develop a scenic park (Osprey Point Park) on the site, as recommended by city studies and supported by community groups. Backhoes, barges and dump trucks definitely are not the scene we had in mind for a city "Gateway."

The Lynnhaven River is a vast watershed that must have potential sites that would prove to be more economical and pose less of an impact to the surrounding community. We ask the city to work harder and find the better long-term solution to service the watershed's dredging needs.



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Get More News on the Web

Link to Lynnhaven River Now

Access information about the Lynnhaven River Now organization with this link:
www.lynnhavenrivernow.org

Link to Walking Tour of Pleasure House Point

This link takes you to a photographic tour of the Pleasure House Point property. Included are overlays of the proposed Indigo Dunes development that show the scope and magnitude of the proposal. The aerial photos of Ocean Park are recent and are excellent:
<http://Chesbayfront-php.tripod.com>

Virginia Beach Police Reports Go Live Online

Citizens and the business community can search for data and police reports online at <http://www.VBgov.com/epro/>. This service, available free of charge from any Internet access point, is called ePRO (electronic Police Reports online), an interactive web application that facilitates public access to neighborhood crime, accident, and incident reports.

The data and/or reports are on the Web as a convenience to citizens. Everything available on ePRO is a public document and is available just for the asking at any police precinct, the Support Division Records Unit, or the Planning & Analysis Office located in the 1st Precinct at the Municipal Center. ePRO accident reports are available from April 1, 2006. Neighborhood crime and incident reports are available from Jan. 1, 2004. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided. However, in some instances, cases of a sensitive nature that are under active investigation may be temporarily excluded.

Link to noindigodunes.com

The following link will take you to the Web site that opposes development of the Pleasure House Point parcel of land: www.noindigodunes.com

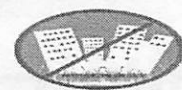
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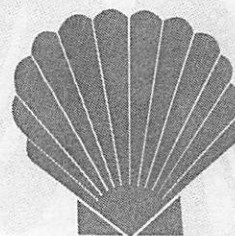
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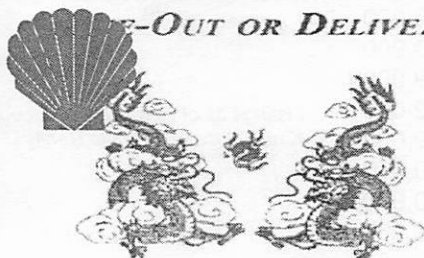
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2315 Kingbird Lane	\$369,900
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3964 Aeries Way	\$375,000
2332 Purple Martin	\$320,000
2315 Purple Martin	\$315,000
2332 Purple Martin	\$320,000
2202 Wood Ibis Way	\$319,000
2224 Wood Ibis Way	\$310,000
2344 Purple Martin	\$324,900
2320 Rookery Way	\$345,000
2312 Rookery Way	\$352,500
2322 Kingbird Lane	\$365,000
2323 Kingbird Lane	\$375,000

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3940 Whispering Oak	\$649,900
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3804 Whispering Oak	\$725,000
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3844 Surry Road	\$549,000

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2321 Madison Ave.	\$356,000
3833 Surry Road	\$366,950
2245 Sunvista Dr.	\$435,000

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3556 Shore Dr. #1002	\$1,200,000
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3800 Dupont Circle #302	\$965,900
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3800 Dupont Circle #303	\$989,000
3800 Dupont Circle #306	\$999,000
3800 Dupont Circle #403	\$1,010,000
3800 Dupont Circle #601	\$1,312,500
3800 Dupont Circle #602	\$1,312,500

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3800 Dupont Circle #406	\$927,900
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3752 Rockbridge Road	\$253,000
3801 Mystic Cove Ct.	\$270,000
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2207 Dinwiddie Road	\$499,000
3713 Avilla Court	\$439,900
3813 Long Ship Court	\$369,900
3764 Surry Road	\$489,900
3844 Surry Road	\$549,000
3732 Surry Road	\$629,900
3646 Dupont Circle	\$424,000
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3749 W. Stratford	\$479,000
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3748 Jefferson Blvd.	\$1,375,000
3796B Jefferson Blvd.	\$2,300,000
3796A Jefferson Blvd.	\$2,400,000
3804 Three Ships Ldng.	\$369,000
3701 Pendleton Ave.	\$449,900
3577 Piedmont Circle	\$625,000
2356 Madison Ave.	\$519,000
3940 Whispering Oaks	\$649,900

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3654 Sea Gull Bluff	\$540,000
3745A Dupont Circle	\$540,000
3720A Jefferson Blvd.	\$495,000
3713 Surry Road	\$379,000
2213 Knorr Ct.	\$319,900
3824 Three Ships Ldng.	\$320,000
3832 Three Ships Ldng.	\$340,000
2120 Woodlawn Ave.	\$390,000
2160 Woodlawn Ave.	\$419,900
2216 Lateener	\$430,000
2337 Madison Ave.	\$820,000
3967 W. Stratford	\$729,000
3953 W. Stratford	\$415,000
3957 W. Stratford	\$419,000
3612 East Stratford	\$430,000
3752 Jefferson Blvd.	\$1,037,900
3860 Jefferson Blvd.	\$1,010,000
3944 Whispering Oaks	\$739,000
3804 Whispering Oaks	\$725,000
3713 Surry Road	\$379,000

Listings as of Feb. 12, 2008, courtesy of Joan Kaup, Rose & Womble Realty

Zoning UPDATES

See the items below for an update on current issues affecting your community:

Proposed changes to lots zoned R5-R

The Planning Commission held a public comment session on Feb. 13 regarding the proposed changes to lots zoned R5-R. The civic league voted last year to support the changes, which will tie the amount of "free garage space" directly to the size of the lot, and also provide setback relief for following architectural design guidelines.

The Planning Commission will vote on the changes at a March 12 hearing starting at noon in Virginia Beach City Council Chambers. The civic league encourages all residents in favor to attend in support of the changes. If approved, the changes will then go to city council for final approval. Please check with local sources as the dates are subject to change. Visit opcl.org for more information. If you would like to express your comments and concerns on any zoning issue concerning Ocean Park please contact Mike Wills, mandjwills@cox.net.

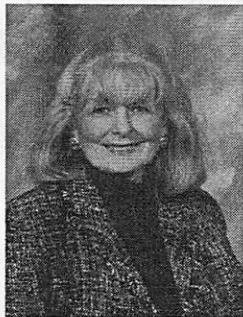
OPCL Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee expects to make a formal recommendation on the adoption of a long term financial plan for the civic league's funds. The committee met with the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad (OPVRS) in February to assess its needs and how we can support the group. We hope to make a financial commitment to the rescue squad at the March meeting, upon membership approval. Votes will be taken on the following items:

- **Adoption of the Ocean Park Civic League's Financial Plan & Investment Policy.**
- **A \$50,000 pledge to the OPVRS. See www.opcl.org for more details.**

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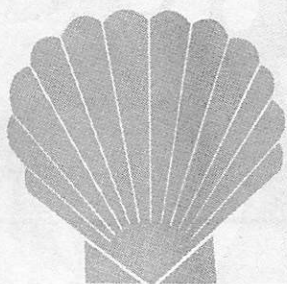
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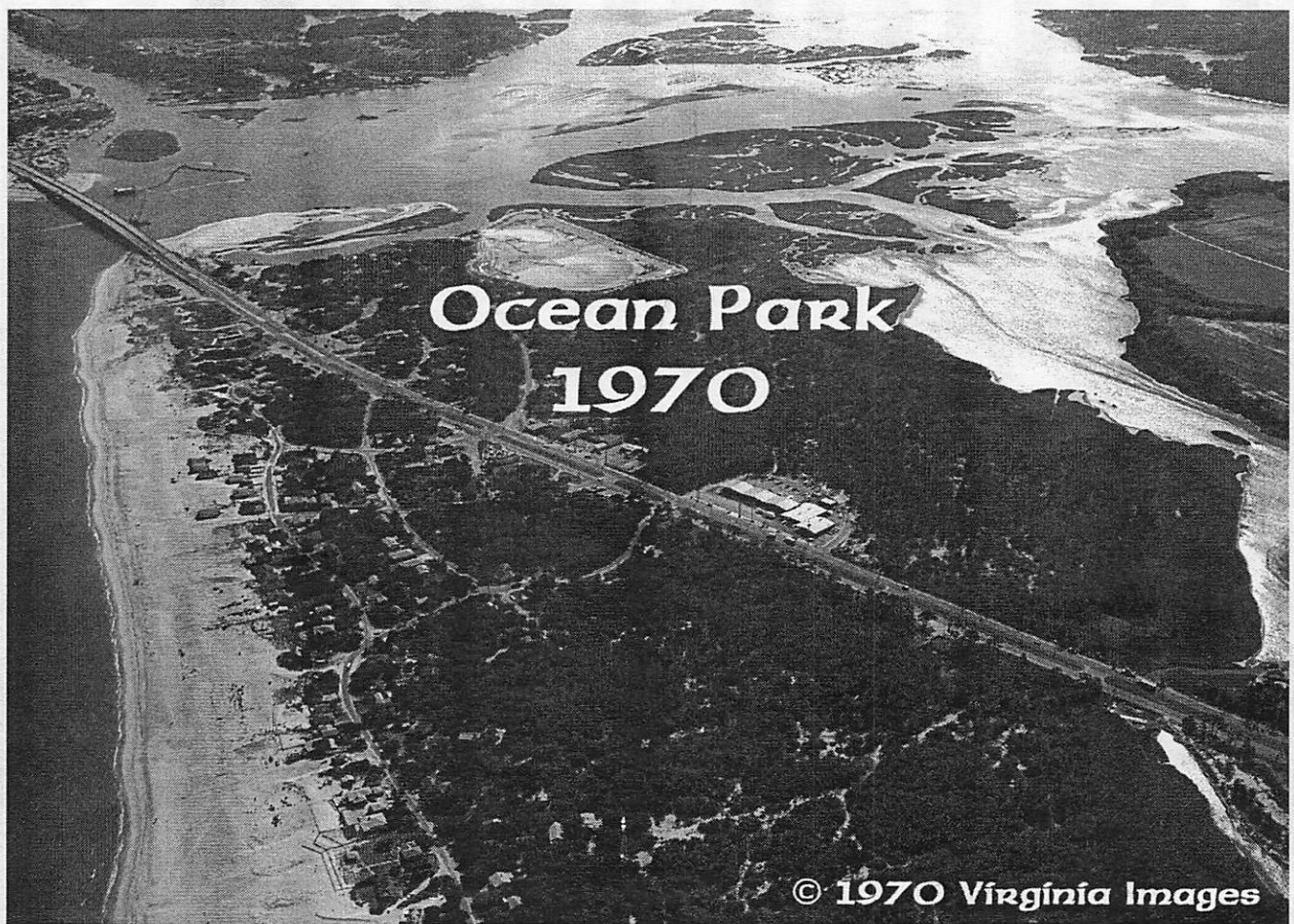
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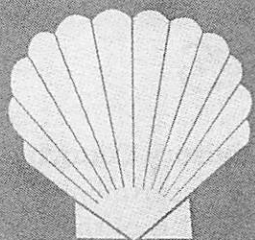
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This 1970 aerial photo shows the Ocean Park subdivision and Shore Drive in foreground and Lynnhaven Bay in upper center to top, looking east south-east. The Chesapeake Bay Shoreline is at left, Lynnhaven Inlet/Lesner Bridge at upper left, Long Creek at top left, the western branch of the Lynnhaven River at upper right, and Pleasure House Creek at right center.

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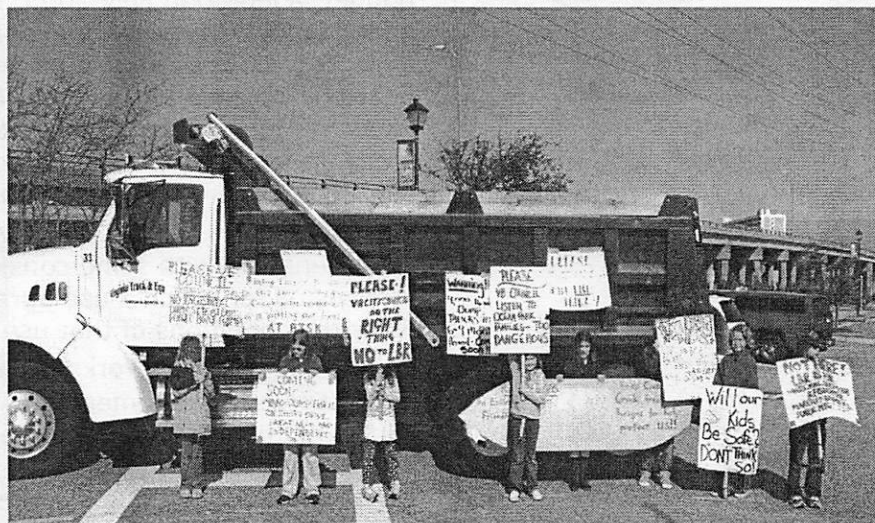
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Speaker:
Julia Rae Bell

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LBR Dredge Spoils Transfer Site: Not a Done Deal... Yet

After a rousing rally at the Lynnhaven Boat Launch on a chilly March 16, attended by 200-300 people and covered by all three local TV stations, the City of Virginia Beach held a public meeting March 19. More than 30 speakers objected to a proposal to locate a dredge spoils transfer site at Lesner Bridge.

A few residents along the Western Branch, who need the dredging done, spoke in favor of the proposed location. Although the meeting turned contentious in the closing minutes, Dave Hansen, chief of finance and technology for the City of Virginia Beach, said Public Works intends to investigate another site near Thalia Elementary School, which had been rejected early in the review process because of its proximity to a school and because of wetlands impact.

Whether or not Public Works is sincere in this effort to find another transfer site or alternate solution remains to be seen. What is known is that a core group of dedicated boaters, fishermen, environmentalists, commuters, taxpayers and residents have been devoting an inordinate amount of time protecting the interests of all Virginia Beach residents, and especially Ocean Park residents. They have spent days contacting city officials, government agencies involved in the review, writing letters to the Mayor, City Council members, the editors of *The Virginian Pilot* and *The Beacon*, Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers.

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Bayfront News

Below are two reports from the Bayfront Advisory Council

- Brian Solis of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Subcommittee, reported on the status of the city's Open Space budget. At its inception, the Open Spaces budget, adopted in May 2003, was \$50,000. Of that amount, about \$7,000 remains. Some sites have been purchased, but a large number of sites identified in the original proposal appear out of reach at this time, including the parcel known as Pleasure House Point. Solis said the City has offered some ideas, including land swaps, to acquire some part of the parcel. So far, there have been no developments to that end.
- The City Marina at the Lynnhaven Inlet is under discussion for lease renewal, with some consideration given to the circumstances under which a use agreement would be required, and what the conditions of that use agreement would be.
- Phil Pullen of Public Works reported on the progress of the Shore Drive Improvement CIP. Phase I is near completion, with \$350,000 in landscaping and lighting left to be done. In Phase II, Public Works expects to submit the 30% design in fall 2008, along with a 30% design for Phase III in the same time frame.
- Nothing new reported on the proposed dredge spoils transfer site to be located at the Lynnhaven Boat Launch, although the BAC continues to resist the proposal.
- Status of efforts to move the Chesapeake Beach Fire and Rescue Station
- Heather Hamm reported on the preliminary design for Phase IV, which is next, with the word that there is \$10,000 in the CIP so work is going to start much sooner than we ever dreamed. It goes from Marlin Bay to the bridge. There will be a citizens' meeting in May with the date and place to be announced.
- Next meeting will be May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at First Landing Fire Station.

May 22nd Public Meeting

OPCL Finance Committee Update:

As approved by the membership at the February meeting, \$25,000 has been placed in money market funds for use by **No Indigo Dunes**, \$50,000 has been placed in a CD for our pledge to the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Squad, and the "Robbins' Legacy Account" has been funded with \$180,000, under the representation of Jody Luck of Wachovia Securities. The Robbins' account is primarily invested in CDs from which the income produced will be used for community projects. Your ideas for the use of these funds are encouraged and welcomed.

LBR Dredge Spoils Transfer Site (continued from page 1)

They have poured over hundreds of pages of Web postings on the proposal itself, the risks as known from transportation studies, environmental studies and navigational studies.

It's time for us in Ocean Park to do our part. A number of City Council members are as yet uncommitted, except to promise that they will review all the data available before they take any position for or against this proposal. Public Works is in the process of preparing risk assessments and cost analyses. In Virginia Beach's organizational chain, the City Manager runs the show, with City Council oversight. We are fortunate to have a number of Council members who have said that they are willing to step up to the plate and evaluate and weigh the considerations involved here.

What Can You Do to Help?

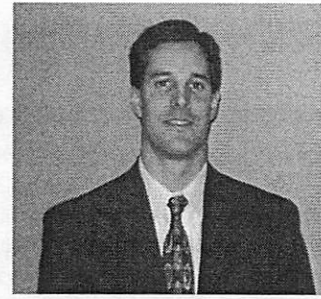
No matter what anyone says, this is not a done deal. City Council has said that they will listen. Please **write or e-mail** any or all of the following individuals:

- ◆ Virginia Beach Mayor, The Honorable Meyera Oberndorf
- ◆ All City Council members, not just our own, the Honorable Louis Jones.
- ◆ Send emails to: ctycncl@vb.gov, and send letters to: Municipal Center, Bldg. 1, 2401 Courthouse Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456.
- ◆ Others ideas: Director of Public Works, Jason Cosby, Municipal Center, Building 2, 2405 Courthouse Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.
- ◆ Write to the newspaper. Letters to the Editor, P.O. 449, Norfolk, VA, 23501, or Letters@pilotonline.com. Letters should be no more than about 150 words.
- ◆ As always, please be civil. Any questions? Email g_moran@juno.com



Letter from the President

Greetings to all as we welcome the return of spring and summer to Ocean Park. It's been a busy fall and winter and I trust will be one that is not soon forgotten. At the forefront, we have some major unresolved issues such as Pleasure House Point, the Dredge Spoils Transfer Station at the LBR and R5-R Zoning changes that stand to leave a lasting impact on our community. Some outstanding members have stepped up to take on these issues over the past year, but we can always use more help. Please be sure to renew your membership. Our community is the great place it is today because of each and everyone's contributions. Stay tuned for some fun community events this year, and be sure to check out the website at www.OPCL.org, or speak with your neighbor to keep informed of upcoming events and important issues.



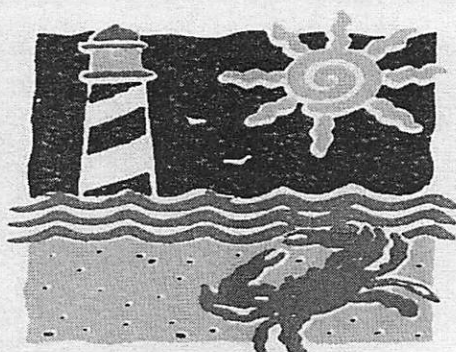
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Representatives Speak at Community Forum

Joe Bouchard, Bobby Mathison, Ralph Northam, Ken Stolle, Terri Suit, Frank Wagner spoke March 9 at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations sponsored a forum for city residents. Joe Bouchard, who represents Ocean Park, discussed the serious budget shortfalls the state, and consequently, localities would suffer in the next two-year budget. The discussion focused on the transportation issue, both funding and prioritizing projects. All representatives agreed that the projected budget was overly optimistic in terms of projected revenue, as it anticipated approximately 7% increase in income tax revenue, with state employees only receiving an average 2% increase, and private sectors not likely to rise to the 7% level of increase.

The discussion centered on ways to make up shortfalls, including the possibility of an increased gas tax and tolls on new projects. Also noted was the fact that the state level cuts would seriously impact localities in paying for unfunded mandates. The failure of the homestead exemption bill was explained as not bringing equitable relief, and placing such relief in the realm of localities. Much of the difficulty in passing legislation beneficial to Hampton Roads was laid at the door of western Virginia representatives who enjoyed a disproportionate share of the transportation funding. Representatives pledged to continue to work to build a coalition of representatives from Northern Virginia, Richmond and Hampton Roads to change the current lack of balance. A question-and-answer period followed.



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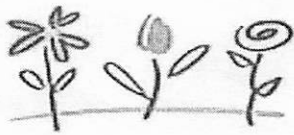
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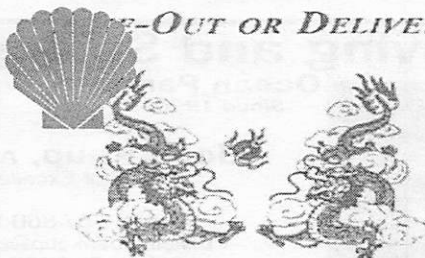
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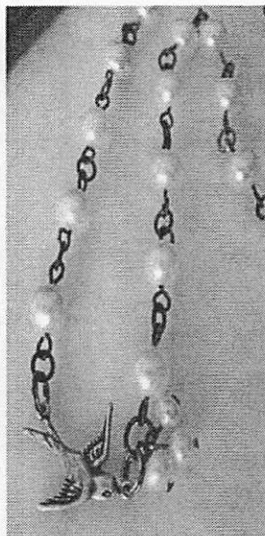
The Planning Commission voted March 12 to recommend adoption of the proposed amendment to R5-R zoning after modifying "free-space" for garages to 15% from 10% of lot size. City Council later decided to postpone approval of the amendment to allow for the creation of a new committee to re-evaluate the proposal and build a stronger consensus for the changes.

The removal of "beach straw" was an issue that came up last year, and we are still looking for a popular solution for the proper removal or placement of the straw. Continue to push it back into the water? Push it back into the dunes? Roll up our sleeves and bag it? Please join us for the discussion or send us your suggestions. If you would like to express your comments and concerns on zoning issues in Ocean Park, please contact Mike Wills, mandjwills@cox.net.



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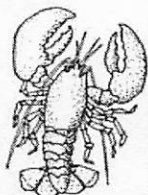


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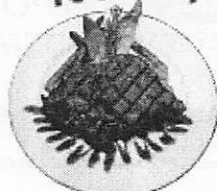
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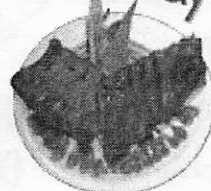
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