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Meeting Notice

Thursday, September 8, 2005

Ocean Park Fire & Rescue Headquarters

Meeting Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Refreshments at 6:45 pm

Due to our summer break we have a lot of information to update you on since our April 30, 2005 newsletter. We have a number of issues and major changes that will be affecting the Ocean Park community that need your attention. To get involved, so that you can have some say in what happens in your neighborhood, please become an active member of our Civic League. Annual dues are only \$10 per household for the year. Join us for our meeting on September 8, 2005.

Meeting Agenda

Speaker Robert Berg - Army Corps of Engineers regarding Pleasure House Point

Speaker James Brundt - Deep Blue Marine update 10 min.

Speaker Steve Bishard - Colley Marine property 10 min.

Treasurers' Report

Zoning Committee - need new Chair Person immediately

SDAC update report

SDCC update report - Oyster Roast

Nominating Committee Formation

Newsletter Report

Meeting dates - change to monthly meetings temporarily due to upcoming issues.

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Message from The President

Chris Hendricks

Persevering and Preserving the Good Life in Ocean Park Can You Put Your Community Before Yourself A Few Hours a Year?

With the nominations committee soon to be working on a new slate of potential officers for the November Ocean Park Civic League election, it is a good time to reflect back on the past year and the accomplishments that have passed and the challenges that lie ahead. For the sake of brevity, let's cover accomplishments in this issue and opportunities ahead in the next. Each newsletter arrives on your doorstep a week before our meetings (it may also be found on www.opcl.org). You should attend our next meetings in September and November. Besides electing new officers, we know that Pleasure House Point development plans are surfacing. This development plan will be the largest project in Ocean Park history and will permanently affect our quiet neighborhood with anywhere from 800-1800 new units, if we are not fully involved. You need to be very involved.

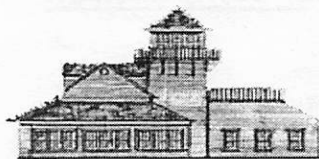
Before reflecting on the last year, you need new candidates for officers and board members. If you care about your neighborhood, volunteer a couple of hours a month for your neighbors and neighborhood. Some of us, who have already volunteered, will be moving on after having served well during the last term(s). We will need a new president and several other officers that the nominating committee will be considering for a recommended November vote. It is time for new volunteers to sign up and support our way of life here. **Volunteers should contact our Treasurer or Secretary whose contact info is found on the front page of this newsletter.**

Not to be overly reflective, too few of our 1800 Ocean Park residents actually are volunteering to help our community. If you truly care about this neighborhood's future; if you want to see Ocean Park still be the cozy place it was when you decided to live here; then, neighbor, it is time to share some responsibility in leading this organization. It would be trite to say it is your civic duty. Do it for yourself and to protect your way of life and property values. Ocean Park, we are happy to boast, is not like Virginia Beach Boulevard, Independence Road, or Atlantic Avenue. Let's keep it that way. Sign up. Contact Anne Kane or Grace Moran to discuss being nominated and volunteering.

The OPCL Board had a good year (15 months):

- ✦ We revitalized social activities (Christmas and TGIF parties) culminating with restoring an annual beach party.
- ✦ We had face to face meetings with our Mayor, Vice-Mayor and local Councilpersons to make them aware of Ocean Park and our positions and our intent to remain in touch.

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Message from The President continued

- ✦ We established an improved, quality newsletter with good content, advertising revenues, with sound policies and vision. Besides residents, the entire City Council receives our issues
- ✦ We established a web-site that is developing with full editorial control by the Board. Board and full meeting minutes are now posted there.
- ✦ We expanded the Board and developed a cohesive team that is recognized to be effective and professional.
- ✦ We increased membership based on the excitement we created, the improved quality of the newsletter and our meetings, and the perception of professionalism OPCL portrays.
- ✦ We developed a zoning committee to start to deal with variances on behalf of the Board and OP.
- ✦ We noted the passing of a great OPCL Past President, Billy Hook, a man who really cared about our community and worked hard to express that care.
- ✦ We took full and legal possession of the property once known as the old fire station, brought it under regulatory compliance, and have explored options as to the future use of this valuable asset or city bargaining chip.
- ✦ We have liaised successfully with adjacent civic leagues, the Shore Drive Advisory Commission and Shore Drive Community Coalition. We also testified on behalf of OP at these meetings and at city budget hearings.
- ✦ We have a relationship with local press and Ocean Park has been in the Virginia Pilot on a few occasions. We are quoted from time to time on area issues.
- ✦ Ocean Park has organized itself by capitalizing on the use of e-mail to effect connecting the Board. We have developed planning calendars for meetings, social events, and deadlines going a year into the future.
- ✦ We have strengthened our connection with our local Ocean Park Rescue Squad and broke bread with many of them at our Christmas party. Their leader regularly contributes to our newsletters now.

Your Board, volunteers all, has served you well. It was good work. It was not very hard and, at times, it was good fun. There is much to do ahead and we need new volunteers to lead our group through some important challenges. Your team has served you well and now we need more of you to join. Think of your community and its future.

Best, Chris

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Highlight of Minutes from 5/5/2005

Grace Moran

President Hendricks recapped Vice-Mayor Louis Jones' remarks at the April 7 meeting of the Board which addressed a number of issues of concern to Ocean Park residents, including future development of the Pleasure House Point (PHP) parcel, the widening of Shore Drive and increasing building density in the neighborhood. Jones offered advice and counsel on ways to approach the impending developments of Pleasure House Point, and encouraged active involvement of residents. Hendricks then reported on the recent City budget hearing at which he spoke, requesting the City commit to obtaining Open Space from the PHP tract. He reported that there is still no confirmation the tract had been purchased by the Sandlers.

Jim Brundt, owner of property where Cool and Eclectic is located, spoke for Deep Blue Marine who hopes to relocate his business to this property. He addressed the OPCL meeting prior to approaching the City for a Conditional Use Permit. He indicated the owner's desire to reassure the community of the aesthetic sensitivity to be incorporated in the design and operation of the business, which works on boat motors, especially issues of noise and landscaping.

John Wigmore reported that 40% of the repairs to the OPCL property located at 3608 E. Stratford Road were completed. Some objections to this course were made from the floor and it was explained that these repairs were made because the City Inspectors had determined that with minor repairs the property was habitable. Anne Kane then updated the assembly on recent Open Space Planning Committee meetings and said that the Committee was well aware of the PHP goals.

There were updates on the upcoming OPCL Beach Party and proposed Community Yard Sale and a series of TGIF beach parties to increase community involvement.

The subject of whether the time was right to engage an attorney to help OPCL pursue the issue of responsible development and acquisition of Open Space was brought up and a motion was made and carried unanimously stating, "In the event of adverse developments during the summer hiatus, we authorize the engagement of legal counsel to address Pleasure House Point development issues, not to exceed \$1,500."

For the Zoning Committee report, Hendricks introduced Ronda Morrison as the new Vice-President and Chair of the OPCL Zoning Committee. Delegate Leo Wardrup asked to address the group on the subject of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Wardrup said that he shared residents' frustration at the number of duplexes being erected on what had been single-family home sites. He remarked that this nearly always involved the granting of variances, and that state law demanded that variance requests demonstrate some hardship and because the Board Zoning Appeals was appointed by City Council these partisan rulings could be addressed with proper political pressure.

Treasurer's report shows \$10,500 in savings and \$7,000 in checking, with an additional \$3,200 to be paid out on Stratford Rd. repairs. Newsletter is in need of a new publisher.

Thanks to all those who made our OPCL Beach Party a success!

Our Beach Party on August 14th was organized by our Social Committee Coordinator, Judy Terrell, with much of the work done by her husband Stuart Terrell. It was a job well done! We want to thank all the others who helped including Lola Morris of Seascapes Interiors for loaning us her tent, Jim Royall and Jim Matsey for setting up the tent, and Ed & Shirley James and Lynn Matsey for setting and cleaning up.

There was good food, a chance to meet neighbors, and great music that had many of us dancing the night away. The only problem was the last minute change of venue to behind the Chesapeake House because the original location was closed off for the sand replenishment. But, how can we complain when we're getting more sand. We just hope no one was unable to find us. We signed up many new members and hope to see them all at our upcoming meetings. For those who didn't make it we plan to make it an annual event so come join us next year.

Notes from Shore Dr. Advisory Comm. meeting on May 12, 2005

Mike Wills

The SDAC was pleased to report that our representatives on council were successful in having funds appropriated (\$500,000+) into the CIP budget for the design of Phase II of the Shore Dr. Demonstration Project. Clay Bernick also noted that there were currently over \$20 million in CIP projects in various stages along the Shore Dr. corridor in process.

The Shore Dr. Overlay Guidelines seem to be having the desired impact on design proposals for new developments along the corridor. The most recent is a proposed Wendy's restaurant next to Kroger that was redesigned by Wendy's to comply with the design and landscaping guidelines resulting in a Wendy's unlike any other.

Randy Wallace from the zoning dept. gave enforcement update. Illegal signs along the median continue to be a problem and the city now has legal action pending against Pockets Billiards after several months of noncompliance.

Construction is set to begin on the new firehouse at Sunstates but unfortunately the live oaks will have to go. The city is working on transplanting the trees and is also looking for suggestions and locations to transplant more oaks with the newly established Live Oak Fund holding over \$10,000.

TGIF Parties on the Beach

Our TGIF parties would not have happened if it weren't for Grace Moran who brought the idea to the table and then proceeded to make them happen. She e-mailed on a regular basis those on the board, volunteers and anyone else she could get to help and then organized what was to be done by whom. We appreciate all her hard work and enthusiasm for a job well done! The following is a thank you to all the helpers from Grace.

The last of the TGIF parties was held Friday, August 19, so it's time to give a big "thank you" to all the others who made it happen. In the Party Faithful category, we thank Anne Kane for bringing tables every week, with help from Mike Wills, Stuart Terrell and Bill Wiggins. To Stuart for providing ice every weekend. To Pat Riley for throwing in those dee-lish bratwursts, hamburgers and hot dogs.

In the Weekly Wonderful category, we thank Diana McLemore, Jim Royall, Stuart Terrell, Mike Wills, Anne Kane, Jackie Travers, Judy Connors, Doreen Rainey, Debbie and Sylvia Jones, Mary Jones, Nan Mabie and Ronda Morrison for acting as greeters. Also in the Weekly Wonderful category, Buddy and the Bunch. I was not able to attend the TGIF at the foot of Albemarle, and don't know who all to thank, but I heard it was the best one of the summer, so thank you, Buddy West and your bunch!

And thanks to all who came out to enjoy the camaraderie in spite of some pretty hot afternoons. We will do this again next year, with some new twists. Until then, we'll see you at the meetings!

Kristi Brown Emerson
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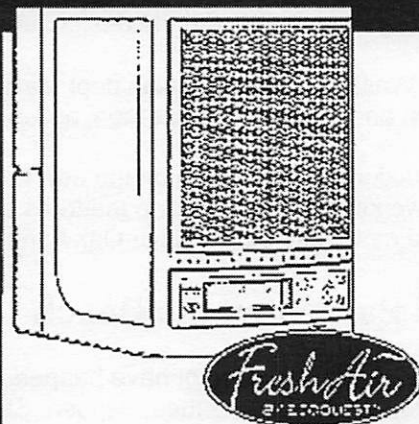


Thanks to Our Volunteers!

We are currently in need of a new publisher for the newsletter and a chair for the zoning committee. If you would like to help, please contact one of the officers.

OPCL Volunteer Positions

	Position	Volunteers
Special Projects		Susan Karlau
SPDC Committee	Chair Members	Mike Wills Donna Epperson Anne Kane Nancy Koch Sharon Need Jean Sleeman John Wiigmore
Shore Dr. Advisory Committee	Primary Back up	Mike Wills Vicky Schiano Channing Weaver
Shore Dr. Comm. Coalition	Primary Back up	Anne Kane Vicky Schiano Channing Weaver
Zoning Committee	Chair Members	Ronda Morrison Anne Kane Brian Parker Jim Royall Byron Sargent Jean Sleeman Mike Wills
Attendance & Door Prize Coordinator		Vicky Schiano
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Notes from Shore Dr. Advisory Comm. meeting on Aug 4, 2005

Mike Wills

Public works announced that the engineering and design team of Clark-Nexen/Fig has been chosen for the Lesner Bridge replacement project. The firms expect to solicit considerable input from the public during the design phase via public presentations and a website that will be set-up in the near future.

Construction on Phase I of the Shore Dr. Demonstration Project is set to begin next summer after VA Power relocates some of its lines this fall/winter and engineering work is moving forward for phases II and III.

The SDAC expects to release its first newsletter in Sept./Oct. to better communicate with the public the SDAC's mission and progress being made on various issues concerning the Shore Dr. Community.

Clay Bernick gave an update on several issues. Review and adoption of the proposed amendments to R-5R zoning has been delayed again until the Sept. or Oct. planning commission meeting as the city is still working on the draft proposal. My understanding is that these new guidelines were developed by members of the North End Civic League working with members of TBA from which they have gained support.

As we've noticed, about 20,000 yards of sand have been dredge from the Lynnhaven Inlet and placed on the beach. The dredge will continue working 24-7 the rest of the summer to remove approx. 100,000 more yards to be place along the beach down to Aries, making portions of the beach inaccessible.

Along with the SDAC, the city is currently is looking for opportunities throughout the community to create "pocket parks" on city owned parcels and right-of-ways, and identifying spots to plant Live Oaks. There is also new Federal Grant money available for bike and walking trails that Clay suggested we apply for to extend our trail network.

The city Planning Commission will hear proposals for conditional use permits from Bishard Development and Deep Blue Marine at the Sept 14th hearing. Bishard has plans to develop a mixed use retail/residential project on the Colley Marine property. The project will consist of two small "light retail" shops and 18-2000 sq. ft. condos with a parking garage underneath. Deep Blue marine plans to improve the "Cool and Eclectic" site and move its boat sale/repair operation from Shore Dr./Page Ave.

The developers for Pleasure House Point are expected to make a presentation of their plans to develop the site at the next SDAC meeting on Sept. 15th 3:30 at the Bayside Rec. Center.



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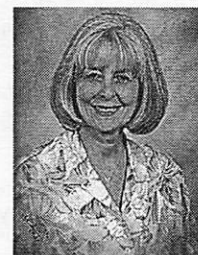
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Three Major Projects In The Works For Ocean Park

Judy Conners

Elsewhere in this newsletter are notes of the August 4th meeting of the Shore Drive Advisory Committee taken by Mike Wills. If you were paying attention, you would have seen mention of the three major projects underway in our community. There has been much talk for the past year or so about the property referred to as Pleasure House Point (PHP) or formerly known as the McLeskey property. L.M. Sandler & Sons have purchased this land and are developing plans for it, which, as of this writing, are not available. A presentation for the public on this project is anticipated as soon as possible after plans have been presented to the city. The development of this last piece of open land with access to the Lynnhaven River should be of major concern to all citizens of Virginia Beach.

The developers of the other two parcels will go before the Planning Commission on September 14th seeking Conditional Use Permits (CUP). Deep Blue Marine is planning to move from its present location near Duck In to the property now occupied by Cool & Eclectic. Colley Marine has been sold and a "mixed use" development, condominium and retail units, is being proposed for the site. Retail and parking will be on the ground level with 18 condominium units above. Since both of these uses require a CUP, the community has the opportunity to have some input as the plans move forward.

Come to the civic league meeting to hear first hand details of the proposals and assist in offering guidance to the officers and chairmen of the league as they represent the community in these matters. We all agree that development along Shore Drive has been rampant – we can't stop growth but we can try to have a voice in these three developments which will have a strong impact on Ocean Park and Shore Drive as a whole.



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5th Annual Shore Drive Community Coalition Oyster Roast

Come and join us at the 5th Annual SDCC OYSTER ROAST!! We will NOT be at Duck In as it is closed but have secured the 67th Street Beach Club for our event!! It is a great location right on the Atlantic and if we have rain, the facilities are such that we can have our party inside. The tickets have a small map on the back for those of you who are not familiar with the area. It is very easy to get to and there is excellent parking so come and join us and help us celebrate another year of success!

DATE: **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005**

WHERE: **67TH STREET BEACH CLUB**

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There will be music and other fun activities to enjoy!

Call either Susan Karlau 460-0291 or Anne Kane 363-7321 for your tickets!!! We look forward to seeing you at the Oyster Roast!

SDCC Objective

The Shore Drive Community Coalition is a coalition of various neighborhoods in the Shore Drive area which sends representatives to the monthly meetings where topics of interest or concern to the area are discussed. The SDCC Board of Directors communicates issues to the community for input and if need be, suggested resolution and represents the community at the Shore Drive Advisory Committee meetings or at City Council meetings.

It is a very involved group with 24 active civic leagues, condominium associations, etc as members. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings which are generally held the last Monday of the month at the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Squad building from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The SDCC Charter requires that a community event be held each year. For the past four years our Oyster Roasts have been extremely popular and well attended at Duck-In, which is sadly closing this year. The decision to book the 67th Street Club was based on a number of issues: the location is right on the beach and it is beautiful; the parking is excellent and finally, we could keep the price comparable to previous years. Other facilities on Shore Drive would have almost doubled the cost of the tickets.

The SDCC Board determines each year where the profits from the Oyster Roast will be distributed. For example, in the past, the local Rescue Squads have been given donations. By purchasing a ticket you will be supporting your neighborhood!!!

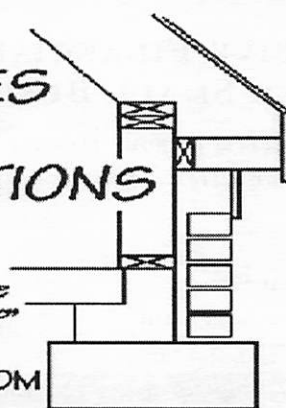
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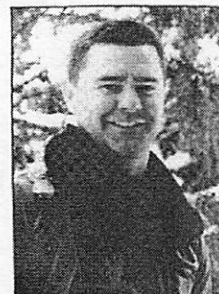
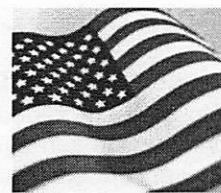
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A Personal Note

Maggie Test

June 28, 2005 is a date now etched in our hearts much the same as 9/11, because on that date the Taliban struck again, this time shooting down a helicopter carrying 16 U.S. servicemen, including eight Navy SEALs. These brave men were on a mission to assist their team brothers in the rough Afghanistan terrain, and these brave men made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow servicemen, their country and us. As many of you are already aware, one of these brave men was Jeff Lucas, husband to Rhonda, of Beach Pet Daycare, and father to their four-year-old son, Seth. Our mere condolences are never enough to mend the hearts of loved ones left behind. Maybe the best we can do is offer a quiet prayer of thanks for our American heroes – men and women like Jeff, who are willing to lay down their lives to keep this great country safe from harm; and for the spouses, mothers, fathers, brothers, sons and daughters who have the courage to let them go. To Rhonda and Seth, Jeff's mother Pat, and all the family and friends who loved him, a heartfelt and humble thank you. This was your sacrifice, too.



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Recipe Corner



Chili Dip

Nan Mabie

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MARK YOUR CALENDER

09/08/05 / 7-8:30 pm	OPCL meeting / Ocean Park Fire & Rescue
09/15/05 / 3:30 pm	Shore Drive Advisory Commission / Bayside Rec Center
09/26/05 / 7:30 pm	Shore Drive Community Coalition (sdcc.info) / Ocean Park F&R
10/06/05 / 7 pm	OPCL BOD meeting / Ocean Park Fire & Rescue
11/10/05 / 7-8:30 pm	OPCL meeting / Ocean Park Fire & Rescue
12/08/05 / 7 pm	OPCL BOD meeting / Ocean Park Fire & Rescue
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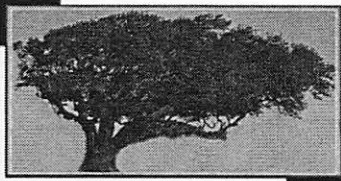
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Message from The President

Ronda Morrison

Season Greetings to all my neighbors.

There were many catastrophes in the world this year with Hurricanes, tsunami's, earthquakes and the like, as well as the stresses of having our loved ones and neighbors still in Afghanistan and Iraq fighting for the freedom of others. It make's one stop and think how precious life is and how important it is to stop and speak with your neighbors and help one another when needed.

The outpouring of contributions for our first annual Care Package/Holiday Party is just one example of how when working together a community can make a big difference. Grace had the insight to suggest putting together care packages for the Seals that swim in our waters of Ocean Park. In doing so we had enough to fill 34 boxes to ship overseas. All of this was done quickly and if we begin planning now, maybe we can send enough for all 100 next year if our men and women are still in harms way! It takes but a few moments to pick up some items to send and it means the world to our military who do not have the small things that can make life a little more comfortable.

We also have adopted a portion of Shore Drive from the waterways behind 7-11 to the Lesner Bridge. On December 17th a small group of us got together and cleaned our section for the first time. Watch for the signs along Shore Drive showing how much Ocean Park loves their community. We have also adopted the waterways behind 7-11. There is much work to be done around that area to get all the trash out to make it a beautiful place. Watch for updates as we will be doing this again sometime in February!

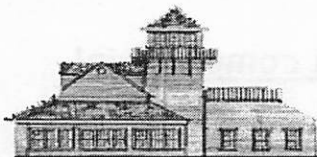
This next year we will have much to do. The development of Pleasure House Point is still of great concern and must be watched closely. We do not want to wait until it is too late to find out what is going on in our own back yard! Stay informed and ask questions!

All of us have items around the house that we no longer need. Plans to stage a Community Yard Sale, which generated a lot of interest this past year, need to be formulated. If you have an idea of something Ocean Park Civic League can do for the community let us know. Liz Dyer did this in proposing the Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Waterway as well as the "Poop Boxes" which will be installed in the next few weeks. Thanks Liz for the great ideas! Remember, when you bring an idea of what can be done make sure you have a suggestion as to how it can be done as well.

See you at the meeting on January 5, 2006!

Ronda

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Holiday Party a Great Success!

Grace Moran

I knew OPCL residents would be generous in their donations, and they were. But what was more wonderful was the number of people who turned out to fill the boxes for our Navy Seals. Indeed, the holiday party was a smashing success as nearly 60 people came out on December 11, 2005 to put together Appreciation Packages for our neighbors, the Navy Seals at Little Creek Amphibious Base who are currently deployed to the Persian Gulf.

The goal had been to fill 25 boxes with an assortment of edibles, entertainment and health care products. All 25 boxes were quickly filled, and still there were goodies, enough to fill another nine boxes sent later due to a lack of boxes. Thanks to **Anne Kane** for shepherding the rest of the donations through the system. **Nan Mabie** got us a list of items frequently requested by the troops.

Thanks also to Anne for starting the process from her sunny Hawaiian vacation by supplying the list of volunteers to distribute the flyers announcing the effort. Since many volunteers were unavailable on such short notice, **Carol Collins, Donna Epperson, Kurt Merklings, Ronda Morrison** and **Stuart Terrell** took on routes that otherwise would not have been covered. **Jackie Travers** located the appropriate chaplain at Little Creek to get the packages into the delivery pipeline.

Pat Mirani made a spreadsheet to track donations, and sent out numerous updates to keep all informed. Behind the scenes, Carol and President **Ronda Morrison** addressed a vast number of the details of party planning. And then the generosity of Ocean Park residents kicked in! Bags and bags of it. Chesapeake House alone gave enough to fill a half dozen boxes, and many other OP households were right up there with them.

Then, the party. Nothing could top last year's decorations by Judy Terrell and Donna Epperson and their committee, so we didn't even try. Ambiance was a do-it-yourself effort, to which **Judy Connors, Susan Karlau, Carol, Ronda** and **Grace** contributed by dragging tables around to appropriate positions for staging the collection and distribution of items and food tables. Bright lights and a few poinsettias lent a minimalist effect. Then folks started arriving to pitch in, and arriving, and arriving... Soon the hall was filled with holiday-spirited volunteers swirling around in our version of a country line dance. It didn't take long to fill the boxes before all put their minds to enjoying the refreshments.

Food! The invitation asked for potluck appetizers, but it was more like the jackpot. The only problem might have been when those crab balls dwindled and there was a threat of crossed forks over the last ones. More crab spread, dips, meatballs in sauce and a boatload of steamed shrimp led the first course, and the finish was some of the finest sweets money can't buy, including cakes, cookies, brownies, sinful eclairs and a chocolate bar to die for.

A half-dozen or so folks stayed behind to clean up the hall and load the boxes into the back of Kurt's truck. On Tuesday, all was delivered to Chaplain Corey Cathcart at the Amphibious Base and was airlifted out on Wednesday. Anne contacted the Chaplain at Fort Story to see about getting the remaining nine boxes over to one of their battalions in the Gulf. Well done, Ocean Park. Be proud of yourselves.

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Highlight of Minutes from 11/05/2005

Grace Moran

In the Treasurer's Report, Anne Kane stated the checking account holds \$2,000 +/- and the savings account totaled \$10,534.12. Kane reported that a renewing member included \$20 toward the establishment of a legal fund in anticipation of protecting Ocean Park's interests in future development of the property known as Pleasure House Point. Morrison noted that at the May 2005 meeting of OPCL, \$1,500 was approved for this purpose. Discussion followed as to whether it was time to locate an attorney to assist OPCL in this matter who would not have a conflict of interest. Susan Karlau agreed to contact Past President Billy Sykes to learn the name of an attorney he had once identified as a possible retainer, one who had worked on behalf of the North End in similar issues.

Judy Connors reported that SDAC is open to the public and the members of the committee have repeatedly expressed a desire to have more citizen involvement. On zoning issues, thanks to Judy, Conditional Use Permit of Deep Blue Marine requires that the building be soundproofed from the outset, instead of waiting six months for complaints to be heard. Morrison called for information regarding proposed development on the recently cleared lot on the south side of Shore Drive, but no one present had anything to report.

In discussing the SDCC Anne Kane explained that the Visions subcommittee was attempting to put together a vision of what residents would like to see developing along the Shore Drive corridor, including types of development, possible zoning changes, enforcement and traffic and safety issues. The effort would replace the past pattern of responding piecemeal to matters as they arose and would hopefully have a more positive impact on city officials. All Ocean Park residents are welcome to participate in this effort and are encouraged to visit the Web-site www.SDCC.info for more information.

Grace Moran had offered the idea to use the OPCL Holiday Party to assemble care packages for residents of Ocean Park who are currently on assignment in the Persian Gulf. Resident Jackie Travers agreed to contact the chaplain at the Naval Amphibious Base to see if more names could be gathered. Moran had received from resident Nan Mabie a list of items that had proven popular with troops her church had remembered earlier in the year. A suggestion was made from the floor and agreed upon to open the list to any member of the Armed Forces.

In response to a question from the floor, Kane said that she is still working on getting reduced postage treatment for OPCL, but that so far USPS had not been very cooperative or available. Connors noted that there was also an initial fee to be paid for such status. Karlau added that bulk mail delivery also offered no guarantees of timely delivery. From the floor came the observation that mailing the newsletter would result in limiting the delivery to members only and not all residents, which was not deemed to be desirable.

In the final item of new business, resident Liz Dyer presented two opportunities for community beautification in the Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Waterway. Participation requires a two-year commitment for cleanups six times a year at times of our choosing. After the first cleanup, the group is to send a report to the city after which the city will post two signs. She also presented a model of a bag dispenser costing \$15 per unit. The city will install the units for free, and residents keep the dispensers supplied with plastic bags. To speed up the process it was proposed that OPCL install them, with Mark Faust and John Wigmore performing the installation and Charlie Ballou supplying the posts. Karlau suggested contacting Todd Solomon of SDCC to see if that organization would purchase and/or install the units. Connors moved that OPCL order 10 units to start with, anticipating a spring delivery. Motion was carried. Placement was tentatively determined to be at the beach accesses, at least two on the south side with one of those to be in Lochaven Park and one or two at the Lesner Bridge. Morrison then requested that Dyer head up the Adopt-a-Highway/Adopt-a-Waterway effort.

The final order of business was to present the slate of candidates for next year's officers, with Ronda Morrison as President, Shyrlee Hurwitz as Vice President, Anne Kane as Treasurer and Grace Moran and Pat Marini as co-Secretaries. It is hoped that John Wigmore will continue as South Side Liaison and Stuart Terrell as North Side Liaison, Jill Broome and Carol Collins as additional representatives, Carol Collins as Newsletter Editor. Morrison noted that she was on the newsletter legend as Publisher, but that she was unable to continue in the role and urged all to consider accepting the role, which requires approximately 3.5 to 4 hours bi-monthly. Connors moved that the Secretary cast a ballot to approve the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee. Motion was seconded and carried and Moran cast the ballot as directed.

SDAC – WHAT IS IT??

Judy Conners

The Shore Drive Advisory Committee (SDAC) was ordained and appointed by the City Council in 1998 as a direct result of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) report of its visit to the City of Virginia Beach in May 1997. It was charged with doing a comprehensive study of the Shore Drive Corridor and make recommendations on the area's potential and a strategy for its enhancement and development. The original council appointed to SDAC was composed of citizens, business and civic leaders who had a vested interest in the corridor. The committee, recognizing that it was operating in "uncharted waters" so to speak, spent a great deal of time determining what issue to tackle first. One of the first successes was the Shore Drive Overlay District which deals with the future development in the corridor, keeping in mind that Shore Drive is primarily residential neighborhoods. Creating a plan which could become a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan became the next focus. Coordination between all city departments was necessary to develop such a document. As a result the Shore Drive Corridor Plan was adopted by the City Council in March 2000 and Shore Drive Design Guidelines were adopted in March 2002. The quality of life, including safety, aesthetics, property rights etc., along the corridor was always the driving force as these plans were developed. As it should be well known by now, Phase I of the overall plan is in the process of implementation with things really beginning to happen in Spring/Summer 2006.

The Mission of the Shore Drive Committee is to:

1. Continue to identify and reprioritize a series of recommended projects and actions to the City Council for implementing the adopted Shore Drive Corridor Plan, Transportation Plan, Design Guidelines and Landscape Guidelines and to address issues associated with development of the corridor.
2. Aggressively pursue and facilitate establishment of public-private partnerships to achieve the goals and recommendations of the ULI study and the adopted plans and guidelines.
3. Investigate alternative funding sources for projects in the Corridor.
4. Engage in public information efforts to improve communications between the Shore Drive community, the development community, and the City government and to serve as a forum for discussion of information brought forth by both public and private sectors on matters to the Shore Drive community.
5. Monitor and report to the City Council the progress of implemented public projects and plans within the Shore Drive Corridor and provide recommendations for remedial actions as deemed necessary.

The SDAC meetings are advertised and open to the public and generally held at 3:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Bayside Recreation Center.

Holidays at the Beach

Maddie McCutcheon (Youth Reporter)

We all know that we do not get a white Christmas like in Vermont or other places up north, but we do get the beach unlike a lot of people. Think about it we get the sun they get ice for the holidays. It is different but it's cool when you get to drive on the boardwalk to see a spectacle of lights only one time of the year. Sometimes my mom and I take the long way home through our neighborhood just to see how festive everyone is! When my family and I go out at night and we go over the Lesner bridge it reminds us of Christmas all year round by looking over to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel's lights. My family and I always sit back and relax with a cup of tea or hot chocolate during this special time of year. Well, that is my view on the holidays at the beach.

Thanks to Our Volunteers!

We are currently in need of a new publisher for the newsletter, a Social Committee Coordinator and a chair for the Traffic/ Safety committee. If you would like to help, please contact one of the officers.

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sand replenishment has resulted in some
boats being partially covered in sand.

Shore Dr. Advisory Comm. - Oct 20th and Dec.15th

Mike Wills

The long awaited SDAC Newsletter is supposed to finally make its debut in January, so be on the look out for your official update from the committee on what they've been up to.

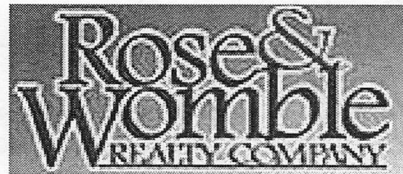
City officials gave an update on the Shore Dr. Demo/Beautification Project. Virginia Power has begun relocating power poles and work is still scheduled to begin in June of 2006 on Phase I. Phases II and III have received funding for design work which will take about a year.

It sounds like there are a couple new high density residential projects in the works for the area. It is rumored that plans are being developed to build a high rise condo at Marina Shores on the Anchor Inn site. Another is set to go before the Planning Commission in January which plans to rezone 6 residential lots where single family homes currently sit next to the Wawa into a 86 unit condo community. SDAC noted at the Oct. meeting that they are almost done developing their procedures and documents.

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OPCL adopts a section of Shore Drive!

Jim Royall

Did you notice the orange trash bags along the Ocean Park section of Shore Drive? They were there for a few days during the week before Christmas, awaiting City removal. One of our members, Liz Dyer, organized OPCL participation in the "Adopt-a-Highway" program and our first cleanup was on Saturday, December 17th. The City supplied reflective vests, bright orange bags and a few tools for picking up trash. We supplied the manpower (mostly womanpower) and got the job done in a couple of hours. Thanks to Anne Kane, Liz Dyer, Ronda Morrison, Jim Royall and Grace Moran we were able to finish the section of road between the waterway (just west of the 7-11) to the Lesner Bridge. It definitely looks better without all the trash.

Some of the treasures we found included: almost new bib overalls, a cell phone, a car tire, lots of beer bottles/cans, many plastic bags and one bra. It should be easier to keep our section of Shore Drive looking good if we can do the cleanups on a routine basis especially if we can get a few more helpers next time.

Resident's Recommendations – New!

If you, a resident of Ocean Park, know an Ocean Park business, newsletter advertiser or Ocean Park resident who owns a licensed business that has provided you with an exceptional service or product you can now share that information with the community. Provide the name of the business and/or owner, the address or telephone number of the business and one line describing the recommendation along with your name. This information will run in the newsletter one time only.

Note: These recommendations come from the community and are not sponsored or approved by the OPCL Board of Directors.

A hardy thank you goes to **Grace Moran** who not only brought us the idea of preparing the gift packages for our troops but was instrumental in making it happen. It was this spirit of giving that made the party such a success. Grace, we appreciate all you do!

OPCL Board

Recipe Corner

Grace Moran

Curried Chicken Salad

- 1 lb. Boneless cooked chicken breast,
cooked and finely chopped
- 1/2 c. Finely chopped celery
- 4 tbsp. Finely chopped red onion
- 1 tbsp. Chopped parsley
- 1/4 tsp. Salt and pinch pepper
- 1/2 c. Curry Dressing

Combine the ingredients. Refrigerate and serve.

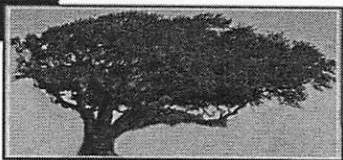
Curry Dressing

- 1/2 c. Mayonnaise
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- 2 tbsp. Major Grey's Mango Chutney
- 1/4 tsp. Dijon mustard

Mix ingredients together.

Use as chicken salad dressing or as a dip for vegetable or shrimp.

Peter Coe, Taste Unlimited From *The Virginian Pilot*



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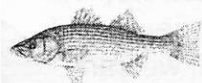
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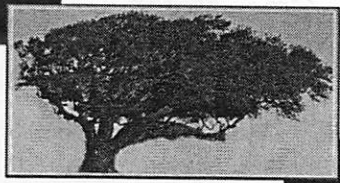
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A great ad slogan, but more than that for Ocean Park. This year, Ocean Park residents will be affected by three vital issues. **Pleasure House Point** development plans are sure to be heard this year. **New proposals by area civic leagues** will be going before the Zoning and Planning Commissions and City Council, with regard to the proliferation of duplexes and multi-family units this side of the Lesner Bridge. **Traffic and safety issues** along Shore Drive continue to involve area residents. There are ways you can connect to these issues. There are ways to be heard. But it requires that you put your whole self, not just your heart, into the issue. You must make it a point to present yourself to the people who hold your future in their hands. Two of the bodies who will decide these issues are the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and the City Council. In addition, there are two powerful community organizations that will take your opinions before the governing bodies, the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC) and the Shore Drive Advisory Council (SDAC). The SDCC (Website www.SDCC.info) and the SDAC meetings are listed below, as are the BZA and City Council schedules for the next three months.

Check the Websites to see if there are issues that concern our neighborhood. Plan ahead to car pool and show up in large numbers to make City Council listen to us. You can *control your future* regarding development in Ocean Park. Do not shrug off this message and say nothing can be done. Our elected representative will listen, if you take the time to *make yourself heard!!!* It has been said that people deserve the government they get. Speak, and they will listen. Lie down, and they will roll over you.

"The Sunday *Beacon* is the "official" vehicle for the legal announcement of Public Hearings for the City Council, Planning Commission, BZA, Wetlands Board and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Board all of which meet in City Council Chambers in the Administration Building. The **Planning Commission** meets the second Wednesday of the month at noon and the meeting is televised on Channel 48. Reruns are shown the following week usually on Friday at 7:00 PM. The **Wetlands Board** meets the third Monday at 9:00 AM and the Chesapeake Bay Board on the fourth Monday at 11:00 AM. The City Council usually hears an application that has been heard by the Planning Commission the following month. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to council so citizens have "two bites of the apple" so to speak on Planning Applications."

City Council

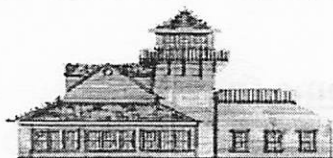
Meetings are on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM and the meeting is televised on Channel 48 - the informal session prior to the formal session is also televised. The Sunday *Beacon* has the television schedule and the Council Agenda. Reruns of those meetings are aired the following week usually Thursday at 7:00 PM and Friday at 9:00 AM.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in City Council Chambers preceded by an informal meeting at 1 pm. The next meetings are March 15, April 5 and April 19.

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Shore Drive Advisory Committee

Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm at the Bayside Recreation Center.
The next meetings are March 16 and April 20.

Shore Drive Community Coalition

Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Ocean Park Fire/Rescue Squad.
The next meetings are March 27 and April 24.

Participate in Clean the Bay Day

From: vb.gov.com

Each year, tons of refuse, especially plastics, enter the marine environment from ships, recreational boaters, and land-based sources. This debris is not only unsightly as it accumulates along our shorelines, but it is a life-threatening hazard to marine wildlife, especially birds, sea turtles, and fish. In an effort to put an end to the problem of marine debris Clean the Bay Day beach cleanups have been conducted since 1989. The purpose of this annual, one-day effort has been not only to enlist the help of citizens to clean up beaches and shorelines, but also to quantify and document the types of litter found. The resulting data is then used to help identify and support policies and practices that address the use and disposal of waste, such as plastics. Perhaps the most beneficial impact of these projects, however, is the education of volunteers who participate in the cleanups and the environmental stewardship that results from it. More and more people are becoming aware of the marine debris problem and expressing a genuine desire to help solve it.

There are many ways to help. Educate yourself and the people you know about the marine debris problem. Become a responsible consumer. On boats or at home, reduce the litter that you generate by buying goods that are not over packaged. Reuse the items that can be reused. Recycle materials that can be recycled. Above all do not litter. Most of the trash collected during Clean the Bay Day is just plain litter items. These were either deliberately left behind by careless beach goers, or washed to our shores from streets via storm drains. Littering is not only against the law and an eyesore, it is an endangerment to wildlife. The future of the Chesapeake Bay and its wildlife depends on all of us "cleaning up our acts."

Volunteer for this three-hour Saturday cleanup which will be happening all around the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries each year, on the second Saturday in June. **Date: June 10, 2006** For more information on how you or your organization can become involved, call the Virginia Beach Clean Community office at 757.385.4104, or 1-800-SAVEBAY, or visit the [Clean the Bay Day](#) Web site.

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Highlight of Minutes from 01/05/06

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Speaker David Hay, attorney, discussed his experience representing various clients including civic leagues before the City Board of Zoning Appeals, and has offered his services to us.

Reports from both the SDCC & SDAC meetings discussed their positions to push for short term safety fixes for Shore Drive. Mike Wills made a request for more residents to attend BZA meetings to make known our monitoring and objections on zoning issues.

Vice-major Louis Jones was in attendance and confirmed that the Sandlers have Pleasure House Point under a contingent contract but no plans have yet been officially submitted. It was reported that it is currently zoned for 1900 units and that tentative plans for the site are rumored to have 900 condos and 80 single family homes. Jones stated that he could be reached at 583-0177 with concerns or opinions and that he responds to all calls.

Deep Blue Marine has not yet completed renovations and landscaping at their new location and no Conditional Use Permit has yet been granted. **Karen Lasley, City Zoning Administrator**, can be contacted with any comments or complaints at **563-1264**.

A community yard sale has been proposed for possibly late April or May.

For the complete minutes visit our website www.opcl.org.

Highlight of Minutes from 02/09/06

Grace Moran

Guest speakers Billy Almond, a landscape architect, and Dave Jester of the North Virginia Beach Civic League (NVBCL) presented information on soon to be proposed R5R guidelines they developed along with an alliance of fourteen area civic leagues in the Shore Dr. corridor and with input from property owners, architects, realtors, builders, developers and the City Planning Department. City Councilman Richard Maddox who is assisting in the effort was also in attendance. To address the proliferation of new duplexes on lots of less than 10,000 sq. ft. it was found that all lots platted prior to 1974 had been grandfathered in and nothing could be done to prevent this duplex use as long as all set back requirements were met. That left them with addressing issues of size, scale, magnitude, parking requirements and city infrastructure to develop guidelines that improve aesthetics by such things as reducing the square footage on the third floors, incentives for making side loading garages such as allowing front porches into the front setback. They concluded by saying the group hoped to make these presentation to the Planning Commission and then City Council beginning in April 2006. (To see the slide presentation, visit our website at www.opcl.org.)

Mike Wills' report on the Shore Drive Advisory Committee (SDAC) addressed the proposal for rezoning for an 80 unit condo complex to be built on nine lots on Shore Drive west of the WaWa gas station. The same project was opposed by the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC). The presentation to the Zoning Department for rezoning has been deferred pending completion of a Shore Drive Safety Task Force Committee study. At the SDAC meeting owner Eddie Sal made a presentation regarding his proposed restaurant, the Big Easy, which he stated would not have live music and will be a sit-down restaurant with low volume.

Anne Kane reported that information on the Shore Drive Development Plan could be viewed as the Shore Drive Vision Plan on the SDCC website at www.sdcc.info.

Liz Dyer informed us that the City has denied the OPCL request to adopt the two waterways bordering Ocean Park as they are private property. It was also determined that we could not adopt Shore Drive by Ocean Park as it is already taken and the bay beach areas are also not available.

For the complete minutes visit our website www.opcl.org.

YOU CAN HELP KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL!

You may already have noticed or read about it, but the Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL), in conjunction with the Virginia Beach SPCA, has installed ten (10) animal waste collection ("Poop") boxes at beach access locations. OPCL has paid for the boxes and volunteers installed them. The boxes contain plastic bags for people to use in picking up their pet waste and disposing of it properly.

Now it's up to you, the Community, to keep this effort going strong by:

Using the bags contained in the box and picking up after your pet

Replenishing the supply of bags contained in the box — Next time you go for a walk to the beach, bring along any extra plastic grocery or newspaper bags (finally - a practical use for them!) and put them into the box

For further information, you may contact Ronda Morrison at 407-7782.

Update on City Beautification Project

Liz Dyer

Back in November of 2005, the Ocean Park Civic League voted in favor of Liz Dyer's proposal to adopt our neighborhood portion of Shore Drive, as well as the two waterways that are between Shady Oak's Drive and First Court, for trash pick up. A number of volunteers, including our president of the League, Ronda, rallied and went out, collecting trash Sat. Dec. 17.

Then the City Beautification Adopt a Highway/Waterway Department informed us that our portion of Shore Drive had already been adopted by another group. A few weeks later we were informed that the two waterways were private property!! Not to be discouraged, and at the suggestion of the City Beautification Dept/Adopt a Waterway program, we were assigned the Bay from Rookery Way to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. At the last Ocean Park Civil League meeting, a number of members stated that the Bay between those two points is private beach. This proved to be the case and now we are without an area to "beautify"!! This issue has not been laid to rest.... stay tuned!!

The Beacon will be writing a story about Ocean Park Civic League's successful installation of SPCA scoop the poop boxes. If you are interested in this, let me know.



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We are currently in need of a new publisher for the newsletter, a Social Committee Coordinator and a chair for the Zoning committee. If you would like to help, please contact one of the officers.

OPCL Volunteer Positions

	Position	Volunteers
Special Projects		Susan Karlau
Shore Dr. Advisory Committee	Primary Back up	Mike Wills Vicky Schiano Channing Weaver
Shore Dr. Comm. Coalition	Primary Back up	Anne Kane Vicky Schiano Channing Weaver
Zoning Committee	Chair Members	Vacant Anne Kane Brian Parker Jim Royall Byron Sargent Jean Sleeman Mike Wills Alvin Owens
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boats being partially covered in sand.

SDAC February Meeting

Anne Kane

The Shore Drive Demonstration Project Phase 1 between First Court Rd and Marlin Bay Dr. is proceeding on schedule. The group is seeking addition funding for a "bike trail – walking path" on the north side between Bayville Road and the 7-11. They will proceed with the "trail" on the south side, the right-of-ways have been secured, and it hopes that the north side access will receive financing to proceed.

With regard to Live Oak preservation the City is working with the State and developers to encourage preserving as many trees as possible and does require all builder/developers to present a survey of all existing Live Oaks on any property that may be impacted by a proposal. Along these lines, the City in conjunction with a research group from Va Tech will be offering about 1000 Live Oaks for planting. The guidelines will be strict, but you will be able to plant them on private property. They are targeting April 28th (Arbor Day) and more information will follow.

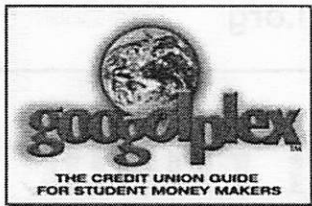
Zoning is and has always been a major issue along Shore Drive. The City has beefed up its efforts in enforcement including not allowing Deep Blue Marine to open for business until all proffers and zoning requirements are met. They are still working diligently to abide by the rulings.

The Task force representative noted that the local police have been more present regarding speeders, DWI, etc. They want more suggestions and participation of the Ocean Park residents. www.SDCC.info

City Launches Capital Improvement Program Project Status Web Site

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, the City of Virginia Beach launched a new online service that allows citizens to search and review the status and details of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. CIP projects pertain to the improvement of the city's infrastructure system, such as roadway improvements or the construction of public facilities (schools, parks, etc.).

The new Web site (www.vbgov.com/cipstatus) enables the public to search CIP projects by title (full or partial) and/or the specific project number.



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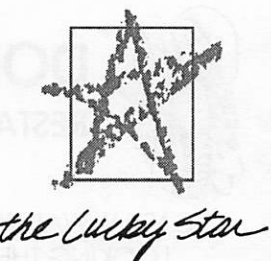
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Ocean Park Safety

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Chapter 38 WEAPONS

Section 38-3 Discharge of firearms, air guns, etc.

Paragraph d

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm, spring-propelled rifle or pistol, or air-propelled rifle or pistol from, on, across or within one hundred and fifty (150) yards of any building, dwelling, street, sidewalk, alley, roadway or public land or public place within the city."

Additionally, Section 38-4 may well apply to those individuals involved.

Section 38-4. Possession and discharge of firearms, air guns, etc., by certain minors.

"It shall be unlawful and a Class 4 misdemeanor for any person under the age of fifteen (15) years to have in his possession or use any firearm, shotgun, spring-propelled rifle or pistol, or air-propelled rifle or pistol, provided that such minor may possess and use such weapons subject to the provisions of section 38-3, but only under the immediate supervision of any adult."

Parents, please monitor your children if they have such equipment to ensure no one is hurt or property damaged.

Another way for parents to insure the safety of your children is to go to the following website which monitors registered sex offenders: <http://www12.familywatchdog.us/>.

Recipe Corner

Grace Moran

Desperation Dessert (Fruit Cobbler)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 stick margarine | 1 16oz. Can of fruit or |
| 1 c. sugar | 1 Small bag frozen fruit or equivalent amount of fresh fruit |
| 1 c. flour | |
| 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder | |
| 3/4 c. milk | |

Melt margarine in 9 x9 baking pan.

Mix together sugar, flour, baking powder and milk.

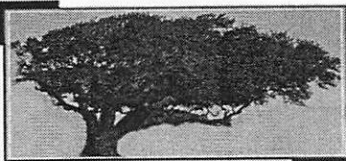
Pour into melted butter in baking dish. DO NOT STIR

Dump in fruit. DO NOT STIR. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

I call it Desperation Dessert because it only takes 5 minutes of prep time, and you can use whatever fruit you have on hand that bakes well...apples, blackberries, blueberries, cherries or peaches. You could even make up the dry ingredients beforehand and store it in the pantry. Any kind of milk will do...whole, 1%, 2%, even half and half.

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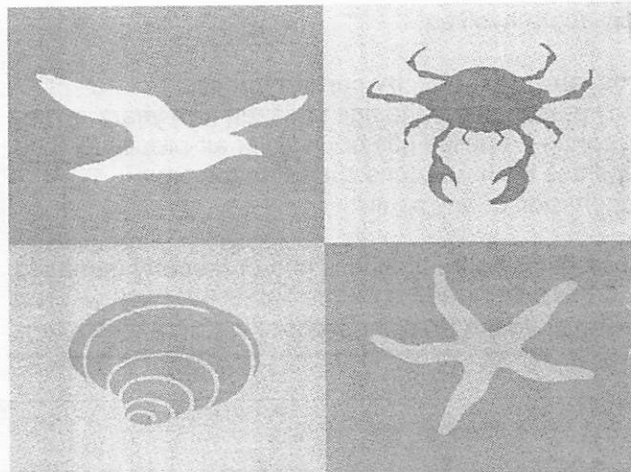
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