



Ocean Park Echo Mini

March 2021

Welcome to Ocean Park. Your neighborhood extends from the Lesner Bridge to the 7 Eleven and from the Lynnhaven River to the Chesapeake Bay, including several smaller communities and high-rises within those borders. We invite everyone in this area to attend Ocean Park Civic League meetings and participate in the many fun neighborhood activities we plan each year. For more information, visit www.opcl.org, join the civic league, sign up for emails or go to the Ocean Park Civic League Facebook page. You may also find neighborhood-related information on Instagram @oceanparkcivicleague, Nextdoor, Ocean Park Ocean Park Neighborhood Page on Facebook and Ocean Park Bulletin Board on Facebook.

Remember that a civic league operates differently than a homeowners association. The league does not create or enforce rules for the neighborhood. It acts as combined representation for the majority of the neighborhood and as a facilitator of social events for the neighbors. Votes occur on occasion to determine those topics needing community representation and always take place at General Membership meetings. The civic league represents all residents of Ocean Park and all residents (owners and renters) belong.

Ocean Park Updates

Beach Sand Replenishment

The city is in negotiations for the replenishment timeline, beginning possibly late in 2021. Bottom line: the beach this summer will be no better than last summer.

Short Term Rental Update

Council heard your voices and removed Ocean Park from the Overlay District Proposal that would allow short term rentals 'by right' in the community. The proposal for the remaining inclusive bayfront communities, would grandfather in existing STRs. Currently, if you want to operate a new STR in OP you must apply and receive approval for a conditional use permit with the city.

Fireworks 2021

Like everything else, the show remains on hold (but not cancelled). We applied for the first due of the permits, with the Coast Guard, hoping we can have the 2021 July 3 fireworks show.

Crime Statistics

Each General Membership Meeting, our liaison, Officer Wroblewski, presents crime statistics for our area. Anyone may ask him questions about specific incidents or our crime rate in general during the meeting when he opens up his presentation for questions.

General Membership Meeting Dates

ANYONE who lives in Ocean Park or operates a business in Ocean Park may attend meetings, regardless of membership status. Plenty of neighborhood information gets presented at the meetings. When votes occur, only paid members can vote, but payment can always be accepted online during each meeting. To pay, go to www.opcl.org.

It's virtually a meeting!

Join us on Zoom monthly to socialize with neighbors and find out what's going on in the community. Find a link to the Zoom General Membership meetings on www.opcl.org or the Ocean Park social media outlets of Facebook, Nextdoor and Instagram. We get those notices out about a week ahead of time.

Gavel falls at 7 p.m.

2021 dates:

March 4

April 8

May 6

June 10

July 8

August 5

September 9

October 7

November 4

December 9

UPDATE

MARLIN BAY APARTMENTS

The Marlin Bay Apartment Building Development has picked up steam. We expect the apartment complex project to be in front of the Planning Commission possibly late this spring. The OPCL board has continued to engage with the developers, but the size and density of the project plan has not changed from four stories with 222 units. Please watch the OPCL website and social media for opportunities to make your voice and views known to the Planning Commission.

What you can do NOW to help:

Ocean Park residents who oppose the rezoning to allow development of Marlin Bay Apartments at the increased density should make their voices heard now with our councilman, Louis Jones, and ask him to oppose this zoning change.

Email:

lrjones@ybgov.com

Lrjones@hollomon-brown.com

Address:

2401 Courthouse Dr.

Building #1

Room 281 Municipal Center

Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Go to www.opcl.org for more information



Message from the president

Hello neighbors,

I am honored to serve you as president and want to first thank all those that volunteer time to OPCL, in particular the board of directors and committee members. The primary goal of the OPCL is to improve the quality of life within our neighborhood, the Shore Drive community and the city, through our volunteer work. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has strained our ability to come together, we remain committed to these priorities:

- **Ocean Park Beach Replenishment and Preservation of Pleasure House Point Natural Area**
- **Phase 4 — Delivering the promised Shore Drive improvements in the city's Capital Improvement Plan**
- **Appropriate Development: Marlin Bay Apartment Project**

We will bring the community together to achieve these goals and will give the community a collective voice to preserve and improve the unique place that is Ocean Park, so we will reach out as broadly as we can with this flier to include as many people as possible. We encourage everyone to join together with us by civic league membership, voicing your concerns, communicating with us via your preferred method and most importantly, supporting neighbors.

Sincerely & with best regards,

Danny Murphy

OPCL president

Dues

Completely voluntary, yet necessary. Your civic league operates on a \$15,000 annual budget to cover the cost from postage stamps to web hosting; scholarships to corporation fees. All the little things to help keep you informed of local issues where action may be needed by making your voice heard. The volunteers on the board need your help in keeping the wheels of neighborhood politics greased. Please take a moment to pay membership dues which are just \$20 per household for the year. When you pay your 2021 dues you will receive a brand new OPCL sticker, (as long as supplies last). Hurry to get yours first.

Go to OPCL.org and follow the JOIN US link to make payment at PayPal. -or- mail a check payable to O.P.C.L. and send it to: Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL)

P.O. Box 55385

Virginia Beach, VA 23471

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address so that we can mail your sticker and stay in touch with you. When the masks come off we hope to have an epic Crawl Out Bash as soon as conditions permit. All are we come, and just in case you forgot to pay those dues – we will collect them at the event.

We hope to see you at future meetings and if you have the time, please volunteer on a committee at communications@opcl.org.

