

Ocean Park Civic League NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DATE: Thursday, November 13, 1997
PLACE: Ocean Park Fire and Rescue Station
Stratford Road at Shore Drive

One of the discussion topics will be the City of Virginia Beach's Comprehensive Plan -- with particular emphasis those aspects which affect the Ocean Park area.

A REMINDER

If you want to reach any of the Civic League officers, their phone numbers are as follows:

President - Bill Hook	464-2908
Vice President & Managing Editor - Jim McElligott	363-8112
Secretary - Shyrlee Hurwitz	464-4930
Treasurer - Betty Wood	464-3641

Call them if you have a story lead, a problem, or a question. All of them will be happy to help in any way they can.

SAND REPLENISHMENT

By now all of you are aware of the sand replenishment occurring at Ocean Park Beach. You are probably wondering why we are getting the sand now, when we could have enjoyed it more last summer.

Well, we were originally to get the sand in February 1997, but the project award had to be terminated by the City because the original contractor wasn't able to do the job according to the contract specifications. It took this long to go through the legal requirements before it could be awarded to the present contractor. So, enjoy!

CATAMARANS ON THE BEACH

If you or someone you know has a catamaran on the beach, please make arrangements to remove them and inform other owners of the need to remove their craft. Sand replenishment is halted by beached craft. We greatly appreciate your assistance in the replenishment of the entire beach.

Four catamarans were scooped up by rough water and rising tides on October 17. They came down the beach bouncing off seawalls, steps and ramps, winding up on the dune just west of Chesapeake House. OWNERS OF LOOSE CATAMARANS CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE SUSTAINED TO SEAWALLS, STEPS AND/OR RAMP ALONG THE BEACH.

After September, the ocean and bay storms are unpredictable. Not only do they erode the beach, but also take everything on the beach, including catamarans improperly secured. To avoid needless loss of property, please take them off of the beach.

OCEAN PARK ROADS

Have you noticed the nice roads in Ocean Park? It's nice to see your tax dollars working in your own streets. From our perspective, Ocean Park is looking better and better as a place to live and enjoy.

OCEAN PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

At our first meeting of the year, on September 25, 1997, it was recommended that we dedicate November 15, 1997 as a Community Clean-Up Day in Ocean Park. Since two projects were underway and/or completed (sand replenishment and street repaving), the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

All interested citizens (and we all should be, barring prior commitments), should meet at Lochaven Park Saturday morning to clean up the boat launch area at 9:00 a.m. and to

receive instructions on other areas for concentration, including trash and paper collection, and where to dump it.

Cathy Wright has taken the lead on this issue, and will be there to guide us. Please bring one or two big trash bags. If you forget, there will be some extras for you at the Park. Before you come to the Park, take time to clean your own street and, if you can't join us, please participate by beautifying your own street. Three hours of donated time and participation should be sufficient.

TO FIND LOCHAVEN PARK: Going east on Shore Drive, turn right at Jimmy's Sub Shop onto East Stratford Road. Go to the corner of East Stratford and Dinwiddie.

CONGRATULATIONS JERRY NELINSON!

On your successful defense and defeat of a proposed variance before the Board of Zoning Appeals on October 15, 1997. His neighbors and friends supported him not only by being at the hearing, but also by means of a petition bearing 47 signatures. Way to go, Jerry!

FIVE YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

On October 28, 1997, the City Council of Virginia Beach held a public hearing on the Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan. The Plan was made available at the library where it could be reviewed by the public. Excerpts from the Plan which affect Ocean Park are entitled "Bayfront" include the following:

"Recognize and improve the Shore Drive corridor as a resort gateway, not a resort destination. Established residential areas must be preserved against commercial uses that would change their character. The provisions of the B-4 resort zoning district should be re-examined to improve land use compatibilities and avoid over commercializing the area. Consideration should be given to enhance the use of incentive zoning and overlay districts to promote, in part, corridor beautification and improve public access to the beach front. Special attention should be given to enhancing the Lesner Bridge and its approaches with festive banners, special light fixtures, signage and other improvements. There are three unparalleled opportunities to transform land uses adjacent to and in the vicinity of Lynnhaven Inlet into exciting and high quality waterfront activity centers.

*1. The City owned Crab Creek spoils site is an ideal location for a boat ramp, public park, and under-bridge pedestrian connection to the Chesapeake Bay beaches.

*2. A public/private partnership for the development of the new marina and up-scale waterfront village on a 70-acre parcel is possible on Pleasure House Creek. Could this be the reason for all of the truck traffic and dirt hauling activity on East Stratford Road and their pumping station?

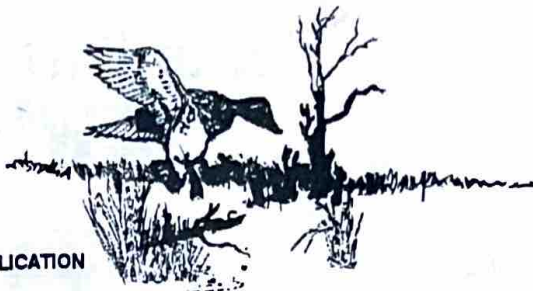
*3. Another development between Lesner Bridge and Long Creek (not in Ocean Park, but affecting it), where Henry's and Bubba's restaurants are, could be developed by a public/private partnership and include a thematic waterfront concourse overlooking the Lynnhaven River where people could walk, shop, eat and enjoy a wide range of entertainment activity."

If I've peaked your interest, go to the library and review the Plan. Personally, I like the plan; however, I feel the City needs to provide the infrastructure (impact on Shore Drive, roads, schools, sewers, etc.) and financial support needed to implement the plan. COME TO THE NOVEMBER 13 MEETING AND LET US HEAR YOUR COMMENTS.

SAND DUNES

We do have one additional funding need. The "Save Our Dune" legal fund, for which we accept donations. When paying your dues, if you give more than \$5.00, please specify how you want your money allocated.

Membership in the Ocean Park Civic League is one of the better values you get for your hard earned money. Annual dues are only \$5.00 per family. We appreciate your support!



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
for
OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (757) _____ OWN _____ RENT _____

Length of Residence
in Ocean Park _____

**Areas of Interest in
Ocean Park Civic League**

Newsletter _____ Socials _____ Newsletter Delivery _____ Meeting Announcements _____
Committees _____

Please specify the committee(s) in which you are most interested _____

Other (Please Specify) _____

MAIL APPLICATION WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$5.00 PAYABLE TO:

**MRS. BETTY WOOD, TREASURER; OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE;
POST OFFICE BOX 55385; VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23455-5385**

