



The Civic League Ledger



March 2026

PAPCL Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

The PAPCL holds officer elections in May and the oath of office in June. At the March meeting, there will be a call for nominating committee volunteers. Members in good standing will be receiving an email from Corresponding Secretary Deane Donohue (via the League's email address) asking for anyone interested in that committee who can help identify and recruit candidates to serve as PAPCL board members. Deane will also provide an explanation of the duties for the following offices up for a two-year term election:

President, 1st Vice-President,
Corresponding Secretary and Two (2)
Trustees

City to Charge for Parking at Convention and Sports Center

The City has announced that effective April 1; it will begin charging to park at the Virginia Beach Convention Center and the Sports Center. The cost is \$1 for the first hour, and will increase incrementally, with a \$10 maximum parking charge per day. The table below shows planned rates

UPDATE: On March 3, the City announced the paid parking plan for these facilities has been postponed. We will post an update when more information is provided.

Princess Anne Plaza

Civic League

*General league meetings are the
SECOND Tuesday of the month
(except July and August)
and begin at 7 p.m.*

2025 Dates

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.

3427 Club House Road

Our PAPCL email address:

PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com

Our PAPCL website:

<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddysites.com>

Our PAPCL Facebook page:

[PA Plaza Civic League Facebook](#)



Creative Neighborhood Arts Grant Has Been Awarded

The PAPCL is thrilled to announce that the Virginia Beach Cultural Affairs Department advised us that the FY-26 Creative Neighborhood Grant, for which we submitted an application, has been approved for \$10,000!! Once the required forms are completed, it will take approximately 60 days to receive the funds. We can now move forward with specific project planning tasks and dates, and more details of the project will be presented at the March meeting.

The following is a brief overview of our *Art at the Ballpark* project:

*The event location is the Plaza Little League complex, which consists of six ball fields and dugouts out buildings (equipment barn, concession building, announcer booths, etc)

*The project will enhance the grounds and buildings of the facility and celebrate the community's support of children's sports.

*A community event celebrating completion of the work is planned for Sept. 12. It will include a story walk highlighting children's literature, space for local artists of all ages to display their work, participation activities for all ages and more. We will reach out to area school art teachers and local partners about joining the celebration.

*Volunteers are welcomed and more details will be shared as the tasks are firmed up.

February Meeting Highlights

Willissa Blair-Miller, CoVB Planning & Community Development office was our guest speaker. She oversees the Zoning Board of Appeals. She explained that the office promotes the health, safety, general welfare and use of land that is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan. Blair-Miller explained several requirements, including lot designations (R-7.5 indicates the size of a residential lot), lot line designations/setbacks, and that conditional use permits are required for items needing City Council approval. An easement encroachment means you own the easement and it's being used by someone else, and a separate department handles easement encroachment issues. Blair-Miller said "vested rights" is a situation when plans were approved by the City in error, and that you may be okay depending upon the level of development. Most localities use "MuniCode" which can be found online, and recommended any zoning questions be directed to the City, especially since setbacks can vary depending on which property line the shed will be built near. Blair-Miller then took several questions from those present.

The secretary, treasurer and corresponding secretary reports were given, and the 50/50 winner, Teresa Langille, donated her \$19 winnings back to the PAPCL! Flood Chair Bob Jennings shared some of the highlights of the Coastal Storm Risk Study seminar he attended, and

urged everyone to get flood insurance. Bob also talked about the corrugated pipe running below South Boulevard that is severely corroded and collapsing which is causing the road to cave in. We know the City is aware of the problem as the road has been patched, and while CoVB engineers indicated the issue warrants installation of new piping. President Wall plans to write a letter to the City as this is a critical neighborhood exit and frequently used roadway.

Volunteers for a nominating committee will be appointed in March to present officer nominations at the April meeting. The following executive board positions up for election this year are: President, 1st Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary, as well as two trustee positions

This is the last meeting for Windsor Woods Area Library manager Erika Cooper as she is headed to the Princess Anne Library. President Wall presented her with a certificate of appreciation and thank you card signed by League members. Erika's presence at meetings and WWAL partnership has been greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working with the new manager.

Vickie Bright asked when the League would be revisiting a previous conversation to repaint the handicap parking slots at St. Francis Episcopal Church. Buddy said Maureen Fuster will be giving him the handicap stencil and he will research the amount of paint needed to complete the work.

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, **March 8, at 2 AM**, when clocks will spring forward by one hour. It will end November 1, when clocks will fall back by one hour.



VBCCO News

Just a reminder that the **VBCCO Academy-Session #3** will be held on Wednesday, March 25 beginning at 5:15 PM. This session is at the Central Library on Virginia Beach Boulevard. Seating is limited, so be sure to register no later than March 24. This session will be about the City's budget process where you'll learn how the budget is structured, where revenue comes from, how spending decisions are made, how citizens can engage *before* decisions are finalized, and more.

Visit <https://vbcco.org> and go to the Events and Programs section to sign up.

May 2 - Clean the Bay Day 2026

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's annual *Clean the Bay Day* has been an opportunity for civic groups, families, clubs and military to join together for a common cause – clean water. At both water and land based sites across the Bay watershed, this event keeps the state's waterways, and ultimately the ocean, cleaner by removing litter and debris. This year's clean-up will be on **Saturday, May 2**, beginning at 9 AM. If you're interested joining the PAPCL team, please drop an email to PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com or contact team leader Fran Sansone whose contact info is shown on the Executive Board listing.

Effective December 2024, dues are \$25 per year per family/household, with the new membership year beginning in September. Your dues support the civic league in the publication of the newsletter, social media, participation in community events, local church food pantries, and more.

Renewal & New Membership Form Enclose this form with your payment of \$25	
Last Name	First Name
Street Address in ZIP Code 23452	
Telephone #	Cell Phone #
E-Mail Address. Please print clearly. (Your information is for use only by the PAPCL)	
Can you help the League by serving on the Executive Board or a Committee	
Yes _____	No _____
Mail to: PAPCL - Membership Committee PO Box 2412 Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2412	

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