



# The Civic League Ledger



## November 2025

### Princess Anne Plaza Community Signs Dedicated



The Princess Anne Plaza community sign dedication was held on Saturday, October 18, at the Country Club Circle location.

In December 2023, an alleged drunk driver destroyed the community sign on the north side of I-264 and S. Plaza Trail that had been there for almost 60 years. With help from District 3 Councilman, Michael Berlucchi, the League's request to the City Manager for assistance in replacing the sign resulted in two signs being approved. Emily Archer, Deputy Director, Va. Beach Economic Development, was able to secure use of VDOT property near Labor Finders for the first sign, and League members voted to place the second sign at what will be an entrance to the Bow Creek Storm Water Park at Country Club Circle and Hannibal Street.

Because these are now city-owned properties, the City will be responsible the landscaping and sign maintenance in lieu of League or resident participation.

### 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

**Nov. 11**

Dec. 9

#### Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.  
3427 Club House Road

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<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.govaddysites.com>

[PA Plaza Civic League Facebook](#)

### Upcoming Dates of Interest

- 11/2 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11/4 Election Day 2025 Polls are open from 6 AM to 7 PM.
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/11 PAPANCL meeting
- 11/27 Thanksgiving



### Election Day 2025



Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. If you did not cast an early vote, be sure

you know your voting precinct location, and that you have one acceptable form of identification from the Va. Dept. of Elections voter identification list.

The first link takes you to the CoVB Voter Registrar and Elections webpage. You can verify your voter information clicking on the Polling Location Lookup icon, then page down to the bottom left to the Find My Voting Information header, then enter your address. The following is an example of what your voting information may look like:

Find My Voting Information

Local Election: District 3  
 Voting Precinct: Precinct 36 - 036  
 Polling Location: Red Church Steeple  
 House of Delegates: District 97  
 State Senate: District 22

<https://voter.virginiabeach.gov/>

This second link takes you directly to the Voter Registrar's page that provides sample ballots grouped by the Virginia House of Delegates districts, and the associated precincts listed within those districts

<https://voter.virginiabeach.gov/elections/sample-ballot-guide/ballots-by-precinct>

## **VDOT Hosting Info Session on I-264/Independence Blvd. Redesign**

The Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT) is proposing design alternatives for the I-264/ Independence Blvd. Interchange. Focus is on traffic movement at the ramps and adjacent signalized intersections located at the I-264/ Independence Blvd. interchange.

A presentation will be held on Thursday, November 6, 5-7 PM, at Thalia Elementary School, 421 Thalia Road. VDOT representatives will be present to discuss the potential options and answer questions about the study.

The preferred alternative features a new grade-separated intersection, replaces the I-264 bridge over Independence Boulevard, and adds new ramp connections to I-264 east and west at Baxter Road that eliminate weaving movements. Learn more at the following link to VDOT's website.

<https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/news-events/events/calendar/event-details/i-264-independence-blvd-interchange-improvement-study-city-of-va-beach.php>

## **Home Energy Evaluations**

Have you seen the flyer with your Dominion Energy bill offering two options for a home energy evaluation at no cost or commitment? The Virtual Energy Audit Quiz gives suggestions to improve your home's energy use, based on your answers. You'll also receive some energy-saving products at no cost. You can also take the quiz at: <https://www.domsavings.com/home-program/virtual-audit-quiz>

The Home Energy Evaluation Program provides a custom energy assessment of your home along with rebates on energy efficient products and services. With this offer, you'll need to schedule an in-home energy audit with a participating contractor. Learn more through the following link:

<https://www.domsavings.com/home-program/home-energy-evaluation>

## **Medicare Open Season Decisions**

Medicare plan TV commercials are in full swing, and deciding what is best for your needs can be, at best, confusing.

The Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) is part of a national network of programs that offers FREE, unbiased, confidential counseling and assistance for people with Medicare. This link directs you to the VICAP main website where you can also learn about preventive services available for all Medicare recipients, preventing health care fraud, yearly wellness visits and more: <https://www.vda.virginia.gov/vicap.htm>

The local VICAP will connect you to a trained counselor who will walk you through the steps to maximize your benefits. To get in touch with a counselor in our area, contact the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) through the following website:

<https://www.vda.virginia.gov/aaamap.htm>

Steve Zollos is the AAA Southside counselor (Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia), 2551 Eltham Ave., Ste. Q, Norfolk, 757-461-9481.

VICAP counselors are not licensed to sell insurance, they are trained and certified to help you understand and compare benefits, assist with filing for benefits based on income and resources, and inform you of your rights.

## **October PAPCL Meeting Highlights**

In addition to various committee reports shared with membership, we were fortunate to have two featured speakers in October.

\_\_Public Works Engr. Mike Mundy explained overall tide gate operations and procedures during the September rain event, noting Lake Windsor can handle 3-4" of rain before there are problems.

\_\_Deputy City Atty. Chris Boynton gave a non-partisan overview of the upcoming referendum as to whether the General Assembly should change the City Charter from a 7-3-1 system, as modified by state general law in 2021, to the 10-1 system used in the last two election cycles. Boynton noted council members can have a position whereas City attorneys cannot.

## **VBCCO Academy**

[www.vbcco.org](http://www.vbcco.org)

Forty-five people attended the first VBCCO Academy class last month, facilitated by former councilman Chris Taylor. The session was an Introduction to Virginia Beach City Government and identifying key components of the City's government structure and their roles. Registrants received a folder with related information. Future academy session dates will be announced as they are scheduled and registrants are not required to attend all sessions.

The following is a quick overview of information shared by Taylor.

- In the last election, 15,000 voters voted for president, but *not* City Council.
- Residents are "in charge" of the city.
- Council's oath is to the whole of Virginia Beach, not individual districts only. You should be able to reach out to *any* Council member.
- Have a problem? Go to the City Manager (CM) first, he needs to understand what his department managers are doing and how the departments are performing. If you prefer to go directly to the department involved, include the CM in your inquiry.
- Council agendas are set by the CM and Mayor, not Council. At least three council members must agree to an agenda item in addition to the CM and Mayor.
- Agendas and supporting packets go to council members on Friday for discussion on Tuesday.
- Are you interested in volunteering on one of many City committees, boards or commissions such as the Open Space Advisory Cmte., Human Rights Comm., Oceana Land Use Conformity Cmte., and Minority Business Council? For additional details and to submit a talent bank application, visit the City Clerk's website at <https://virginia-beach.gov/talentbank>

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*Effective June 2025*

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Enclose this form with your payment of \$25	
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