



The Civic League Ledger



February 2025

UPDATE: Pleasure House Point (PHP) Project Approved

City Council approved the Pleasure House Point (PHP) project, which will transform the acreage to a wetland.

As shared in a previous newsletter, the short amount of time between the Bay Advisory Commission's presentation in late November and City Council vote in January, as well as the planned tree removal and wildlife disturbance, led to many citizens objecting to the project. With no other wetland credits available in our HUC (hydrology unit code) to use, Council felt this project would provide the necessary credits to offset stormwater mitigation projects, including those within the PAPCL area, and restore the PHP property to a wetland status.

Local environmental groups worked with the City to establish dates and times to salvage live oak and other tree saplings and seedlings from the PHP project zone. Volunteers are needed to locate, dig and pot native trees and shrubs. Those interested can check the following link for details and sign up. The dates are February 4 & 5, and February 7 & 8, with two work slots for each day. There is a maximum 30 volunteers for each slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FAFAD28AAFDO-54797631-phptree#/>

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 **February 11**

March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10

Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.
3427 Club House Road

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<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddysites.com>

Our PAPCL Facebook page.

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CoVB Engagement Opportunities for Citizens

****Rudee Park:** Here are nearby upcoming public meetings to share your thoughts to further develop three design concepts based on previous meetings. The meetings all run from 6-7:30 p.m.

--Feb. 10, Green Run High School, 1700 Dahlia Drive

--Feb. 12, Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th St.

****Virginia Beach Public Library** (VBPL) is offering various methods, dates and locations for Beach residents participating in identifying strategic priorities for the community for fiscal years 2026-2030. There are six listening sessions being held from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout February at selected locations: however, only nearby sites are listed in this article. Residents are welcome to take a print survey available at all library branches or online via the following link: VirginiaBeach.gov/NextChapter
Listening session/dates:

--Feb. 17 (Mon.) Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

--Feb. 26 (Wed.) Kempsville Rec Ctr., 800 Monmouth Lane

****5/31 Memorial Committee** meets **Feb. 5, 4:30-6 p.m.**, City's Economic Development Conf. Room, 4525 Main St., Suite 700 in Town Center. The meeting is open to the public and is also available via live stream at VirginiaBeach.gov/media and on the City's [Facebook page](#).

**CoVB Engagement
Opportunities for Citizens,
continued**

****Virginia Beach Coastal Storm Risk
Management (CSRM) Feasibility**

Challenges coastal cities face are managing storm surge flooding, waves and erosion. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and CoVB are offering the opportunity to learn about the CSRM feasibility study, ask questions and share feedback. Public engagement events will be held from 6-8 p.m.

--Feb. 3, Kellam High School, 2665 West Neck Road

--Feb. 5, Kempsville High School, 5194 Chief Trail

**General Assembly Bill Renaming
I-264 Bridge Closer to Passing**

A bill that would name a bridge after Virginia Beach firefighter Matthew "Chevy" Chiaverotti advanced through the Virginia General Assembly in late January.

Chiaverotti served for over 20 years in the Virginia Beach Fire Department, rising through the ranks to become the captain of Engine 7. He also served as a FEMA search team manager with Virginia Task Force 2. In 2012, he spent hours at the scene of the F/A-18 Hornet jet crash known as the Good Friday Miracle. Chevy was diagnosed with an occupational cancer in August 2022, and at 44 years of age he passed away in April 2023.

With passage of the bill, the bridge on I-264 over S. Rosemont Road would be renamed "Capt. Matthew "Chevy" Chiaverotti Memorial Bridge."

January 2025 League Minutes

Officers and committee chairs gave their respective reports. While the League is working on speakers for future meetings, member suggestions and topics are always welcomed. Flood Committee Chair Bob Jennings advised there will be an insurance agent update to the risk rating for flood insurance. He suggested homeowners with a crawl space consider flood vent to help mitigate water damage in the event there is flooding, and for homes with a gas supply be inspected before returning to the home if the gas had to be turned off. He also suggested extra batteries handy for vehicles using a fob to enter and start the vehicle.

Public Works Engineer Mike Mundy provided stormwater mitigation updates and operational statistics such as: Old Forge/Red Lion punch list items are in progress and should be completed within a couple of months; there will be no truck traffic for a couple of months as crews are working on site cleanup (Phase 1 is projected to be completed by June 2026); S. Plaza/ Presidential work should be done by the end of the year; and shutting the tidal gates take about 20-30 minutes per gate. Mundy invited all to look at short "How It Works" You Tube videos the City created to inform citizens on various projects. (Look for the "FFP Video Playlist" at the bottom of this City webpage: <https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/stormwater/flood-protection-program>)

Mundy also addressed how the Pleasure House Point project approval

will provide wetland credits to ensure current stormwater projects continue.

Windsor Woods Area Library manager Erica Cooper said adult and teen programs are in gear and she's looking for teen advisors. There's an adult reading challenge (12, 24 or 52 books), the Central Library needs an art gallery coordinator, and she shared work force council, food and other resources info sheets.

District 3 Councilman Michael Berlucchi gave an update about the Genesis dealer's request for a modification of conditions involving the land that was formerly known as Sentara Way Woods. He and the PAPCL president will meet with residents for their input on proffers and set up a meeting with Checker Flag/Evergreen LLC reps. He also said there was a remediation plan in place for the trees that were improperly removed from VDOT property.

A representative for Jason Miyares' 2025 Attorney General Campaign explained requirements for the Virginia Petition of Qualified Voters and that he was collecting signatures on behalf of Miyares'.

The Larry's won the evening's drawing and graciously donated their winnings back to the civic league.

VBCCO News

The VBCCO meets the third Wednesday of the month at Bow Creek Rec Center, beginning at 6:30. Visit the website for more info at the following webpage:

www.vbcco.org

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.

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Street Address in ZIP Code 23452	
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E-Mail Address For Newsletter Delivery. 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 _____	
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