

# September 2024

#### **President's Corner**

Hello folks, welcome back from a long hot summer! I trust everyone is looking forward to cooler temperatures, as we move into the fall season.

As you new president, I look forward to working with our members in keeping our neighborhoods safe, clean, and especially dry. Extensive work on the flood mitigation project is well underway, and is progressing on time.

My vision for our civic league is simple: increase our membership, listen to the needs of our residents, and work with city government to ensure our needs are met. District 3 Councilman Michael Berlucchi has reached out to me on several occasions, expressing his desire to continue working with us on anv issues we present. Our Councilman listened when expressed a desire to have a new neighborhood sign erected because the old one was damaged by a distracted driver. Councilman Berlucchi was able to secure \$30,000 to erect a new sign(s), and your Board of Directors is working with the Economic Development Department to get those erected. More on that in the next newsletter.

Now, about that membership issue. I ask each member reach out to 2 of your neighbors every month, and ask them to join the civic league. At \$12 a year, I can't think of a better value, and a platform to have your voice heard. My goal is to increase our membership to over 100 members by this time next year. WE CAN DO THIS!!

## 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.

#### **2024 Dates**

September 10

October 8 November 12 December 10

#### **Place**

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr. 3427 Club House Road

**Our PAPCL email address:** 

PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com

#### **Our PAPCL website:**

https://princessanneplazacivicleaque.god addysites.com

Both the following links take you to our PAPCL Facebook page, the first link is edited and renamed for easy recognition.

PA Plaza Civic League Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/PrincessAnn ePlazaCivicLeague

Download the membership form and hand it to your neighbors. Please make plans to attend our monthly meetings, we have some great guest speakers lined up to keep us informed, so come out and join your neighbors. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. sharp. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

President George "Buddy" Wall



## VBCCO Event (Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations)

The first day of in-person voting at the local registrar's office for November 2024 elections is September 20. But, don't be too fast to vote for our next mayor because there's an event you don't want to miss!

The VBCCO is holding a non-partisan Question and Answer Mayoral Forum for all City of Virginia Beach mayoral candidates on September 23, at Kellam High School. The event runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

This is your chance to hear from the people who will be making important decisions on your behalf. It is open to the public; however, YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND as the meeting space is limited to 700 people. Check out the VBCCO events page below to register and to submit questions you'd like to have answered at the forum. If you can't think of any questions when registering, you can submit questions when checking in.

https://vbcco.org/content.aspx?page\_id=4 008&club\_id=312677&item\_id=2281568

## Stay Informed and Involved Make Your Voice Heard

Use this QR code, or the link below, to sign up for your input to shape City



policy. <a href="www.speakupvb.com">www.speakupvb.com</a>
SpeakUpVB.com which both educates residents and invites their input on important

## **Zero Waste Awareness Week**

The first full week of September is designated as Zero Waste Awareness Week, and the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission (VBCCC) encourages everyone to minimize their household waste by reducing, reusing, recycling correctly and re-purposing.

To cap off the week, the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center and recycling partners are providing reusable totes to the first 100 people attending its drive-through recycling event on Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to noon, participants can recycle personal use old cell phones, used vehicle batteries, personal electronic items, unneeded prescriptions, cardboard and more. The event will be held in the Aquarium's East Parking Lot.

This link provides more info on the recycling event: <u>E-cycling Event</u>



The Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad Fall fundraiser is just around the corner. Please support our community partner as they support the community.

### **June Meeting Highlights**

\_\_Trustee Ruth Snider reported the 1st Annual PAPCL Member Appreciation picnic, held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, was a success, despite the brutally hot temps. Forty four people attended, including reps from four of our community partners. A survey was sent to the vendors to help us improve upon the experience for everyone. With the church contact inviting us back next year, we will be planning a 2nd annual picnic!

\_\_Fran Sansone gave stormwater project updates provided by our favorite City engineer, Mike Mundy.

\_\_Deanne Donahue and Fran Sansone motioned to accept the slate of candidates by acclamation, which passed. Our newly elected League officers (serving a two year term) are: President George "Buddy" Wall; 1st Vice President Matthew Hamaker; Corresponding Secretary Sandra Shinabarger; Trustees Betty Warren and Cameron Turner.

\_\_Outgoing President Clint Mills invited Windsor Woods Area Library Manager Erica Cooper to issue the oath of office to newly elected League officers.

Flood Committee Chair Bob Jennings shared some of his work experience with the City of Virginia Beach, and being an ICAR (Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resiliency) board member, which gives him a keen insight into flood management and emergency preparation. explained the Potomac Aquifer and its reach in Hampton Roads; how BMPs help settle out chemicals in water before the water reaches the Bav: what the ODU storm model analysis shows for our area; and preparing for a hurricane that may hit our area by reviewing a hurricane preparation toolkit. He encouraged members to get flood insurance as soon as possible as it doesn't take effect for 30 days!

#### **Election Officials Wanted**

Virginia Beach is recruiting Election Officials to work at polling locations for the



General and Special Elections on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Here's your chance to join the team and get paid \$265!

Election officials assist in administering fair and accurate elections by performing a wide range of functions, including setting up and taking down voting equipment, providing voters basic voting instructions and verifying voter information. Applications are due by September 20. For more info and to apply, visit the link below or call the Voters Registration & Elections office at 757-385-8683.

https://voter.virginiabeach.gov/get-involved/poll-worker-information

### Membership

League membership annual dues remain at \$12 per year per family/household, due in September. Dues help support civic league functions, local church food pantries, the Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad, maintaining our website and more.

Membership Chair, Ruth Snider, has been reaching out to former and current members to verify contact information is up-to-date. If you get an email or phone call from her, please respond so we can keep you informed of League and neighborhood happenings! Thank you, for your continued support and for renewing your membership

## PAPCL 1st Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic and Membership Drive

Our first annual PAPCL Member Appreciation picnic, held in June, was a success with 45 folks, including community participants, attending. We even signed up a few new members! Thank you so much to St. Francis Episcopal Church for allowing us to host the event and inviting us to hold a second annual picnic there! Mega thanks to these community participants for their support: St. Francis Episcopal Church; Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad; Erica Cooper, Manager, Windsor Woods Area Library; WHRO STEM; Lynnhaven River NOW, and District 3 Councilman Michael Berlucchi.

















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RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM	
Enclosed this form with your annual dues payment of \$12	
Last Name	First Name(s)
Street) Address in ZIP Code 23452	
Primary Telephone Number	
Email Address: Please print clearly! Information for use only by the PAPCL (newsletter delivery and important messages)	
Can you help the League by serving on the Executive Board or a Committee?	
Yes	Not at this time
Mail to: PAPCL Membership Committee	
PO Box 2412	
Virginia Beach, VA 23450	

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## **Executive Board Members**

The area code for contact telephone numbers is 757 unless otherwise noted.

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## **Popular City Contacts**

Emergencies: Police, Fire & Rescue – 911 Non-emergency Assistance – 385-5000

Animal Control – 385-5000, Option 2

Miss Utility - 811

Bulk Trash Pick-up - 385-4650

City Landfill - 385-1980

Crime Solvers Hotline - 427-0000

Drug Activity/Graffiti – **427-1749** 

Potholes, Street Signs, Street Repairs – **385-1470** 

Zoning Issues, Commercial Trucks, Fences – 385-4131