

# The Civic League Ledger



# **March 2025**

# Officer Cameron R. Girvin End of Watch: February 22, 2025 Officer Christopher M. L. Reese End of Watch: February 22, 2025

On February 21, VBPD 4th Precinct Police Officers Cameron Girvin and Christopher Reese were senselessly slain during a traffic stop. The PAPCL grieves with their families, their fellow LEOs and the Virginia Beach community in the tragic loss of these officers. Their Celebration of Life will be held Sat., March 1, 2 p.m., at the Rock Church.



# General Assembly Bill Renaming I-264 Bridge Passed

In late January, the bill renaming name the bridge on I-264 at South Rosemont Road after Virginia Beach firefighter Matthew "Chevy" Chiaverotti advanced through both chambers of the Virginia General Assembly. The League will continue to monitor its status and a dedication date

Chiaverotti was diagnosed with an occupational cancer, and passed away at 44 years of age in April 2023.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!**

Our March 11 meeting will be held at St Francis Episcopal Church, 509 S. Rosemont Rd.

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 11

April 8

May 13

June10

Sept. 9

Oct. 14

Nov. 11

Dec. 9

### Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr. 3427 Club House Road

PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com

Our PAPCL website:

https://princessanneplazacivicleague.god addysites.com

Both these links take you to the PAPCL Facebook page, the first link title is edited and renamed for user convenience.

PA Plaza Civic League Facebook

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

### **Election Officials Needed!**

The Voter Registrar's office is looking for interested individuals to serve as election officials (also called poll workers) in the June 17 primary election. Applications will be accepted March 1-April 21 and can be found on the Voter Registrar's website.

Poll workers earn \$240 for Election Day, plus \$25 to attend the required training. A complete list of qualifications is available on the Registrar's website, but in general election officials must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 years old, a registered voter in Virginia, be able to work on a computer to check in voters, and be available to work the entire day when elections are held.

Contact the Office of Voter Registration and Elections at <u>757-385-8683</u> or <u>voter@vbgov.com</u> with questions.

# Public Utilities-Looking for Young Artists for Water Awareness Calendar

Until **March** 7, Va. Beach Public Utilities is accepting entries for its 2026 Water Awareness Calendar. Virginia Beach students from grades kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible. The theme is "How I use water wisely in and around my home." Visit this link for details, the entry form and artwork inspiration:

https://pu.virginiabeach.gov/conservationeducation/calendar-contest

# Passing Grade for Tide Gate Testing



The Flood Protection Program (FPP) recently reached a project milestone with manual testing of the tide gates.

Over two cycles, project specialists manually operated each gate, simulating extreme weather conditions. The next round of testing is a Backup Power Test involving operating the gates using the backup generator. If the tide gate control building ever loses power, this generator will ensure the system keeps working. These tests will confirm the gates function properly under standard power, and the water level sensors communicate effectively.

You can find more information on this and other FPPs at:

https://virginiabeach.gov/connect/blog/the-ripple-effect-windsor-woods-tidegates-put-to-the-

test?j=379634&sfmc\_sub=46749617&l=4 06 HTML&u=17302770&mid=534008823 &ib=1004



St. Patrick's Day, observed on March 17, marks the death date of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. In the 17th century it was made an official Christian feast day celebrating the arrival of Christianity in Ireland as well as Irish culture.

# Evergreen Virginia, LLC CUP Approved

On January 18, City Council approved the CUP (Conditional Use Permit) modification for Evergreen Virginia, LLC, also known as Checkered Flag and Winners Properties, for the land many knew as Sentara Way Woods. Zoned as B2, which would allow for office or retail space, the company wanted to use the property for its expanded dealership vehicle inventory.

Through discussions with the business representative, homeowners, civic league reps and our council person, and agreement was reached for enhanced landscaping that will provide an aesthetic visual barrier between the homeowners and inventory lot. This is in addition to the dealership agreeing to move its physical showroom to the east side of the property as opposed to being directly across the street from homeowners.

# **New Pump Station Projects**

CoVB Public Utilities is replacing the sanitary sewer pump station at 3334 Bow Creek Boulevard. A new, larger pump station is being constructed. With an April 2026 construction completion date, the project will cause intermittent closures of Bow Creek Boulevard between S. Rosemont Road and the pump site. The current closure is expected to be in place until March, weather permitting.

Replacement of the Lakecrest pump station, expected to be completed by this summer, is also part of the department's Aging Infrastructure Program. Built at a higher elevation to alleviate flooding issues, there is also a permanent generator as a backup power source.

# **February Meeting Highlights**

CoVB Emily Archer, Speaker Economic Development, brought vision boards for members to vote on neighborhood sign location and materials. As the signs must say "Princess Anne Plaza" there's a consideration for placing the second sign at what will be the Hannibal Street entrance on the stormwater park is completed.

\_\_Mike Mundy, CoVB Public Works, noted all stormwater projects are on schedule. He noted the tide gate was close to completion with operational testing soon scheduled. Mundy suggested See-Click-Fix or calling 757-385-1470 to repair the roadway hole near the Lakecrest pump station.

\_\_Membership Chair Ruth Snider thanked committee member Deane Donahue for creating the survey that was distributed. We have 37 .active funded members

\_\_Flood Committee chair Bob Jennings reminded everyone of city, state and federal info resources for emergency prep tips.

\_\_The CUP modification requested by Evergreen Virginia, LLC was discussed. President Wall was authorized to speak on behalf of the League at the Council meeting.

\_\_Speaker schedule: March - Six Pillars of Brain Health; April - VBFD Fire and Fall Safety; May - Declutter & Downsize.

\_\_Windsor Woods Area Library Manager Erica Woods provided info on upcoming events as well as the listening sessions to help steer 2026-2030 priorities.

\_\_The Larry's won the 50/50 – again, lol, and very graciously donated their share back to the civic league.

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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Last Name	First Name
Street Address in ZIP Code 23452	
Telephone #	Cell Phone #
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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