



The Civic League Ledger



January 2026

Neighborhood Arts Grant

In our last newsletter, we shared news that a consensus of members agreed to the PAPCL executive board applying for a Creative Neighborhood Arts grant worth up to \$10,000. The application is due January 16, 2026.

League President Buddy Wall said board members met three times in December to narrow the focus and details of the application and assist Deane Donahue and Ruth Snider prepare the application.

Project plans are focused on the Plaza Little League fields, to specifically improve dugouts (including 2 murals) and scoreboards, rehabbing drainage areas with native plantings, and other improvements for the betterment of everyone who visit the fields. We are also planning on artistic and cultural projects as well. Funds are available for use until the end of the year. All of these projects will include participation from community volunteers – and you don't have to be an artist to join in, just someone ready to give back and improve our community.

The application deadline is January 16, and details about the application will be shared with membership at the January 13 PAPCL meeting.

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.*

Upcoming 2026 Dates

Jan. 13

Feb. 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.

3427 Club House Road

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<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddysites.com>

[PA Plaza Civic League Facebook](#)



Your PAPCL Executive Board wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

We look forward to a year of exciting projects that involve and benefit our entire community.

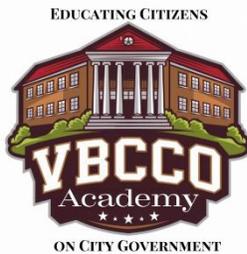
Resident Parking Voucher Program

In December, City Council approved a free \$50 annual voucher that can be used by Virginia Beach residents to pay for parking in municipal garages, surface lots and on-street metered spaces in the resort area. Vouchers renew each year with proof of residency, accessed digitally through a mobile app. The first \$50 is free for each resident signed up, and for \$25, the voucher can be reloaded with an additional \$50 worth of parking.

Changes include eliminating the \$3 after 5 PM resident discount and removing the three-hour limit for on-street meters. To encourage turnover, the City will also implement a progressive hourly rate system as follows: *On-street:* \$1 for the first hour, \$2 for the second hour, \$3 for the third hour, \$6 per hour for hours 4-5, \$7 per hour for hours 6-7, \$8 per hour for hours 8+, *Surface lots and garages:* \$1 for the first hour, \$2 for the second hour, \$3 per hour starting at hour 3, with a daily max of \$24.

The new resident parking program is expected to launch April 1, with registration opening in early 2026. For more information and updates as the program details are finalized, visit the following link:

<https://virginiabeach.gov/connect/blog/new-resident-oceanfront-parking-plan>



Session #2 - Understanding How Your City Really Works

Thursday, Jan.29, 6:30-8:30 PM
Bow Creek Recreation Center
3427 Club House Rd

If you're committed to protecting neighborhoods, stewarding tax dollars, and ensuring good governance, this session turns "I think" into "I know."

Virginia Beach runs on processes, priorities, and people. Understanding *how decisions are made* is the key to influencing them. Session #2 **will give** the practical knowledge needed to navigate City Hall with confidence.

I How Local Government Works – Roles & Hierarchy Who actually makes the decisions? How do departments feed into executive management? Where do elected officials fit into the process?

II Communicating with Executive Management & Elected Officials

Learn strategies used by seasoned civic leaders to ensure messaging is clear and effective. What gets attention, what gets ignored and why?

III Agenda Review & Introduction to the Legislative Process Understand how City Council agendas are built, what citizens should look for, and how early engagement changes outcomes.

IV Open Q&A - Bring questions—big or small. If it affects taxpayers, it's worth asking.

Registration is FREE, so visit the VBCCO webpage and click on the registration button at the bottom of the Academy article.

<https://vbcco.org/>

December Potluck Highlights

The PAPCL holiday potluck was held on December 9. Olive Garden catered the meal and members brought a large variety of desserts to enjoy. Kudos to Trustee Cameron Turner for handling the meal arrangements and creating a fun trivia game. A final trivia question was required as two teams tied for the most correct answers. The winning team consisted of Paul and Teresa Langille, Maureen Fuster and Buddy Wall – congrats!



Winter Wildlife Festival Event

The Winter Wildlife Festival Photo Contest is open to the public. All photos submitted must be taken between Jan. 1 and Feb. 2 in Coastal Virginia (which includes the Southside, Peninsula and Eastern Shore areas.) No registration is required for the Jan. 29 Festival kick-off on Jan. 29 at Princess Anne Rec Center, which includes exhibits, vendors, hands-on kids' activities, and walk-up workshops.

<https://parks.virginiabeach.gov/events-information/special-events/winter-wildlife-festival>

Winter Fire Safety

Candles: Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn, keep them in your line of sight, and consider using battery-operated candles for a safer, flame-free glow.

Cooking: Stay in the kitchen when cooking, keep flammable items away from the stovetop, use a timer as a reminder – especially during the busy holiday, smother a small grease fire with a pot lid—*never* use water, get an ABC fire extinguisher for your home

Heating Equipment: Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, have qualified professionals clean your chimney and heating system each year, store fireplace ashes in a metal container at least ten feet away from your home and flammable items.

Protection Against Financial Fraud

Consider three simple tasks to help protect yourself from financial fraud.

Check Your Credit Report - Get a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) and check for potential errors.

Freeze Your Credit – Freezing your credit prevents credit card bureaus from releasing financial information to third parties. It will make it harder for identity thieves to open accounts in your name, and you can temporarily lift the freeze so you can open a legitimate account.

Get an IRS Identity Protection PIN – For more info and to obtain an IP (Identity Protection) PIN, visit the IRS website or click the link below. Once your identity is verified, you'll get a six-digit IPPIN to file your taxes. <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>

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September 12-19

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Cape May, NJ
June 23-25

**TWO CITIES WITH SOUTHERN
CHARM**

Charleston, SC & Savannah, GA
November 8-13

RETURN TO THE GOOD TIMES

Mount Airy, NC
July 15-17

**HOLIDAY ELEGANCE AT THE
GREENBRIER**

White Sulphur Springs, WV
December 6-8

WHODUNIT DINNER THEATER

Fredericksburg, VA
August 5 *or* August 26

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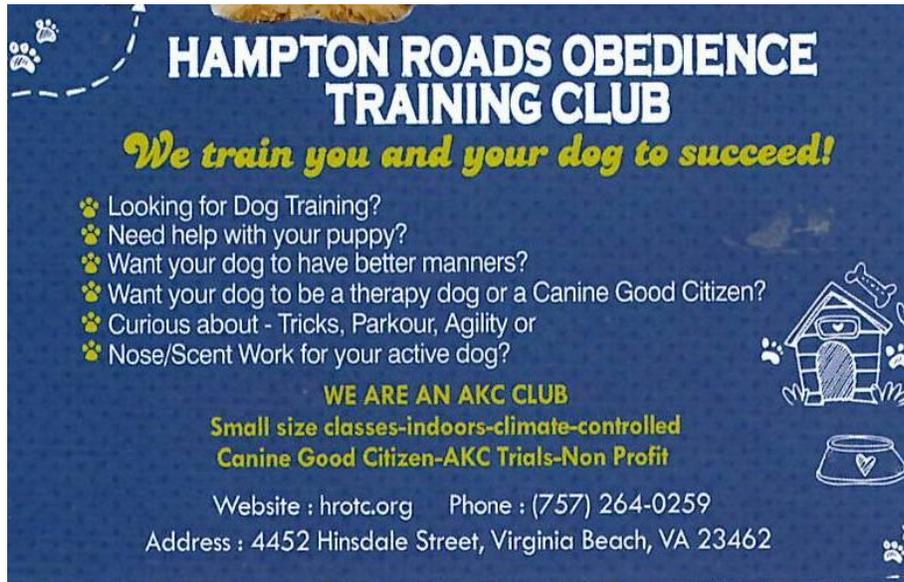
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Effective June 2025

Dues are only \$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	
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Street Address in ZIP Code 23452	
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