



# The Civic League Ledger



## January 2025

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<https://communications.virginiabeach.gov/hot-topics/building-our-vb-future/rudee-park>

### VBCCO News

On January 15, the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations will host Brandon Kyle, Police Services Manager, Real Time Crime Center.

The Virginia Beach Police Department uses technology every day as a valuable resource to make the city safer, and the Real Time Crime Center is a big part of its success. You will also learn how to sign up for an onsite tour of the RTCC expected to be offered in January 2025.

The VBCCO meets at Bow Creek Rec Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

### 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

**January 14**

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

### Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.  
3427 Club House Road

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[PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com](mailto:PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com)

*Our PAPCL website:*

<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddysites.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/PrincessAnnePlazaCivicLeague>



**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT  
ARTICLE TO READ !!**

### Pleasure House Point (PHP) Project

PAPCL President Buddy Wall recently sent an email to league members about an issue that could possibly have a citywide negative impact on Flood Mitigation Projects, including the Bow Creek Stormwater Park.

Pleasure House Point (PHP), south of the Lesner Bridge is scheduled to transform from a dredge dump site (created in the early 70s) to a natural wetland area. The site, which is approximately eight acres, was used to store sand and silt from the channel dredging area near the bridge to ensure boats could move freely in and out of Broad Bay.

The dredge site spoils and hundreds of trees will be removed to create a wetland, which will give the City wetland mitigation credits to offset projects such as the Bow Creek Stormwater Park. The Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) video link below can give you more insight into what are bank credits and the project.

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## PHP Project continued

While live oak and water oak trees will be replanted in this area, tree removal and wildlife disturbance has many citizens objecting to this project, in addition to the short amount of time between the BAC presentation and City Council vote on January 7.

Our District 3 representative's concern is that *not* approving the project will delay or stop current flood mitigation projects, such as the Lake Windsor flood gate and Bow Creek Stormwater Park, as there will be no wetlands credits available to offset the projects and allow work to continue.

Most residents want to preserve the natural areas that help to make this city unique and beautiful. It is easy to be torn between wanting to ensure our City's flood projects continue to progress and still support leaving what has become an undisturbed natural area as is if there is any possibility to do so. A broader understanding of all aspects to the PHP project and answers to your questions can help you determine your support of the issue.

In addition to the City's project email which is listed below, you can contact District 7 Councilman Josh Schulman (PHP is in his district) for more insight and answers at: [jschulman@vbgov.com](mailto:jschulman@vbgov.com)

Additional project contacts and links:

CoVB PHP project email:  
[phpwetlands@vbgov.com](mailto:phpwetlands@vbgov.com)

Bayfront Advisory Commission  
December 2024 Presentation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5VR6P7-2do&authuser=1>

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You can also sign up at [eccs.virginiabeach.gov/vbalert](https://eccs.virginiabeach.gov/vbalert)

## December PAPCL Meeting and Potluck Highlights

It was an abbreviated meeting so those attending could partake in the fellowship and holiday potluck. .

In addition to officer reports, our Membership Committee Chair, Ruth, said they will kick into full gear in January. New membership apps are blue and indicate the new dues of \$25 per family/household. This is the first increase in dues since the League's founding in 1963.

Flood Committee Chair Bob Jennings said there are movements towards private flood insurance that may be more affordable for homeowners. He cautioned the caveats that include private insurers tend to issue lower payouts than federally funded FEMA insurance, and that policy holders may not be able to return to FEMA once insured by a private provider.



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.

<b>Renewal &amp; New Membership Form</b> Enclose this form with your payment of \$12	
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 _____	
Mail to: PAPCL - Membership Committee PO Box 2412 Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2412	

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