



The Civic League Ledger



December 2023

PAPCL Holiday Potluck

PAPCL members, make sure the December 12 meeting is on your calendar as we'll be having our holiday potluck! There will also be holiday songs by the Daybreak Singers and a presentation on 2024 AAA bus tours.

The League will provide chicken salad sandwiches, potato salad, cocktail franks, a veggie tray, cheese and cracker tray, cookies, candies and drinks. Members are welcomed to bring a dish of their choosing too! Hope to see you there!!

2024 Winter Wildlife Festival

The 2024 Winter Wildlife Festival will be held from Jan. 27 through Feb. 4, 2024.

The WWF is a month-long celebration of our coastal wildlife and nature with a variety of programs, tours, excursions, photo contest, a birding challenge and more. Registration for festival trips and excursions opened on Nov. 15, so check it out soon before those events are filled.

Follow this link to the City's WWF event page.

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

PRINCESS ANNE PLAZA CIVIC LEAGUE

*General meetings are the **SECOND Tuesday of the month and begin at 7 p.m.***

2023 Dates
DECEMBER 12

2024 Dates
JANUARY 9
FEBRUARY 13

Place

Bow Creek Rec Center, Rm. 2
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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PRINCESSANNEPLAZA/
www.papcivicleague.com

VBCCO News

Results of the VBCCO election of officers and directors for 2024-2026 are:

President: Rick Boyles
1st VP: Andrea Lindemann
2nd VP: Rick Manolio
Secretary: *Open (volunteer needed!)*
Treasurer: Buddy Wall
Director: Bill Filbert
Director: Ralph Saunders
Director: Kelly Jackson
Director: Al Wallace

The next VBCCPO meeting will be Wednesday, December 27, 7 p.m. at Bow Creek Rec Center. Sheriff Rocky Holcomb will be the guest speaker.

All civic organization general members are encouraged to attend VBCCO meetings; however, they do not have voting privileges.



Christmas Potpourri

Fill your home with a delicious holiday scent



JAR INGREDIENTS

½ cup fresh cranberries 1 orange (sliced)
4 cinnamon sticks 1 tbsp cloves
1/8 tsp nutmeg

INSTRUCTIONS

Bring 3 cups of water plus jar contents to a simmer over low heat, uncovered, in a small pot. Check the water periodically and add more if it starts to get low.

The Princess Anne Plaza Civic League Executive Board wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and New Year.

November 2023 Meeting Highlights

__Guest speaker Lacie Weaver, HRSD Communications, spoke about the SWIFT program (Sustainable Water Initiative For Tomorrow). HRSD handles water demand and treatment for 20 cities in southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, operating eight large and six small plants to handle a daily average of 125 million gallons of waste water daily. The system has a daily capacity of 225 million gallons. Weaver noted HRSD uses an eight step cleaning process, and reminded those present to only flush the “three P’s” (pee, poop and paper). She said medications and many other items should NOT be disposed of in the sewer system. Weaver also noted that they daily pump a million gallons of purified water back into the Potomac Aquifer, which is our fresh water ground source. She noted prior to 1940, sewage was discharged directly into the Chesapeake Bay.

__Erica Cooper, Windsor Woods Library Manager, said Giving Tuesday is Nov. 28. She asked that those who participate consider a \$25 donation which would add four books to the library’s Summer Reading Challenge inventory.

__Public Work Engineer Michael Mundy provided stormwater project updates and tidal runs. He noted the crane at Mt. Trashmore is being used to place 110’ piles that will support the tidal gate and numerous walls/sheets being driven into the ground. He reminded everyone that we have an extremely high tide once a month (+1.8’) and a “King” tide (+2.8 to 3.2’) once a year, but tides have been running an average of 1’ higher in the last 40 to 50 years. We can expect a 3’ projected rise of tidal height over the next 80 years. Water ways with League boundaries drain both west and east with Rosemont Road being the figurative dividing line.

Presidential Boulevard will remain blocked for the next six months although Silina Drive is now open. Estimated project completion dates are as follows: tidal gates – March 2025, S. Plaza/Presidential – May 2025, Old Forge/Red Lion – March 2024. Public Works keeps VB Fire Dept. Station 16 and the Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad up to date on the status of projects to ensure public safety is maintained. Mundy noted interim trails are currently open at the stormwater park with the entrance near the playground on the NW side of the rec center. During the Q&A session, Mundy advised the project contractor has its own street sweeper for debris, but one resident noted there are still a lot of large granite rocks along Rosemont and Old Forge Roads. Mundy advised there residents can file a service request: by phone at (757-385-1470); or via the webpage <https://vb311.virginiabeach.gov/assist/servicetypes>

__Flood Committee Chair Bob Jennings said a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling requires the EPA to remove federal protection for a majority of the country’s wetlands. A final rule amended the definition of protected “waters of the United State, or WOTUS, narrowed the scope of the Clean Water Act and the agency’s power to regulate waterways and wetlands. The SCOTUS decision now says the law includes only streams, oceans, rivers and lakes, and wetlands with a continuous surface connection to those bodies. Jennings says this means communities, especially those below the green line, will now be vulnerable to pollution and flooding as these areas are buffers against extreme storms and floodwaters as there will be no more review process by the Planning Commission or City Council. There has already been a push by developers to

rezone and develop without oversight. It should be noted water flows in many ways: above ground, below ground, and through cleansing filters of reeds, soils and grasses that make up a wetland.

Fight Freezing Pipes in the Winter



Winter weather is upon us! Some prognosticators say it will be a colder – and likely snowy – the next few months.

Take steps now to avoid burst pipes with a few simple steps.

- Disconnect garden hoses and drain outdoor pipes. Cover exposed pipes and faucets with insulation.
- Seal leaks near exposed pipes that allow cold air inside your house.
- Insulate exposed pipes in your home’s crawl spaces, attics and outside walls.
- Moving water generally will not freeze, so allow a steady drip of cold water to flow from the highest or furthest faucet in your house. Open cabinet doors to allow heat to reach exposed pipes under sinks. Moving water can freeze when there’s extreme cold, such as 20 degree temps.
- Keep your thermostat the same temperature both day and night so pipes stay warm as outside temps dip overnight.
- If your pipes freeze, turn off the private water shut-off valve in the house. Valve locations could be on the wall in the garage, near your water heater, or close to an outside hose bib where the water supply enters the house. Know where the valve is *before* you have a problem.
- Don’t thaw frozen pipes with an open flame or electrical appliance, it’s dangerous and could damage the pipes.
- Be prepared for possible leaks as the pipes thaw.

By Va. Beach Public Utilities



PET PICTURES WITH SANTA !!

(Pet parents are welcome too!)

\$10 for a 4 x 6" print

Saturdays, 11 am – 3 pm, Dec. 2, 9 and 16

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 509 S. Rosemont Rd.

www.pugrescuenc.org <https://www.facebook.com/pugrescuenc>

All proceeds benefit Pug Rescue of North Carolina, a foster-based pug rescue serving North Carolina and Virginia, for medical evaluation and care. Also, bringing a non-perishable food item for the church's food pantry is most welcomed.

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Dues remain only \$12 per year per family/household. Your dues support the civic league in the publication of the newsletter, social media, participation in community events, local church food pantries, Samaritan House, holiday meals for families in our area, and more. Thank you for your continued support and for renewing your membership.

Princess Anne Plaza Civic League, Inc. Renewal and New Member Sign-Up Form <i>Please include League dues payment of \$12 with this form</i>	
Print LAST Name	Print FIRST Name
Street Address in 23452 ZIP Code	
Home Telephone #	Cell Phone #
Email Address – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY <i>Note: your email will be used only for League business</i>	
Can you help the League by serving on the Executive Board or a Committee? ‘	
YES_____ (please note your interests)	NO_____
Mail form and dues to: Phyllis Elms, PAPCL Membership Committee 266 Raintree Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23452	

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