



# The Civic League Ledger



## January 2024

### Find Missing Pets Faster

Increased numbers of stray dogs and cats, combined with owners not claiming pets picked up by Animal Control in a timely manner, has the City's animal shelter over capacity.

The first step to helping you reunite with a loose pet is to ensure they have a collar with your contact information and are micro-chipped. It's equally important to keep the chip up-to-date with your contact info. Virginia Beach Animal Control (VBAC) will attempt to bring your pet home before taking it to the shelter.

Animal Control Officers are on routine patrol from 8 am - 10 pm, seven days a week, with an officer is on stand-by duty after hours to respond to emergency calls for service. If you see a stray and can contain it for pickup by VBAC or if you need an animal control officer respond to a call for service, call (757) 385-4444 and select Option 1.

Social media is a big help in reuniting pets with their owners such as PawBoost; the NextDoor app which has members throughout the area; and Lost and Found Pets-Hampton Roads on Facebook with an even wider reach. For those who don't use social media, old fashion "missing" posters are helpful.

### PRINCESS ANNE PLAZA CIVIC LEAGUE

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

#### 2024 Dates

**JANUARY 9**  
FEBRUARY 13  
MARCH 12  
APRIL 9  
MAY 14  
JUNE 11

#### Place

Bow Creek Rec Center, Rm. 2  
3427 Club House Road

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*The PAPCL Executive Board  
wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy  
New Year!*

*Did you realize New Year's Eve is  
12/31/23 – 123123 ?!*

### "E-Cycling" Event at Virginia Aquarium

The Virginia Aquarium and event partners are hosting a free E-Cycling event for personal electronic waste and vehicle batteries on Saturday, Jan. 22, 9am – 12 Noon.

The event is free to the public, but donations are appreciated and will support the Aquarium's Green Team and their efforts promoting sustainable practices. The event ends promptly at noon.

Items collected are personal-use items only and not from businesses.

Goodwill and the Aquarium will collect general electronics recycling such as personal computers, cell phones, printers, fax machines, stereo equipment, televisions 50 inches or smaller, and CRT/tube monitors (**not** TVs). AAA will be accepting used vehicle batteries and old, broken, or expired child safety car seats. No other type of battery will be accepted at this event.

For additional information, visit the Aquarium's link at:

<https://www.virginiaaquarium.com/plan-your-visit/events/e-cycling-event>

## VBCCO News

The purpose of the VBCCO is to create a forum where the civic organizations throughout the city can work together to educate, inform, and empower civic leaders, support and assist member organizations, advocate for stronger neighborhoods and to help organize neighborhood civic organizations and support the activities of member organizations when requested. The VBCCO will study and discuss important issues and problems that affect our community and to work toward mutually agreeable solutions as well as provide a forum for the discussion and debate of current topics. For more information on the VBCCO, check out the link at <https://www.vbcco.org/>

On **Wednesday, January 24**, starting at **6:30 pm**, the VBCCO is hosting a Q&A session with City Manager, Patrick Duhaney and senior officials in the Planning Department for a panel discussion on City business and land use issues. The event will be at Bow Creek Rec Center.

The VBCCO will host a two-hour mayoral candidate forum sometime in May 2024 with all the candidates. It is expected to be held at the Central Library Auditorium and will be a free but ticketed event as space is limited.

Speakers at the December 27 general meeting were Sheriff Rocky Holcomb and District 1 Councilman Chris Taylor.

Holcomb, and several of his deputies, shared a lot of interesting information on the City jail, including:

- It costs about \$120 each day for each inmate
- 63% of inmates have mental issues
- A fentanyl detecting dog will be deployed in January 2024
- Eight different enrichment programs are offered to inmates
- There are no immigration holds at the jail, there are 133 known gang members
- There are three jail buildings: "A" was built in 1976, "B" was built in 1992 and "C" in 2005.

Councilman Taylor gave updates on several items, including:

-Budget: our credit rating, school modernization, flood protection program, financing oceanfront festivals, several "needs" projects for updating/rebuilding including the LETA (Law Enforcement Training Academy), the aquarium, and schools and Rudee Loop.

-TIP Fund: Taylor feels the fund, which has a \$53M balance, needs to be sunset and some monies returned to the general fund.

### Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Population

Virginia Beach Housing & Neighborhood Preservation is asking for the public's help in identifying locations throughout the city where individuals have been observed living without shelter. The information will help guide staff during the street count of the 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of the homeless population.

Submit locations from a mobile device or computer through Jan. 9 using an online map tool at: [www.SpeakUpVB.com/2024VBPITCount](http://www.SpeakUpVB.com/2024VBPITCount)

Signs that an individual is living unsheltered include personal belongings left behind, a structure resembling a bed is present, individuals have been seen there on multiple occasions, etc. Location points should include the date observed and additional details to help describe the situation. The department is asking for visual observations only.

*City of Va. Beach Communications*

### Pictures from the December potluck



## December Meeting Highlights

VBPD 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct MPO Call and PO Cordero gave a brief crime and safety report and fielded several questions. Call noted they are recently responding to more larcenies and vehicle accidents.

Vickie Bright, Tidewater AAA, gave a presentation on the various 2024 bus tours offered to both AAA members and non-members. Transported by Agape Travel & Tours motorcoaches with state-of-the-art features and amenities, multi-day tours run from a New England fall foliage tour, NYC Christmas trip, or Saratoga Springs casino trip, to Riding the Rails in West Virginia, the Creation Museum in Kentucky, and even the New Mexico balloon festival. With transportation, lodging and meals included, these tours make it easy to sit back and enjoy an adventure.

A League member noted the brick neighborhood sign, on N. Plaza Trail at the I-264 overpass, was destroyed in a vehicle crash. The League will pursue replacement once the executive board has verified with the City its requirements or restrictions as well as reaching out to the car owner's insurance company.

The general meeting was short so members could enjoy the holiday potluck and poinsettia giveaways.



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<b>Princess Anne Plaza Civic League, Inc. Renewal and New Member Sign-Up Form</b> <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 – <b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Note: your email will be used only for League business</i></span>	
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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