



The Civic League Ledger



April 2024

Expect Detours on Old Forge as Stormwater Projects Continue

Some detours were lifted with the completion of work on Presidential Boulevard from Old Forge Road to Silina Drive. Stormwater project work that closed Red Lion Lane is complete and soon a portion of Old Forge Road will be closed as project work continues in that area. More details will be shared once we confirm a projected start date and road closure details. The following link takes you to the City's project brochure, also found on the stormwater projects page.

<https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/virginia-beach-departments-docs/pw/Projects/Windsor-Woods-Princess-Anne-Plaza-and-The-Lakes/Old-Forge-Road-and-Red-Lion-Road-Brochure-Nov.-2021.pdf>

Membership

League membership dues remain at \$12 per year per family/household, due in September. Dues help support local churches, food pantries, the Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad, maintaining our website and more.

In conjunction with our planned June membership appreciation and membership drive BBQ, you can pay dues at the June meeting if you're not already a member, and it will get you both an extra month of membership AND free admission to the picnic! More BBQ info will be shared at future League meetings, and be prepared to hear from our new Membership Chair, Ruth Snider, who is reaching out to former and current members

Thank you, for your continued support and for renewing your membership.

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.*

2024 Dates

- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.
3427 Club House Road

Our PAPCL email address:

PAPCivicLeague@gmail.com

Our PAPCL website:

<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddy.com>

Both the following links take you to the PAPCL Facebook page; however, the first link is edited and renamed for convenience.

[PA Plaza Civic League Facebook](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/PrincessAnnePlazaCivicLeague>

Proposed FY25 City Budget Public Hearings Scheduled

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The meetings are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17, Virginia Beach Convention Center** and **Tuesday, April 23, Council Chamber, City Hall**. Residents wishing to comment during the hearings must register with the City Clerk's Office by calling 757-385-4303 prior to 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. If participating virtually you need to register via WebEx, however, the link is not yet available.

You can give your input via www.SpeakUpVB.com through April 24. You can read the proposed budget and use interactive tools to tinker with the proposed budget, recommend changes and provide feedback through the following link: <https://budget.virginiabeach.gov/city-budget/proposed-budget>

Clean the Bay Day

Saturday, June 1, 9 am – 12N

The PAPCL has registered a team for Clean the Bay Day, and will again clean up Bow Creek Rec Center grounds. More info will be provided at the May meeting.

Library Activities During Spring Break

If you're staying close to home for spring break, head to [Virginia Beach Public Library](#) (VBPL) to find more multiple free, engaging activities for the entire family. VBPL has more than 85 programs for children and teens in just the first week of April.

For more info about free library programs for all ages, [visit VBPL's event calendar](#), and be sure to check the Windsor Woods Area Library tab and Preschool Storytime event (for ages 3-5 years) scheduled for April 2.

. Street sweeping

Sweeping Corp of America (SCA) has been contracted to annually perform seven complete street sweeping cycles, with sweeping occurring between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. To increase the effectiveness of this operation, Public Works asks residents to refrain from parking on the street during the week their neighborhood is scheduled to be swept. The anticipated sweeping schedule will be updated every week once the contractor begins servicing the residential streets, and you can find that schedule at this link: <https://www.sweepingcorp.com/service-areas/cityofvirginiabeach/>

Please note that this program doesn't relieve property owners or occupants from their responsibility to keep abutting streets and sidewalks clean and litter-free condition. For questions or concerns about the program, contact Program Manager Joshua Larson at [\(757\) 385-1525](tel:757-385-1525) or via email jl Larson@vbgov.com. You can also reach out to the SCA by phone at **(757) 557-0142** or via email at vabeachsweeping@sweepingcorp.com

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Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)

<https://www.vbcco.org/>

The next VBCCO meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at Bow Creek Rec Center.

Updates on citywide issues such as the City budget, Rudee Loop, the City Focused Action Plan and more will be presented during the business meeting.

Guest speakers are Kayla Lundy from the Virginia Arts Festival, and Terri Gorman from Lynnhaven River Now.

Great Neck Estates Civic League Requesting Support

The Great Neck Estates Civic League is asking for the support of civic leagues in opposing a builder's "spot zoning" proposal which would rezone a portion of a neighborhood into a business district. You may be familiar with the Wycliffe Church decision to sell a portion of land it owns to a developer who planned to fill in existing wetlands to build homes. The latest request to be presented to City Council is a plan that essentially moves the property from church use to residential and business zones. Area residents were against both plans for various reasons, including a great concern that the development would create flooding in the existing neighborhood, as well as setting a precedent for other lakes, waterways and wetlands to be fair game for similar actions. You can find detailed information can be found at: on the website www.YourNeighborhoodNext.com Questions should be emailed to YourNeighborhoodNext@gmail.com and someone from the Great Neck Estates Civic League or Great Neck Lakes Association will contact you.

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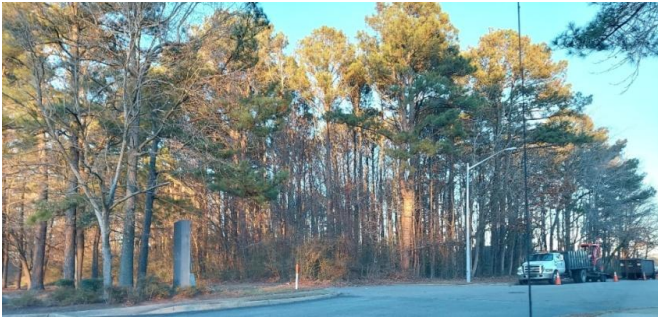


Use this QR code, or the link below, to sign up for SpeakUpVB.com which both educates residents and invites their input on important issues and initiatives that help shape City policy. www.speakupvb.com

Sentara Way Woods Razed

January 2023

March 2024



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The League is saddened to report that the efforts of the League and residents were not successful in coming to an agreement with Winners, LLC, to save a meaningful portion of what is widely referred to as Sentara Way Woods. Three-plus acres of old growth trees were razed recently to make way for what is expected to be an office building with parking as opposed to

vehicle inventory storage, which requires a CUP (Conditional Use Permit). The League will continue to monitor the situation and be prepared to oppose a CUP.

In December 2021, the League and residents asked City Council to not approve a CUP by Winners, LLC for a new dealership building, auto repair and vehicle inventory storage plan because of past CUP violations and in hopes we could negotiate for either preservation of a greater amount of trees or the opportunity to rezone the property and obtain the land for preservation. After multiple meetings with the property owners and/or representatives, we were able to secure some victories, most notably is that the new dealership building will now be located closer to the self-service storage facility vs. directly across the street from Windsor Forest homes. In January 2023, underbrush on the property was cleared. We learned of the trees being removed in early March 2024. Although the woods are gone, an office building will offer some relief as it will operate during “normal” hours versus the noise, light and after hours heavy truck traffic created by a dealership.

Thanks to all the PAPCL, Inc., members, city-wide civic league members and residents who supported our efforts, as well as those on Council who listened to our concerns.

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, and more. Thank you for your continued support and for renewing your membership.

Renewal & New Membership Form 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: Phyllis Elms, Membership Committee 266 Raintree Ln. Virginia Beach, VA 23452	

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Our newsletter is published ten times a year, and there is 10% discount with a year's paid advertisement.
Rates per newsletter issue: 1/8th page - \$10 1/4th page - \$20 1/2 page - \$40 Full page - \$80



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Princess Anne Plaza, Windsor Forest, Windsor Oaks, Windsor Oaks West, Windsor Woods