



# The Civic League Ledger

## March 2024

### Presidential Boulevard Now Open to Silina Drive!

Windsor Oaks and Windsor Woods residents - do you know you can now drive on Presidential Boulevard from Old Forge Road to Silina Drive? Stormwater project work that closed the road was completed last week. Presidential is still closed to through traffic from Silina to S. Plaza Trail as stormwater projects continue.

### Early Voting Through March 2

Early voting in the 2024 presidential primary continues through Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Meyera E. Oberndorff Central Library, Virginia Beach Boulevard. On Tuesday, March 5, aka Super Tuesday, you MUST vote at your regular polling location. You must request *either* a Democratic or Republican ballot.

### Holiday Donations

The PAPCL makes an annual donation to non-profit community organizations. This year, donations were sent to the Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad, St. Francis Episcopal Church, and Light of Hope UMC. We also shared our December potluck feast with Station 16 fire personnel.

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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

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10

#### Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.  
3427 Club House Road

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*Both 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>

### PAPCL February Program

Public Works Engineer Michael Mundy gave an update on recent rainfall and high tidal events. The tide gate is on schedule for the spring of 2025 completion, and work progresses on the Red Lion/Old Forge and Presidential/South Plaza projects. He encouraged everyone to check out Media Graphics short You Tube video on these projects. Eagles have been spotted again on the old golf course and near The Lakes, so DWR has been notified and the roost area on the golf course has been secured. Mundy expects the next public meeting to be in September or October. The City page, also referred to as "The Ripple Effect" has tabs to various stormwater projects. The following link is specific to projects within PAPCL boundaries:

<https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/stormwater/flood-protection-program/windsor-woods-pa-plaza-the-lakes>

District 10 Councilwoman Jennifer Rouse gave a brief overview of the areas she represents, much of which is high density and already built out. A Q&A session followed with topics including: funds for the flooding projects (noting no one on Council wants to pull any funds from it for other projects); the Virginia Trail grant, with a \$3.9M match from Parks & Rec, must be specifically used for the pedestrian/bike friendly pathway; she does not have info on the number of illegal migrants in Virginia Beach; traffic calming is needed in many locations;

school buses need cameras to record drivers ignoring their lights.

\_\_District 3 Councilman Michael Berluca gave a brief description of his professional background and priorities for his constituents including public safety, education, and economic mobility. Other concerns include saving tree canopy, preserving open spaces and mental health reform. He said Lynnhaven Mall is one of the last successful malls in the country, and there is a roadway improvement program in the works from I-264 to the mall. He said together we need to decide on meeting needs and private/public funding, and to shift expenses from homeowners to new economic opportunities that raise revenue vs. raising taxes. During the Q&A session, Berluca said the former Lillian Vernon building was bought by Stihl. He encouraged everyone to reach out to him if they have issues they need help with. Regarding the destroyed neighborhood sign on S. Plaza Trail, he said the City has installed other signs and will look into a replacement vs. the League trying to replace it.

### **City Budget and Real Estate Assessments**

The City Manager was directed to submit a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year that includes a 2-cent reduction in the real estate tax rate. FY-25 real estate assessments will be mailed March 1 with an expected 7.37% increase. Increases in FY23 and FY24 were 9.2% and 9.7%. To estimate your owed taxes, take the assessed value of your property and multiply it by .0099 to see the current tax rate and .0097 for the 2-cent reduction. To find your property value is, use the following link City of Virginia Beach Real Estate Assessor webpage:

<https://propertysearch.virginiabeach.gov/#/> or go to the City's webpage at <https://virginiabeach.gov> and enter "Property Search Tool" in the search box.

The city manager will present his proposed budget to Council on Tuesday, March 19. Following community input and public hearings, City Council will vote to adopt a budget in May.

### **VBCCO Hosts**

#### **Economic Crimes Unit Speaker**

\_\_At the Feb. 27 VBCCO general meeting, President Rich Boyles updated those present on CCO business and citywide hot topics. The CCO is in need of a recording secretary as well as volunteers to either attend city board or commission meetings, or apply to be on one of the 40+ commissions. These commissions make recommendations to City Council, and many members are industry-specific.

\_\_Boyles said there seems to be a disagreement among council members as to whether we have a spending problem or a revenue generation problem. He further noted the City Assessor recommended just over a 7% assessment increase, and there is an assumption the real estate tax rate will decrease by 2-cents.

\_\_During Councilman Worth Remick's recent town hall, he said there will be no Phase 2 of Atlantic Park, which involved building multi-family units and businesses. This ties into the finding and remediation of arsenic during construction of the wave pool. The project is currently \$80M over cost.

\_\_At Councilwoman Henley's town hall, she said Council will be voting in May on whether or not to allow city employees to collectively bargain. In 2021, the General Assembly voted to allow cities to bargain collectively with employees upon adopting and authorizing an ordinance or

resolution. A task force made recommendations on the number of bargaining units and issues to be negotiated.

\_\_The CCO is working on a *City and Neighborhood Issues* tab for its webpage to offer pros and cons to issues affecting citizens so you can be better informed and share your thoughts with Council.

\_\_April guest speakers are School Board representatives. May's line up will have speakers from the Virginia Arts Festival as well as LR Now.

\_\_The mayoral candidate forum will likely be held in the late summer or early fall. June is the filing deadline, and with a big turnout expected, the CCO is looking for a facility to accommodate a large number of people.

\_\_Detective Caleb Davy, VBPD Economic Crimes Unit (ECU), gave an enlightening presentation. The most frequent crimes the ECU investigates are compromised bank account with owner involvement, identity theft, and Internet scams. He urged attendees to create strong passwords, secure them in an offline secure location and install malware on your computer. Using multi-authentication to gain access to your accounts is also a good idea. Be careful what information you share on social media and don't play the "fun" tests that ask questions about your pets, car models etc. These tests can provide answers to your online security questions! There's an "upgrade" to credit card skimmers called shimmers, also fitted into a card terminal, which read microchip data the way skimmers read magstripe data. Criminals then make fake credit cards with your card info. Davy recommends keeping your card limits low and use one card for travel, one for food, etc.

**Advertise with the PAPCL!** Rates have not changed in over 20 years. Our newsletter is distributed to numerous City and School Board officials, PAPCL members, the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO), supporters and advertisers. Newsletters are also posted on our website (under the Newsletter tab), Facebook page, and emailed directly to individuals who have provided us with an email address.

Our newsletter is published ten times a year, and there is 10% discount with a year's paid advertisement.

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