



# The Civic League Ledger



## September 2025

### S. Plaza Trail / Rosemont Road Project Updates

Residents and drivers are looking forward to September and the completion of storm drainage and utility improvement projects that have closed S. Plaza Trail at Rosemont Road.

The next major roadway project will be a dedicated right turn lane, designed to enhance traffic flow from S. Plaza Trail onto southbound Rosemont Road. Construction is anticipated to begin the Fall 2026 with a projected completion by Fall 2027. Portions of S. Plaza Trail may be temporarily impacted by lane closures, and the brick Windsor Woods community sign at the intersection will be relocated. Dates are subject to utility coordination and permitting, and updates will be provided as the schedule becomes more defined.

### **PAPCL 2025-2026**

### **Membership Dues are Due !**

A gentle reminder that PAPCL 2025-2026 membership dues of \$25 per household are due in September. Your continued support helps us fund initiatives that benefit our entire community. Together, we can make our civic league stronger!

### 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

- Sept. 9**
- Oct. 14
- Nov. 11
- Dec. 9

### Place

Bow Creek Recreation Ctr.  
3427 Club House Road

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

**PAPCL website:**

<https://princessanneplazacivicleague.godaddysites.com>

[PA Plaza Civic League Facebook](#)

### PA Plaza Community Signs Soon to be Installed

The brick Princess Anne Plaza community sign, situated on S Plaza Trail at the I-264 overpass for nearly 60 years, was struck by a drunk driver and destroyed in December 2023. The PAPCL worked with Councilman Berlucchi to secure funding for its replacement, as well as a second sign near the Bow Creek Stormwater Park.

The S. Plaza Trail sign will be relocated to the area next Labor Finders. The second sign will be installed at what will be another entrance to the Bow Creek storm water park on Country Club Circle. A sign dedication ceremony will be held at the Country Club Circle site on October 4 at 9 a.m., and the public is invited.

A CoVB Planning and Development rep will be at our September meeting with updates and to answer questions.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

**9/9** 7 – 8:30 pm, PAPCL Meeting, Bow Creek Rec Center

**9/13** 9 am - noon, E-Cycling Event, Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, east parking lot, (personal use items only: cellphones, electronics, cardboard, etc.)

<https://facebook.com/events/s/e-cycling-event/1146045860667734/>

**9/19** Early voting begins, more details, at the City of Virginia Beach Voter Registration & Elections website: <https://voter.virginiabeach.gov/elections>

**9/20** 9 am – 4 pm, Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad Fall Craft and Vendor Fair, RED Church (Steeple)

**9/20 & 21** NAS Oceana Air Show

**9/21** 10 am – 4 pm, Fall Fest at Mt. Trashmore, Food trucks, contests, music, local artisans and more

## What's That Foul Smell?!

There have been recent community discussions about foul smells rising from a waterway near Water Oak Road, close to Mt. Trashmore. There is an ongoing investigation, and here are a few important points provided by a Public Works (DPW) Stormwater Management team.

\*\*This is a privately owned BMP (a term the CoVB uses for certain waterways) as it appears homeowner property lines extend into the BMP. Some public water runs into the lake, so the CoVB has a narrow easement to ensure water flow through the outfall and capacity. The CoVB doesn't own the BMP, so maintenance and repairs beyond the outfall to maintain flow and dredging to ensure capacity would be the homeowners' responsibility.

\*\*Lake Trashmore is upstream from the BMP. A DPW inspection of both Lake Trashmore and Mt. Trashmore did not detect any odors or leaks, and DPW feels it is unlikely Lake Trashmore would leak into the BMP. DPW is sending a crew out with specialized equipment to inspect the BMP outfall and other City infrastructure to ensure that there are no blockages or breaks that cannot be physically observed. This is in addition to testing other BMPs and asking HRSD to test as an independent entity.

\*\*Past DPW inspections found contaminants associated with the discharge of chlorinated water into public storm drains or directly into the waterway. There was no evidence of any sewer runoff. Residents were

advised of proper handling of pool backwash and plumbing leaks.

\*\*The current assumption is that high heat in June and July created excessive algae growth in the shallow depth still water pond. Subsequent lower temperatures caused a lot of algae to die, and in addition to low oxygen levels, and decomposition of organic materials (algae, leaves, etc.) dropping to the bottom of the pond, foul odors are created.

Click on the link below for advice from the CoVB Stormwater Management Regulatory Public Works team.

<https://virginiabeach.gov/connect/blog/keeping-private-ponds-fresh-a-guide-for-virginia-beach-residents>

## Lake Windsor Tide Gate Tested in Anticipation of Hurricane Erin

The City closed the Windsor Woods Tide Gate on Aug. 20 and turned on the temporary pumps for 12 hours. The effects of Hurricane Erin provided a great opportunity for the City to test drive the tide gate and temporary pumps. During this closure, the system was operated manually as controls and sensors are currently being installed.

Wednesday morning the gates held back the peak tide elevation of 3.5 feet. The City pumped Lake Windsor to elevation - 0.4 feet, resulting in residents along the lake and Windsor Woods Canal seeing the water level about 1 foot lower than usual.



September 1, 2025

## VBCCO News

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) is working to organize an educational panel discussion and Q&A forum to help residents better understand the proposed changes to our city council voting system. More information will be forthcoming.

VBCCO bylaws call for half of the officers and directors to run for election in odd years and half to run in even years. When the organization was revived in 2023, all officers and directors were elected at the same time. The organization needs to bring that "stagger" back into the elections. At an upcoming meeting, a resolution will be requested from the member organizations' voting representatives to have half the VBCCO leadership group stand for another year and the other half to run for reelection.

Visit the VBCCO website link shown below for information about citywide news, Council District town halls, the City's comprehensive plan, major projects and more.

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



PAPCL Clean the Bay Day, June 7, 2025, Bow Creek Rec Center – and many thanks to additional volunteers who joined our team for the clean-up.

PAPCL 2025-2027 Officers Swearing-In Ceremony, June 10, 2025, Bow Creek Rec Center



L-R: Treasurer Clint Mills, Corresponding Secretary Deane Donahue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President M. Ruth Snider, Trustee Teresa Langille, Recording Secretary Fran Sansone, Trustee Phyllis Elms Oath administered by Windsor Woods Area Library Manager Erica Cooper

Member Appreciation Picnic, June 14, 2025, St. Francis Episcopal Church grounds



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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 \$25	
Last Name	First Name
Street Address in ZIP Code 23452	
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Can you help the League by serving on the Executive Board or a Committee?	
Yes _____ No _____	
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**“POLITICS IS NOT A WAR, IT IS A CONVERSATION.** As Delegate, I bucked my party leadership to work with people across the aisle, and I will keep doing it. Respect, civility, and listening are not weaknesses, they are how we fix things. That is how I stand up for constituents and lead.”

*Tim Anderson*



**For Strong Leadership, Vote Tim Anderson on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**EARLY VOTING: SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> - NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**  
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