

Thalia Civic League Newsletter

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New Product Launch

(Did we get your attention?)

Our new product is this “new and improved” newsletter which we will now publish on a quarterly basis. Articles will be embedded with links to additional information or details. We invite our members to submit articles for inclusion (subject to edits). This is the first in the series, so we are looking for feedback. With your help, we can create a useful tool for all!



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

AUGUST 18 – Progress at Thalia Elementary

Principal Nicole Keros will speak about the 2025 - 2026 plan; please bring donations of school supplies if you can! (Here is the list: <https://thalianeighbors.com/>)

SEPT 15 – First Responders Thank You

Cookout and Meet and Greet This cookout is for responders **and** members – no formal meeting. **NOTE: We start at 5 and go ‘til 7**

OCTOBER 27TH (DATE CHANGE!!!) – Speaker and Program TBD

NOVEMBER 17 – (Looking for a speaker)

DECEMBER 15 – Decorating contest results and cookie swap – social meeting

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As summer winds down, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support of the Thalia Civic League. Your involvement—whether it’s attending meetings, volunteering at events, or simply staying informed—makes a meaningful difference in keeping our neighborhood vibrant, connected, and safe.

Civic leagues thrive when residents care enough to participate, share their ideas, and look out for one another. I am proud to say that in Thalia, this spirit of community is alive and well. Together, we’ve addressed local concerns, celebrated our neighborhood’s history, and strengthened the bonds that make Thalia such a special place to live.

Thank you for investing your time, energy, and goodwill in our civic league. Your commitment is the foundation for our ongoing success, and I look forward to working alongside you in the months ahead.

Rick

(Always looking for volunteers – don’t be shy!)

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

911 for **all emergencies**

(757) 385-5000 non-emergencies

City information: (757) 385-3111

email all of City Council at once:

CityCouncil@vbgov.com

City newsletter signup:

<https://cloud.mc.virginiabeach.gov/ghbz32hbemp>

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PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

STUDENTS RETURN AUG 25TH!

*and so does crazy traffic in the morning
and afternoon!*

Plan ahead!

If you usually travel Thalia Rd. past Thalia Elementary to or from VB Blvd. between 7:00 AM - 8:15 AM, or between 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM and DON'T want to deal with possible delays, we suggest you take Lynn Shores Drive instead. This way, you are likely to save time and not have to use your encyclopedia of bad words.

Fast Fact

**Using your car's automatic speed control
makes it easy to stay within the
25 MPH speed limit in our neighborhoods.**

JOIN THE THALIA CIVIC LEAGUE!

The last page of this newsletter is a Membership application. Please take the time to consider renewing or joining if you are not yet a member. We faced and overcame a nearby development challenge and showed our strength in numbers with over 220 paid members just three years ago. So far this year, although the number is lower than in 2023, we have doubled our membership numbers over 2024. Although they may not all be apparent, we have new and likely greater challenges in 2025 and beyond. Knowing what is going on before, not after, a project is approved by the Planning Commission and City Council is essential. Recent developer initiatives seem to indicate a push is on to test existing laws and code limitations. The Thalia Civic League mission is to ensure our neighborhood residents (aka taxpaying citizens) are involved and aware in the light of day. There is strength in numbers – stand up and be counted!

We also need “new blood” to round out our management team – we have “open” slots in our elected positions as well as opportunities to head up committees such as Newsletter, Advertising, Community Service Project(s), Hospitality and others.

‘Nuff said, thanks!

Mike D

TOP BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

You Become Part of Something Bigger
You'll Make New Contacts
You Can Build Meaningful Connections
You Might Learn New Skills
You Might Improve Your Mental and
Physical Well-Being
You Will Gain Perspective and Empathy
Your Actions Strengthen our Community
You May Make a Real Difference

PS: Help Wanted
contact tcivicleague@gmail.com

Fun Fact

Walking briskly as little as
only 20 minutes a day
will help keep you fit!
(Always walk facing traffic!)

Planned City Oceanfront Events

(most of the big ones, see the link for more information)

AUGUST

22 – Funk Fest Beach Party
29-31 – Labor Day Weekend

SEPTEMBER

10 – Oceanfront Concert Series
26-28 – 51st Neptune Festival

OCTOBER

4-8 – 68TH Annual Boardwalk Art Festival

NOVEMBER

13 – Holiday Lights Bike Night
14 – Holiday Lights at the Beach
(through Dec 31)
22 – *Fear No Ice* – ice sculpting

This is not *at all* a complete list – DETAILS:
<https://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/events/>

TOWN CENTER HOLIDAY EVENTS

<https://www.towncentervb.com/theholidays/>

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

**Snow Globe Spectacular Stroll –
11/26 – 12/31**

Santa's Snow Globe (pics with Santa)
– select weekends in December

**Dancing Northern Lights Tree –
11/26 – 12/31**

Selfie Stations (various locations)

Last Night on The Town – 12/31
(It may be last, but it isn't least!)

OKAY, LET'S GET SERIOUS ABOUT SECURITY

It's been grim lately, with all the violence, thefts, robberies and scams. What is one to do? Here are some basics to always remember:

Be aware of your surroundings; don't act like a willing victim

Lock your car, your house and any outbuildings – faithfully

NO deal that sounds too good to be true ever is; BOTH in-person and electronic "deals"

If you don't know the caller or the number – DON'T ANSWER; if no message – well...

NEVER open an email attachment from someone you don't know; send it to junk mail

NEVER call the help number when a "your computer is locked" message tells you to.

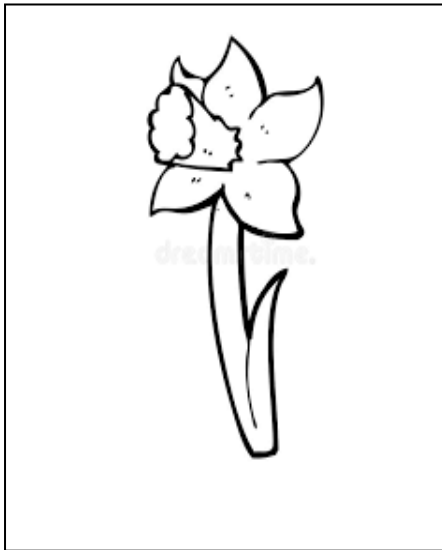
Unplug it and call an "IT Smart" friend to help

If you have a security system, ensure that you are monitored 24/7; test it regularly

Outside lights and automated inside lights WILL deter burglars; LED lighting is cheap

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS – left, right and behind you

And...the Number 1 Rule is:
TRUST YOUR SPIDEY SENSE



Thalia Garden Club Welcomes New Members!

The Thalia Garden Club is a neighborhood civic organization promoting and supporting gardening & nature. From September to May we meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM. Dues are \$20 per year. We host speakers and projects and go on field trips to enhance our knowledge of gardening with lots of interesting topics and lunches!

If you are interested in joining or want additional information, please contact Linda Maguire, Membership Chair, 757-431-2456 or Joan Haskell, President, 757-285-7285.

“Surf’s up!”



Virginia Beach surfer Blayr Barton, who won the Men's Virginia Beach Pro title at the 2024 East Coast Surfing Championships, tests a wave at Atlantic Park Surf. The park will open Saturday, Aug. 16. (Courtesy of Atlantic Park Surf) (via Virginian Pilot)

*For those of you who are one with the natural surf we have at Virginia Beach and who want to spend piggy bank money to get a **real** perfect wave, Atlantic Park Surf has just opened. (I love this pic)*

Last Fun Fact

Silence is golden and can prevent you from getting a scoldin'! (When in doubt...)

BY POPULAR DEMAND – KNOW WHAT TO THROW!

RECYCLE THIS!



BOTTLES, JUGS & CANS

PLASTIC: BOTTLES & JUGS

GLASS: BOTTLES & JARS

CANS: TIN, ALUMINUM, STEEL



NO PLASTIC BAGS | NO TAKEOUT CONTAINERS | NO STYROFOAM | NO BUTTER/YOGURT/OILY CONTAINERS | CLEAN & EMPTY

PAPER & CARTONS

PAPER: OFFICE PAPER, NEWSPAPER, JUNKMAIL, MAGAZINES, & PAPER BAGS

CARDBOARD: FLATTENED SHIPPING BOXES & CHIPBOARD BOXES

CARTONS: MILK, JUICE, & BROTH/SOUP



NO TISSUES/NAPKINS | NO PIZZA BOXES | NO SHREDDED PAPER | NO STYROFOAM OR PACKING PEANUTS | CLEAN & EMPTY

KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW



Include only the listed items. Make sure they are clean and dry. Unsure of what's accepted? Check first.



When in doubt, throw it out! Not everything is recyclable and that's okay!



QUESTIONS? VISIT WWW.VIRGINIABEACH.GOV/WASTEMGT

Thalia Civic League

JOIN the THALIA CIVIC LEAGUE and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Household Dues: \$25.00 – 2025 Calendar Year (through 12/31/25)

Member name(s) _____

Street address _____

PRIMARY Phone _____ **ALTERNATE** _____

e-mail for Civic League contact _____

☐ I wish to receive e-mails related to **Thalia Civic League** activities and initiatives.

I understand my e-mail information will be kept confidential and will not be shared.

☐ I am interested in being a member of the Thalia Neighborhood Watch Program.

☐ I would like to help in some way - Please contact me about opportunities to work with the **Thalia Civic League** Board to keep our neighborhood strong, united, and informed.

I hereby apply for membership in the **Thalia Civic League**. I understand that dues are for the running calendar year and are per household.

(Signed) _____

YOUR APPLICATION INFO IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT SHARED.

You can mail or drop off your application:

THALIA CIVIC LEAGUE

c/o Mike Dougherty, Treasurer

631 Lynn Shores Drive (drop it off in the milk box on the porch)

757-332-0922 (please leave a message if no answer)

OPINIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR COMMENTS? Jot them down below!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SUBURBAN VA BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD!