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## March Membership Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00 PM

New Life Church, 420 Thalia Road, Virginia Beach.



Attorney RJ Nutter is a retired partner at Troutman Pepper with a deep understanding of the legal implications of development in the City of Virginia Beach. He will talk about the future of commercial and residential development in the city. Join us to gain an understanding of the local development trends and how you can influence them to protect your neighborhood and property values.



## Thalia Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will be hopping through Thalia Park for the 1st Annual Thalia Easter Egg Hunt! Over 2,000 eggs will be scattered throughout the park with prizes inside. Bring your own baskets and enjoy this time-honored family activity. Free and open to the public.

**April 1, 2023 2:00 pm**

**Thalia Park | 420 Thalia Road – Behind New Life Church**

## Upcoming Events

<p><b>March 20 - Thalia Civic League March Membership Meeting</b> Attorney RJ Nutter – Development Trends in the City Virginia Beach  New Life Church 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 1 – Thalia Easter Egg Hunt</b>  Thalia Park – behind New Life Church - 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 17 – Thalia Civic League April Membership Meeting</b> Virginia House Delegate Anne Farrell Tata will provide an update on the 2023 legislative session.  New Life Church 7:00 PM</p>
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## Message from the President Rick Boyles

Greetings friends, and welcome to the March 2023 edition of the Thalia Civic League newsletter. We have made some changes in how the Civic League operates to better communicate and engage with our members and neighbors.

The first change is the newsletter will go out monthly, 12 times a year via email and by posting on the website at [www.thalianeighbors.com](http://www.thalianeighbors.com). The March, June, September and December editions will be printed versions that will be distributed to each of the 850 homes in our area.

The second change is the frequency of meetings. Membership meetings will be held monthly on the third Monday of each month, 12 times a year, so that we do not lose momentum. We will host a guest speaker program with interesting topics for our Membership. This year we have had Delegate Tim Anderson speak about the legislative session that just ended and District 8 Councilman Chris Taylor who spoke and took questions for about 45 minutes on his role as our new City Council representative. The March meeting speaker will be development attorney R.J. Nutter, who is usually found in front of City Council and the Planning Commission representing some of the larger developers in the city. R.J. will answer questions about what residential, multi-family development is going to look like in the future.

The goal of the Officers and Board of Directors is to re-engage the community and generate renewed interest in the Civic League after having lost momentum during the COVID pandemic. We will begin hosting community events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2023 in the Thalia Park behind New Life Church. Our monthly membership meetings are designed to educate the taxpaying public on issues and initiatives originating from City Council and the Virginia Beach City Government.

It is the job of the Officers and Directors of this organization to answer your question: "What's in it for me?" To achieve those goals, we need your support and engagement. We found during the Venture Realty 'Boulevard at Thalia' apartment project that we can come together as a group and get things done. We want to get the membership back up to the number it was during that period, and we want the Civic League to be your source of information and facts as it relates to City Government. The purpose and mission of your Civic League is to improve the neighborhood and to be the member's voice in City Government and in areas that are "outside the vote". We are well positioned to do those things on your behalf.

Thanks, Rick

### Join us Online!

Visit our website for news, updates and more! <https://thalianeighbors.com>

FaceBook: [www.FaceBook.com/ThaliaCivic](http://www.FaceBook.com/ThaliaCivic)

NextDoor: Select the Thalia neighborhood

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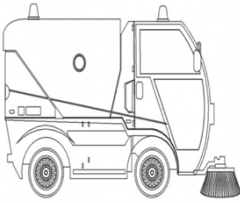
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## Street Sweeping Starts Again in Virginia Beach Hobie Ritzel

After a two-year hiatus, residential street sweeping has started again. The company that handled the cleaning prior to 2021 went bankrupt and the City recently signed a new contract for regular maintenance. The first pass in Thalia, Thalia Villages, Malibu, and Birchwood is expected March 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Residents are asked to keep their cars off the street during those hours. This schedule is subject to change and is available online at [www.sweepingcorp.com](http://www.sweepingcorp.com) in the Service Areas section.



## Little Free Library Update Molly Howlett

Our Little Free Library (LFL) was installed with help from the civic league members in March 2017 at the intersection of Glenn Road and Greentree Road. This little box has seen lots of books come and go over the past six years as well as some weather. Over the past year, the box has started to have some leaks, wood rot and just normal wear and tear.

In December 2022 the LFL box had to be closed for repair and we are looking for someone to help with the rebuild. This would be a great opportunity for a student in need of volunteer hours.

Please contact Molly Howlett at 757-285-4797 or [mollyjhowlett@outlook.com](mailto:mollyjhowlett@outlook.com) to learn more about how you can help get our LFL back up and running in time for the spring. The Children's LFL is still open. Please remember the motto- "Take a book, Leave a book."

## Help Select the 5/31 Remembrance Memorial

The city is seeing public input on two final concepts for the 5/31 Remembrance Memorial. Both concepts will honor the 12 victims of the 2019 mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center in a serene park setting. See the concepts and take the survey through March 23<sup>rd</sup> at [www.SpeakUpVB.com](http://www.SpeakUpVB.com). The most likely location for the memorial will be on 1.3 acres of city-owned land near the corner of Princess Anne Road and Nimmo Parkway. The design committee will provide a recommendation to City Council in April.

## Contact Us! 2023 - 2024 Officers and Board Members



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## CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Be sure to renew your 2023 Civic League membership! Or join the Thalia Civic League and make a difference! Household Dues: \$20 per year – January - December of each year.

Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive e-mails related to Thalia Civic League activities and initiatives. Your personal information will never be shared.

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

I am available to help the Civic League.

Opinions, Suggestions and comments?

Your application is confidential and your information will not be shared. Thank you for supporting your suburban Virginia Beach neighborhood!

Applications and dues can be sent to:

**Thalia Civic League, Inc.** c/o Mike Dougherty, Treasurer  
631 Lynn Shores Drive (drop it off in the milk box on the porch)  
757-498-2857 (leave a message)

### ELECTRONIC PAYMENT HAS ARRIVED!

The Thalia Civic League now takes electronic payments! We emailed invoices to all prior members on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Check your email for a quick and convenient way to pay your dues via credit card. Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing [tcivicleague@gmail.com](mailto:tcivicleague@gmail.com) or contact one of our officers.