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WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR TRANSITION FROM PAPER TO ALL-DIGITAL COMMUNICATION. YOU ARE RECEIVING A PAPER NEWSLETTER TO EMPHASIZE OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP, IDEAS, AND VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ, REPLY AND RESPOND – TOGETHER WE MAKE THALIA GREAT!

## **IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!**

This brief newsletter brings with it a Membership Application and a request for your opinion regarding focus topics for the Civic League in the future. We have provided a pre-addressed envelope for your return of the application and your form of payment for annual household dues. We are hopeful that you will renew/join, and that you will encourage your neighbors to do so also – the best part of a neighborhood is its community. Thank you, all.

When you complete your membership application, please fill in your email address and allow us to directly send Civic League ONLY information to you on an occasional basis. The cost savings of using email versus a paper newsletter – or, even more, a mailed paper newsletter – is quite significant and allows the use of those funds for other Civic League endeavors.

## ***IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING EMAIL FROM THE THALIA CIVIC LEAGUE:***

We occasionally send out email “blasts” to our list of members and former members who have given us permission to do so; we do so through a provider named MailChimp . However, some individuals have indicated they have not received these emails. Unfortunately, it likely ended up in your SPAM folder. To remedy this, you must go to the SPAM folder and mark the email as “safe”. The best way to do so is to “always allow Sender” or “never block Sender” or similar action. Unfortunately, this is a Microsoft security “feature”, not a bug, that pertains mostly to commercial entities engaged in the competitive bulk emailing business. Our apologies.

## **CONTINUING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

We continue to see an increasing number of individuals walking along the various roadways within the Thalia area, many of whom wear clothing that is not distinctive in the dark (read: dark, non-reflective clothes), as well as those who walk on the incorrect side of the road. Not much is worse on a driver than when someone emerges from the dark, right in front of your car, going in the same direction, and wearing dark clothes.

*This situation is 100% dangerous and preventable.*

**WHILE WALKING ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE REMEMBER: WEAR LIGHT-COLORED OR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING and WALK OPPOSITE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.**

Prevention is better than cure.

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## A WORD...

I was thinking about what to say and decided I would say something about patience. The last 18 months or so have required so much patience from everyone I don't think anybody has any left. I know for me it's in short supply. However, we need to show patience and we need to show a bit of compassion as we try to re-merge into the society we were before COVID (although frankly, ...the world has changed a lot.) In the last few months especially, I've noticed more people who want to get there faster, be served quicker, be the first in line, etc. (you know what I mean) to the detriment of others. The one thing that I keep thinking about is that we need to practice more humanity. But how do we practice "humanity"? Everyone's different, but here's my short list, in no order:

- Be kind and accepting. Practice smiling and using positive body language.
- Share. Help the less fortunate.
- Do the right thing for the right reason.
- Get to know your neighbors. (Use the rule of three: each side, across, and behind you.)
- Get more acquainted with Mother Nature and your environment.
- Embrace challenges as opportunities to excel.
- Pay attention to the moment.
- Go that extra mile.

- Mike Dougherty

## FEBRUARY 21 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Our next meeting is at New Life Church at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 21, 2022.**

**Our speaker** Our speaker for the February meeting is Mr. Linwood Branch, standing Councilman for the Lynnhaven District of our city. Mr. Branch was appointed by City Council after the resignation of Mr. Jim Wood, who was also Vice Mayor, in October of 2021. Mr. Branch is a hotelier (oceanfront Days Inn since 1977) and businessman; he has been a member of the Development Authority and a City Council member in his more than 25 years of involvement with local government. Mr. Branch has agreed to a "Town Meeting" format of free discussion and is pleased to cover any topic pertinent to his "charter". It should be a most interesting and informative evening, please come join us!

## ONE MORE THING...

Whoops! Out of space...