

North Virginia Beach Civic League News

JULY 2019

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

May 31 tragedy claimed a city employee who worked with us many times. He was a perfect gentleman whose help and professionalism we will miss.

Willy Fluharty
NVBCL president

IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW that I write this. We send our deepest condolences to the families of those lost in the recent shooting tragedy.

On a personal note, Richard Nettleton worked with the North Virginia Beach Civic League many times regarding the various pump station updates. He presented to our general members multiple times over the years, and he took precious time to meet with me and several 49th Street neighbors to discuss the remodeling and placement of the pump station there. When we expressed our fear the proposed location might kill a nearby live oak, Rich graciously agreed to move the station 50 feet farther south. He was a pleasure to work with and a consummate gentlemen. Our city was a better place because of him.

Public right-of-way parking is a very big deal in the North End. There must be a balance between property rights and the right to park on public property. (See the story below.)

The concept of not privatizing city property for personal gain should extend to businesses as well. Since the beginning of tourist season, I have been stuck in backed-up traffic many times on Pacific Avenue due to the closure of the right lane. The Civic League fought this City

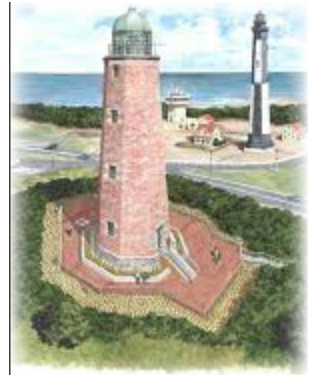
Council decision, and now we all face the consequences of a well-meaning goal but ill-thought-out solution. In essence, the city privatized public space to accommodate private interests. Although the privatization of public property in this particular case is relatively temporary – one year – it is an egregious example of the practice of weighing the needs of the few over the needs of the many.

Your Civic League is in the early stages of negotiating a long-term solution to the neighborhood ROW issue, and we hope to have a satisfactory solution in the coming months. Stay tuned.

We are excited to announce the nomination of four new NVBCL Board members: Monica Stein, Jayna Eller, Hobie Whitmore and David McDaniel. (Please see their bios on Page 3.) The league's general membership will vote on their nominations at the Oct. 15 meeting.

Hobie has been an active member on the Zoning Review Committee for several years, Monica has been co-chair of the Hospitality Committee, and Jayna and David have been active supporters both privately and publicly at general membership meetings. Each brings a unique strength that will complement our team.

Mayor Bobby Dyer has agreed to give a State of Virginia Beach presentation at our next general membership meeting, July 16. It will be his first visit to the Civic League as mayor, and he graciously agreed to provide some time for questions. I hope to see you there.

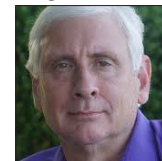


Upcoming civic league general meeting dates (Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., at A.R.E.)

July 16, Oct. 15

Speaker for the July 16 meeting

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Treasurer's report

As of late June, our league had 637 members, and our total assets were \$31,821.35.

I would like to thank all our members who have mailed in their dues, and for those who are using our online service, a thank-you to you also.

For those who have not yet paid, please note that our dues are now \$20 per year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the membership meeting Tuesday, July 16. Only those who have paid their dues may vote; you may pay by check or cash at the meeting, but you also can pay online at our website, www.nvbcl.org.

NVBCL dues have allowed us to support landscaping, bus shelters, the neighborhood welcome signs and several organizations.

– Bonner Styles

NORTH END DILEMMA

Public parking in private hands: Danger is that the city could add spaces in our median

What's the big deal about putting up your own no-parking signs or landscaping up to your street's pavement edge to carve out a personal parking spot or two – or to block parking?

It is a big deal, and here's why: It puts the beauty of our green Atlantic Avenue median at risk.

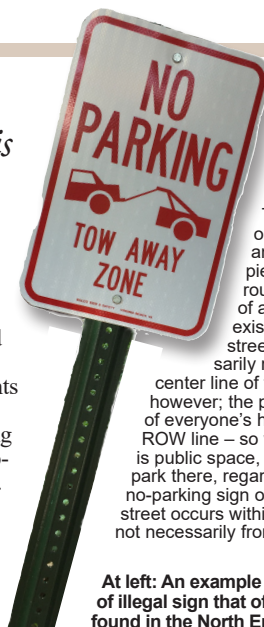
The North Virginia Beach Civic League has keenly monitored on-street parking issues within the public right-of-way (ROW) for several decades. Public ROWs extend well past the edge of pavement on our streets and can be up to 80 feet.

For many years, the North End has seen fewer available parking places

due to increasingly dense housing development and larger numbers of seasonal visitors. There have been many TV news segments and newspaper articles about the issues that arise when residents place illegal "No Parking" signs to secure private parking and install landscape development within the public ROW.

For example, the city recently cited eight people for ROW violations on 54th Street and told them

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE 'ROW'

The public ROW, or right-of-way, is an 80-foot-wide piece of land in which roughly 20 to 22 feet of asphalt pavement exists. The paved street doesn't necessarily run down the exact center line of the public ROW, however; the property line in front of everyone's home is the public ROW line – so within the ROW is public space, and anyone may park there, regardless of an illegal no-parking sign or orange cone. The street occurs within that 80 feet, but not necessarily from the center line.

At left: An example of a type of illegal sign that often can be found in the North End.



Public safety phone numbers

Nonemergency police, 385-5000, option 3

2nd Precinct, 385-2700

Fire/police emergency, 911

BEAUTIFICATION

PAVEMENT AT 67TH BUS STOP NEEDS REPAIR

NVBCL directors Jim Spruance and Martin Waranch are coordinating to improve the area around the 67th Street bus stop, in front of the A.R.E. Center.

So far, Hampton Roads Transit has replaced a broken window in the shelter, and we are hopeful that between HRT and the city, paving will be added to the rutted area at the south end of the median (where the bus must make a sharp turn onto the feeder road) and the approach to the bus stop shelter pad.

Residents are encouraged to be proactive and help the city's Landscape Division by weeding your local median landscape beds.

FYI, director Anne Abraham is shifting from Beautification to Hospitality to put her business skills and talent to better use.

— Jim Spruance

HOSPITALITY

THE NEXT SOCIAL We'll gather at our own neighbor, Wyndham's Surf Club

Meet North End neighbors, support our civic league and come have fun at our next NVBCL social: 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at the Wyndham Hotel's Surf Club Ocean Grille, 57th Street and Atlantic.

There will be happy hour prices on drinks and a special menu till 9 p.m. for NVBCL members and guests. We might head outside to the patio if the weather is nice. Otherwise,

we'll gather in the restaurant. Look for the NVBCL sign.

Special thanks to restaurant General Manager Grant Meyers for his support and hospitality.

We look forward to seeing y'all at the Surf Club. It's right in our neighborhood, and we're hoping for a great turnout for the summer social. Mark your calendars — and happy summer!

— Kate Michaels,
Anne Abraham



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IF YOU GO

What NVBCL's Summer North End Social

When 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 18

Where Atlantic Avenue at 57th Street

Also, happy hour drink prices and a special menu will be available.

HISTORY IN THE NORTH END

CAVALIER SHORES ADDED TO LISTING AS NATIONAL LANDMARK

The National Park Service has approved the Cavalier Shores Historic District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination was initiated by the Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission and compiled and submitted by Robert Taylor of Dutton + Associates. The National Register designation is honorary and sets no restrictions on property owners. The Cavalier Shores Historic District was listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register in December, and the national listing was approved in April.

Cavalier Shores encompasses about seven blocks north of the Cavalier Hotel between Cavalier Drive/42nd Street and the south side of 45th and between the Oceanfront and Holly Road. The neighborhood was platted in 1927 by Cavalier Shores Inc., a subsidiary of the adjacent Cavalier Hotel. An original brick promenade, called Myrtle Walk, extends through the neighborhood from



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the hotel property to 45th Street.

The most prevalent architectural style in the district is Colonial Revival. Tudor Revival and Minimal Traditional style designs are also present in the neighborhood. The district includes one example of the Mediterranean Revival style. The neighborhood also features alleyways that run east to west between the primary streets. Garages, many with small apartments, and guest cottages are accessed from these alleys.

— City of Virginia Beach

▲ A NEW SIGN OF THE TIMES

The renovated old Cavalier got its own historical marker in April. The 1927 hotel was added to the state and national registers of historic places in 2014.

PARKING

From the front

to take down no-parking signs and plantings.

Visitors become frustrated at finding scarce parking places and complain to city leadership, who in turn do an annual sweep of public streets to clean up illegal signs and landscaping that have been installed on public land within the public ROW to the edge of the pavement.

Restricting parking in front of your property gives the city incentive to find permanent solutions to the lack of public parking at the North End. In fact, the civic league has been aware of the city's options and has previously reviewed conceptual site plans for angled parking in the green median, next to the feeder road, from 42nd to 89th streets. The city has a long-term parking plan solution — but the NVBCL's goal is to keep our median green.

We do that by promoting and protecting public parking on each street within the public ROW. Those residents who continue to "privatize" the ROW for their own use continue to accelerate the potential option for the city to add parking spaces within the green median that we all cherish. Illegal no-parking signs and landscape installations up to the pavement edges continue to send a message of privatizing the public ROW for personal use.

Each residential site is different at the North End, and each site needs to be reviewed regarding allowing public parking within the ROW. The ROW is public land and should remain open to the public to the greatest extent possible.

The NVBCL knows very well that when residents encroach into the public ROW and the city is notified, we are one step closer to year-round paved parking in the median.

So the NVBCL's continued position is to support public parking within the public ROW and to protect our green medians.

We are working with the city to create a long-term, sustainable ROW policy that accommodates the balance of a need for parking and residence landscaping.

— NVBCL Staff

RESORT PROJECTS

ATLANTIC WORK TO START JULY 11

The Atlantic Avenue reconfiguration project at the Cavalier hotel properties was scheduled to begin July 11, as of press time, and is projected to take just over a year to complete.

Here is the construction schedule for the city's portion:

Phase 1 – 40th Street construction: July 11-Nov. 15

Phase 2 – Pacific Avenue Median, 39th to 42nd: Nov. 15-March 15, 2020

Phase 3 – Pacific east and west edges: March 15-May 15, 2020

Phase 4 – 40th and Pacific traffic signal: March 15-May 15, 2020

Phase 5 – Atlantic Avenue cul-de-sac: May 15-Aug. 1, 2020

More info: at vbgov.com, search "Atlantic Ave Reconfiguration"

Resort development paused as a result of the May 31 shooting tragedy in Building 2 at the Municipal Center. Almost all departments in that building are directly involved in the resort development. The

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RESTAURANTS

CAFE AT A.R.E. IS ABOUT TO CHANGE HANDS, NAME

Cafe67 at the A.R.E. Center will change hands soon with a new owner and name.

Chef Douglas Cooperman set his last day running Cafe67 as June 29. Look for GRAZE Kitchen to reopen the space in the spa building in early August.

"I'm hoping to open by Aug. 1," Shelley Kilby said in a telephone interview June 20.

She's a former colleague of Cooperman at the Culinary Institute of Virginia, where she has taught for 13 years at the Norfolk campus, and a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. She is a Great Neck area resident.

Meanwhile, Cooperman, a North End resident, said he will be helping a friend with catering and doing some renovations on his home.

"It is a great pleasure to live in and serve the North End community," he said. "I am thankful to all those who patronized the cafe and hope that

we provided some nourishing, delicious food.

"I will always have fond memories of our guests, the A.R.E. community and CAFE67."

Kilby's menu will be similar to Cooperman's, she said.

"A little more of a Southern twist to it – succotash in the summer, crab cakes" – plus other local seafood and an ABC license for

beer and wine. "I've also catered, which I hope to be able to do out of that space as well."

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday to begin with, but her permit will allow her to stay open till 7 p.m., she said, so dinner will be a possibility.

– Don Naden



Shelley Kilby

THE BEACH

REPLENISHMENT UNDER WAY, MAY END IN AUGUST

The city started beach replenishment in mid-June at 15th Street and expects to complete it up to about 72nd Street in late August. Turtle protection regulations prevent dredging during September and October. Sand will be added as needed (less as they go north), and the city says the project will complete about one block per day.

So keep an eye out if you're planning a beach wedding or other celebration!



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As you might have seen in the media, a Loggerhead turtle laid eggs in a nest on the North End beach recently. (Where? We're not telling. It isn't a big secret, as you can see by the photo – but we think it's better if fewer folks gather 'round the site.)

Virginia Aquarium Stranding Team members moved the nest from near the water to the base of the dune for better protection, and they expect over a hundred hatchlings to boil up to the surface sometime in August.

Staffers are testing to determine if this is the same turtle that laid eggs in the area in 2017 – maybe a repeat visitor?

– Ron Pearson

DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

THESE ARE THE 4 CANDIDATES TO STAND FOR NVBCL'S BOARD

The NVBCL's nomination committee recommends these people to join our board as directors. The general membership will vote on their nominations at the meeting Oct. 15.

David McDaniel is a longtime North End resident, now living on 69th Street. He attended Norfolk Academy and Clemson University.

David has spent his 24-year career as a manager and revenue producer for Regent Stone Products in Virginia Beach. He is passionate about his community, spending volunteer time on the Virginia Beach Aquarium's Stranding Team doing sea turtle patrol and committing to initiatives and awareness around our beach.

David is married to Shannon and has a 14-year-old daughter, Samantha, who also attends Norfolk Academy.

– Willy Fluharty

Monica Stein is a long-time Virginia Beach resident who lived in Bay Colony with her family for over 15 years before moving to

the Cavalier residences in 2016.

Monica was an active member and past officer of the Bay Colony Civic League. Upon moving to the Cavalier, she wasted no time getting involved and now serves on the Cavalier HOA Board.

Monica works as a content manager and photographer for Northender magazine. In recent months she has played an integral part in working with the North End's civic league to incorporate the Cavalier residences into the NVBCL locality. Monica has already dedicated much of her time to the civic league's Hospitality Committee. She also serves as a director at the Princess Anne Country Club.

– Kate Michaels

Hobie Whitmore also is a lifelong Virginia Beach resident, growing up in Sandbridge and living in the North End since 2003.

He attended Star of the Sea School, Cape Henry Collegiate and Hampden Sydney College. Hobie is a managing partner with Towne Wealth Management in

Virginia Beach and has been working as a financial adviser since 1996. Hobie is a board member of Cape Henry Collegiate, The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art and is a member of the NVBCL Zoning Review Committee.

He is married to Dr. Melissa Lexier, a local pediatrician, and they have twin 8-year-old daughters, Jane and Claire.

– John David

Jayna Eller is originally from Winchester and always enjoyed family vacations in Virginia Beach.

Upon graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University, she settled in the Beach and raised her two daughters. After a stint living in Bay Colony, she recently relocated to the North End, on 79th Street.

Jayna is a freelance marketing and public relations consultant involved with many public and community projects. She also serves on the board of the Virginia Beach Forum.

She and her golden retriever enjoy long walks on the beach, swimming in the ocean, and hiking and biking the state trails.

– John Pharr

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City of Virginia Beach

City Information & Help: 385-3111
Animal Control: 385-4444
Wildlife Management (report animals): (855) 571-9003
Neighborhood Preservation: 385-5750
Zoning: 385-8074; Jennifer Cobb, 385-5069, JCobb@vbgov.com
Public Works (streets and utilities, drain problems): 385-1470
Waste Management: 385-4650
Park & Landscape Services (visibility/bushes): 385-4461
Street lights: 385-1470 or email pwclrks@vbgov.com

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Have you paid your \$20 dues for 2019?

You can pay online, at www.nvbcl.org, or send a check (payable to NVBCL) to P.O. Box 1676, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

PROJECTS

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delay in city operations postponed most all milestones for June.

The Virginia Beach Sports Center construction across the street from the Convention Center continues.

The 19th Street streetscape project also continues under construction, with 18th and

17th streets to follow soon; 17th from Pacific Avenue to Cypress is funded through construction, and the design of 17th Street from Cypress to Birdneck Road has been funded by City Council.

Next step in the Dome site surf park is the development agreement, postponed due to the shooting tragedy.

The Pier submissions for 15th and 17th streets appeared to

be on hold as of June 28, our press deadline.

The Resort Advisory Commission and the city are undertaking what they call a "refresh" of the 2008 Resort Area Strategic Action Plan, more commonly referred to as the RASAP. A public meeting was held June 17. The hope is to have a revised RASAP completed by the end of the year.

– *Billy Almond*

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