

# North Virginia Beach Civic League News

OCTOBER 2019

## A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Full Moon party showed off the Cavalier Beach Club; e-scooters, 5G towers and ROW issues are major concerns for NE residents

Willy Fluharty  
NVBCL president

IT WAS GREAT to see so many at the civic league's Full Moon party last month at the Cavalier Beach Club. It is a wonderful venue, and I'm pleased that we had the opportunity to show it to our members.

It really is the hidden gem of the North End, and I enjoyed hearing the stories of so many who had frequented the original establishment years ago. Many thanks to Bruce Thompson for making it available for our event. Our phenomenal Hospitality Committee of Monica Stein, Kate Michaels and Anne Abraham did a fantastic job organizing a memorable event.



NVBCL directors work the check-in table at the civic league's Full Moon party, Sept. 14. It was a sellout.

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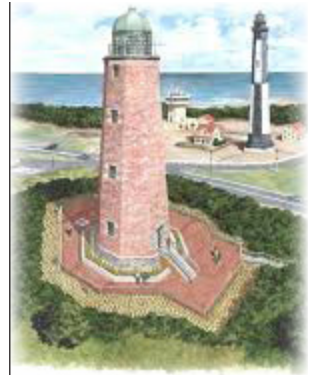
Your board of directors is working with the city to help establish design guidelines for the upcoming 5G stations. Each street will have several 5G towers, and we want to insure they have as little impact as possible both functionally and visibly in our neighborhoods.

In response to our members' feedback and concerns, we also are working with the city to help formulate a plan that establishes rules for the huge influx of electric scooters. More than a few of us have had close calls with these scooters, and quite a few are concerned with the prevalence of e-scooters on street corners throughout the North End.

City right-of-way issues and their impact on our properties has been a major concern for our neighborhood. For our next general membership meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Public Works Director Mark Johnson, along with department engineers Brian Proctor and Rick Lowman, will be available to explain right-of-way regulations, encroachments and other parking situations in the North End. This is in an important opportunity to be informed on these issues and ask questions.

Frank Fentress, of the city's Park and Landscape Services division, will give a brief description of the city's North End landscaping vision and explain what we

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

Oct. 15, Jan. 21, April 28

### Speakers for the Oct. 15 meeting

City Public Works Director *Mark Johnson*, Traffic Engineer *Rick Lowman*, and *Brian Proctor*, staff engineer in Traffic Engineering, will explain the ins and outs of the city's right-of-way regulations.

Also: *Frank Fentress*, of the city's Park & Landscape Services division, explains planting do's and don't's.

### Treasurer's report

As of Oct. 2, our civic league had 854 members, and our total assets were \$33,469.65.

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 as well.

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

We look forward to seeing everyone at the membership meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15.

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](http://www.nvbcl.org).

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

– *Bonner Styles*

## BEAUTIFICATION

### MEDIAN MANAGING City's coordinator explains what's going on with our young trees

NVBCL Civic League President Willy Fluharty and directors Billy Almond and Jim Spruance had a productive meeting in late September with our city landscape coordinator and neighbor, Kenny Denson, and the city's arborist, Brian Crouch, to discuss the Atlantic Avenue median trees and plantings.

In addition to putting some winter ornamental color by our North End entry signs and replacing the juniper ground cover, Denson provided some insight into how the city monitors the young median trees.

Later, in a Sept. 26 email, he listed the trees and shrubs the city has

planted in the North End: sweetbay (magnolia), live oak, serviceberry, black gum, sasanqua camellia (a shrub), white oak and bald cypress.

"Bald Cypress start looking like they are in decline this time of year," Denson wrote in his email to Spruance, our Beautification Committee chairman. "They become brown, almost rusty looking, but they are deciduous. It is a conifer – the foliage consists of needles, not leaves – but they drop

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**Public safety phone numbers**  
 Nonemergency police, 385-5000, option 3  
 2nd Precinct, 385-2700  
 Fire/police emergency, 911

**HOSPITALITY**

# WELCOME TO THE PARTY!

Civic league's socials draw us closer as NE neighbors

**FULL MOON PARTY CAVALIER BEACH CLUB**  
 SEPT. 14



MONICA STEIN PHOTOS, ABOVE & BELOW | NVBCL

In its heyday the Cavalier Beach Club was *the place*, and kudos to the NVBCL's board for hosting an event at the private club so North Enders could experience the "new beach club."

It would not have happened without the generosity of Gold Key/PHR's Bruce Thompson. Also big thanks to Director of Catering & Convention Services Stephanie Hall, Beach Club managers Dreke Holton and Andrew Gallimore, and the Cavalier staff for making it a very special Harvest Moon/ Full Moon NVBCL evening.

– Monica Stein



▲ Guy Tower and his wife, Winship, pose under the full moon with Margit and Don Naden.

▲ The buffet included grilled mahi mahi, chicken, burgers, veggies, salad – and more.



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Civic league hospitality co-chairs Kate Michaels, left, and Monica Stein worked with co-chair Anne Abraham (yes, we have three!) to organize the party.



Mike & Mary of 75th St.

**WYNDHAM'S SURF CLUB**

JULY 18



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◀ Among the Ocean Grille partygoers were, from left, Virginia Rountree, Loretta & Tom Rich, Karen Royall and Tony Nero. Cheers!

It was an all-star turnout at the Wyndham hotel's Surf Club Ocean Grille – wonderful neighbors, great food, amazing service.

Our Summer Social offered happy hour drink prices, a tasty appetizer buffet and wine and bourbon tastings.

Thank you, Grant Myers, restaurant manager, for helping to make it a success!

– Monica Stein



▲ From left: Stephanie Fluharty, next to her husband, NVBCL President Willy Fluharty; Wyndham Restaurant Manager Grant Myers; and Shane Palmateer, who conducted a bourbon tasting.



◀ From left: Amy Boyd, Priscilla Deurance and Dianne & Bill Marzec.

**THE NEXT SOCIAL BACK AT THE WYNDHAM**  
 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

The turnout in July at the Wyndham's Surf Club Ocean Grille was so good – and the Wyndham management was so good to us – we thought, why not do it again?

So that will be our Fall Social, 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 6, again with happy hour prices on beer, wine, cocktails and food till 9 p.m.

– Monica Stein



July was good, so why not November?

**IF YOU GO**

**What** NVBCL's Fall North End Social

**When** 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6

**Where** Wyndham's Surf Club Ocean Grille, Atlantic Avenue at 57th Street

*Happy hour prices for beer, wine, cocktails, food till 9 p.m.*



## DINING

### A.R.E. CENTER'S NEW CAFE OPEN FOR BUSINESS



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**“THE NORTH END EXPERIENCE”** GRAZE Kitchen + Catering opened in August in the A.R.E. Center’s historic Cayce Hospital building. It replaced Cafe67 in late June. Owner Shelley Kilby’s new restaurant offers “brunch, lunch, and boutique catering.” Her daily menu ranges from bowls and salads to sandwiches and smoothies.

Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
Online: GRAZEKITCHENVB.COM

## BEACHES

### SAND PROJECT PAUSED; TURTLE’S A LATE NESTER

Sand replenishment has stopped at 49th Street. The project’s dredging operations are suspended to protect turtle migration; the project is scheduled to resume in mid-November and to be completed up to about 72nd Street.

Meanwhile, we have a late-season turtle nest up in the 80s. We hope the baby turtles survive their hatching sometime in mid-November!

– Ron Pearson

*This reminder was emailed by the civic league president in July to NVBCL members, and it’s worth repeating:*

The beach accessways are an extension of the Public Right of Way (ROW) of each street eastward to a point past the primary dune line. As with all public ROWs, new plant installation, irrigation, fencing, incidental landscaping and the removal of existing trees, shrubs and



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ground covers is illegal.

Recently, homeowners have altered or removed trees and shrubs to gain views of the ocean and altered the accessways to essentially privatize public property. This is illegal, and the City of Virginia Beach has the means to back-charge residents the value of the lost vegetation.

If you have any questions about this issue, please email us ([contact@nvbcl.org](mailto:contact@nvbcl.org)) so we can advise you on this issue.

– Willy Fluharty

## MEDIAN

*From the front*

their needles in the winter. “Weather can influence the timing of this – heat, drought-like conditions and what we see most in the northern end of the beach, wind! High wind like we experienced with Dorian can really stress the trees, and all plant material.

“The serviceberry, the ones you see with little white blooms and no foliage, are stressed, but not dead,” Denson continued. “The Black Gum have dropped almost all leaves – again, stress. The trees that were planted less than a year ago are all stressed from weather conditions.

“Next spring will be the tell all! Anything that doesn’t survive will go on the replacement list for the fall. I promise, we do keep an eye on the trees!”

– Jim Spruance

## PRESIDENT

*From the front*

can and cannot plant and where.

Also at Tuesday’s meeting, we’ll vote on four new board candidates. Hobie Whitmore (48th), Jayna Eller (79th), David McDaniel (69th) and Monica Stein (Cavalier Residences) are the nominees. *(Their profiles are on this page, at left.)*

Finally, in January my term as Civic League president will end, and John David (48th Street) will become the new president.

It has been the greatest honor to represent you and help with our mission to preserve our community. I am eternally grateful to our Executive Committee of past presidents, who have helped guide me with sage advice throughout my term.

The Civic League board never ceases to amaze me with their passion and love for our community. They spend countless hours to help ensure we live in a great place, and I’m thankful for everything they do. Please thank them when you see them. We really do owe them a great deal of gratitude.

And I do hope to see all of you at one or more of the fun social events coming up this fall and winter.

*Warmest regards,  
Willy*

## 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 Tuesday, 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 says she 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



**BUS RUTS FINALLY GET REPAIRED**

Back in June, NVBCL director Martin Waranch contacted HRT and then the city about ruts that buses had carved out at 67th Street, on the approach to the bus shelter. Public Works got right on it, and by Aug. 12 notified Waranch that



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the issue had been “resolved.” Yet when Martin checked it out, he saw it had not been resolved.

More emails. (Martin to the city staffer: “Either the City fixed something else or this thing just got moved to a circular file.”)

By sometime in September, the issue had indeed been resolved.

– Don Naden

**IT’S UP TO US** We need to do our part to help the city out when we see problems

“Streets/Utilities/Public Safety” sure sounds like a lot to cover, and the fact is each resident of the North End – and the city – has a vested and personal interest in all of these.

All of us use the streets. Each of us has the responsibility to contact the city when we have, or notice something that can become, a problem. We all know that “stitch in time” saying; annoying potholes can become axle breakers.

**Utilities** are more personal. We take it for granted that turning on the tap produces safe water, flipping a switch lights what we need, flushing flushes with nothing coming back! Report any problems promptly.

**Public Safety** is meaningless until it isn’t. We all have the obligation to report unsafe conditions (blind corners, bad traffic flow, hazardous activity) since any of

these, uncorrected, is a problem waiting to happen.

Phone 311 to get a current direct number to report a problem with a street or traffic signal, water leaking from around water meters or simply flowing into the gutter, traffic visibility blocked by bushes or illegally parked cars.

We pay a large tax bill supporting a major city staff. When we can support them, we help ourselves and reduce costs.

**Fall is here**, so remember to keep those storm drains clear to avoid street flooding.

Also, fight the flood of waste plastic – pick up and dispose of any you run across.

Styrofoam is not recyclable and breaks down into those little, white things that mess up our waterways! Put it in the black bin.

– Martin Waranch

**CAVALIER BEACH CLUB  
ARMY CORPS  
ORDERS 15 PALM  
TREES REMOVED**

The Army Corps of Engineers has ordered that 15 palm trees at the Cavalier Beach Club have to be removed because they were planted too close to the seawall.

Developer Bruce Thompson said he plans to have the trees relocated sometime this winter, when the Beach Club will be closed for the season, according to an Oct. 3 report in The Virginian-Pilot.

The trees are along the fence atop the seawall and were cited by the Corps last year as potentially compromising the seawall’s structural integrity because their roots could result in the underground concrete cracking.

That might not be the end of it. “City engineers recently took a closer look at other encroachments along the North End beach seawall, which protects the area from flooding,” Pilot reporter Stacy Parker wrote in the Oct. 3 article. “A handful of residents will be hearing from the city soon.”

“There are a small number of properties, less than 6, that have exceeded both what City Council originally authorized and what the Corps considers acceptable,” Philip Roehrs, city water resources engineer, wrote in an email, according to The Pilot.

– Don Naden

**RESORT AREA PROJECTS UPDATE**

**DOME SITE SURF  
PARK PROPOSAL  
IS MOVING AHEAD**

The update on the **Atlantic Park Project** (the Dome site) is that the developer and the city agree on a development strategy. They are working toward City Council review and approval this month, October. Once the development agreement is approved, it will move into design + construction documents.

You can read more about recent news about these resort projects at [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com)

**E-Scooters:** Your civic league is working closely with Brian Solis, the city manager’s special projects assistant, on our input to e-scooter mobility planning. More information will be provided as the process unfolds.

**5G Network:** The NVBCL is also working closely with Debra Bryan, of the city attorney’s office, on our input to the 5G Broad Band Network and its effect in our neighborhood.

The Federal Communications Commission has granted approval for multiple carriers to locate 5G poles in the public right of way along our streets. Each carrier may install its own pole or 5G transmitter on



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Lime and Bird scooters have been showing up around the city for some time now. Here, Limes were recently dropped off at the 57th Street bus shelter, across from the Wyndham hotel.



an existing pole. This can create a significant impact to the visual quality of our neighborhood.

More information will be provided as the process unfolds.

– Billy Almond

▲ **40TH STREET REDONE**  
The first phase of the Atlantic Avenue realignment project has been completed: reconfiguring 40th Street.



# SHORT TAKES

SCENES FROM AROUND THE NORTH END

*There's always a lot going on in the North End, from small things to big things.*

*And sometimes we need to relax, look around and take in all that helps make our neighborhood tick.*

– Don Naden

## PARTY IN THE PARK #9

It's that time of year again, for the Princess Anne Garden Club's annual bash at First Landing State Park.

The fun goes from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, according to the club's website. It's the ninth edition of this fund-raising tradition that supports what is essentially our neighborhood park.

Tickets are \$40 presale, \$45 day of the event – available online at covatix.com (click on the calendar and select Nov. 2).



PAINTING BY BETTY WILLCOX

## A funny thing happened on the feeder ...

Not just funny but interesting things happen up and down the North End's beloved feeder road, and Alan Bartel want folks to tell us all about it on his new blog: "Feeder Road Atlantic Ave" – in fact, that's how you can access it, by googling those four words and clicking on the link. Says he's lived on the Oceanfront for "over 30 years" and rides his bike on the feeder "frequently."

Betty Willcox's portrait of it ran with a Pilot story in 2010.

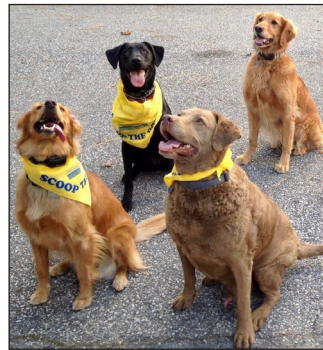
– Don Naden

## THE FEEDER ROAD Run, bike, walk – and clean up!

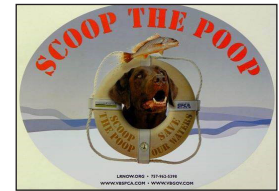
Keeping the poop scooped on the feeder road is a big issue in the North End, but that's just a part of efforts to keep our environment, especially our waterways and the ocean, clean.

Lynnhaven River Now would love to feature your dog on its Scoop the Poop –Lynnhaven River Now Facebook page. You can email a fun photo or video and a little about your dog, along with your name, to barrow1@cox.net.

You also can help Lynnhaven River Now keep our waterways clean by putting a scoop-the-poop sticker on your black garbage can, so it becomes a rotating billboard, and putting a scoop-the-poop scarf on your dog, so he/she becomes a walk-



COURTESY OF MARY REID BARROW



COURTESY LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW

Lynnhaven River Now's trash can sticker was designed by North End resident John Koehler, with his dog the late, great Jasper.

ing advertisement. Both are free at LRN's Brock Environmental Center office.

Dog poop pollutes whether it's in the yard, on the feeder road or on the beach. Rain

washes bacteria from the feces into the ocean and Bay or down storm drains and into the rivers. Don't pollute! Scoop the poop!

– Mary Reid Barrow

## SLOW DOWN!

It was good to see a city police officer checking for speeders recently on Atlantic Avenue between 82nd and 83rd streets, just before the Shore Drive curve. The limit drops from 35 to 25 mph in that zone, and he and a colleague waved over and ticketed several drivers that day.

– Don Naden



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## PRESERVING OUR TREES

We saw these "tree preservation area" signs in the North End last year for the first time. Recently another residential construction site displayed them. The Virginian-Pilot ran an interesting story on this preservation effort last year; find it online by googling "tree preservation area virginian pilot."

We wish more developers' designs would spare trees, especially live oaks.

– Don Naden



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▲ VB-Homes site between 74th and 75th streets  
◀ The more recent site at the corner of Atlantic and 65th

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## Have you paid your \$20 dues for 2019?

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

### ZONING REVIEW

#### NVBCL committee provides guidance for NEnders

We remind our neighbors that developers have three options for North End properties: a single-family house, duplex or two detached cottages on one parcel.

The detached-cottages option is an incentive-based design guideline, and a developer must comply with the design criteria in the overlay ordinance.

We also remind our neighbors that any opportunity to determine what type redevelopment happens on your street starts with the "Seller of the Parcel." Once a parcel has sold, it is in the hands of the buyer, who has the three by-right options listed above.

The NVBCL's Zoning Review Committee meets

at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the A.R.E. Visitors Center unless there is no business before the committee that month. If you wish to attend the ZRC, please contact Billy Almond at 235-0731 or [billy@wplsite.com](mailto:billy@wplsite.com) for additional information before our meetings.

– *Billy Almond*

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