

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER - CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIC LEAGUE

After seven weeks of hard work by Colony residents we finally convinced the Virginia Beach City Council to deny the conditional use permit to allow a used car lot, truck rental, etc. to go in opposite our entrance and next to the Foundry United Methodist Church. The vote was 11 to 0 to deny. (I have written thank-you notes to all members of the Council.)

My special thanks go to dozens of Colony residents who distributed newsletters, circulated petitions, typed memos and attended meetings with the City Planning Department, City Planning Commission, and finally the City Council.

We won the battle, but not the war. The best use for that particular parcel is for it to become part of the church property. We will try to keep you up to date on what is happening.

Our Civic League dues helped to pay for the expenses incurred in fighting this threat to the Colony. So please don't forget to pay your annual dues of \$25 to El Steeg, our Treasurer. These dues pay for maintenance of our entrance, 4th of July Celebration, Halloween Celebration, liability insurance, etc.

Preparatory to the hearing before the City Council we had aerial shots taken of the colony at 4500 feet altitude. I have proofs of nine different aerial views; some are not good, but others are not too bad. The original negatives can be blown up to almost any size and would be suitable for framing. If you are interested give me a call at 631-4880; I have sizes available and prices.

Now I have a couple of gripes I would like to get off my chest -

1. Residents and visitors drive entirely too fast on Chesopeian Trail. The posted speed is **25** M.P.H.

I live on the N.W. corner of North Kings and Chesopeian Trail Leaving North Kings is a gamble at best because you can't see anything coming from your left until it is almost too late- and that's at 25 M.P.H. If a car is going south at 35 or 40 M.P.H. (and many cars go at least that fast), you could never stop in time when a car pulled out in front of you from North Kings.

The other day a child on a bicycle was almost hit by a car going south; fortunately, that car was going slowly. The boy on the bicycle went from North Kings across the Trail to East Kings; he looked neither to the left nor the right - until he heard the squeal of brakes.

Now that summer is almost here, more and more children will be on our streets. **Please drive safely.** I know you can save seconds by driving 35 M.P.H. instead of 25 M.P.H, but is it worth a child's life??

2. Second gripe - I have been getting complaints from residents (including my wife) about people who walk their dogs and fail to clean up the dog's droppings. This is **illegal** in Virginia Beach. So please, dog owners, clean up after your pet; be as courteous to your neighbors as you would expect them to be to you. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14th is the "Ninth Annual Clean the Bay Day." I have received a letter from Maurice Jackson, Chairman of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission, requesting our participation in this program by cleaning the shoreline of Chesopeian Colony. We discussed this at the recent Civic League meeting and it was decided that we clean our own portions of the shoreline. I would like your cooperation in that respect. Please call me at 631-4880 and I will arrange to have debris picked up.

The time for our 4th of July parade and picnic is rapidly approaching. Some volunteers are already working hard to make this a success, but we can always use more help. Please call me if you can find some time to help us. We do need new blood; for you newcomers, this is an excellent way to get involved in your community's affairs.

Enough said,

Roland Doan, President
Chesopeian Colony Civic League