

Chesapeake Colony Civic League President's Newsletter

October 4, 1998



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I. The last meeting of the Chesapeake Colony Civic League was held at the Foundry Methodist Church at **7:30 P.M. on Thursday October 1, 1998**. Mr. Brian Bach and Ms. Dawn Reed from TRT gave a presentation on the proposed Light Rail system, and answered our many questions concerning projected ridership, frequency of trains passing our neighborhood (every 10 minutes in each direction – 2 tracks), length of time for gate closings on any streets the tracks cross (estimated at 41 seconds for each train), estimated opening date (year 2004 for the VB to downtown Norfolk and 2006 for VB to Norfolk Naval Station). The proposed Lynnhaven station will be on Mustang Trail behind Beach Ford. Lynnhaven Boulevard is not one of the four roads proposed for an elevated crossing, so we may see a significant backup on that road during rush hours. The four elevated crossings are at Military Highway, Newtown Road, Independence Boulevard and Rosemont Road. Many questions were asked on how much the supporting cities could expect to be assessed to cover any deficiencies in the funds needed for the operation and maintenance of the Light Rail system. Right now only Norfolk and Virginia Beach have agreed to financial support. Optimistic estimates of usage could significantly effect the estimated increase in our taxes to support this system. The length of the presentation caused me to cut short the questions. For example, no one raised a noise question. Yet the train whistles for the few trains that do pass by now are loud enough to hear inside a house with all the windows closed.

II. El Steeg delivered the following Treasurer's report:

Account Balances:

Money Market	\$11,168.72
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Checking \$ 907.93
Perimeter Fence \$ 1,216.84

Civic League Membership

1998	213 members	84 % of residents
1997	224 members	88 % of residents

Membership dues have fallen a bit this year. Please take the time now to send in your dues if you are new to the neighborhood or did not get around to it sooner. If you are new residents, just send \$10 for the remainder of the year (annual dues are \$25 for the whole year) to El Steeg as soon as possible. His address is 2645 S. Kings Road. Block captains and others who know of new residents (or loss of old residents), please notify El Steeg so that he can maintain a Master Copy of the '98 Directory. The current members names can be found at the end of this newsletter.

III. The annual Halloween Party for the neighborhood children is planned for 31 October, which this year falls on a Saturday. So we should have a great turnout for the event. For those new to the neighborhood we usually serve hotdogs and soft drinks for the children in costume. Apples are also available for a healthy snack. We expect they will gather a lot of less healthy snacks on their "Trick or Treat" rounds following the party. The sign at the entry will be put up a couple weeks before the event to advertise and remind residents of the event. Jennifer Coleman pretty much handled the planning and coordination of this event last year as a 1-person show. The amount of work is a little overwhelming. She is willing to help this year, but would also like some time to accompany her own children on their "Trick or Treat" rounds, something that as coordinator for the event, she has not been able to do for the last couple of years. So I am asking you to check your busy schedules and see if you might have some time to donate to a very good neighborhood event for our children. Please do not assume that this event happens with no advance planning. We need people to organize games, contests, man the grill, setup the food, serve the food organizing the youngsters and clean up after the event. Betty Kennedy has kindly volunteered to organize the contests. Please offer to help.

III. BJ Taylor volunteered (his arm has some nasty red marks on it) to organize the food service for the event, will someone else volunteer to organize the games for the children and the cleanup? If you would like to volunteer, please call BJ at xxx-xxxx. He plans to hold a meeting for all the volunteers in early October. Let's make this another great neighborhood event.

IV. BJ tackled the problem of our old power service at the entrance. After getting an electrician to provide an interim fix in June so that we would have power and water for the 4th of July picnic, he later set up the long term solution which was the replacement of the old fuse panels with circuit breakers. Between that and the two new well pumps that Rolly Doan coordinated with a well installation company, we are now ready for the new millennium as far as our neighborhood entrance is concerned. And we can once again water the beautiful plantings at the entrance maintained by the Garden Club, and especially thanks to the hard work of Ann Finch. Also we owe a big thanks to Neil English who replaced the cover on one of the pump houses – labor **and materials** provided free of charge. Thanks a bunch from all of us, Neil.

V. Bonnie brought down a lot of branches, trees and shrubs in the neighborhood. Two weeks later you can hardly tell thanks to the Herculean efforts of all to gather up the debris and thanks to the city for their efforts in collecting and trucking that debris out of the neighborhood. It was wonderful to see neighbor helping neighbor during this trying time. I think we would all agree it is difficult to be without power all that time. However, I have friends along Little Neck Road who were also without water as they are still not connected to city water because of the longstanding Virginia Beach water connection moratorium just having been lifted this year. Even when we are experiencing trouble, we don't have to look far to see people dealing with even greater problems. We can always find a reason to count our blessings.

VI. The "Yard of the Month" contest winner for September is the Marr residence at 2629 South Kings Road. The many impatiens weathered the storm and give a welcome glow of color even after the storm. There are many beautiful yards in our neighborhood, so it is never an easy decision.

VII.

Carol Taylor, President

There are a couple of additional notes I thought would be of general interest:

A. The telephone number for the jet noise complaints at Oceana is 433-2162.

B. The sign at the end of Queen Anne is missing, it notes that the boat ramp is only for residents and that parking boat trailers on the street is not allowed. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please let me know.

C. An advertisement for a Chimney Sweep is attached. Mr. Gessner has paid for this advertisement, and the check has been forwarded to our treasurer for deposit in the civic league account.

D. An alarming bit of news reached me today. People in the neighborhood spotted a red car that entered Chesapeake Trail from East Kings Road at a little past 8:00 AM today. The driver of the car proceeded around a school bus boarding elementary school children. The bus was stopped with its lights flashing and its stop arm device extended. I hope we don't have to ask the Virginia Beach police to ride the school buses here, as they do in Norfolk, just to stop and ticket these drivers with a reckless disregard for the welfare of our young children.

E. On a lighter note, I ask that the new residents in the neighborhood call our Treasurer, El Steeg (486- xxxx), or our Block Security Coordinator, Bob Munsey (xxx-xxxx), to give them your names and your children's names and ages so that we can include the list in our next newsletter. It is a convenient way for the young people in the neighborhood to find out if someone near their own age has moved in that they have not met. We also like to hear about the newest additions to the families in the neighborhood. So please share the good news of any births with us.

The following is a list of residents who have paid their Civic League dues as of October 1, 1998. Thanks to all!

Annarino	Arendall	Atkins
Ayers	Baker	Ball
Barnes	Benson	Berger
Boyer	Brame	Brassil
Broyles	Burchette	Butler
Carlson	Cesare	Clark
Coleman	Collins	Cooke
Cootes	Corley	Cox
Dancigers	Daniels	Daughtry
Davidson	Davis-Cohen	Day
Dekker	Delfaus	Denny
Derr	Dickerson	Dittrick
Dixon	Doan	Dobson
Donnells	Dozier, G.	Dozier, R.
Duckett	Duffan	Dunbar
Duus	Edwards, F.	Edwards, R.
Elliot	English	Evans, F.
Evans, J.	Evans, W.	Ferrell
Finch	Fischer	Forman
Fortune	Foster	Francis
Freeman	Frias	Friedman
Froehlich	Gabriel	Gallup
Garrett	Garrow	Goldberg
Goodrich	Gornto	Graf
Gram	Graziadea	Grulich
Gurdziel	Gustavson	Guy
Hahn	Haisten	Hardy
Harkness	Harris	Hawkins
Hay	Henegar	Herrmann
Hesby	Hess	Hillian
Hu	Hunter	Hurst
Irby	Janz	Jones
Johnson	Kearon	Kellam, M.
Kenley	Kingsley	Knight
Kunsinger	Laderberg	Langhenkel
Long/Woolard	Lunsford	Lutz
Lutz, Jr.	MacGullivray	Malbon
Mann	Markham	Marr
Martin	Marchiano	Mason
Mathias	Matthews	Mayo
McCallum	McClelland	McCroly
McCune	McDearmid	McIntyre, G.
McIntyre, M.	McLaughlin	Meeks
Melvin	Milteer	Mistron
Morris	Moser	Mott
Munsey	Nash	Natchus
Nechinicky	Newark	Nye
Obal	Oberman	O'Connor
Palmiter	Payne	Pointon
Potter	Prendergast	Quast
Rashkind	Reed	Rhee
Riddick	Riley	Roane
Roebuck	Rodgers	Roseman
Rosen	Rosner	Rowland
Ruffin	Russotto	Ryder
Sandlin	Sawyer	Scanlon
Schnirch	Schwab	Simeone
Smith, R.	Soscia	Sparkes
Spiegel	Spradlin	Stafford
Stanley	Steeg	Steentofte
Stull	Sweeney	Taylor
Tharp	Thesier	Thomas
Thompson	Thuston	Todd
Trimmer	Tseng	Tyler
Vella	Vest, C.	Vest, John

Waro
Webb
Whichard
Williams, Roger
Wrynn
Young, R.

Warth
Werber
White
Wills
Wu

Waterhouse
Westbrook
Wiersch
Woolwine
Young, F.

Late additions, out of order:

Hall

Highton

Toombs