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The Cavalier Park Bay Colony



Civic League Newsletter

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the end of this pandemic quarantine, my house should finally be cleaned out. I have been tackling tasks that I had put aside while trying to raise three boys and holding down a full and part time job. I am no Marie Kondo, but the attic is looking great.

Don't look in my garage because it still needs lots of work. As I was going through boxes, I found the BC-CP news from August 1981. It was so interesting to read about the issues that our Civic League was concerned about then, some of which are the same issues we are concerned about today.

The League Block Security Program took up a lengthy portion of the newsletter. The neighborhood was divided into six sections, each with its own block captain. Every home was enlisted in Operation Identification. There were many coordinators, one of whom was an admiral. Each home in Ben Huger's area had a security survey by a police officer and was able to use an identification engraver.

Of course, the collection of the dues and the 1981 directory was also mentioned. In 1981, almost 40 years ago, the dues were 10 dollars a year. At that time there was a 4th of July celebration and a Christmas party.

Some of the items that were new to me included the report that sewage was seeping into Linkhorn Bay from Birdneck Point. Yuck! I remember skiing in that water in the early 80s with some of my neighbors when our houses still had septic tanks. At that date only 44 residents had submitted a Property Owner sewer agreement. I do know that our neighborhood had a septic system when I moved in over 25 years ago.

Another big issue was about a developer who was going to build a theme park in the wetlands area south of Laskin Road. The newsletter went on to discuss how it would impact wetlands, traffic, and noise levels and how there would be sightseeing boats in Linkhorn Bay. Apparently, the league took it to City Council and the Army Corp of Engineers.

The last article was about the neighborhood access to water at Linkhorn Bay, Crystal Lake and Rainey's Gut. They even had a map of the original plat showing six access points to the water. As different as 2020 has been for all of us, it is interesting to read how some things have not changed a whole lot since 1981.

We hope that you will join the Cavalier Park Bay Colony Community League. Today, the cost is only 25 dollars. Please use Paypal or Apple Pay, or you can send a check to Gerry, our new treasurer. Thanks to Sue, we still try to keep you safe. Sue uses Next Door, this newsletter, Facebook and even an email from time to time to provide up-to-date information on crime, accidents and suspicious activity. Please read what Betty Anne has to say about hospitality and the Garden Club activities. I invite you to volunteer with your neighbors to help the civic league keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful. There is always a space on our board as a director or a committee member. My hope is that we will all be able to gather together for the 4th of July Parade and Labor Day picnic. See you around the neighborhood.

Debbie Lou Hague

President, Cavalier Park Bay Colony Civic League



Security Bulletin

Greetings Neighbors!

With our weather improving and so many of us getting out of the house to enjoy a walk or jog, I want to take a moment to remind everyone of some safety rules:

All pedestrians should walk FACING TRAFFIC.

All bikes and anything with wheels should travel with traffic.

Please stay alert on your walks in our neighborhood and dress in light or bright colors so you are visible. We have had numerous close encounters where folks were nearly hit by vehicles because they were talking on their cell phones while walking, not paying attention to oncoming traffic. Others have been dressed in dark clothing and weren't visible. We have lovely, mature trees in our neighborhood, but they create dark areas that often make pedestrians less visible even during the daylight hours.



Parents, please remind your children of the danger of texting while riding their bikes.

BEEP It to KEEP It! Please remember to lock your cars at night and make a habit of removing ALL valuables. Unlocked vehicles entice criminals. This simple, 1 second act on your part will discourage vandalism in our neighborhood and help to keep us all safe.

Here's to a healthy and safe Spring!

Sue Lichacz ~Cavalier Park/Bay Colony Security Chair



Multi-use Path Petition

Our Board has been participating in the request for a multi-use path for the neighborhood since January 2019 to protect our families as they move through the neighborhood and travel from Bay Colony Park to the ocean front.

We believe this is a safety issue for drivers as well as pedestrians, bikers, skateboarders, and all who use Bay Colony Drive. Per the City's request, all affected homeowners on the north side of Bay Colony Dr were contacted during the Spring of last year. With an overwhelming positive response from these families, we are now proceeding with the request, through grant proposals, and would like your help. The City informed us that by today's standards a multi-use path would be a sidewalk to conform to ADA guidelines. Please consider signing the attached petition and as with all neighborhood activities, join us in this effort and make your voice heard. The more signatures we have, the better chance for success! To sign the petition just visit the website below. Many thanks to the more than 300 neighbors who have already signed!

<https://www.change.org/p/virginia-beach-city-council-safe-path-from-park-to-beach>

Steve and Susan Hushak

Lavina Brewster



Hospitality Update

Police Muster

We planned to feed the night biker police during SITW again this season, but obviously that couldn't happen. We will keep in touch if we learn of another opportunity to show our neighborhood appreciation for the 2nd precinct officers. Speaking of food....

Food Drives

Teenage neighbors Aiden, Ashton & Will are asking us to meet local needs by donating food; these Lion's Heart Club members will collect and bring your contributions to the Eastern Shore Chapel pantry for distribution in May. Details are on the right.

New Neighbors

Meridith, Debbie Lou and I knocked on doors during Halloween hours, distributing twenty-some goody bags to new neighbors! We plan to do the same soon, so:

- please let one of us know if someone new has moved in near you &
- consider adding something to the welcome bags (business or personally related).

Memorial Renderings for Building 2 Citizens

The 5/31 anniversary is fast approaching and Parks and Rec, along with the CGCVB have a beautiful memorial planned for the front of Building 2. It includes 12 large planters, 12 blue ribbons on certain windows and 12 smaller planters going up the steps. This is in hopes that we all can let those who are still suffering know that we care and at least drive by the site. At night, there will be dramatic up lighting. We are proud and appreciative that our own *Bay Colony Garden Club* has contributed plants for this beautiful tribute.

Betty Ann DesRoches

Meredith Brady

Emery O'Connor



Food Drive

Sponsored by Lion's Heart Class of 2021

Non-Perishable Food will be donated to the Eastern Shore Chapel Food Pantry

Items in Need (please buy regular size):

- peanut butter
- pasta & sauce
- mac and cheese
- rice
- canned vegetables & fruit
- canned soup
- cereal, oatmeal & granola bars
- canned proteins: tuna, chicken, or salmon

Please drop off donations (April & May):

Aidan O'Connor's house: 1008 Abingdon Road

Ashton Legum's house: 709 Bay Colony Drive

Will Katabian's house: 1101 Cedar Point Drive

You can make a difference!



DUES NOTICE

Please forward your \$25 (per household) payable to the Cavalier Park-Bay Colony Community League, Inc., to:

Gerry Cuddihy, CPBCCL Treasurer

1149 Crystal Drive

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

You can also send dues electronically with your name and address either via:

1. PayPal to: cpbcleague@gmail.com Please select the "Friends and Family" option, or
2. Apple Cash in iMessages to gerry.cuddihy@icloud.com .

Dues fund the annual Labor Day picnic, production of annual directory, landscaping for common areas, increased neighborhood security on Halloween and other causes!

Gerry Cuddihy, CPBCCL Treasurer



A Walk Down Memory Lane...

...or rather a walk down North Bay Shore (bottom) and Lee Road (right) Just look how far we have come in less than 70 years!

If you have a photo or story to share, just send it in to cpcbclague@gmail.com



Environmental Report

We learn so much about conservation practices through our volunteer activities that it would be a crime not to share them with you. A couple we learned from “askHRGreen”:

· **Continue recycling efforts**, but please remember to recycle only accepted items so that bundles will not be contaminated and rejected (one neighbor’s mistakes could result in throwing out a whole neighborhood batch). One of the biggest problems is plastic bags which damage recycling equipment; please collect items to be recycled in paper bags or empty the contents of your plastic bag into the blue bin.

-**Please be careful about what you flush.** “Flushable” wipes, paper towels and tissues are not actually flushable.

Adopt a Drain Program in Bay Colony

When you adopt a nearby storm drain, you are volunteering to keep it clear from debris. By taking care of your adopted storm drain, you’re helping to keep the many waterways in and around Bay Colony clean and healthy.

It’s a relatively easy task – check your drain a few times a year with a rake and bag in hand; you’re not going IN the drain, just clearing the surroundings. It is also helpful to check your drain before and after wind and water storms. City workers are still maintaining the drain system; you could be helpful by alerting them if something else is wrong – and name your drain something fun!

Check out the Bay Colony storm drain map at drains.vb.gov – 17 out of over 100 in our neighborhood are adopted. Can you increase that number? Most of all, enjoy the extra time we have to celebrate the beauty of our wonderful community.

Demaris Yearick
Betty Ann DesRoches



Happy Mother's Day!

