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MARCH
14

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Bayside Recreation
Center

6:30 PM-9:00 PM

From the President



Jill Broome

Although it's been a downright mild winter so far, the dogs going to the beach still look a little furrer and their owners walking them are more bundled up and hunched down against that cold north wind. The winter skies bring a special color to the water, reminding us that every season on the Bay is beautiful, and we are fortunate to be around it year 'round.

Your Board has some great ideas for 2006. Here are some of our priorities:

- 1) Complete actions regarding the vinyl siding on Whooping Crane.
- 2) Develop one-time and ongoing revenue streams. (We'll need lots of help!)
- 3) Apply to the IRS for tax-exempt status.
- 4) Get the Aeries website operational DONE! <http://aeriesonthebay.net>
- 5) Update the by-laws to reflect the recent vote.
- 6) Review and update Architectural Guidelines for compliance with Declaration of Covenants.
- 7) Complete the audit of households for compliance with Declaration of Covenants.
- 8) Increase participation by homeowners in Civic League activities.
- 9) Hold at least four social events.

We have a lot of work to do and most of the Board members also work full-time, so thanks in advance for your help.

Dues are Due

As a result of the by-law change which removes the payment of dues as a requirement to be able to vote on Aeries matters, dues are now voluntary (well, they have been voluntary all along, only now they are not a condition for you to be able to vote). So what do your dues get you? Well, this newsletter, for one, and other information distributions, with postage for non-resident owners. The dues also pay for plants and mulch for the entrance sign, and maintenance of the sign itself. Plus, Civic League events which require the purchase of materials come out of dues. For \$10 a year, it's a pretty good return. So we'd appreciate your continued voluntary payment of Aeries on the Bay Civic League dues. An application is attached, simply fill it out (so we have updated information for you) and mail to Chris Graff at 2305 Rookery Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

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IT'S YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

The owners of properties in Aeries ARE the Civic League; it's not just the Board of Directors—we're here to help, but we can't do it all. Every person in Aeries can help make this a better place to live. See a car parked improperly (wrong way, or angled or in the middle of a cul-de-sac), call the non-emergency number for the police department 427-5000. See a dog doing its business in somebody's yard not his own, or in a public place, call Animal Control 427-4444. See a house in need of repair for a long time, call Robert Etheridge at Virginia Beach Code Enforcement 563-1026. And if you're the person on the other side of things, pay attention and do it right!

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

As if having the beach isn't enough, Virginia Beach ranks third in an annual survey of the fittest American cities by Men's Fitness magazine. The city's high ranking is attributed to its "fitness-friendly" atmosphere. Virginia Beach received high scores for its abundance of recreation facilities, parks and open space that encourage physical activity. According to Men's Fitness, the city also has the highest number of tennis courts per capita, second only to Minneapolis.

MARCH 14 CHILI COOK OFF SAVE THE DATE

The Civic League will hold a fun fundraiser at the Bayside Recreation Center 6:30 PM-9:00 PM on March 14. Details will follow, but please mark this date on your calendar. Meet some neighbors, sample some great chili (Chili King/Queen to be crowned) and purchase raffle tickets (for some great prizes!) to support your Civic League.

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THANKS THANKS THANKS!

Many thanks for the cleanup crew who gave up their morning to do some heavy duty weeding and trimming on the garden around the Aeries entrance sign. The weeds had proliferated, and the bushes were overdue for a haircut. Thanks to Ellen and Phil Balvocius, Lela Mullins (Board), Paul Schember, Gary Broome (Block Captain) and Deannie Hill (Board and Chairperson of the Grounds Committee). Nice job!

HOLIDAY PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS

Some of your Aeries neighbors contributed to the Ocean Park Civic League effort that resulted in some 40 boxes chock full of holiday cheer being sent to the our troops from Little Creek who are stationed overseas. It was a good effort and lots of fun too. Our aim will be for 100 boxes sent next Christmas. Thanks to all who contributed!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

If you heard the melodious sounds of Christmas carols on the evening of December 21, it was probably some of your neighbors! With sheet music and Santa hats organized by Katherine Wachter, a group of about a dozen brave souls ventured out to serenade the neighborhood for a couple of hours that frosty night. After a pre-warming of anti-freeze at the Broome's house, we trod through the neighborhood, singing at many (but not all—sorry!) houses. The sound of the group was much improved with the addition of Allen Hilliard's violin and Dick Pulley's saxophone, and it was a heck of a lot of fun. We had one long stop at Barbara and Tom Jacobs' house (also carolers), to enjoy singing along with Barbara's player piano. What a fun evening—we plan to do it again next year, and start earlier so we can sing longer!



UPCOMING EVENT

We are planning an auction this fall to help raise funds for neighborhood improvements. This will be a fun community event and many volunteers will be needed. Please contact Sharon Southall for more info @ 363-0121.



BY-LAWS CHANGES:

We had a pretty good turnout at the October meeting, at which new officers were elected and by-laws changes were voted. Here are the vote results of the by-laws changes:

- ITEM 1. PASSED. Regular meetings can now be scheduled in the first and second half of the year, instead of only April and October.
- ITEM 2. PASSED. Electronic distribution can now be included in notice to members of upcoming meetings.
- ITEM 3a. FAILED. Members may still pay voluntary dues the day of a vote. (This change is actually moot since payment of dues is no longer a requirement to be able to vote (see item 3b. below).)
- ITEM 3b. PASSED. Dues are strictly voluntary and no longer a prerequisite to voting on league matters.
- ITEM 4. FAILED. The proxy system of voting remains in place.
- ITEM 5. FAILED. Absentee ballots will not be implemented.
- ITEM 6. PASSED. The Board of Directors and committee members will not be allowed to vote on any issues they have a direct interest in.
- ITEM 7. PASSED. The Treasurer will no longer be responsible for the website.
- ITEM 8. 1. PASSED. Board of Directors members must be residents.
- ITEM 8. 2. FAILED. It is still permitted that more than one person from a single household could serve as a Board member.
- ITEM 8. 3. FAILED. There is still no requirement that a certain number of Board members come from single family houses or townhouses.
- ITEM 9. PASSED. Board of Directors meetings must be open to all members and will be posted in advance.
- ITEM 10. PASSED. The BOD may recommend for termination a Board member should it become necessary with a 2/3 vote of the Board and then also a 2/3 majority vote of the general membership.
- ITEM 11. PASSED. No recommendation by a committee may be dismissed by the Board without allowing presentation by the committee or a representative defending their recommendation.
- ITEM 12. PASSED. Board of Director nominees shall pledge to support the object, duty and purpose of the League as described in Article II of the By-Laws.

A complete copy of the by-laws, with the new changes, is attached to this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe and accessible place. They are by-laws for YOUR Civic League.