



# The Croatan Civic League News

July 2021

## President's Letter by Mike Kelly

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I write this on Saturday morning, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, it's a beautiful day and will be a terrific 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Hopefully, everyone has a plan to be happy. We are adjusting to the new normal. Many people will be visiting the beach this weekend and businesses are open. It will be a great summer in Virginia Beach.

The Virginia State of Emergency expired on June 30th. Of note, Virginia law again bans people from wearing face coverings in public despite most public places still requiring face masks. The Governor is expected to ask lawmakers to address the issue during a special session in August. Over the last week, Virginia has seen an average of 175 confirmed cases and 4 deaths per day. Virginia has the 35th most confirmed cases per capita among states during the same period. North Carolina is 28<sup>th</sup>. Reasonable actions are still important.

No progress on the beach restoration. Although expected in mid-June, the solicitation from the US Army Corps of Engineers is not out yet. I have not heard why there is a delay.

The Coastal / Fort Raleigh pedestrian bridge is very slowly going through the permitting process. I have no forecast on a start date.

Our next social event will be the End of Summer Party on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the point. The time will be 3 – 7 PM. The format will be exactly like the Spring Fling. Cost will be \$20 for members (\$30 at the gate) and \$50 for non-members and guests (\$60 at the gate.)

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

Mike Kelly

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7/15 Book Club**
- 8/2 CCL Board Meeting**
- 8/6 Newsletter Deadline**
- 9/18 End of Summer Party**
- 9/20 Women's Club**



## Safety, Security Update, Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC ), and Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)



### Safety/Security – July 2021:

#### Bottom Line Up Front:

- Beach Safety – **Red** Flags and Watch the Kiddies
- New State Laws – bicycles and balloons
- Wipers on = Lights on (also a state law)
- Kindly Reminders – speed, dogs, parking
- CAC – Adopt-a-Muster, crime stats
- VBCCO – Councilwoman Abbott resigns

**Beach Safety – Red Flags and Children:** As we celebrate our independence, please remember that freedoms are only available for as long as we act responsibly. Storms, whether they hit us directly or brush past, can bring high surf, choppy and confused seas, and strong undertows or rip currents. When the lifeguards are flying **RED** flags, please be extra careful in and around the water. Unless they're part fish, children shouldn't be in the water. If on a board, they should be tethered to the board. When children are in the water, a supervising adult should be alongside – not in a chair 15 – 20 feet up the beach or on a phone. If the child goes under, you will never find them. An hour or two of disappointment is better than a lifetime of heartache.

**Hurricane Elsa:** As I write this, Hurricane Else (or remnants thereof) is positioned to influence our weather during the mid-week following the Independence Day holiday. Please visit National Hurricane Center ([noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov)) or Wakefield, VA ([weather.gov](http://weather.gov)) for current information.

**New State Laws re: Bicyclists:** Virginia State Law (Code § 46.2-869) requires drivers of motorized vehicles to give three feet of distance when passing bicyclists “at a reasonable speed.” As of July 1, 2021, drivers are directed to change lanes, even if that means crossing the double yellow line (if safe to do so, i.e., no oncoming traffic) when overtaking a bicyclist by that 3' margin. The requirement for bicyclists to move from two-abreast to single file has been removed from the subsequent section. **Opinion:** Regardless, bicyclists bear the ultimate responsibility for their safety – ride with traffic and obey traffic signs and signals as if operating a motorized vehicle, use a light, wear a helmet (optional, for those age 15 and older). In a car/truck vs. bicyclist collision, being “in the right” won't keep bicyclists out of the hospital, or worse. Watch out for the other guy!

**Balloons:** As of July 1, 2021, the release of any lighter than air balloon is punishable by a fine of \$25 per balloon.

**Wipers on = Lights-on:** Virginia State law requires drivers to turn-on low beam headlights when operating windshield wipers. The low beams will illuminate your tail lights – something that daytime running lights don't. This allows drivers behind you to see your car through the rain, mist, and road spray. It is rarely dark enough for auto-sensing headlights to illuminate themselves. Accept that the fancy new car doesn't do everything, and switch on the lights.

**Seasonal Reminders:**

**Speed:** Speed limit in Croatan is 25 MPH – slower as conditions (e.g., pedestrians) warrant.

**Dogs:** Allowed on Croatan Beach, leashed or loose, between the daylight hours of 6:00 PM – 10:00 AM only, during “the season.” Unleashed dogs must be under the verbal control of their handler. Handlers must pick up after them. (Yeah, that's a law, too).

**Parking:** Limited on-street parking is available on Surfside and Vanderbilt between 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM only. All parking for rental homes must be on the premises of that home. Special parking permits may be available on a limited basis through the city. Visit <http://www.croatanbeach.org> for instructions. Work vehicles may park along streets if they are in active use, but are not allowed to block the smooth flow of traffic.

**Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC):** To be held Wednesday, July 14.

**Adopt-a-Muster:** Croatan Civic League supported the Adopt-Muster program for police officers working the oceanfront on July 4.

**Crime Statistics:** The Second Precinct is showing positive numbers in all but two crime categories – robbery and motor vehicle theft. Our local gendarmes recently arrested a suspected shooter within hours of his alleged crime. Crime statistics can be found at WAVES-Crime Statistics :: VBgov.com - City of Virginia Beach .



**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO):** There was no VBCCO meeting conducted in June.

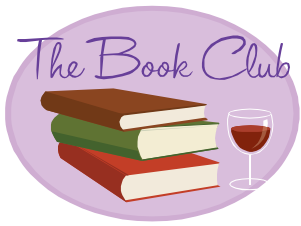
**Councilwoman Abbott Resigns:** Jessica Abbott resigned from the Virginia Beach City Council on July 2, 2021 citing health reasons.

The VBCCO monthly newsletter – The Voice can be found at <http://www.vbcco.org> .

M. C. “Connie” Agresti,  
CCL Representative to CAC and VBCCO

## The Croatan Book Club

### Next Meeting



Date: **Thursday**, July 15 Time: 7 PM  
 Place: Outside backyard of Karen Moore  
 508 Coastal Dr  
 Selection: **His and Hers** by Alice Feeney

All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), and notify the hostess that you will be attending. Bring a light snack/wine to share, if desired. No Covid restrictions.

### Future Selections (In Order)

### Author

**The Four Winds**

Kristin Hannah

**Anxious People**

Fredrik\_Bachman

Information is also on the CCL website: [www.croatanbeach.org/book-club/](http://www.croatanbeach.org/book-club/).

## Croatan Women's Club

The Croatan Women's Club will resume meetings in September! We are going to hold regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month, excluding some exceptions. The first meeting will be held on September 20th. We will resume collecting dues at that time, which will be \$40 and include the meetings and programs through June.

Please contact [wclub@croatanbeach.org](mailto:wclub@croatanbeach.org) to get on the mailing list, if you haven't already done so. More information about the programs will be distributed as we get closer to our meetings.



## Neighborhood Contacts

*Send any corrections, deletions or additions to this page to Marian Kitchin at [mdkitchin@gmail.com](mailto:mdkitchin@gmail.com).*

### Welcome Wagon

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### Who to Call

Dead or Stranded Marine Mammal (dolphin, seal, whale) or Sea Turtle  
Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Team  
**757-385-7575**



### Important Contacts

Police Fire & Rescue Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency Assistance	385-5000
Miss Utility	811
Potholes, Street Signs and Repairs	385-1470
Animal Control (Option #1)	385-4444
City Landfill	385-1980
Bulk Trash Pickup	385-4650
Croatan Temporary Parking Permit	385-4131
Wildlife Response , Inc.	543-7000
VBSPCA Wildlife Referral Line	263-4762
Wildlife Conflict Helpline (toll free)	(855) 571-9003
Beach Wedding Permit	385-4800

### Tidewater Wildlife Rescue

#### Helpline 757-255-8710

A volunteer organization dedicated to assisting orphaned and injured wildlife throughout Tidewater, Virginia.

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**SCOOP THE POOP!!!! It's the LAW!!! Please carry a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog. Don't let pet waste become part of our waterways or our neighbor's landscape.**

We are on the WEB!  
Check us out at  
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