

# CCL Newsletter

## September, 2022



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

### President's Letter

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Labor Day has passed, the kids are back in school, and the dogs reclaim the beach. The Summer went by fast, too fast, I think.

For those of you who were unable to attend, on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the CVB Traffic Management Office provided the presentation on the plan for physical speed control measures on Croatan Rd. Twenty-one residents were there. Most of them live on Croatan Rd. Everyone was satisfied? with the basic plan and no showstoppers came out. The single most frustration I heard was that it wasn't happening quickly enough. It probably won't be until next April before the changes are made. The city has ordered more of the speed table systems, but they do not have a delivery date.

Board of Directors elections will be held on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> as part of our Annual Meeting and Fall Social. It will be held at Waterman's. Please put that on your calendar. We also need a few more residents to volunteer for the Board. Many members of the Board have been on it for several years. They have done a great job. But it is also time for some fresh ideas and new energy, especially from people who are relatively new to Croatan. So, if you are interested, please call me, or contact one of the Board members listed in this newsletter.

I have no updates from the city on the beach.

All the best, remain vigilant, and stay safe,

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### Did You Know?

- The CCL Annual Meeting/Fall Social is November 4th at the Attic (upstairs Waterman's).
- Additional CCL Board members are needed? Volunteer!



# Safety/Security – September 2022

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Back to School
- Garbage School
- Critter Deterrence
- Dogs on the Beach – Off-Season Rules
- CAC – some success against auto thieves

**Back to School:** September is the appropriate time to remind us to be extra vigilant when driving. Please put the cell phones down and focus on children walking to/from school and bus stops – especially as the duration of daylight shortens. Some timely reminders -

**School Zones:** Reduce your speed for the full length of school zones.

**School Buses:** Flashing red lights mean **STOP**, even if approaching from the opposite direction (unless separated by a highway median). Be alert – there is no median on General Booth Blvd between Croatan Road and Rudee bridge – therefore you must stop for red flashing school buses on the opposite side of the road.

**Garbage School:** A recent sojourn down S. Atlantic one Tuesday (garbage collection day) morning revealed so many open and overflowing garbage and recycling bins that I had to question whether I was in a Bronx tenement alleyway rather than a throughfare of million-dollar homes. It really looked bad! Some “garbage school” tips:

- Crush boxes and plastic water bottles – dead air is bad on the radio and in garbage cans
- Obtain Extra Bins – if necessary, from VB Waste Management at 757-385-4650 pr [wastemgt@vbgpv.com](mailto:wastemgt@vbgpv.com) . Lids are required to close.
- Bulky Item Collection - must be pre-arranged with Waste Management by previous Friday (same contact info as above)
- Recycling – blue containers – do not place plastic bags into recycling. Small loose items and paper should be in paper bags. (See graphic for allowable items)
- Yard Waste – do not exceed 25 pounds per bag. Cut limbs to four feet in length.
- Bins go curbside Monday afternoon and should be brought in Tuesday evening.
- Visit [Curbside Services :: VBgov.com - City of Virginia Beach](http://Curbside Services :: VBgov.com - City of Virginia Beach) for all the rules and regulations



**Critter Deterrence:** “Garbage School” is not just for aesthetics. Croatan is home to many wild animals. Some (e.g., birds, turtles, rabbits) add to the color of the area, while others (e.g., snakes, rats) do not. Since the primary predator (red and gray foxes) were removed, the unwanted animals have proliferated. Overflowing garbage cans attract them and even “cute” animals like squirrels and raccoons can be especially destructive (so can many birds (e.g., crows). The lids of trash bins are required to close to deter these pests and help keep our neighborhood an attractive and safe place to live.

**Dogs on the Beach:** As of sunrise, Tuesday, September 6 dogs are allowed on Croatan Public Beach during all daylight hours. They can be leashed or unleashed, but if running free, must be responsive to the handler’s voice commands. The sand can still get hot, so be mindful of bringing dogs during the height of the day. Hot sand (often > 120°) can damage their paw pads. If the sand feels too hot for you to walk barefoot, it is probably too hot for the pup as well. As always, please pick up after your dog – it’s the law. All beach entrances are well provisioned with plastic bags and trash cans.

**Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC):** Second Precinct Commander, Captain Harry McBrien, detailed the Crime Suppression Squad’s success in capturing some suspected car thieves and taking additional illegal weapons off of the street. He noted that 50 – 60% of stolen vehicles are being found with the key fobs in the vehicles. Be smart – lock your vehicles and remove valuables - especially firearms.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti,  
CCL Safety and Security Director

## **Croatan Book Club**

Book club meets on the third Thursday of each month. All selections are available through the Virginia Beach Public Library among other sites.

Next Meeting Thursday,  
September 15, 2022. Time 7 P.M.  
Hostess: Judi Kiernan  
717 Vanderbilt Avenue (parking available)

Book: Butterfly by Yusra Mardini

Debbie Warwick will lead the discussion. All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), and notify the hostess that you will be attending via a response to the email. Bring a light snack/wine to share, if desired. During the warmer months meetings may be held outdoors.

### **Future Selections (in order):**

Tobacco Wives - Adele Myers

Cloud Cuckoo Land. Anthony Doerr

The Judges List – John Grisham

The Garden of Small Beginnings – Abbi Waxman

Privileged Information – Stephen White

The Orphan Keeper – Cameron Wright

Have you read a good book recently? Want to recommend it to others? Share your find with us.

## Croatan Women's Club

Annual Meet and Greet  
Monday, September 19

The Croatan Women's Club is a social group of fun-loving females and meets every month from September through June. The September 19 meeting will be at 7pm in the home of Jo Bloomquist at 740 Virginia Dare Drive. Come and enjoy meeting new neighbors or visiting with ones you might not have seen in a while!! Food and drink provided at this meeting by the CWC

Do you want to save \$200, save your neighbors, save children, bicyclists, pets and wildlife? GO SLOW IN CROATAN!!!



## Neighborhood Contacts

### Book Collection

Betty Rosignolo  
760 Virginia Dare Drive  
437-8662; rbrosignolo@cox.net  
For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

### Who to Call

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



### Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey  
cgcroatan@gmail.com  
(757)471-5436



if you know of new  
Croatan neighbors

### Magazine Collection

Michele Speight,  
Teen Crisis Intervention  
549 Bushnell Drive  
428-7947msp8@cox.net

## Tidewater Wildlife Rescue Helpline

**757-255-8710**

A volunteer organization dedicated to assisting orphaned and injured wildlife throughout Tidewater, Virginia  
Tidewaterwildliferescue@gmail.com

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### Important Contacts

Police, Fire and Rescue	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

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