

CCL Newsletter

August, 2024



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

President's Letter

Mike's letter will return next month.

Our next Board meeting will be held September 9th at 6:30. Please let him know if you would like to join this meeting via Zoom.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/15 Book Club
9/6 Ice Cream Social
9/9 CCL Meeting

CROATAN BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting Thursday,
August 15, 2024 Time 7 P.M.

Hostess: Alice Weisz

Place: 501 Bushnell Drive

Book: The Emancipation of Evan Walls — Jeffrey Blount

All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not – come to socialize and hear a review of the book) and notify the hostess that you will be attending via a response to the email. Bring a light snack/wine to share, if desired. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, location varies.

Future Selections (in order)

Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone – Benjamin Stevenson

Next Year in Havana – Chanel Cleeton

Ordinary Grace – William Kent Kruger

The Measure – Nikki Erlick

The Heaven and Earth Grocery – James McBride
The Women – Kristen Hannah
Becoming Madam Secretary – Stephanie Dray

VBCCO Meeting July 23, 2024

- Rick Boyles, VBCCO President, spoke about necessary technology for Civic Leagues
- Web Site is a key component needed. GoDaddy website builder was highlighted to accomplish this.
- Facebook page is important as well.
- Email blasts to membership. Recommended a bulk messaging service to avoid being blocked as spam. Mailchimp was one option.
- Nextdoor is a good way to pass information but avoiding getting into a discussion or debate was emphasized.
- A representative from the Transition Area/ITA Citizens Advisory Committee spoke to the group. She stressed the importance of leaving the Green Line as it was established in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.
- Next VBCCO Membership meeting Tuesday, August 20, 2024 6:30-8:30PM. Ocean Lakes Club House
- MAYORAL FORUM, Monday, September 23, 2024 6:30-8:30 PM Kellam High School. You must register at this link to attend.

https://www.vbcco.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=312677&item_id=2281568

Submitted by James Ferrera

Back to School Ice Cream Social

September 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at 505 Bushnell Drive

The CCL is holding another event for kids in Croatan. Join us for an ice cream/shaved ice event on Sept. 6th from 5 to 7pm at 505 Bushnell Dr. It's free for Croatan kids 18 and under.

A big thanks to the Volpe family for hosting this event again this year!!!



Women's Club

2024-2025 New Officers

President - Elizabeth Kasprak
Vice President - Linda Richie Royal
Recording Secretary - Laura Saltzer
Corresponding Secretary - Jackie Feagan
Treasurer - Susan Savage
Programs Chair - Diane Ferrera

Safety/Security – July, 2024

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Beach Safety Reminders
- On-Street Parking
- Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) – "Are you There?" Scam

Beach Safety Reminders:

- **Sunscreen** – we've had some intense solar radiation of late. Be sure to protect your bodies and, especially young children, with sunscreen.
- **Buddy-Up** – it is always safest to swim with a "buddy." Going into the water alone, even if you're a strong swimmer can be dangerous given the frequent rip currents, sand bar drop-offs, and other unseen hazards (such as debris that was submerged at high tide near the weir last winter)
- **Don't Dive** – the sand bars mentioned above can build up and disappear as quickly as the tides change. Refrain from diving into the water due to the risk of permanent injury (e.g., paralysis) or death.
- **Fishing from the Beach** – is legal in Virginia Beach. If you are wading or swimming, give those fishing a wide berth. Fishermen – please police your area to ensure that you have all your tackle when you pack-up to leave. Nobody wants to step on a fishhook.

On-Street Parking: Please be courteous when parking in the neighborhood. Reports come in regularly of blocked mailboxes (USPS won't deliver in such circumstances), trash and recycling bins inaccessible to waste disposal trucks, and blocked driveways. Other residents have complained of tire marks in lawns and damage to in-ground sprinkler lines.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC): Meets every second Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the conference room of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad #14, 740 VB Blvd (17th Street). CAC meetings are open to all.

I want to thank Martha Davenport for leading the Adopt-a-Muster event to feed the police during their July 24 shift change. This is the first Croatan-sponsored Adopt-a-Muster in many years. Thank you as well to all who contributed time, money, food, and effort.

Telephone Scam is back: Fraudsters have resurrected an old scam. They call random people and ask, "Are you there?" or "Can you hear me?" when someone answers. If the recipient responds "yes," the

fraudster can immediately link and disseminate the telephone number to others, who use it to run up thousands of dollars in overseas calls. **If you receive one of these calls, you can simply hang up or ask, “Who’s calling?”** Doing the latter will usually get the fraudster to hang up, immediately. Please brief youngsters and elders to be wary of such attempted exploitation.

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

Neighborhood Contacts

Welcome Wagon

Contact Cheryl Garvey
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if you know of new
Croatan neighbors

Who to Call

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



Book Collection

Betty Rosignolo
760 Virginia Dare Drive
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For Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary

Magazine Collection

Michele Speight,
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