

CCL Newsletter

February, 2025



Submitted by Kathy Donahoe

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Board met on Monday, February 3rd.

Here are some important dates to put on your calendar.

The beach renourishment project is underway. You can follow the progress at by [clicking here](#). The Croatan Beach nourishment fill schedule is May 17 to May 27, 2025. This, of course, could be affected by weather. It should take 11 days.

February 28th (Friday) - Member Social at Beachside Social on Atlantic Ave. Check the newsletter for more details.

March 13th (Thursday) – Town Hall and Board meeting at the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall. 6:30 PM. Agenda and details will be sent out soon.

May 3rd (Saturday) – The Croatan Garage Sale. Shadowlawn will be holding theirs on the same day. Hopefully, that will bring more people looking for “great bargains” into our area of the city. We will be advertising and will put a map on the website for people who want to register their sale so that buyers know where to go.

June 7th (Saturday) – Spring Fling. The format will be the same as in past years.

Amanda Robinson and Katie Ripberger are working on the rest of the events, and we will get those out soon. If you have any ideas, please contact them.

For those of you who have not done so yet, join, or renew your membership for 2025. It is easy to do online. **Please consider donating to the security fund** as well. Those costs have gone up significantly in the last two years. Any amount will do, but if we do not meet our budget amount of \$22,000, we will be cutting hours in the last few months of the year.

It is with great sadness to tell you that Kathy Donahoe will soon leave Croatan. She has been here for many years. During her time, she has been a dynamic Croatan booster as part of the Women’s Club and the Civic League. Most recently, she has been the coordinator and publisher of this newsletter. She truly will be missed.

The next Board of Director’s meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 PM in conjunction with the Town Hall.

All the best and stay safe,

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Upcoming Events

February 28th, Beach Social

March 13th, 1st Quarter Town Hall meeting, VB Rescue Center June 7th, Spring Fling. [Click here to RSVP](#) (CCL members only)



Croatan CIVIC LEAGUE

SPRING Social
Feb. 28th

Join us at Beachside Social for a CCL Members social from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Play shuffleboard, bocce, board games or just socialize. CCL members will receive 2 free drinks and appetizers. Please RSVP at <https://www.croatanbeach.org/social>

RSVP

BEACHSIDE SOCIAL- 2728 ATLANTIC AVE. ON THE 2ND FLOOR
FOR MORE INFO VISIT: WWW.BEACHSOCIALVB.COM

Did You Know?

Civic League meetings are open to the neighborhood. [Click here to join/renew](#)



Croatan CIVIC LEAGUE

**It's Time to...
Join/Renew**

2025 Croatan Civic League Membership

First member social is Feb. 28th
so join/renew now at...
<https://www.croatanbeach.org/join-renew/>

or scan QR code

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Croatan has a a Little Free Library on Vanderbilt Ave?



Greetings Neighbors,

Sharing an update about the Little Free Library.

The holiday books have been stored until next holiday season.....

It appears that there has been activity at the LFL which is appreciated and exciting!

The LFL belongs to Croatan and its residents. It is yours to use and spread the word.

And, there is a fresh new inventory of books for the whole family.....especially some fun and interesting books for the younger children.

Please a take moment to stop by and take a look! If you see a book for you, feel free to take it and return it.....or if you want to add it to your own library, you are free to do so. It would be appreciated if you decide to keep a book that you contribute another book to share. Also, if you have books you would like to donate to circulate through the LFL, please email LFL at littlelibrary@croatanbeach.org. Arrangements can be made for you to drop off the books or have them picked up.

The Little Free Library is located at 533 Vanderbilt Avenue. It is currently decorated with a garland of hearts for the month of February.

Thank you Croatan for your support of the Little Free Library. If you have ideas or suggestions about the LFL, please also email the library at littlelibrary@croatanbeach.org.

VBCCO Meeting Wednesday. January 15, 2025

- Brandon Kyle, Operations Police Services Manager, cancelled for this meeting and rescheduled for the March meeting.
- There was an open discussion about VBCCO University. The City is interested in creating some sort of educational program for Citizens. VBCCO met with Nancy Bloom, City of Virginia Beach Community Engagement Manager. The City and VBCCO might work together to create educational content for citizens utilizing VBCCO University.
- The City is on the 3rd wave of the Comprehensive Development Plan(Comp Plan). They want to get more community engagement this time.
- VBCCO is pursuing \$1000 per Civic League member to promote civic involvement. In theory, CCL we pay \$50 in dues and would in turn get \$1000 to spend as the Board sees fit. Time will tell if VBCCO will get Council members to sign off on it.
- VBCCO 2025 dues will be due when we receive an email bill.

- VB Cultural Affairs website has grant opportunities for artistic projects like building community library boxes like we have on Vanderbilt Ave. in Croatan.
- The current City Council is in favor of maintaining Single Family Zoning in existing communities. VBCCO is considering drafting a resolution stating that and have the Council members all sign it.
- Next VBCCO Membership meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:30-8:30PM. Bow Creek Recreation **Center**.

Jim Ferrera

VBCCO Representative

CROATAN BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 7 PM at the home of Bettina Armour, 516 Virginia Dare
BOOK: The Heaven and Earth Grocery – James McBride

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. Books are chosen by club members with only 2 caveats: (1) the member has read the book, and (2) the book is available through the Virginia Beach library system.

Future Selections (in order)

The Women – Kristen Hannah

Becoming Madam Secretary – Stephanie Dray

The Library of Borrowed Hearts - Lucy Gilmore

The Rose Code - Kate Quinn

Croatan Women's Club



Safety/Security – February, 2025

Bottom Line Up Front:

- Clear the Sensor
- Black Ice
- Stay Off of Ice
- Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) – Next meeting February 12; Situational Awareness

Clear the Sensor: I am not sure how many more frosty mornings we’ll have this winter, but I was recently reminded (by my car) to scrape the windshield in front of the sensors. Many new vehicles have optical and radio frequency (R/F) sensors that help drivers with adaptive speed control, automatic braking, lane keeping, etc. If sensors are not free of frost, they will not work properly. If you have to scrape the windshield, please ensure that you clear the area in front of the sensors. It might be worth investing in a long-handled scraper/brush as vehicles grow increasingly larger.

Black Ice: We can’t say it enough – if the temperature is near of below 32 degrees and the road appears wet, consider the presence of black ice and adjust your driving accordingly. This includes roadways in morning shadows and elevated highways, bridges, and overpasses.

Ice Safety: We were saddened to hear of the recent drowning death of a 12-year-old boy who apparently fell through ice on a pond. Although we’ve had some temperatures below freezing, Virginia Beach rarely gets cold enough for ice to thicken/strengthen sufficiently to support an individual. Even if you can swim, the shock of the frigid water immersion could incapacitate you.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC): The next CAC meeting will be held on February 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the conference room of Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad #14, 740 VB Blvd (17th Street). Please park on the east side of the building. CAC meetings are open to all.

Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility: At the January CAC meeting, VBPD Lieutenant Jennifer van Note responded to citizen concerns about the risk of copycat mass-casualty incidents such as those that marred New Orleans’ New Years festivities and German Christmas markets. LT Van Note stated that VBPD performs coordinated table-top and field exercises to attempt to prevent and respond to such incidents. VBPD also shares data with state and federal law enforcement agencies all of whom regularly sweep social media for threatening postings. Regrettably, if a malcontent has mayhem on their mind and has not shared such intent, there is little that can be done to completely prevent such tragedies. In that regard, people need to remain aware of their surroundings (situational awareness). This includes not being encumbered by focusing on cell phones at the expense of your own safety.

M. C. “Connie” Agresti,

CCL Safety and Security Director

Security Patrol Hours, 2025 Estimate

Month	2023 Hours	Cost @ \$65	2024 Hours	Cost @ \$65
Jan	15	\$ 975.00	10	\$ 650.00
Feb	15	\$ 975.00	10	\$ 650.00
Mar	15	\$ 975.00	10	\$ 650.00
Apr	20	\$ 1,300.00	10	\$ 650.00
May	25	\$ 1,625.00	20	\$ 1,300.00
Jun	45	\$ 2,925.00	35	\$ 2,275.00
Jul	45	\$ 2,925.00	35	\$ 2,275.00
Aug	45	\$ 2,925.00	35	\$ 2,275.00
Sep	30	\$ 1,950.00	25	\$ 1,625.00
Oct	25	\$ 1,625.00	15	\$ 975.00
Nov	15	\$ 975.00	10	\$ 650.00
Dec	15	\$ 975.00	15	\$ 975.00
Totals	310	\$ 20,150.00	230	\$ 14,950.00

Neighborhood Contacts

Name	Committee	Email	Phone
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Welcome Wagon

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if you know of new
 Croatan neighbors

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