

# CROATAN CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



March 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

There's not much to say this month. The Board deferred any critical items for **the Town Hall next Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall. 6:30 PM.**

The new Second Precinct Community Liaison Officer- **Officer Kishon Robert** – will speak to us

The focus will be what you want to talk about, but to get things started...

We will cover the following:

- Croatan Beach Replenishment and Weir Replacement
- Safety, Security and Police Patrols
- Need for Board Members and Volunteers
- CVOW progress
- Future Town Halls - locations, topics, and outside speakers
- Event calendar for 2025
- Potential use of "sponsors" and suggestions for venues/activities
- Your concerns and issues

***The Croatan Civic League leadership wants to hear from you.***

## CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

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

**Honoring the Fallen:** Officers Christopher Reese and Cameron Girvin will be honored with a Moment of Silence at the March 12, CAC meeting. The outpouring of public support for these Officers' families has been awe-inspiring. VBPD has established a dedicated webpage that people can use to provide their support. The page



Little Library 533 Vanderbilt Ave



located at Officers Christopher Reese and Cameron Girvin | City of Virginia Beach .

**Community Liaison Officer:** The new Second Precinct Community Liaison Officer is **Officer Kishon Roberts**. His number is 757-385-1338.

**SAFETY & SECURITY**

**Protecting Property and Neighbors:** For years, the homeowners at the easternmost end of Lake Christine have graciously allowed

pedestrians and bicyclists to use the cut-through between north and south Surfside Avenue that eases through their property. Riding **E-bikes** through this, often soggy, property, especially at more than a pedestrian’s pace, damages the turf, the aesthetics, and the homeowner’s right to peaceful enjoyment. It also endangers pedestrians and domestic/wild animals who share the same easement because sodden ground reduces a speeding rider’s ability to stop or maneuver to avoid an accident.

These same issues exist on the Aqua Lane cut-through between Surfside and Vanderbilt, which, although public property, can be torn up by speeding E-bikes thereby creating a muddy environment through which no one wants to walk or bicycle.

Please respect public and private property and refrain from endangering others or infringing upon their right to the peaceful enjoyment of our community.

**Croatan Parking Lot:** Parking fees start on April 1 for those entering the Croatan parking lot after 10:00 AM. Virginia Beach residents are charged \$3.00, while non-residents are charged \$7.00. Pay at kiosks or by on-line apps. Lot closing time moves to 8:00 PM.

**Motorcycle Season – Look Twice:** Warming days bring two-wheelers out of hibernation to enjoy the clean air, natural beauty, and open spaces we’ve missed during winter. Riders – be sure to have your “ride” checked out with a spring tune-up and perform your pre-ride **T-CLOCS** inspection – **T**ires and Wheels, **C**ontrols, **L**ights and Electronics, **O**il and Fluids, **C**hassis, and **S**tand. Always burn your headlight, always wear your helmet, and anticipate your actions if/when drivers do the dumbest thing possible. Layer up – once the sun goes down, your speed becomes the wind-chill factor, have gloves, and both day and night goggles. Car drivers – please **look twice** for motorcyclists, especially when changing lanes and making turns, and give riders extra following distance. Most motorcyclists are responsible riders but there are outliers. Drivers - if a rider is traveling at high speed and weaving through traffic – let them go. Even passive aggressive behavior can lead to fatal consequences.

**SHAMROCK MARATHON CLOSURES**

The 53rd running of the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon Weekend will take place in Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 14-16, 2025. This St. Paddy’s Day tradition has a race distance for every goal: Marathon, Half Marathon, 8K, and challenges. There will be road closures including General Booth on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

8:00 a.m.	No Access	General Booth Boulevard Northbound Lane from Prosperity Rd. to 5 <sup>th</sup> St. / Rudee Bridge	Northbound Oceanfront traffic should take Oceana Blvd. North to Virginia Beach Blvd. and East to Oceanfront
8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Limited Access	1 Pacific Ave. & General Booth Blvd. Southbound Lane will be open for Southbound vehicular traffic from 9 <sup>th</sup> St. to Oceana Blvd.	
8:00 a.m.	No Access	Birdneck Rd. from General Booth Blvd. to State Military Reservation entrance at Jefferson Ave.	Prosperity Rd. remaining open to General Booth Blvd.
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Limited Access	Birdneck Road Eastbound Lane will be open for neighborhood traffic to travel to Prosperity Rd.	



Estimated 2:00 p.m.	Open	General Booth Blvd. Northbound Lane from Prosperity Rd. to Birdneck Rd.	
Estimated 2:00 p.m.	Open	Birdneck Rd. from General Booth Blvd. to State Military Reservation entrance at Jefferson Ave.	
Estimated 2:45 p.m.	Open	All General Booth Boulevard Northbound Lanes	
Estimated 2:45 p.m.	Open	Atlantic Ave. from Rudee Loop to 9 <sup>th</sup> St.	
Estimated 3:30 p.m.	Open	All Roads Open	

## BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is on Thursday, March 20, 2025, 7 PM  
at the home of Eileen Wren: 518 Bushnell Drive  
BOOK: [The Women – Kristen Hannah](#)



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, the 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)

- Becoming Madam Secretary – Stephanie Dray
- The Library of Borrowed Hearts - Lucy Gilmore
- The Rose Code – Kate Quinn
- Wrong Place, Wrong Time - Gillian McAllister





## CROATAN “BE BONE STRONG” WALKING CLUB


We’re excited to launch The Croatan ‘Be Bone Strong’ Walking Club—a community-driven initiative to get us moving, together. Croatan resident (and sometimes NYC resident) Barbara Hannah Grufferman, award-winning author and host of the [AGE BETTER podcast](#), will lead the weekly walks. For those days when Barbara isn’t in Croatan, Bettina Armour will take over and lead the way!

Starting on March 22nd, we’ll meet every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM for a 60-minute walk inside and outside of Croatan. Walking is not only a fantastic weight-bearing exercise that strengthens bones, but it also improves heart health, boosts mood, and builds community. What’s not to like? *BONUS! Members-only zoom meetings will be scheduled throughout the year with top medical experts from around the country to talk about all the ways we can stay healthy and active and answer your questions.*

**DETAILS:**

 **When:** Every Saturday at 8:30 – 9:30am (Note: you will be notified if walks are cancelled due to inclement weather)

 **Where:** Meeting point: Intersection of Croatan Road and Kerry Lane

 **Distance:** 2–3 miles (3 is the goal!)

**JOIN US**

[Click Here](#)

**CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB**

This month's Croatan Women's Club meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**Croatan CIVIC LEAGUE**

# 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 13th** **CCL Town Hall**  
Town Hall for all Croatan residents . Its will be held at 6:30 - Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Hall on VB Blvd.
- Mar 22nd** **Croatan Walking Club**  
Every Saturday at 8:30 AM . Meet at Croatan Rd. & Kerry Lane. Visit the CCL website to join
- May 3rd** **Croatan Garage Sale**  
The annual Croatan Garage Sale day in conjunction with the Shadowlawn Civic League 9 - 12pm
- May 4th** **Croatan Cares 5K**  
Annual fun run thru Croatan . Starts at 10AM. You can run or walk. This year its a Star Wars theme!!
- June 7th** **Spring Fling**  
Join us for our annual CCL Spring Fling at the Point at Croatan Beach . Saturday June 7th from 3-8PM
- Being Planned**
  - Ice Cream Social 9/5
  - Fall Member event
  - Halloween Party
  - Annual Meeting
  - Pictures with Santa
  - Holiday Lights contest
  - Cookies and Cocoa with Santa

Croatan Civic League  
<https://www.croatanbeach.org/>



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