



News around our Nest

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President's Corner

Lori Stanley, Civic League President

Happy Fall everyone! Summer at the bay seems to go by too quickly each year. Thanks to everyone who participated in our first annual pig roast, which was a huge success! A big THANK YOU to Jen Lio and Steve Schmitt who coordinated the event. More than 120 people attended, and we were able to donate \$500 from the proceeds to the Ocean Park 4th of July Firework fund.

Fall elections for the civic league will be held November 2nd. Please consider running for the board, becoming a block captain, joining the social committee, volunteering to help out with our newsletter and website. There are many opportunities to help improve YOUR neighborhood!

Annual Homeowners Meeting Nov. 2nd

It's time for our annual Aeries civic league board of directors elections. The meeting will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 7pm at the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad building. PLEASE consider running for a position on the board; "new blood" is always needed and welcomed! Contact Lori Stanley at 363-1845 to volunteer or for more information.

*Annual Board of
Directors Elections Nov
2nd at 7pm.*

Community Yard Sale & Food Drive

It's time to clean out the clutter before the holidays! The Aeries Fall community yard sale will be Saturday, November 19th. This is a great opportunity to mingle with neighbors, take in the fall fresh air, recycle treasures and make some money to boot. You can "rent a space" from Aeries and host a sale in your driveway for \$10. Or if you don't want to man a table but do want to rid yourself of "stuff," you can donate your items to the Board of Directors. We'll then do the selling and contribute the proceeds to the civic league treasury. Either way, you win!

The \$10 contribution covers the cost of advertising and printing maps. Look for more information later via flyers and mailbox postings or visit our website at aeriesonthebay.net. We will also be collecting canned goods during the yard sale to donate to a holiday food drive. Each home participating in the yard sale will be provided a collection bin for canned good donations.

Entrance Update

Many thanks to Deannie Hill for maintaining the area around our Aeries on the Bay sign. For those interested in assisting with fall planting, weeding and decorating the sign during the holidays, please contact Deannie at 460-8629.

More Grounds Keeping

Speaking of grounds keeping, please remember that the area behind your backyard fence is your responsibility -- it is not a common area. Some backyards have become a "common area" for unwanted grills and other debris. Please check behind your fence and make sure it is clear. If you need to unload old items, consider participating in the yard sale or calling the city for bulk item pick up: 385-4650.

Dues...Please Support Your Neighborhood

Annual dues are \$20 per household and help us maintain our community. Improving the entry way, publishing newsletters and flyers, providing yard debris bins, contributing to the Ocean Park fireworks fund, and hosting social events are just a few of the activities that are made possible because of dues (and because of the hard work of our volunteers). It's not too late to give your dues for 2011 -- and not too early to contribute for 2012. Please drop off your dues to any board member or to our Treasurer, Jill Broome, 2373 Rookery Way. Cash or checks made payable to Aeries on the Bay are most welcome anytime! We will also collect 2011 and 2012 dues at the general membership meeting on November 2nd.

*Don't forget to contribute
your dues for 2011 and
2012!*

Lights Out?

If you notice that a street light in our community isn't working, please report it to Dominion Power - and include the number listed on the light pole.

Email and Online Updates

Get the latest neighborhood news delivered conveniently to your desktop (it's convenient and environmentally friendly). Please send an email to AeriesCivicLeague@gmail.com with your name in the subject line, and we'll add you to our growing online community. Please also check out the Aeries on the Bay group page on Facebook. Ocean Park Civic League (of which Aeries is a part) also has an active Facebook group - be sure to check it out to find out what's going on in our surrounding area.

Be Aware. Be Alert.

There have been a number of car break-ins in Aeries (usually the car has been unlocked) and home burglaries in the wider Ocean Park area. For some of the home burglaries, the perpetrators have entered the house by coming through the back yard over the fence while someone rings the front doorbell. Please be alert and call the police if you see anything suspicious. It's also a good idea to leave a light on at night to deter thieves and keep your cars, gates and doors locked. There have also been reports of magazine solicitors in our neighborhood. Please be aware that this is a scam and contact the police if they knock on your door. We hope to have a police officer from the 3rd precinct at our general membership meeting on November 2nd to share details on recent crime in our community.

Aeries Paint Colors

Looking to do some fall painting? Bennette Paint in Hampton will deliver Aeries paint to your home free of charge (the Norfolk location of Bennette Paint closed). For more info, call 838-7777. The Aeries paint colors are also registered at the Home Depot on Virginia Beach Blvd.

'Tis the Season for Holiday Caroling

Calling all carolers and wanna-be carolers! We will continue our tradition of neighborhood caroling on Sunday, December 11th. Dan Rivers has graciously offered to host the pre-caroling party at his home (2322 Kingbird Lane). Join us at 6pm for some holiday treats before heading out to spread some cheer. Fa la la la la!

Toy Drive

Once again this holiday season we will collect toys for children to donate to For Kids, a local organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children. If you are interested in participating, please drop off an unwrapped toy to Dan Rivers (2322 Kingbird Lane) -- or bring it with you when you attend the neighborhood holiday party at Dan's on December 11th. We will donate the toys to For Kids on December 12th. Please visit the For Kids website for gift ideas:

<http://www.homesforkids.org/documents/pdf/Drives/HolidayShopFlyer2011.pdf>

Important City of Virginia Beach Information:

Police --non-emergency	757-385-5000 (Precinct 3 Office: 385-2703)
Trash Pickup	Every Wednesday--Place black container at the curb after dark on Tuesdays.
Recycle Pickup	Every other Wednesday--Place blue container at the curb after dark on Tuesdays
Lawn debris	Every Wednesday--Place in clear bags or a 4'x4' pile at the curb
Yard debris, limbs	Call 385-4650 to have a 13'x7'x5' container delivered for a \$30 fee
Hazardous Waste	Call SPSA 424-4297 for directions and times to drop off
Bulk Item Pickup	Call 385-4650 for pickup of large appliances, furniture, (no carpets or building material)
Landfill	Call 385-1980 for times; location is 1989 Jake Sears Rd., Virginia Beach
Stray Animals	Call Animal Control at 385-4444

*Aeries on the Bay needs YOUR
involvement!*



**Don't miss the Annual Civic League
Meeting & Board of Directors Elections**

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 7:00 PM

Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad

3769 East Stratford (off Shore Dr.)

**Positions include: President, Vice
President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus 7
Directors**

*We're also looking for Block Captains and
members of the following committees: social,
grounds, communications and fundraising.
Join a great group of people! Get to know your
neighbors! Do something good for
your community! Small time commitment!*