# Membership

Dues remain at \$12 per year per family/household, due in September. Your dues go to support the local churches food pantries, Samaritan House, holiday meals for families in our area, the publication of the newsletter and more. Thank you, for your continued support and for renewing your membership or becoming a member.

Renewals: Christine Kocher

# Share a ride

In an effort to increase member and resident participation in Civic League meetings, the Executive Board is generating a list of those members who need a ride and those who are willing to provide a ride. Some of our members are not able to drive for one reason or another, but would like to attend meetings.

This is a way to help them get to the meeting and increase member participation. If you are able to provide the ride or need a ride to the Civic League meeting, please contact any on the Executive Board.

By Bob Elms



#### PRINCESS ANNE PLAZA CIVIC LEAGUE

General meetings are the **SECOND Tuesday** of the month and begin at 7 p.m.

#### **Dates**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 April 9, 2019 May 14, 2019 June 11, 2019

Place: Bow Creek Recreation Ctr., Rm. 2 3427 Club House Road

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

January 8 – Plaza Annex II Bldg Update
February 12 – Club House Drainage Update
March 12 – Recycling
April 9 – Virginia Beach Community Trust
(Establishing a trust for family members with
intellectual or mental disabilities)
May 14 – Election of Officers
June 11 – Installation of Officers and

<u>WWW.PAPCL.ORG</u> <u>WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PRINCESSANNEPLAZA/</u>

Pot Luck Dinner

# Earth Day 2019

Saturday, April 13, 10 AM - 2 PM
Earth Day Recycling Zone
Mount Trashmore Park
310 Edwin Drive

Celebrate your commitment to better the environment by participating in the Virginia Beach Parks and Rec Recycling Zone event. For more info, call 385-2990.

# Utility Work to Affect Bow Creek Boulevard Starting Feb. 25

Starting on Monday, Feb. 25, utility work will impact traffic on Bow Creek Boulevard with a temporary closure between Kings Arm Drive and Burgesses Lane.

Warning signs will be posted advising motorists of the road closure and detour routes. Area residents will have access to their properties at all times. This closure is expected to be in place until Friday, March 8, weather permitting.

For more information, contact DeWayne Craddock with Virginia Beach Public Utilities at (757) 385-4140.

# **Cleaning Street Gutters**

It has been requested that I ask residents to take a little time to rake, sweep, or use a blower to clean their street gutters of leaves, pine straw and other debris. Keeping gutters clear, which includes keeping leaf bags and trash cans away from the curb, helps rainwater freely flow to drains. It doesn't take much debris to clog a drain, which in turn can lead to localized flooding!

To receive email notices as to when your street will be swept, click on the following link and then in the email bar add yours, <a href="http://tsg.dbiservices.com/apps/avl/101#">http://tsg.dbiservices.com/apps/avl/101#</a>
The City's street sweeping contractor, DBI Services, will notify you as to what areas they will be sweeping.

By Bob Elms

# Here Comes the Bus Mobile App



The following is a portion of the City of Virginia Beach Public Schools release on a new school bus tracking app.

With the Here Comes The Bus® app, parents can receive notifications – on one or multiple devices – letting them know when their bus is close to the stop. Here Comes The Bus® can be downloaded for free via the App Store or Google Play.

Start your account with the following:

\_Enter Virginia Beach City Public Schools' code <u>76036</u> and click "Next" followed by "Confirm."

\_Complete the "User Profile" box.

\_Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number. Make sure you spell your child's last name *exactly* as it appears on your child's report card or bus stop information. If there is a hyphen in the name, make sure you include it. If you need your student's identification number, you must contact the school. Due to privacy reasons, Transportation staff will not be able to provide this number to callers. Once you confirm your information, you are ready to begin using the app.

If you have any questions, provide the following information to the Transportation Office via email at <a href="https://doi.org/10.25/10.25/45/">HCTB@vbschools.com</a> or by phone at 757-263-1545:

- Your name
- Email address used for Here Comes the Bus account
- Your child's first and last names along with student ID
- Your child's bus number
- Question or description of issue

## **Bow Creek Recreation Center:**

Having trouble getting into a routine of exercise? Maybe a personal trainer just to get you going would fill the bill for you! Choose from two programs: 30- minute or 60- minute. Session costs vary, so call the rec center for details and addition information at 385-6327. Don't forget to ask about the Nutrition and Team Training programs as well.

By Bob Elms

# **House of Delegate Redistricting**

The U.S. Eastern District Court has redrawn the boundaries of 25 Virginia House of Delegates districts. However, it's not certain what the House maps will look like this fall as the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal of the lower court decision this spring. The legal action is likely to delay primary elections from June until after Labor Day.

There are four House of Delegate districts within the PAPCL boundaries: 21, 82, 84 and 85. You are encouraged to check your district status at the nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project, or VPAP, at the following link:

http://www.vpap.org

# February PAPCL Meeting Highlights

The following are highlights of the February PAPCL meeting. Official minutes will be posted to the League's webpage after approval.

Officer Jeff Crawford, 1st Precinct, gave crime updates while Pete Abreu provided real estate updates in the civic league area.

# February Minutes continued

Virginia Wasserburg, with Stop The Flooding NOW, recognized House Delegate Kelly Convirs-Fowler (21st District), who attended the February civic league meeting. Wasserburg noted HB 2175, which would require flooding disclosure to potential buyers, did not pass but would be attempted again next session.

Mike Mundy, (Public Works) and his staff, and a representative of Michael Baker, provided flood mitigation project updates, focusing on the Clubhouse Road project. The \$3.3 million project has a February 2020 start date with a 14-month work window. The project will be completed in three phases, and it will impact travel along Rosemont Road. For questions or more information. residents can contact Public Works with at: papww@vbgov.com Be sure to include your name and contact info when emailing.

Mundy also noted that City and its street sweeping contractor, DBI, are experiencing some growing pains. He asked resident call Public Works at 385-1470 with concerns or issues. Residents needing storm drains cleaned out can submit a request to the City at the following link:

#### www.vbgov.com/service-requests

Flooding Chair Bob Jennings asked that residents keep pressure on City Council to fund flood mitigation projects. He also asked for flooding pictures be sent to both the City and Stop The Flooding NOW, and to include a "marker" to help identify how high water has risen.

By Phyllis Elms and Fran Sansone

# **Tax Prep Assistance**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers - especially those 50 and older. In Virginia Beach, it's offered through April 15 at the Central Library, Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on a first come, first-served basis. For each person listed on the return, some of the documents you'll need to bring include income, deduction and payment information, government-issued identification, bank account information (where a refund or payment is processed), 2018 W-2s for each person and 2017 tax returns. Access to the complete list can be found at:

https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents.html?intcmp=AE-FOU-TAXAIDE-LOCATOR-IL-DOCS

## Advertise with the PAPCL!

Our rates have not changed in more than 20 years. Your ad will appear in our newsletter and online at our website. Rates per newsletter issue:

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1/4th page - \$20

½ page - \$40

Full page - \$80

With an ad scheduled for 9 issues and paid in advance, your ad will appear in 10 issues. Ads must be print ready and as you would have them appear in the newsletter. The ad and payment must be received by the 20th of the month. Checks can be made out to Princess Anne Plaza Civic League or PAPCL. We are a nonprofit organization, but not tax exempt. For more information or to place your ad, contact Fran Sansone, Editor, at 486-4208





Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on March17, the traditional death date of Ireland's foremost patron saint. St. Patrick's Day, celebrated in more countries than any other national festival, generally involved public parades, special foods, Irish traditional music, dancing, copious consumption of alcohol, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks.

St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish. Later interpretations also said the three leaves are meant to symbolize hope, love and faith, and if there's a fourth leaf it symbolizes luck. Historians say St. Patrick's color was blue, not green, and the use of green became commonplace during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries when the clover became a symbol of nationalism and wearing green on lapels became the norm.

The harp is the national emblem of Ireland although many there are many traditional symbols such as the shamrock, claddagh, and the High Cross (or Irish Cross).

Sláinte and Erin Go Bragh!

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