



Ocean Park Echo

FEBRUARY 2023

Welcome to Ocean Park. Your neighborhood extends from the Lesner Bridge to the 7 Eleven and from the Lynnhaven River to the Chesapeake Bay, including several smaller communities and high-rises within those borders. We invite everyone in this area to attend Ocean Park Civic League meetings and participate in the fun activities we plan each year. For more information, visit www.opcl.org, join the civic league, sign up for emails or go to the Ocean Park Civic League Facebook page. You may also find neighborhood-related information on Instagram @oceanparkcivicleague, Nextdoor, Ocean Park Neighborhood Page on Facebook and Ocean Park Bulletin Board on Facebook.

Remember that a civic league operates differently than a homeowners association. The league does not create or enforce rules for the neighborhood. It acts as combined representation for the majority of the neighborhood and as a facilitator of social events for the neighbors. Votes occur on occasion to determine those topics needing community representation and always take place at General Membership meetings. The civic league represents all residents of

Ocean Park Greetings

Hello neighbors,

I am honored to serve you as president and want to first thank all those who volunteer time to OPCL, in particular the board of directors and committee members. The primary goal of the OPCL is to improve the quality of life within our neighborhood, the Shore Drive community and the city, through our volunteer work. We remain committed to our 2023 priorities:

- **Reestablishing our community ties through social events, meeting and communication**
- **Safety—Traffic & crime**
- **Ocean Park Beach , Lynnhaven Wharf Enhancements and Preservation of Pleasure House Point Natural Area**
- **Phase 4 — Delivering the promised Shore Drive improvements in the city’s Capital Improvement Plan**
- **Appropriate Residential Development & Support of our Local Business Community**

We encourage everyone to voice your concerns, communicating with us via your preferred method and most importantly, supporting neighbors.

As with everyone, OPCL is rebounding and going through some transition. We would like to sincerely thank **Betty Dierstein** - Secretary, **Paul Schubert** - Government Affairs Chairman and **Joanne Parker** - Social Committee Chairman for their exceptional and significant service. We wish you the very best. As such, we are excited to welcome **Christy Allen** - Secretary and **Shane Abell** - At Large Representative.

Go to opcl.org to stay current on all the 2023 news and events!

Sincerely & with best regards,
Danny Murphy, OPCL president

We Need Volunteers!

Would you like to help out a little or a lot? Do you have ideas for more fun social events?
Would you like to be on the Scholarship Committee to review applicants for our OPCL scholarships?
Find many other opportunities at opcl.org/aboutopcl
We are dedicated to FUN — help plan some good times!

2023 Updates

Ocean Park Beach & Lynnhaven Wharf

- ⇒ The city is finalizing the bids for dune grass planting (Feb 10th) and fencing. The city is hopeful the planting will occur early spring before the end of this year's winter planting season.
- ⇒ The city extended the outflow drain pipe at the Water Oaks Beach Access this fall and is in the process of installing safety fencing. Also, the city is scheduling a beach profile survey for June to map the sand replenishment migration.
- ⇒ Currently, the City is conducting the annual Crab Creek Channel Dredging at the Lynnhaven Wharf/Boat Ramp. The dredging should be completed early March.
- ⇒ A truck haul of the sand stockpile located at the Lynnhaven Wharf to begin in March-April timeframe. Trucks will haul sand across the Lesner Bridge to nourish the western end of the Cape Henry Beach at Point Chesapeake/Opus (old Duck-in). The truck haul will last 2-3 months.
- ⇒ The city is working on bids for an additional Chesapeake Beach nourishment project (west of OP) scheduled for early summer this year.

SAVE THE DATE

Meeting Thur March 9th @7pm
Meeting Thur April 6th @7pm
Meeting Thur May 4th @ pm
Meeting Thur June 8th @7pm

SOCIAL EVENTS

Spring Fling Sat Apr 22nd
Piling Day TBD (May)
Fireworks TBD (4th Wknd)
Fall Festival Sat Oct 21st

PLEASUREHOUSE POINT CLEANUP

Sat Feb 18th 9:00am
(weather permitting)

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Fri March 31st

OP VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

OPEN HOUSE: Sat Feb 18th
Noon-6p

BAYFRONT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thur Feb 16th 3:30pm
Ocean Park Rescue Squad

2023 Dues

Your civic league operates on a nearly \$18K annual budget to cover the costs from postage stamps to web hosting; scholarships to insurance and corporation fees. OPCL keeps you informed of local issues that may require action for our collective voice to be heard. The OPCL Board elected not to increase membership dues for 2023 and keep them at \$20 per household for the year. When you pay your 2023 dues you receive free admission to our social events

a brand new OPCL sticker. **But we are asking those that can, to become a "Super Supporter" of the civic league!** As you know everything is more expensive these days and our expenses have increased at least 20%. If you are able to give over the \$20 membership, please consider providing additional funds of \$10, \$20 or more. We appreciate your support!
To join or renew, go to opcl.org and follow the JOIN US link to

make payment via Paypal or Cheddarup :

WWW.OPCL.ORG

By mail, send a check payable to O.P.C.L. and send it to:

**Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL)
P.O. Box 55385
Virginia Beach, VA 23471**

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address so that we can mail your sticker and stay in touch.

We Have NEW Ocean Park Merch (Colors & Styles)!

Short Sleeve T-shirts (\$15), Long Sleeve Ts (\$25) and hoodies (\$40) for sale

Email: communication@opcl.org