

Chesapeake Beach Civic League
General Meeting
June 18, 2018

President TJ Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Officer Mike Geluso gave a report on the opening weeks of summer in Chic's Beach. The number of individuals with open containers on the beach has decreased. Broken glass has been found toward the middle part of the beach. He asked everyone's cooperation in eliminating such hazards. Mike said he will write a summons for violators. He reviewed rules concerning dogs on the beach and asked that we educate everybody to the leash laws. He suggested sending specific questions to Animal Control. (A representative of Animal Control has been invited to attend the next General Meeting of the Civic League.) Residents can email questions to mgeluso@vbgov.com.

Officer Geluso reported the towing of a few vehicles in violation of parking rules. Lauderdale is a problem area. Oceanview is challenging in that people can park off pavements on lawns, which may be partly on City owned land. Officer Geluso has photographed every sign on every strip of land from Lesner Bridge to the Norfolk border. Some are damaged or cannot be seen through overgrowth of plant life. He notes, "Improvement is coming." He has asked the City to address 90 percent of these issues by the end of summer.

Jeanine Montgomery asked about the plan for future parking, as the number of people using the beaches continues to grow. It was noted that there is too little space to build new parking areas. Cami Best-Jones suggested parking in the Chic's Beach Shopping Center and walking to the beach. Robyn Bailey reported parking issues on Lee Avenue. Melissa Pulling expressed concern about leaving adequate room for rescue vehicles to pass, on streets with parking on both sides. Officer Geluso will pursue this issue and any others involving safety. These safety issues are clear priorities.

Officer Geluso indicated that starting this week, there will be more officers to help with hot spots such as Lee Avenue.

Gaylon Montgomery suggested using clickfix.com to report problems with signage. Problems are forwarded to appropriate City departments, a process that saves time in getting problems addressed.

Cami Best-Jones gave a Membership report. She outlined the benefits of membership. There are 43 new members who joined the League at the Picnic.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction. There was a misspelling of the Meyera E. Oberndorf Library, which will be corrected.

Amy Oliver reported that race shirts are available at Jr. Market for \$10.00 each. There was a total of \$430.00 in sales the day of the Race.

Curtis Bailey acknowledged our sponsors, drawing a round of applause in appreciation for their contributions to the Civic League.

Jenny Priestly provided a report from the Neighborhood Watch Program. The recent evening event was quite successful. Jenny distributed two handouts to the group: "Safe Through the Storm" and "See Something, Say Something." These documents will be posted at the website. Jenny noted the Third Precinct meetings held on the third Thursday of every month. Disaster preparedness will be the topic at the next meeting.

Curtis Bailey reported great water quality in Chubb, Bradford and Joyce lakes. He encouraged boaters to complete a safety course, available in the area.

Jim Woodlee gave an update from the Pride in Community Committee. The Walks and Woodlees are preparing brief articles describing the Spring award winners for the next Newsletter.

Melissa Griffith will publish the next Newsletter in early July. She has many articles and pictures for this edition.

Michele Zimmerman reported that the ditches in the area by Boone Clinic have been cleared. She recommended an awareness effort to encourage home owners to check the ditches near their homes and clear them where necessary.

Amy Bouchard gave a report on the Low Rent 5K Race. There were 358 registered runners, and 44 have registered to date for the 2019 Race. People may register for \$25.00 from now until the end of the year. A meeting to review the event will be held soon. Amy has received some feedback. Signage was a big help in making this year's race event go well.

Melissa Pulling thanked volunteers for the Race. She indicated all went smoothly. Melissa had more volunteers than jobs for them to do. They will expand the kids' race next year. She welcomes feedback and suggestions. The next event needing volunteers will be the Grand Illumination.

Jenny Priestly reminded the membership that National Night Out has been scheduled for August 7, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The event will be held in front of Jr. Market. There will be games for children and opportunities for children to check out the emergency response vehicles. It is a good opportunity to meet and thank our police and emergency responders.

Amy Oliver reported on the June Picnic. She estimated attendance at 225. Amy will need a larger tent, 30 feet by 20 feet, for next year's event. The event came well within budget.

TJ Morgan thanked Bruce Johnson for his work in creating the July 4th Flag display. Bruce indicates there will be Flags on Pleasure House, Fentress, Greenwell, and Lookout Road.

Jenny Priestly introduced her new neighbors. They are interested in creating a community yard sale. The idea was unanimously approved, and Lex Pittman agreed to serve as Chairwoman of the planning committee.

Melissa Pulling thanked Pastor Rob for his generosity to the League. Pastor Rob invited people to participate in a beach service to be held Sunday evening, July 1, at 7:30 near Buoy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.