

# *Witchduck Civic League*

**MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010 7:30 PM**

## **“LIGHT RAIL”**

### **OUR MASS TRANSIT FUTURE BY HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT**

We have invited HRT to provide us with an overview of the current status of the “Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study,” an evaluation currently underway with the City of Virginia Beach to consider the potential of a fixed extension of Norfolk’s light rail system from Newtown Road to the Virginia Beach oceanfront along the inactive Norfolk Southern railroad right of way. The study is analyzing a Light Rail Transit alternative, a Bus Rapid Transit alternative, Enhanced Bus Service, and a no build scenario.

HRT will provide a PowerPoint presentation, which will address transportation scheduling, station locations, right of way challenges from Birdneck Road to the oceanfront and various other issues.

HRT wants to bring our community up to date on their progress – **more importantly, they want our feedback and input.** Our transportation future is in the making! Interesting and worthwhile is an understatement. **JOIN IN!**

### **ELECTION OF CIVIC LEAGUE OFFICERS**

At a special board meeting on May 17, the board of directors voted to re-energize the nominating committee process with the intent of presenting a full slate of officers at our July meeting.

“Roberts Rules” were not completely applied at our April picnic. In addition to the slate to be presented by the nominating committee, nominations from the floor will be taken for each individual position.

**MARK YOUR CALENDER – SEE YOU AT THE MEETING**

## **OUR APRIL PICNIC**

As you know, the new "Colonial Education Center" on the grounds of the Lynnhaven House was dedicated and formally opened on April 18. Thanks to Starr Donlon, the staff at the Lynnhaven historical site, and the Virginia Beach Department of Museums we were able to use the new education center the following Sunday for our annual event. We were able to put up a tent and use the center's brand new kitchen. There was indoor table seating for 65 guests with plenty of outdoor/tent seating. We had approximately 115 members and guests in attendance, and everyone had a fabulous time.

Harriet and Bob Frenzel did a magnificent job of handling all the hospitality arrangements. As usual the BBQ and chicken went quickly, followed by the wonderful side dishes and great selection of desserts. Those members who provided their culinary expertise deserve our appreciation and sincere thanks for their contribution to a wonderful day and a really great luncheon.

Matt Pommer and his daughter Madison provided games and other events for the young people in attendance. Matt, who is our Sgt.-at-Arms, along with his family and others have done a great job at our picnics. Their participation and support has been wonderful and appreciated by all.

The raffle was a huge success. Madison Pommer won the Virginia Beach Monopoly game and Patsy Harris won the wine and fruit basket, and the civic league earned \$155.00. "Thank you" Val Cappa for your continuing ticket sales expertise.

We wish to express our thanks to the sheriff's department for providing the tent and outdoor chairs for the meeting; as well as a special thanks to all our members and volunteers who helped to set-up and close the facility.

## **WITCHDUCK CIVIC LEAGUE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

At our April board meeting a motion was made and unanimously passed to fund a \$500.00 "Last Dollar Scholarship" through The Access Scholarship Foundation, which will be used to support a 2010 graduate from Princess Anne High School. The civic league membership present at our annual picnic on April 25, voted unanimously in favor of the board's recommendation. This is the second year that we have funded a scholarship for a graduating Princess Anne high school student.

So-called "last dollar scholarships" are provided to assist financially challenged graduating students achieve their educational goals. Many of these students would not be able to continue their education without the help of these awards. "Access" will provide in 2010 more than 275 last dollar scholarships to help support students in need from the 29 high schools in South-side Hampton Roads.

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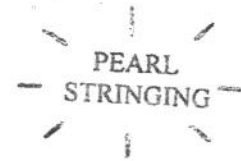
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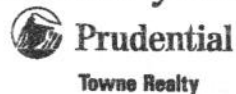


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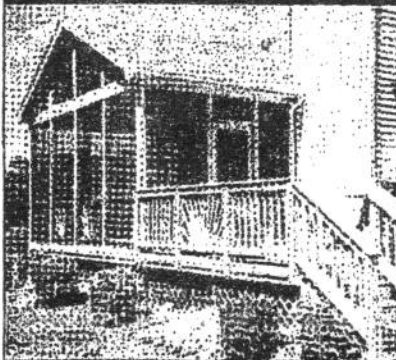
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The benefits are many, but **SAFETY** makes the difference. **DO IT!**

## **LYNNHAVEN RIVER DREDGING**

The location selected several months ago at the foot of Thalia Creek on Virginia Beach Blvd., remains the city’s current site of choice for the removal of dredged materials from the Western Branch of the Lynnhaven River.

The city has now obtained the required permit for the Whitehurst disposal site. If all goes well, dredging will begin in late 2010 or early 2011. Plans for the long-term use of the Thalia Creek location include public use for boat launching and other river activities.

We have also now learned that as many as three additional locations may be provided, in order to address ongoing private dredging projects in the northern and eastern part of the Lynnhaven watershed.

## **NEW CIVIC LEAGUE MAILING ADDRESS**

The civic league has a new post office box number. Effective July 1, 2010 the address is:

**WITCHDUCK CIVIC LEAGUE  
P.O. BOX 68657  
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We are still on the web at: [www.witchduck.org](http://www.witchduck.org)

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**BROOK BAPTIST SOCIAL HALL IS THE PLACE**

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## **CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

As of this writing our civic league has 378 members, representing 208 households or more than 35% of our community. Our membership is down nearly 8% compared to a year ago. As you may remember, in April of this year our membership was running 20% behind a year ago. Obviously, we have narrowed the gap and it's still not too late to join in. Dues are just \$5.00 per adult household member and may be sent to P.O. Box 68657 Virginia Beach, VA 23471-8657 or you may join and pay your dues at our forthcoming July meeting.

We are now in the process of delivering community directories to 2010 new members. If you were not a member last year (2009) and have yet to join this year, do so now, and you will still be able to receive a community directory.

Our membership numbers are still extraordinary. As a community, we all need to be proud. Thank you for your participation and support. It's a great place to live!

Chuck Plimpton

## **WITCHDUCK ROAD WIDENING**

In case you missed the announcement in March, a groundbreaking ceremony **finally** occurred, and the improvements are currently underway for the widening of Witchduck Road from Greenwich Road near the 264 Interstate to Bonney Road near the Princess Anne intersection.

The \$27.5 million project will be **2 years** in the making and will convert the roadway from 4 lanes to six lanes with a median; and better yet, 10' wide paths on both sides of the road for biking, walking and running. The roadway currently handles 30,000 cars per day and can be a real headache to use during peak travel hours. \$10.6 million in federal stimulus money was contributed to help fund the project.

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