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The Witchduck Civic League





AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Earth Month

April is Earth Month and in the spirit of this we ask that whoever is decorating Wishart Road and North Witchduck Road with 24 oz cans of Bud Light and Ice House beer to begin recycling these cans. For the last year we've found these cans in pairs in a 7-11 bag in ditches, tree lines, streets and yards. We would prefer this person recycle these cans on their own and help us maintain our home values with clean city streets.



Scoop the Poop and Save the River

We have a small supply of Lynnhaven River Now Scoop the Poop stickers for your large city trash can. Remind people to protect the river and to pick up after themselves. The stickers are free and will be available at the picnic or by contacting Hobie Ritzel at hobie.ritzel@cox.net.

Walking Safety

Summer is just around the corner and more of us will be out walking and running along our beautiful city streets.

Some important safety tips to protect you and your loved ones:
if you walk at night, confine your activities to those parts of the community with sidewalks. Cars don't usually drive on our sidewalks so they remain your safest alternative.

If you must walk or run on the street, be sure to be facing traffic so you can see the oncoming traffic. Try to make eye contact with the driver to make sure he/she is able to see you.

Bicycles should ride with the traffic and have lights and reflectors to clearly identify themselves. Be alert and don't assume the cars can see you.

At night, wear bright reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.

There are fantastic reflective dog and cat collars that make seeing your pet very easy. One smart dog owner on our streets even has a glowing dog leash. Brilliant!

We've had a long, cold winter. It's time to get out and exercise to shed that winter weight. Make sure you, your pets and your children are participating in these activities safely.



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In Memorium - Colonel John (Johnny) W. Brown

By Jim Vail

The Witchduck Community lost a friend on March 2, 2014. Johnny Brown, 94, lived on Sherwood Lane and was known by his neighbors as a consummate southern gentleman with a broad smile every time you saw him. As I got to know him better, I realized how much he had accomplished in his life.

Johnny played football for the Norfolk Division of William and Mary (now Old Dominion University) back in the 1930s before the sport was dropped from the school program around 1940. When football returned to ODU in 2009, he was on the field once again with the honor of receiving the game ball from a guy parachuting onto the field.

A member of the ODU Hall of Fame, he was an all-around athlete playing football, baseball and track. His records in track include a state title for broad jump (22'11") in 1940 and once scored 6 first-place finishes in a single track meet-pole vault, high hurdles, low hurdles, broad jump, high jump and dash. When he returned from the war, he took the title again with a borrowed pole and a single vault.

In World War II, he served under General Patton in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns. In 1943, he joined the 2nd Rangers Battalion as an instructor in night fighting, scouting and patrolling.

From 1948 – 1981, Johnny served as a teacher, coach and eventually principal of Granby High School. He authored books on his friend and wrestling legend Billy Martin, ODU football and Gen. Patton's push to the Rhine. All the proceeds were donated to Granby High, ODU athletics and the Wounded Warriors. If that wasn't enough, he was also an accomplished artist. He often gifted paintings and prints to his friends. Despite his many accomplishments, the center of his life was always other people and what he could do to help them.

When we first moved into the neighborhood it was right before Halloween in 2000. We took our 18 month old son Daniel out in his red wagon for trick or treating. When we pulled up to Mr. Brown's house, he was sitting in a lawn chair in the garage welcoming each family stopping by with a hearty greeting. The kids were offered the usual fare of candy, and the adults invited to stay and have a cold beverage and some light snacks. As the years went on, this Halloween tradition grew into a full-fledged neighborhood social event with a dozen or more families crowded into that same garage with a huge spread of food.

Mr. Brown was part of what makes Witchduck such a wonderful community, and I will miss his keen wit, generous nature and love of his fellow man.






Are you new to the Neighborhood?



Contact our welcoming committee so we can make sure you have some important information on the neighborhood and so we can make updates to our directory.

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All Meetings Will Take Place at the Lynnhaven House Educational Center on Wishart Road

- Monday, April 27th - Cancelled
- Monday, July 28th - 7:30 pm
- Monday, October 27th - 7:30 pm



ROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Grant Narelle

Looking around the neighborhood for new advertisers I ran into two great places which will delight your pallet and make your mouth water.

If Italian is your style you're in luck, a new local Pizzeria just opened up in our neighborhood. With over thirty years of experience, they hand toss their homemade dough and make their sauces from scratch. They not only have exceptional food, but they have some amazing specials as you can see.

For your sweet tooth, you can have your cake and eat it too, at Mrs. B's Cheesecake and Desserts, a culinary treasure right next door to the new Pizzeria located between Allstate & Taylor's Do-It Center on Independence.

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For Mother's Day how about trying a Cheesecake, Vanilla Almond/Cake with Strawberries or a Lemon Cake with raspberry filling!

Does the Father in your life like Chocolate/Vanilla Cheesecake, Key Lime Cheesecake or Yellow Cake with Chocolate frosting or how about dark chocolate brownies?

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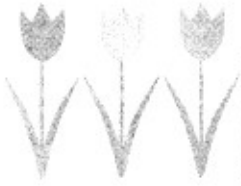
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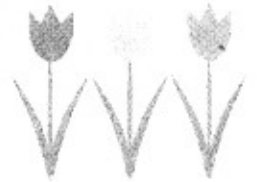
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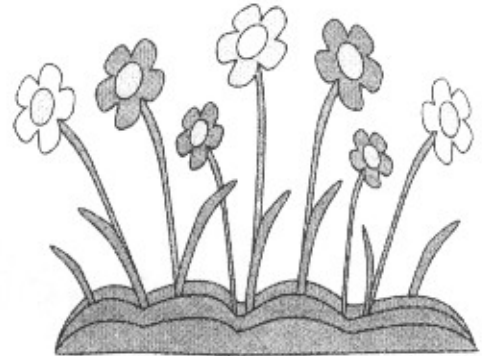

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Neighborhood Watch Update

Protecting your home and our neighborhood from people with bad intentions is everyone's responsibility. Criminals are lazy and search for the easiest targets. By working together we can make their hobby more difficult and they will move out of our community and on to easier targets.



Remember to lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight. For years, the most common crime in our area has been money and electronics stolen from unlocked vehicles.

Keep a light on at night near your doors. Crooks want a dark entry so they can't be seen.

Install a home security and automation system. Companies are offering ways to control lights, monitor motion detectors and view internal cameras from your mobile device at reasonable prices.

Remember that the police don't have the staff to patrol our neighborhoods and it's up to us to remain alert. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to the Virginia Beach Police non-emergency line 757-385-5000 or your neighborhood Watch Captains - Darrell Nolen (Wishart Cove) at maddognolen@cox.net and Hobie Ritzel (Old Donation Manor) at hobie.ritzel@cox.net. You can also sign up for the Witchduck Civic League Facebook page for updates.

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