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Part of our mission as a civic league is to provide our community with the opportunity to engage with our civic leaders. Please join us at our Monday, September 8th meeting for our kickoff and help us put the "civic" in civic league. We will host candidates running for local office in November, as well as for the Virginia House of Delegates.

The City of Norfolk's candidates include Commonwealth's Attorney Ramin Fatehi, Treasurer Daun Hester, Commissioner of the Revenue Blythe Scott and Sheriff Joe Barron, who are all seeking reelection. House of Delegates representative for House District 94, Phil Hernandez is also seeking reelection. Andy Pittman is running for that seat on the Republican ticket.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves, present their platforms and answer your questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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REFRESHMENTS 6:30PM

MEETING 7:00 PM

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ACTV	10589012	DET	7819 Flowerfield Rd	CAMELLIA SHORES	\$365,000	6/18/2025	3	2	0	1,688	11949			58
ACTV	10593241	DET	2445 Dominion Ave	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$395,000	7/17/2025	4	3	0	1,898	1954			29
ACTV	10588557	DET	7600 Bridgette Ln	HERITAGE POINT - 105	\$500,000	6/17/2025	5	3	1	3,800	1972			59
ACTV	10572755	DET	2539 Console Ave	CAMELLIA SHORES	\$649,900	3/6/2025	4	2	1	2,728	2025			162
SOLD	10588161	DET	8025 Lynnbrook Dr	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$289,900	6/13/2025	4	1	0	1,439	1955	\$290,000	7/15/2025	14
SOLD	10588617	DET	2437 Dominion Ave	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$300,000	6/20/2025	3	1	1	1,389	1954	\$300,000	7/10/2025	5
SOLD	10580320	DET	2550 Murray Ave	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$325,000	4/25/2025	4	2	0	1,804	1955	\$325,000	5/23/2025	4
SOLD	10587860	DET	2937 Murray Ct	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$339,900	6/11/2025	4	1	1	1,291	1955	\$339,900	7/22/2025	10
SOLD	10584648	DET	8121 Walters Dr	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$349,900	5/22/2025	3	2	0	1,456	1957	\$355,000	7/24/2025	31
SOLD	10586827	DET	2522 Jasper Ct	CAMELLIA ACRES	\$360,000	6/5/2025	3	2	0	1,802	1958	\$360,000	7/8/2025	5
SOLD	10581209	DET	2732 Console Ave	CAMELLIA SHORES	\$365,000	5/1/2025	3	2	0	1,750	1954	\$370,000	5/29/2025	8
SOLD	10580287	DET	2752 Martone Rd	HERITAGE POINT - 105	\$500,000	4/25/2025	4	2	1	2,100	1968	\$500,000	5/28/2025	11
SOLD	10582622	DET	4065 Heutte Dr	CAMELLIA SHORES	\$525,000	5/9/2025	4	2	1	2,680	1984	\$545,000	6/27/2025	27



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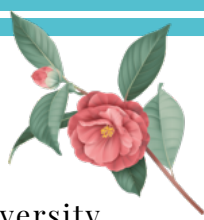


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Phil Miller, CSCL President

Hello Friends and Neighbors. I am Phil Miller, your newly elected president of CSCL. I am excited to take the wheel of a ship that has been sailing perfectly for many years now. Patty Wilson and Joan Harrison are two of our recent ship captains that steered us through storms (Covid, redistricting, and our last rain filled picnic) then returned us to a safe harbor. These two ladies are going to be a hard act to follow but I will do my best. Another hard act to follow is Mary Mowry, she was much more than our secretary and will be missed.

A little about me, I have lived in Camellia Shores (on Murray Ave and now on Nancy Drive) collectively for 37 years. I have been married to my wonderful wife Marilee for those same 37 years. We have two children, Emily (32) and Noah (28). Camellia Shores has been a great place to start a married life and raise children. I retired from the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office with 29 years of service and held the rank of First Sergeant. During these years, I went to night school earning my A.A., B.A., and Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.).

In total, it took 11 years at Saint Leo University (on base), and Troy University (on base) to obtain these degrees with the encouragement and support of my wife. I also taught criminal justice classes at Tidewater Community College and Virginia Wesleyan University after my retirement. I enjoy family time, streaming true crime and medical dramas with my wife, golf, the Dallas Cowboys, yard work, fishing with my daughter, seeing my son finish a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle, staying in touch with my high school friends, and celebrating the holidays. That's me in a nutshell.

My goal as your president is to get more participation from our community. We have good turnouts for our meetings, yet I know we can do better. Azalea Baptist Church rents us a big room to use, and the board and I want to see it filled for our meetings and our speakers. For those of you who don't come to the meetings, give us a try, for one meeting. This is a great way to meet and mingle with neighbors and find out firsthand what is happening in our community, listen to a city speaker, and have a homemade snack and a cup of coffee. For \$15.00 a year you get three formal meetings and one awesome neighborhood outdoor picnic, now that's a bargain.

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JUN MEETING RECAP

by Cheryl Fritch, CSCL Secretary



President Joan Harrison welcomed attendees to the last meeting of the league's year.

She thanked Cayte Brown,

Chair, Patty Wilson, and Phil Miller, who all served on the Nominating Committee for their hard work, preparing a slate for board elections. CRO Jhet Sarmiento led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jhet talked about the successful Bike Rodeo event that was held May 3rd. He was able to get two retired officers to help with the rodeo. --There were two reported crimes in our area: contents were stolen from an unlocked car on Little Creek, and a license plate was stolen from a car on Bull Run. Other crime news: 5 guns were stolen from cars on Little Creek Rd. the previous week. He asked if anyone is going to leave a gun in a car, please call him and he will come pick it up.

Cayte then presented the slate of new board members, which was approved by the attendees.

- **President:** Phil Miller
- **Vice President:** Amanda Ibalio
- **Secretary:** Sheryl Fritch
- **Treasurer:** Barbara Schult
- **Trustee:** Mike Gabbola.
- **Trustee:** Chris Jones (will wrap up his term next spring.)
- **Trustee:** Justin Keohacksa (A new trustee, to succeed Trustee Phil Miller was announced at the June picnic.)

Barb Schult presented a detailed treasurer's report reflecting a bank balance of \$4153.70 and two CDs with balances of \$2682.57 and \$2500.00, respectively. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Old Business

-The Keep Norfolk Beautiful Recycle event on April 5th was a great success!

close to 200 cars dropping off shredding, hazardous waste, and electronics. The next recycling event will be November 1, 2025.

New Business

- Sign-ups and flyers available for sign up: Tides baseball game June 1st, the neighborhood picnic June 9th, flyer for Sheriff Joe Baron's 2025 Senior Fest. Info about the Senior Fest can be found at www.norfolk-sheriff.com or call: 757-441-1066. It takes place September 24, 2025 at Chartway Arena.
- Changes in Civic League have been agreed upon by the board and presented to membership for approval.

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JUNE MEETING RECAP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Joan talked about the challenge of growing the membership of the Civic League and that about 10% of homes in Camellia Shores are represented at each meeting. In the interest of trying to grow the membership and making it easier to serve on the board there will now be four Civic League meetings a year: March, June (which will be held at the annual picnic), September and December (with a holiday theme).

-Primary for Commonwealth Attorney General is June 17, 2025 with two candidates: Ramin Fatehi and John Butler.

-Phil gave flowers to both Joan and Mary and thanked them for their years of service as president and secretary.

Speakers: Tommy Smigiel (Ward 5 City Council) and Ken Paulson (Norfolk School Board Member) Tommy talked about several points of interest affecting our area and the city. HRT has purchased several properties with the intention of building a new transfer station, as Norfolk has the most bus use in the 757 area. They will also be relocating the station near Mary Pretlow Library to make it safer and more visible. -He talked about our property taxes going up because assessed prices have gone up and what our tax money is being used for. The casino is estimated, eventually, to generate \$25-\$30 million in revenue.

Due to military bases 38% of Norfolk land is not taxable.

--Because of all the new and structurally tall buildings on Shore Drive, a new fire station with a ladder truck is needed in that area.

-Tommy talked about the problem of salary competition, especially concerning the sheriff and police departments and offering higher salaries for retention of officers.

-Both Tommy and Ken talked about a large reduction in public school enrollment so there is a plan to close 10-17 schools over the next five years. This will save a lot of tax money by not supporting unneeded buildings and administration for schools with small populations.

Joan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm and announced the next meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2025. Mark your calendars for our kickoff meeting! Guest speakers include city officials running for elected office in November, as well as the Virginia House of Delegates. Your vote counts!



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INFORMATION WORTH SHARING

by Arin Shatto, *Neighborhood Development Specialist*



Below is some upcoming Information Worth Sharing. Please share widely with your networks and let me know if you have any questions!

NEIGHBORHOOD EXPO AND COMMUNITY U.P.L.I.F.T AWARDS



You're invited to the annual Norfolk Neighborhood Expo on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 11 am – 3 pm at Northside Park (8400 Tidewater Drive). We're bringing neighborhoods together and celebrating Norfolk's multiculturalism with residents of all ages and backgrounds. Attendees will enjoy interactive exhibits, food, prizes, music, raffles, and entertainment with neighbors and family. The Expo will also feature the U.P.L.I.F.T. (Unity, Public Service, Leadership, Innovation, Friendship & Teamwork) Awards, recognizing those who have performed an act of service that benefitted the community and the residents of Norfolk.

Nominations for the 2025 Community U.P.L.I.F.T. Awards are open Aug. 4 – 29. Nominees may include individuals, civic leagues or community organizations, businesses, non-profits, or religious organizations – any individual or group that made a meaningful impact in the community in the past year. Recipients will be honored during the Neighborhood Expo on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Northside Park. Visit Norfolk.gov/uplift for more information. See the nomination form and criteria here (here links to Microsoft Forms). The deadline to nominate is Aug. 29.





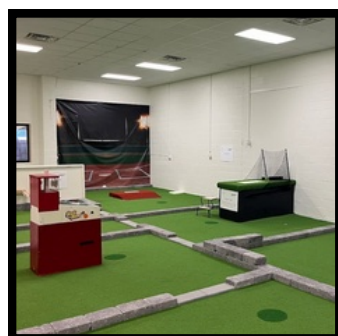
by Allena Anglen, *Toddlin' Around Tidewater* Columnist

TWO NEW BUSINESSES FOR FAMILIES IN NORFOLK

These new businesses in Norfolk are both on the other side of town, but worth the visit. There are lots of places to eat and hang around them, and they are great for an indoor day of play for the whole family.

Bogey's 757:

Bogey's 757 in Norfolk's Chelsea district features 18 creative, interactive mini golf holes plus a practice green, all handmade and locally themed by the owner.



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\$8. They also offer a golf simulator, party rentals, and are conveniently located next to Smartmouth Brewing Company for food, drinks, and extra games.

Just Birdies:

Just Birdies in Norfolk's Lambert's Point offers indoor simulator bays for up to six people to play.



There's active sports and carnival games—from golf and zombie dodgeball to baseball, hockey, and more—using real balls for a physical, hands-on experience.

Bays cost \$40/hour, with party bookings, a weekly golf league, and live music events available. We ended up getting their summer play pass. Check it out for next summer.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

by Joan Harrison, CSCL Editor



I'm excited to be the new editor of The Camellia and thrilled that Sharina will continue to volunteer her professional layout and design skills to our newsletter. Thank you, Sharina.

HEUTTE DRIVE UPDATE

Gabriel Phelps, a City of Norfolk Department of Utilities civil engineer and lead on the Heutte Drive sewer collection system project recently provided an updated timeline. Current work on the sewer main will be completed by the end of October. After that's finished, construction will begin on a pump station, located between 4076 and 4202 Heutte Drive. That phase will wrap up by the end of January.

In February, Mr. Phelps said work will begin on owners' property to ensure plumbing hook ups to the line. That work will be completed by May. A separate pump station for the property at 4001 Heutte is also slated for construction. Lastly, the project area on Heutte Drive will be paved and striped. Barring any weather delays, the target completion date for the entire project is the first week of June. Check our next newsletter for updates, especially when we can expect wastewater treatment charges to begin.

7TH ANNUAL YARD SALE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER

Sharon Hurwitz, a Camellia Shores Civic League member, and our former newsletter editor is hosting her seventh annual yard sale on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. All proceeds are donated to pancreatic cancer research. With the support of the community, Sharon has been able to donate over \$80,000 for this research.

So, stop on by 7612 Bridgette Lane and enjoy shopping for a bargain, while supporting this important cause.

PENGUIN'S SNOWBALL HAS A 2ND LOCATION

A big shout out to one of our sponsors, Penguin's Snoballs. Owners Tanya and James Prosser donated their time and their New Orleans style snoballs to our thirsty and hungry bike rodeo riders last May. Did you know that they have a second location, in addition to their East Little Creek spot? Check out their Ocean View shop at 145 West Ocean View Avenue. With warm Norfolk summers and falls, Tanya anticipates being open until mid-October.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

To conclude my first article, I just want to thank our outgoing board members Joan and Mary for a job well done. I want to welcome Sheryl Fritch, Secretary and Justin Keohacksa, Trustee as new board members. I appreciate their desire to serve. Lastly, I want to stress that I am your president in name, face, and title because we have to have one. This is not my civic league, not my board, this is our civic league, our board, together as one family community.

See you all soon,
Phil Miller

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