

Don't miss out on important updates from your Civic League!  
Next Meeting Dec 8, 2016 7:30 pm @ Larchmont United Methodist Church



## L.E. Civic League News & Updates

Lots going on in Larchmont & Edgewater. Don't miss this quarter's Civic League Meeting on Dec 8th 7:30 pm. Topics include crime & safety and flood management/resiliency of our neighborhood/city

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### Upcoming Civic League Meeting

December 8th, 2016 7:30 pm @ Larchmont United Methodist Church (at the corner of Jamestown Crescent & Monroe Place)

#### Agenda

Neighborhood watch update with Officer White of the Norfolk Police and the ODU Police Department.

Sea level rise - Christine Morris, Norfolk's Chief Resilience Officer

[Directions to Civic League Meeting](#)



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### President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday and is looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. With the weather lately, it has been difficult to believe we are in December.

We have an informative agenda for our upcoming meeting with Christine Morris from the City of Norfolk speaking on sea level rise and resiliency. We will also have an update from our ODUPD and NPD as always. However, I regret that we have had an increase in incidents, so I am sure there will be valuable information shared. We all need to remain vigilant to keep our neighborhood safe.

I Look forward to seeing you next Thursday, December 8th.

Sincerely, Rhonda Liberto, L.E. Civic League President

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### Neighborhood Watch Update!

There were 48 crimes reported in our area over the last three months. This is slightly higher, but comparable with, the same period in 2015. Unfortunately it included an armed robbery this past week on Hanover Ave which appears to be part of a string of robberies in the city. We also experienced a 3rd reported residential burglary during November. Entry was made in two of them around 9 a.m. on a weekday by kicking in a door. An alert neighbor observed the criminal during one of these and immediately notified police and provided a detailed description.

Crime typically increases as we approach the holidays. As two of the burglaries occurred during the day, it is recommended you activate your alarm system whenever your house is unoccupied. The Norfolk PD Crime Prevention Unit does free home and business security surveys. Just call 664-6901 if you would like to get a survey scheduled. We may also be experiencing the theft of packages left on porches. Some residents are making arrangements for neighbors to keep their deliveries until they get home. Also please keep your porch lights on as many of our streets are pretty dark. Call the police immediately if you see any suspicious activity and let them check it out!

As we have experienced over the past, most of the crimes reported have been larcenies or vehicle related. I think the neighborhood wide awareness on locking vehicles is continuing to pay off, but please make a concerted effort to lock your vehicles, remove extra keys from glove boxes, remove any high value items from view, and make reports to the police even if nothing was taken. If a crime isn't reported, it did not happen.

Lt. Terry Gibbs, the Blue Sector Commander which includes our area, Officer Josh White, our Community Resource Officer (CRO), and an ODU police representative plan to be at our civic league meeting to provide an update on recent crimes and answer your questions.

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Crimes Reported	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Total 2016	Total 2015
Robbery - Individual	1		1	2	1
Aggravated Assault					1
Simple Assault		1		1	1
Burglary-Commercial	1			1	
Burglary-Nonresidence	1			1	
Burglary- Residence			3	3	1
Larceny (All Others)	3	2	1	6	6
Larceny- From Auto	9	4	2	15	19
Larceny - From Building					2
Larceny - Of Bicycle		1		1	
Larceny - parts from Auto	1	2	1	4	1
Narcotics	1			1	2
Stolen Vehicle	3			3	1
Vandalism	5	2	3	10	5
<b>Total Reported</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>39</b>

## December Guest Speaker: Christine Morris, Norfolk Chief Resilience Officer

Christine Morris will be joining us at the December L.E.Civic League meeting to address Norfolk's resilience strategy. We all know that this planning heavily affects the Larchmont & Edgewater neighborhoods, particularly regarding sea level rise and flood water management. Some of the important points of the presentation:



1. Norfolk is one of the Rockefeller Foundation's Resilient Cities under their 100 Resilient Cities Initiative
2. The City launched a resilient strategy in October 2015 based on an 18 month community engagement process.
  1. The strategy is designed to address the city's-community identified-stresses and potential shocks
    1. Increased risk of flooding from sea level rise and increased severity of storm
    2. Over-reliance on federal investment for economic vitality
    3. High poverty rates concentrated in neighborhoods, lack of affordable housing, lack of economic opportunity.
  2. The resilient strategy's 3 goals are:
    1. Create the coastal community of the future
    2. Create Economic opportunity by advancing efforts to grow existing and new industry sectors
    3. Advance initiatives to connect communities, de-concentrate poverty, and strengthen neighborhoods
3. Provide examples on how the city is moving forward to achieve these three goals.

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[Norfolk Office of Resilience Website](#)  
[Download the Norfolk Resilience Strategy](#)

## Norfolk Bike Program

The Norfolk Bike Program is all about creating a bike-friendly city. Through education, planning and the We Roll Together campaign, Norfolk is changing the way all users of the road relate to one another. So no matter how you roll - slow your roll, know your role and share the road!



**Slow Your Roll**  
**Slow down and share the road!**

- Bicyclists have the same rights to the road as motorists.
- Approach and pass a bicyclist at a reasonable speed.
- Pass a bicyclist with at least three feet to the left of the bicyclist. It's the law!
- Bicyclists may pass another vehicle on the right or left, and they may stay in the same lane, change lanes, or ride off the road if necessary for safe passing.
- Learn the proper bicycling arm signals.
- Look out your side mirror to make sure it is clear before opening the car door.



**Know Your Role**  
**Know the rules and be a safe cyclist.**

- Bicyclists are subject to the same traffic regulations as motorists, including yielding the right-of-way when required and obeying all traffic signals and signs.
- Learn the proper arm signals - bicyclists must signal their intention to stop or turn.
- Ride only with the flow of traffic on the right side of the road or highway.
- Ride as close as safely possible to the right curb or edge of the road.
- Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast and cannot impede the movement of

traffic.

- Always wear your helmet!

## Where to Roll

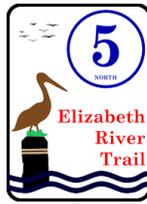
### Norfolk's Bike Network

Bikeways and trails are the highest priority recreation need in Norfolk. Because Norfolk is urbanized and "built out," opportunities for large, off-street trails are few. However, the existing roadway network is dense and has a great deal of redundancy, providing multiple opportunities for the development of on-road bicycle facilities. With adjustments to the existing roadway network and the development of trails and neighborhood loops, Norfolk has the necessary ingredients to reconnect and evolve into a bike-friendly city.



View the current [Norfolk Bike Network map](#).

### Elizabeth River Trail



The Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) is a biking and pedestrian trail in the City of Norfolk that has transformed several former railroad rights-of-ways, connected predominantly by off-road and some on-road trails, into an urban trail. The trail provides recreational and educational opportunities as well as an alternate mode of transportation from the Norfolk Naval Base, located in the northern portion of the city, into downtown Norfolk.

Print the [ERT map](#). View the [ERT on Google Maps](#).

## Thank You Dave Halla & Gray's Pharmacy

As many of you know, a fixture of our community, Gray's Pharmacy has closed its doors after nearly 100 years of service to Norfolk. Dave (pictured at right) kept families in our neighborhoods safe and well for nearly three decades. CVS will take over, but the impact that Dave and his team have had on many of us and our families will never be forgotten. Thank You!

[VA Pilot Article about Gray's Closing after 100 years of service.](#)



## September Civic League Meeting Minutes

[View Minutes from September Meeting](#)



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Police Word Processing (to file a police report): 757-664-7038

ODU Police: 757-683-4000

Norfolk Cares Hotline: 757-664-6510

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