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Did Richmond Hear You?

Moderated by Joel Rubin

April 9, 7pm to 8:30pm

Virginia Beach Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd

Join us for an overview of the 2008 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Session. Come learn more from Delegate Joe Bouchard, Delegate Bobby Mathieson, Delegate Terri Suit, Delegate Bob Tata, Senator Ralph Northam and Senator Frank Wagner. This program will be moderated by Joel Rubin.

VBCCO will highlight a community at each general meeting. April's community spotlight is Carolanne Farm Civic League.

CCO's Executive Committee Meets

April 30, 2008, 7pm to 9pm

Glenwood Community Center
2097 Round Hill Drive

Did Richmond Hear You? Meet the People...



Moderator Joel R. Rubin APR

Joel R. Rubin APR is President of Rubin Communications Group, a Hampton Roads-based public relations, advertising, video productions, media training and internet consulting firm. Rubin Communications Group provides services to a host of organizations, mostly in the Hampton Roads area, in such fields as health-care, real estate, hospitality and government.

Prior to starting Rubin Communications Group in 1991, Joel was an award-winning reporter for WAVY TV, the NBC affiliate in the region, for 15 years, where he specialized in political and feature coverage. Joel continues to appear on television in a part-time capacity as producer and host of a weekly news and public affairs talk show called "On the Record", which airs each Sunday morning at 10:30 on WVEC TV (ABC). He also is frequently asked to moderate or facilitate discussions on a host of issues in the political, academic and civic arenas or to speak about government, public relations or the state of the news media.

A member of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Joel has earned his professional accreditation in public relations (APR) through that organization. Joel and his wife Sara Jo, who live in Virginia Beach, have two children: Danny, who is pursuing a masters degree at the University of Maryland, and Molly, a second year student at the University of Virginia, from which Joel graduated in 1975.

Joel is a 2000 graduate of Leadership Hampton Roads, former president of Temple Israel synagogue in Norfolk and past chair of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. He serves on the boards of the Central Business District Association in Virginia Beach, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce as well as the Tidewater Jewish Foundation.

The Virginia State Senate honored Joel with a commending resolution in 2005, and he has also received humanitarian awards from the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission and the National Association for Community and Justice, Virginia Chapter.



Virginia House of Delegates 2008
Delegate Joseph F. Bouchard

Preferred Name: Joe
Member Since 2008
D - 83rd District
City of Virginia Beach (part)



Virginia House of Delegates 2008
Delegate Terrie L. Suit

Member Since 2000
R - 81st District
Cities of Chesapeake (part) and Virginia Beach (part)
Deputy House Whip



Senator Ralph S. Northam

Democrat - District 6
Accomack County (All); Mathews County (All); Norfolk City (Part); Northampton County (All); Virginia Beach City (Part)



Virginia House of Delegates 2008
Delegate Robert W. Mathieson

Preferred Name: Bobby
Member Since 2008
D - 21st District
City of Virginia Beach (part)



Virginia House of Delegates 2008
Delegate Robert Tata

Preferred Name: Bob
Member Since 1984
R - 85th District
City of Virginia Beach (part)



Senator Frank W. Wagner
Republican - District 7
Virginia Beach (Part)

2008 Banquet Award Winners

Virginia Beach's Council of Civic Organizations' Annual Banquet was held on January 11th at the Oceanfront Windham Hotel. This was a great opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of the participating Civic Leagues. A good time was had by all.

Citywide Volunteer Award

Angelique Baez
Seatack Civic League



Community Action Award

Bellwood Estates Civic League



Citywide Youth Volunteer of the Year

John Settle IV
Carolanne Farm Civic League



Community Service Awards

Alanton
Ola Parrish

Baycliff Civic League
Melissa Hickey
Jill Frazier
Robert Swink

Bellwood Estates Civic League
Christine Rusnak

Carolanne Farm Civic League
Brenda Armitage
Ginny Passaris

Croatan Civic League
Ken Jobe
Gary King
Pat McLaughlin
Bill Moore
Ed Oswald
Rick Whaley

Glenwood Community Association
Daniel Baxter
Susan Cotthaus
H. Britt Lipscomb

Green Run Homes Association
Bonnie Belle
Christine Cadle
Ed Crocker
Mary Crocker
Barbara Davenport
Gary Davenport
Callie Edlich
Gwen Haver
Maria Lasher
Claire Lawrence
James Lawrence
Christopher Wiemken

Lake Smith Terrace / Haygood Point / Governors Square Civic League
David Bertelson
Roger Miles

Homestead Civic League
Mary Glynn

Level Green Civic League
Betty L. Harl
Mary-Anne Olsen
William "Bill" Olsen

Ridglea Civic League
Patty Leon

Seatack Civic League
Angelique Baez
Sherill Bennett

The Villages Homeowners Association
Vivian F. Brown
Anthony Smaw
Al Voorhees
Anthony Williams

Wolfsnare Plantation
Jeff Eaton

Outstanding Youth Awards

Rachel Haver
Green Run Homes Association

Thomas Haver
Green Run Homes Association

Jennifer Johnson
Green Run Homes Association

Megan Johnson
Green Run Homes Association

John Settle IV
Carolanne Farm Civic League

VBClean Updates

By Daniel Baxter, VBCCO First Vice President

Helping Hands Nominees wanted:

Have neighbors who are Senior Citizens or Disabled and in need of some spring cleaning? VBClean's Helping Hands program conducts "Back Yard Make-overs" on Saturdays. During these events volunteers are led by team leaders who have a plan for cleaning and restoring the property. The goal is to transform the property to a low maintenance and beautiful property.

Over the past five years neighbors throughout the city have benefited from the work of VBClean's volunteers. All the projects are completed in a mere three hours! The program is for owner occupied homes.

Nominated property owners are evaluated for the needs of the property, financial status and the capabilities of the volunteers. Due to VBClean policy, the nominated homeowners have to be aware of their being nominated.

Specific requirements can be found at the VBClean web site

· www.vbgov.com/vbclean. Program nomination forms can be obtained from VBClean's office on the vbgov.com web site or by calling 385.4104

The program is always looking for volunteers with knowledge of landscaping and tools needed to do yard work.

Earth Day 08

VBClean is hosting the annual Earth Day celebration on Sunday May 4th from noon to 5 PM. This year's event will include over 50 displays entertainment on two stages and the first ever E-cycling event. The E-cycling event is an opportunity for Virginia Beach Residents to dispose of unwanted or outdated electronics, computers and ink/toner cartridges.

Forums will be conducted in the following areas:

You and the environment: Featuring workshops on preservation and other activities that you can engage in. Rain barrel and other design and construction workshops where you can learn to make conservation devices for your home.

Home and Yard: Featuring workshops and demonstrations on new energy saving technology for your home. Including Geo-thermal heat pumps, tankless water heaters and how to maximize the efficiency of your home heating and air conditioning system.

Auto: Featuring some of the newest technologies in alternative fuel, high fuel efficiency and new concept vehicles. Also Workshops on importance

of good maintenance practices and improving the performance of your own car.

The 20th Annual Clean the Bay Day

VBClean is coordinating the 20th Annual Clean the Bay Day on Saturday June 7, 2008 from 0900 to 12 noon. VBCCO members have long supported this annual event. VBClean will be hosting a reception picnic and barbeque at Great Neck Park from 1 to 3 PM on June 7th.

Volunteers are needed to man over 50 zones and the picnic afterwards. For civic leagues to participate or become zones, please contact VBClean at 385.4104

The BEST news for VBAC animals and April 12 - critical date!

By Leigh Penner

Hello All Friends of VBAC Volunteers and Supporters,

As discussed at the last meeting, on March 4th City Council passed a resolution entitled "A Resolution in Support of An Adoption Friendly Animal Care and Control Facility". See attached. This is the result of two years of volunteer work at AC and months of lobbying the city and the mayor. You can view the 3/4/08 city council formal session www.vbgov.com when this was passed and the Mayor's comments. I spoke as did ART, AWCHR, and VBSPCA. I got a little emotional on camera (and the Mayor did off camera) because it was such a relief to have the city support our efforts and commit to long-term change to benefit the animals!

I can't stress enough the importance of this resolution - it's huge! It means that the city is looking at other communities around the country (Tompkins County, NY Charlottesville, Richmond, San Francisco, etc.) that have committed to a humane community (a no-kill environment for all adoptable pets). The ultimate goal of this resolution is that NO ADOPTABLE OR TREATABLE ANIMAL WILL BE KILLED FOR SPACE. This will not happen overnight and it will not happen without volunteer commitment, rescue groups and community involvement but it's HUGE! The resolution also talks about getting vaccinations for the animals and other medical care so they are kept healthy. The city is also looking at a new building - a state of the art shelter - this will also be discussed. This is what we have all been working for and the best news ever! Thank goodness we have a compassionate

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VBCCO Committee Meetings

Community Empowerment Taskforce Meeting

Saturday, April 5, 2008

10:00 AM

BEACH PUB
1001 Laskin Rd
Virginia Beach

Volunteers Needed

All CCO Committees are looking for civically-minded individuals.

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information please contact Julie Strader at julie68@cox.net or vbcco@cox.net

VBCCO Committees in Action

HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

The CCO's Community Empowerment Taskforce wants to help you. To accomplish this it needs to identify what kind of help you need. Please complete the survey below by checking the topics with which you would like help. Then bring it to the March 12th general meeting, mail it to

*Brenda Armitage
PO Box 61441
Virginia Beach, VA 23466*

or email responses to shareyourlightnight@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT TASKFORCE SURVEY			
I would like help with:			
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working with City Departments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recruitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Events
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parliamentary Procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crime
<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs/speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aging neighborhoods
Other: _____			

Name: _____			
Community: _____			
Phone #: _____			
Email Address: _____			

Help Shape Virginia's Transportation Future

Upcoming Public Hearing with VDOT on the "Six-Year Improvement Plan" FY 2009-2014

To be held on April 24th 6 PM at the
HRPDC Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake VA 23320

For more information Visit: VirginiaDot.Org

VIRGINIA BEACH COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS 2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

Membership Annual Dues \$25.00. Send to VBCCO, P O Box 9252 Virginia Beach, VA 23450-9252

Date _____ Number of members _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Organization: _____

Month Elections are held _____ Month day meetings held _____

Time meetings begin _____ Location of meetings _____

Number of residences in community served by your organization. _____

Name of newsletter _____

Web Site _____

Signature of authorizing officer _____ Title _____

Write information about key officials below. Generally it is desirable to have as a minimum the president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. Write in the first four lines the persons who are authorized to act as voting representatives (primary [1 & 2] and alternate [3 & 4]). It is recommended that the president [chief executive officer] be designated as a representative. The City, media and other agencies prefer this person as the contact person for liaison. Unless otherwise advised, the CEO will be listed on the VBCCO web site as the primary contact person. If other than the CEO is desired to be listed as the primary contact person, write (PC) as the end of the person's name below. If more than four officers, use two forms to list additional officers information.

Office Title 1	
Name	
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Office Title 3	
Name	
Street Address	
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Email	
Office Title 4	
Name	
Street Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Warming to the Idea? If So, Will You Help?

by Brenda Armitage

Share Your Light Committee Chairperson



March 12th, CCO members, Va. Beach staff and guests at CCO's general meeting were offered a surprise at the end. Some might say the best was saved for last. The essence of hot cocoa, cookies, friendly smiles and warm conversations were taken in by all just outside the Central Library; along with the breathtaking sight of the more talked-about luminaries which lined the walkway.

Many were moved by the beauty and warmth radiated by these simply lit bags. When these displays are married with neighbors setting up comfort stations, caroling and organizing other festivities during the holidays, the real magic of this tradition experienced in other areas of our nation will reveal itself and change the lives of all who experience it.

Since it's not as common in the East, we heard many visitors have never experienced such a display. This is where we need your help. As this city-wide event is in its second year and will become a warm traditional signature for our City, we need help spreading the word and you can do so by leading by example.

Some communities have pledged to light up the entrance to their community in show of support for this event slated for each December. If you would like to light the entry to your neighborhood, call **328-9588** or send an email to **shareyourlightnight@yahoo.com**.

Through this event, we hope to create neighbor organizations where there are none so to give a voice to the voiceless. With your help, we can create stronger and more cohesive neighborhoods. Please help us help others by participating this year. Through you, we will grow this into something spectacular. For more details, log on to the event website, **www.shareyourlightnight.blogspot.com**.

EDITORIAL - "Public Safety" or "Economic Development?"

By Chandler Scarborough, VBCCO Past President

Amid major belt tightening in the proposed 2008/2009 budget, \$3.5 million was still found to fund the proposed walkway between Town Center and Pembroke Mall.

Many people agree that crossing Virginia Beach Blvd. is becoming increasingly difficult at certain times of the day, but is this cross walk really our most pressing public safety need? And how many of the people already at street level would walk up and back down two flights of stairs to use the new walkway rather than taking the more-direct route they do now?

With the city's limited resources, what is the highest and best use of these funds? What other uses might provide a greater benefit to residents?

I was surprised last year to learn that there is a five-year waiting list to upgrade street lights to newer, brighter

bulbs - even though there is an overwhelming amount of data supporting the idea that increased lighting deters crime; criminals like to hide in dark place. Basic crime-prevention pamphlets from the police start by encouraging residents to turn on their porch lights and to buy brighter bulbs.

I was also surprised at how thin our uniformed police seem to be spread at a time when we have lost some of our most-experienced officers to retirement or to better paying Federal jobs.

I have not spoken to a single person over the past year who has told me they believe the proposed walkway is the most important safety issue in our city.

If the walkway isn't a public safety priority, does that mean that it's really an economic development priority? Wouldn't the walkway do more to

benefit the nearby businesses than the average resident?

And if the walkway is really about economic development, shouldn't the city be using money from the TIF and SSD taxing districts that were created for Town Center rather than using money from the City's "General Fund" which pays for police and schools - especially since the goal of our Town Center investment was to give the city *more* tax revenue for police and schools?

And if the walkway is really about economic development, shouldn't we condition city funding on matching funds from the town center developers and the owners of Pembroke Mall?

What do YOU think? Let City Council know where YOU believe this \$3.5 million would do the most good.

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Mayor and City Council.

The resolution states that the city must seek public comment. This forum is designed to seek our input as we move forward in creating a humane community for all of the animals housed at VBAC. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL!

***The forum is
Saturday, April 12, 2008
9am-11am
Training Room of Bldg 19
Municipal Center
2416 Courthouse Drive
Virginia Beach VA 23456***

It is located across from the front of City Hall. The information captured at this meeting will be compiled into a report that will be presented to City Council in June.

Seating is limited so you must call 385-4846 or email jctegele@vb.gov by April 7 to register. This is the most important thing we can do to help the animals and develop a shelter environment for which we can all be proud!

To learn more about the accomplished successes of other cities that have created a "no-kill" environment, please visit any of these websites:

<http://www.nokilladvocacycenter.org/>
<http://www.nathanwinograd.com/>
<http://www.maddiesfund.org/>

Please let me know if you plan to attend. Thanks for all each of you have done to make this happen.

Regards,
Leigh Penner

www.beachpetpals.org
"Adopt a Shelter Pet - Save a Life!"

VBCCO Member Civic Organizations

Aeries on the Bay*
Alanton*
Alexandria
Aragona Village*
Avalon Hills*
Avalon Terrace/Woods of Avalon*
Back Bay / Pungo*
Bay Breeze Villas*
Baycliff*
Baylake Pines*
Bayville Park
Bellamy Plantation*
Bellamy Woods*
Bellwood Estates*
Birchwood*
Birdneck Lake Homes*
Birdneck Point*
Blackwater*
Brigadoon*
Brighton on the Bay*
Broad Bay Island
Broad Bay Pt. Gr.
Cambridge Courts*
Cape Henry Shores*
Cape Story By The Sea*
Carolanne Farm*
Cavalier Park/Bay Colony*
Chancellor Walk
Charlestowne Lakes S.
Charlestowne Woods*
Chelsea-Green Hill Fms-Mead.*
Chesapeake Beach*
Cheshire*
Chesapeake Colony*
Columbus Station*
Croatan*
Cypress Point*
Deerwood Trace
Diamond Lake Estates
Fairfield*
Glenwood*
Great Neck Estates*
Great Neck Point
Green Run*
Groveland Park
Hidden Oaks
Holland Pines
Homestead*
Hunt Club Forest*
Inlynnview
Kempsville Greens*
King's Grant*
King's Point
Lago Mar
Lake Edward
Lake Holly North
Lake Shores*
Lake Smith*
Lakeview Park*
Lakeville Estates*
Lamplight Manor*
Larkspur*
Laurel Cove*
Level Green*
Linkhorn Cove*
Linlier*
Little Haven*
Little Neck Cove*
Lynbrook Landing
Lynnhaven Colony*
Lynnhaven Woods
Manchester Village*
Mediterranean Avenue S.*
New Light*
Newcastle - Princeton*
North Alanton*
North Virginia Beach*
Ocean Park*
Oceana Gardens*
Park Place*
Pembroke Manor*
Pine Meadows
Princess Anne Crossing*
Princess Anne Plaza*
Red Mill Farms
Ridglea*
River Haven*
Riverton on the Elizabeth
Rudee Heights*
Salt Marsh Point*
Salem Woods*
Sandbridge Beach*
Scarborough Square*
Sea Breeze Farm*
Seagate Colony
Seatack*
Shadowlawn*
Sherry Park*
Shore Acres*
Southall Quarter*
Stratford Chase
Thalia*
The Villages*
Thoroughgood Colony*
Three Oaks*
Trantwood Lake*
Washington Square
Wellington Woods*
Witchduck*
Wolfsnare Plantation*
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*Denotes members in good standing with 2007 dues paid.



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