



# The Community Advocate

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations

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## January's Topic:

Annual Goal Setting Meeting  
and Installation of Officers

**January 14, 7pm to 8:30pm**

Virginia Beach Central Library  
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd

## Other Important Dates:

**CCO's Executive Committee:**

**January 28, 7 pm to 9 pm**

Strayer University  
Town Center

### 2009 Membership Dues Reminder:

Don't forget to remind the incoming Treasurer about VBCCO Dues. Log on to our website: [www.vbcco.org](http://www.vbcco.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Program Topics:

The schedule below is tentative and is subject to change.

Feb 11 Now what?

Mar 11 Legislative Assembly

Apr 8 Did Richmond Hear me?

All VBCCO meetings will begin at 7pm at Virginia Beach Central Library

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## Your Invited to the Strategic Planning Meeting

VBCCO will soon begin its annual planning and goal setting process. To encourage member participation in this important process, this year's goal setting meeting will be held as part of the January General Meeting.

Please join us at 7pm on Wednesday, January 14 at the Virginia Beach Central Library. We will be meeting in the two rooms across from the auditorium. Light refreshments will be offered beginning at 6:30pm, so come early and meet your 2009 Officers and Directors.

Discussion will be held in a series of roundtables on a variety of planning topics:

### Building Membership

- Recruiting Members
- Member Retention
- Member Participation

### Building a Stronger Organization

- Identifying and Recruiting Future Leaders
- Increasing Volunteer Participation
- Building Partnerships with Other Organizations
- Improving Member Communications

### Education and Outreach

- Identifying Key [Important] Issues (Gangs, etc.)
- Workshops (Parliamentary Procedure)
- Identifying Programs and Speakers
- Special Programs (Candidate Forums, etc.)

## Something to ponder.....

*Robert's Rules of Order* provides common rules and procedures for conducting meetings in order to make them run smoothly and provide the opportunity for all members to participate. *Robert's Rules of Order* contains guidance for such actions as introducing and amending motions, conducting discussions, voting, and handling agendas and reports. Having an agreed upon set of rules for your meeting will help you have a better, more productive meeting!

## VBCCO Committee Meetings



### Community Advocacy Taskforce

Saturday, January 10; 10 a.m.  
Daily Grind Coffee  
Town Center  
*Meets 2nd Saturday of every month*

### Banquet Committee

Saturday, January 10; 11 a.m.  
Daily Grind Coffee  
Town Center  
*Meets 2nd Saturday of every month*

### Programs Committee

Monday, January 26; 7 p.m.  
Bayside Library  
*Meets 4th Monday of every month*

### Communications Committee

Monday, January 26; 8 p.m.  
Bayside Library  
*Meets 4th Monday of every month*

*"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.  
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."*

~Bill Vaughn

## Census Bureau Needs Your Help!

The Census Bureau is currently hiring for several positions in our area. They include Census Takers, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Recruiting Assistants, and Census Clerks. The pay rates are between \$9.75 to \$14.50 an hour and there are full and part time positions available, up to 40 hours a week. To apply for a job, please call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an appointment to take the employment test. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have. My cell phone number is 757-536-9633 and my email address is [michelle-0207@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle-0207@hotmail.com).



### Did you know?

Many cities offer programs to turn your tree to mulch or woodchips. Call (800) CLEANUP or visit [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org) to find the tree-recycling program near you.

## VBCCO Members In Good Standing

Aeries on the Bay•Alanton•Aragona Village•Avalon Hills  
Avalon Terrace/Woods•Back Bay/Pungo•Baycliff•Baylake Pines  
Bellamy Plantation•Bellamy Woods•Bellwood Estates•Birdneck Lake Homes• Birdneck Point•Blackwater•Brigadoon•Brighton on the Bay•Cambridge Courts•Cape Henry Shores•Cape Story By The Sea•Carolanne Farm•Cavalier Park/Bay Colony•Charlestowne Area Civic League•Chelsea-Green Hill Farms/Meadows•Chesapeake Beach•Chesapeake Colony•Columbus Station•Croatan•Cypress Point•Diamond Springs•Fairfield•Framingham Village Glenwood•Great Neck Estates•Great Neck Meadow•Green Run•Homestead•Hunt Club Forest•Kempsville Greens•King's Grant•King's Point•Lake Edward•Lake Shores•Lake Smith •Lakeview Park•Lakeville Estates•Lamplight Manor•Larkspur•Laurel Cove•Level Green•Linkhorn Cove•Little Haven•Little Neck Cove•Manchester Village•Newcastle-Princeton•North Virginia Beach•Ocean Park•Oceana Gardens•Park Place•Pembroke Manor •Princess Anne Crossing•Princess Anne Plaza•Ridglea•River Haven• Rudee Heights•Sandbridge Beach•Sea Breeze Farm• Seatack Scarborough Square•South Shore Estates•Southall Quarter•Stratford Chase Thalia•Thoroughgood Colony •Three Oaks•Trantwood Lakes•The Villages•Wellington Woods•Witchduck Wolfsnare Plantation•Woodstock

These Organizations have paid their 2008 membership fee. Don't see your neighborhood listed? Contact Gene Moore at [moore252@inffionline.net](mailto:moore252@inffionline.net)



## VIRGINIA BEACH COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

**2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES \$25.00 1/1/09 – 12/31/09**

REMINDER: Payment is due January 1. Payment must be received to avoid suspension of voting privileges.

Please make check payable to "VBCCO" and send to:

VBCCO Treasurer  
P.O. Box 9252  
Virginia Beach, VA 23450-9252

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Have any of your officers changed this year?**

If you haven't already provided updated contacts to CCO, please complete the Membership Update Form on page 2.

If you have questions about this invoice, please contact Treasurer Joe Yurso at 490-5036 or [jyurso@cox.net](mailto:jyurso@cox.net).

If you have questions about your membership status or the member information on file, please contact Gene Moore at 497-5174 or [moore252@infionline.net](mailto:moore252@infionline.net).



# Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations – Member Update Form

Use this form to provide updated information about your civic organization for inclusion in the VBCCO membership database. Fill in the information to be revised, then send this form to **VBCCO Membership Committee** by one of the following means:

- Attach to an email to [moore252@infionline.net](mailto:moore252@infionline.net)
- Mail to Gene Moore, 4604 Williamsburg Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2241
- Call 497-5174 if the amount of information is small

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Month elections are held \_\_\_\_\_ Day of month meetings held \_\_\_\_\_

Time meetings begin \_\_\_\_\_ Location of meetings \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ Number of residences in community served by your organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor / Phone / Email \_\_\_\_\_ Web Master / Phone / Email \_\_\_\_\_

Write information about key officials below. Generally it is desirable to have as a minimum the president, secretary and newsletter editor. In the first four lines, list 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.

Office Title	Name	Street Address	Telephone	Email
1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Signature of authorizing officer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: To print this form, update, out from an email attachment, set the printer set up to landscape (wide) for best results.**

## RESORT AREA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Adopted by City Council on a 10-1 vote.

## VIRGINIA BEACH LIGHT RAIL

Dome site - Newtown Road LRT is 1 of 4 projects put in the queue by HRT for possible Stimulus Package funding by the incoming Obama Administration.

## SPORTSPLEX

I voted "No" in the RAC's endorsement of a developer's plan to transform Sportsplex into a year-round sports facility. It involves building an adjacent fieldhouse and putting an inflatable dome over the Sportsplex pitch during the off-season.

*As a former high school soccer player (Midfielder, later converted to Center Forward), I refuse to sanction putting artificial turf on soccer fields.*

## PDRC

The Plan/Design Review Committee (PDRC) is struggling with how to transform the Resort Area. Two planned new restaurants with drive-thrus are slated for Laskin Road, while City planning documents encourage eliminating drive-thrus in the Resort Area.

### Say "Thanks" to the Volunteers of Your Community

VBCCO's 2009 Community Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 14. Each VBCCO member organization has the opportunity to recognize the volunteers who work so hard for your community. Each volunteer submitted will be recognized at the event and will receive a Certificate of Recognition, suitable for framing. In addition, one individual and one youth will each be selected from the list of nominations to receive a citywide award. Plus, communities may be nominated for the Community of the Year award.

The Following Awards will be given:

**Community Service Award** and **Outstanding Youth Award**. Each person submitted by your organization will receive a certificate.

Citywide **Volunteer of the Year Award** and Citywide **Youth Volunteer Award**. Members may nominate an individual for each award. One recipient will be selected by the Awards Committee.

**Community of the Year Award**. Communities may submit themselves for consideration. One community will be selected by the Awards Committee.

Forms will be available online at [VBCCO.org/awards](http://VBCCO.org/awards). Direct questions to [AwardsCommittee@vbcco.org](mailto:AwardsCommittee@vbcco.org).



# Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations

## Banquet Reservations Form

Saturday, March 14, 2009  
Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel  
5700 Atlantic Avenue

Registration and reception begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Banquet and dinner program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's organization and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone number and email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept banquet reservations for the following:

Full Name, Title, Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

US Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Recipient

Full Name, Title, Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

US Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Recipient

Full Name, Title, Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

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Award Recipient

Full Name, Title, Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

US Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Recipient

*Before* January 31, 2009

Number of reservations ..... x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Table of Ten ..... \$315 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*After* January 31, 2009

Number of reservations ..... x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Table of Ten ..... \$360 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to VBCCO and mail to P.O. Box 9252, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-9252.

**HURRY! Make your reservation before January 31, 2009 for best prices!**

Questions? Contact **BanquetCommittee@vbcco.org** for details.

Download additional copies of this form online at **vbcco.org/2009Banquet**



## Share Your Light Night Success.....

December 13<sup>th</sup> offered perfect crisp winter weather. It could have been a bit warmer, but it was the perfect opportunity to gather to sip hot cocoa, warm up by Chimaneas, and eat freshly made warm and satisfying... chili?!

In another neighborhood, the Charlestown area of Kempsville, welcomed the holiday season with nearly 2000 luminaries lining their streets, with Santa pulling a trailer filled with talented carolers, mounted police, and Celebration Stations offering cookies and drinks. Neighbors parked their vehicles at the gathering areas to play Christmas music as they socialized. Baycliff neighbors not only enjoyed illuminated streets, but also warmly received carolers offering the gift of song. We are thankful for the joyful memories made by involved neighbors.

These types of neighborhood organizations encapsulate the precise spirit SYLNight wants to encourage in every community. Everyone has a talent to offer - such as the talent of a beautiful voice, the skill to build a festive atmosphere, or simply the gift of gab. All it takes to bring out these assets are community leaders who simply encourage their neighbors to become involved in the community through SYLNight – a festive holiday tradition.

SYLNight participants will be meeting in February to debrief and plan for next year. For more information, email [shareyourlightnight@yahoo.com](mailto:shareyourlightnight@yahoo.com) or call 714-2772.



WOW! What a great idea!:

festive neighbor in Homestead pulling a wagon full of chili and drinks to their block gathering. We commend their originality in making a wagon their festive vehicle decorated with Christmas lights. How fun are they? You all get the spirit award! One could easily envision SYLNight parades in your future.

## Cat & Dog License information

The Code of Virginia Beach requires that every dog and cat over four months old be licensed. Effective January 1, 2008 the way this office issues licenses has changed. You now have the option of purchasing a 1, 2, or 3 year license that will run concurrent with your dogs' or cats' rabies shot. No license will be issued that exceeds the date of rabies expiration.

For more information and pricing, go to:  
E-mail: [VBAnimalTag@vbgov.com](mailto:VBAnimalTag@vbgov.com)  
Web: [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com)

## Revitalization Workshop

Saturday, February 21st

**REGISTER  
TODAY**  
seating limited

*(?) Are you searching for a good strategy to get people involved or to increase meeting attendance?*

*(?) Ever have a meeting where total chaos broke out and no one listened?*

- **Come to the Revitalization Workshop and learn what you can do to improve your neighborhood organization.**
- **Every officer should attend, so be sure to forward this to your entire Board!**

**For more information and to register,  
call Brenda Armitage @ 714-2772**



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Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2241  
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