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November's General Meeting Topic:

Stakeholder's Meeting & Board of Director Elections

November 9, 7pm to 8:30pm
Meyera Oberndorf Central Library

Other Important Dates:

CCO's Board of Directors:
December 2, 7 pm to 9 pm
Meyera Oberndorf Central Library
4100 Virginia Beach Blvd

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings:

Dec 9 Talkin' Trash in
 your Neighborhood. SPSA & Waste
 Management on
 hand to discuss policy
 and the future

Thanks to everyone that participated in this year's food & Fund Drive to benefit the Southeastern Virginia Food Bank. Through our efforts, we were able to collect \$75.00 in funds and 45 pounds of non-perishable food.

All VBCCO meetings will begin at 7pm at the Meyera Oberndorf Central Library

A Message from the President

Hello everyone

Another year is almost over. This year has been busy and we have accomplished a lot, together. Last January we had our goal setting meeting and put together a plan for the year. Some of our goals for the year were: to put together programs relevant to our neighborhoods, improve communications, and help our Civic Leagues to improve.

We worked hard to meet our goals. In February we held our 4th annual Neighborhood Revitalization workshop, at which we Role-Played our way through Parliamentary Procedures and how to manage your civic league meetings. We are striving to improve communications by updating and improving our VBCCO web site. We had the monthly programs where we communicated directly with our City Council, State legislators, and our School Board. The Picnic in the Park in July, as always, was a great time and a great chance to network between our civic leagues. Our programs also included topics on: area hospitals, the Animal Shelter, and the Mortgage crisis that has affected so many.

Our November meeting is going to have a full agenda. We will be reviewing some of this year's accomplishments, but more importantly we will be setting our vision for the coming year. In order to get a clear idea of what you our members see for our vision in 2010, I will be asking for your thoughts and concerns as part of the program. Think about it and be ready to help me set our vision for 2010.

Our Board of Directors for 2009 has done a fantastic job. I wish to take this time to thank them, each and everyone. Their hard work and effort is what makes VBCCO a great organization, contributing to and making Virginia Beach one of the finest cities in Virginia.

We will be voting in the new Board members for 2010 at our November meeting. A great slate of Officers is being put forward. I want everyone to remember that nominations can be made from the floor. This is the time of year when your vote counts directly to improve the VBCCO and keep us moving forward.

I look forward to seeing everyone on NOV 9, MONDAY (Wed 11 is VETS DAY!!!)

VBCCO Committee Meetings



Community Advocacy Taskforce

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.
Panera Bread
Town Center (across from Barnes & Noble)
Meets 2nd Saturday of every month

Banquet Committee

Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m.
Panera Bread
Town Center (across from Barnes & Noble)
Meets 2nd Saturday of every month

WIN \$25 Gift Card

Attendees that pre-register for meetings and events using the eventbrite website will automatically be entered into the quarterly gift card drawing.

Go to <http://vbcco.eventbrite.com>

City's 2009-2010 Budget Meetings

City to Hold Town Meetings Regarding 2009-2010 Budget
VBCCO encourages members to attend one of the following meetings about the city's 2009-10 budget.

City staff report that "a challenging economy, limited resources, and more demand than ever for city services means this year will be a critical one for weighing citizen input and making the best possible decisions about how funding should be allocated.

These meetings are for YOU if you want to:
Learn more about how the city's budget is developed.
What the recession may mean to city services.
Give the city your input into budget priorities.
Talk with City Council members and other citizens about what the city plans to fund, and how.
All meetings will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18
Green Run High School

Wednesday, Dec. 3
Kellam High School

Space is limited. Please send an e-mail to budget@vbgo.com if you plan to attend. In addition, please feel free to pass this invitation along to friends and neighbors.

VBCCO Procedures Manual under development; member input needed

The VBCCO Bylaws Committee has been tasked with the creation of a Procedures Manual documenting all of the internal processes within VBCCO. When completed, this manual will provide guidance for new volunteers and ensure greater continuity from year to year as volunteers come and go.

The Committee has compiled an initial list of topics on which procedures and guidelines already exist or need to be created. Member input is welcome. If you would like to suggest additional topics for inclusion or would like to assist the Committee with the creation of this manual, please send an email to ProceduresComments@vbcco.org

Brighten Your Neighborhood Entrance on Dec. 12th

With hectic work schedules and family activities, we find ourselves in an isolationist society once neighbors reach the confines of their home. Many comment that they are too busy to socialize with their neighbors. The truth of the matter is that there *is* time, but neighbors require a reason. Today, many yearn for the “village-lifestyle” where *communities* help raise our children and neighbors jump into action when they sense other neighbors are in need. However, how to get back to that time was unclear... until now.

Share Your Light Night (SYLNight) is a luminary event where neighbors line their streets with luminaries; bags with a light source within, creating endless ribbons of lights. Neighbors come out at the same time and date and celebrate unity together by offering warm cider, cocoa, cookies, and music to visiting neighbors walking the streets taking in the beauty. Many neighborhood organizations offer other functions to support camaraderie through organizing caroling events, visits from Santa, and other such festivities.

As an individual or a community leader, dedicate yourself to creating unity by getting your neighbors to participate in Share Your Light Night, and encourage your organization to take action. Place an article in your newsletter or on your website about what SYLNight offers your community. Light the entrance of your neighborhood. Inspire a few pods of close neighbors within your neighborhood to display luminaries and watch the event grow year after year. This event (in its 3rd year) will occur on the second Saturday in December (December 12th) at 6 PM. If inclement weather, please reference the event website below.

Contact Illuminate A Cause, LLC at 714-2772 for more information. Photographs, ideas and archived articles can be viewed at www.shareyourlightnight.blogspot.com.

Share Your Light NightSM
Start a wonderful tradition in your neighborhood.

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The graphic includes three photographs: a house with icicle-like lights, a group of people in winter attire, and a street scene with luminaries.

Slate of Candidates

2009 Nominations Committee Report

Nominations for Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons

October 14, 2009

Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following slate of candidates:

2010 VBCCO Officers and Directors

Jay Kerr	First Vice President
Joe Yurso	Treasurer
Dottie Hampton	Recording Secretary
Marlo Brooks	Director, Term Expiring December 31, 2010
Vivian Blaize	Director, Term Expiring December 31, 2010
Ed Fissinger	Director, Term Expiring December 31, 2011
Franklin Gaillard	Director, Term Expiring December 31, 2011
Cheryl Poe	Director, Term Expiring December 31, 2011

2010 VBCCO Committees and Taskforces

Advocacy Taskforce

Ed Fissinger, Chair
Chris Wiemken
Additional position is available

Empowerment Taskforce

Melinda Luchun, Chair
Marlo Brooks
Chris Wiemken
Additional position is available

Awards Committee

Chandler Scarborough, Chair
Patricia Keeley
Additional position is available

Banquet Committee

Floyd Gilbert, Chair
Vivian Blaize
Cheryl Poe
Additional position is available

Communications Committee

Julie Strader, Chair
Andrea Worst
Cheryl Poe

Fundraising Committee

Chandler Scarborough, Chair
Dottie Hampton
Additional position is available

Membership Committee

Gene Moore, Chair
Marlo Brooks
Jim Glynn
John McMullen
Cheryl Poe

Marketing Committee

Franklin Gaillard, Chair
Vivian Blaize
Andrea Worst

Programs Committee

Jermaine Hannah, Chair
Julie Strader
Cheryl Poe

2010 Membership Form

VIRGINIA BEACH COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Please complete this form if you are a new organization/member* or updating information.
Send completed form to membership:

Mail to Gene Moore, 4604 Williamsburg Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2241

Organization Status (please refer to by laws for more information):

Civic Organization Volunteer Organization Business Association Individual

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 _____

Write information about key officials below, if applicable. Ideally, include a minimum of president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. The first four lines should be 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, identify the primary contact person with (PC) as the end of the person's name.

Officer Title	Name	Address	Email/Phone Number

Signature of authorizing officer _____ Title _____

For a printable form, or to sign up on line, please visit our website: VBCCO.org; or email us at Membership@vbcco.org for more information.

*Please include a check made payable to VBCCO in the amount of \$25.00. Include the organization by-laws and map of streets defining your area of representation.



Foodbank "Quick Facts" for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

Over 11 million...the number of pounds of food distributed (*over 813,000 of these pounds were distributed on the Eastern Shore*).

More than 330,000...number of individuals served through a Foodbank program (*over 29,000 of these are on the Eastern Shore*). These are the working individuals, children, and senior citizens that visit one of our partner agencies (or our Friday-only distribution).

So, multiplying this number by the percentages provided by the 2006 Hunger Study, it looks like this:

- **106,000**...number of children receiving services of the Foodbank (about 32%).¹
- **139,000**...number of working individuals served by a Foodbank partner agency (about 42%).
- **79,000**...number of seniors served through a Foodbank program (about 24%).
- **6,000**...number of homeless individuals served by the Foodbank (about 2%).

1 out of 4 individuals...the number of the Foodbank's total population that we served last year. Our service area has 1,200,000 residents.

\$.34...what it costs FSEVA to assemble a full course meal (**\$1 = about 3 meals**).

\$1 donation...amount it takes to distribute up to \$6 worth of groceries.

4,743...number of (unduplicated) children served through a Kids Cafe site.

274,900...number of meals served at Kids Cafe sites during the fiscal year.

\$1.88...the cost of distributing a Kids Cafe meal. (This amount is higher than distributing a general meal because of a stronger focus on nutritional content, so many of the items for Kids Cafe meals must be purchased, decreasing our leverage power of using as many donated products.)

More than **194 million**...pounds of food distributed since the Foodbank began in 1981.

95.9 cents... of every dollar goes to programs and services that feed those who are hungry.

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UWSHR Code: 5024
CFC Code: 24543

¹ According to the Virginia Department of Education, 72,620 children qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches in our service area. There is no way to know if these children are the same ones being served by the Foodbank, but certainly many of them are the same hungry children.

Upcoming Reports

Each of the next two months the RAC has reports scheduled to be delivered by senior City Staff.

In November CVB Director Jim Ricketts will give a preliminary report on how the Summer season of 2009 went in the Resort Area.

In December Finance Director Patti Phillips will make a Presentation on the annual Tourism Growth Investment Fund (TGIF) report. (The Presentation was originally scheduled for November, but postponed due to an audit.)

Form-Based Code

In order to implement the Resort Area Strategic Action Plan, a form-based code is being drafted for the Oceanfront. Such a code would provide that future redevelopment dovetail with what is envisioned in the Plan.



Membership Update

As of October 14, 2009, the adjacent list shows the VBCCO member organizations from which the 2009 membership fee has been received. As additional payments are received, those members will be added to the in good standing list. Those members not having done so may make payment by mailing a check for \$25 payable to VBCCO to:

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

Any CCO member-in-good-standing may reprint any article from the CCO newsletter or website provided that no changes are made to the article and that CCO is cited as the original source. Non-members may request permission to reprint CCO articles.

VBCCO Members In Good Standing

Aeries on the Bay••Alanton••Aragona Village
Avalon Hills••Avalon Terrace/Woods••Back Bay Pungo••
Bay Breeze Villas ••Bay Lake Pines••Baycliff••Bellamy
Plantation••Bellamy Woods••Bellwood Estate•• Birchwood
Birdneck Lake••Blackwater ••Brigadoon •• Brighton on the Bay ••
Cambridge Courts••Cape Henry Shores•• Cape Story By The Sea••
Carolanne Farm•• Cavalier Park/Bay Colony•• Charleston Area
••Chelsea•• Green Hill Farms/Meadows ••Chesapeake Beach••
Chesapeake Colony••Croatan •• Cypress Point••Glenwood
Great Neck Estates•• Green Run••Homestead••Kempsville Greens
King's Grant••Lagomar••Lake Smith T-HP-GS
Lakeview Park••Lamplight Manor••Larkspur
Laurel Cove••Level Green••Linkhorn Cove••Linlier
Little Haven••Little Neck Cove••Lynnhaven Woods
Manchester Village•• New Castle Princeton•• North Alenton••North Vir-
ginia Beach••Ocean Park•• Oceana Gardens
Park Place••Pembroke Manor••Princess Anne Crossing
Princess Anne Plaza••Ridglea••River Haven••Rudee Heights
Salem Woods••Southall Quarter••Thalia
Thoroughgood Colony••Three Oaks ••Trantwood Lakes
The Villages••Wellington Woods
Wildwood Square••Witchduck••Woodstock



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