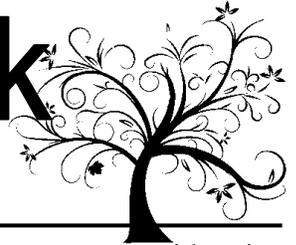


The Fairfield Oak

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER, 2016

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Matt Maxwell

Dear Neighbors,

It's a pleasure to serve as the President of the Fairfield Civic League. I would like to share few observations about our neighborhood and the Kempsville community.

We live through different seasons of life, and during those seasons, how we serve changes. Some actions of service may impact many; others, only a few. Our Fairfield neighborhood is a home where neighbors look out for each other, seek to serve and improve our community, lend a helping hand, respond with kind words, and take the time to share a story, meal, or cup of coffee. In our family we work to respect our neighbors, help out when the opportunity presents itself, and take time to get-to-know our neighbors. The intangibles of being a good neighbor are cumulative and make for a strong community.

We are seeing some very positive steps forward in Kempsville: the Princess Anne and Kempsville intersection along with the construction of Kempes Landing Park is complete; the Old Kempsville High School building is being renovated; Kempsville High School is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has ushered in the City's Entrepreneurship and Business Academy; and more children are attending Fairfield Elementary. Many in our community have worked hard to encourage and promote these improvements that help Historic Kempsville stand out.

Much work remains ahead. Members of the Civic League have been promoting a change in zoning type to keep with the custom of Historic Kempsville as the north side of the intersection continues to be developed. The Kempsville Recreation Center is projected to be complete in the Spring of 2017; the old Kempsville Lumber site on Witchduck Road is planned to be used as a Virginia Beach Housing Resource Center; demolition has begun for the new fly-over and expansion of Witchduck Road; the new construction of the 525@Historic Kempsville Apartments; light-rail

discussion continues; redevelopment considerations of the property at Princess Anne and Kempsville; nontraditional VDBHD families renting homes in the area; and the need for traffic calming measures along Lord Dunmore Drive are all items that affect our neighborhood.

Please consider joining the Civic League so that we may continue to work, and present ourselves to the City, in a united effort as a neighborhood. The dues are modest and used to promote the neighborhood. Your encouragement and ideas are always welcomed. There are many different ways to serve our community, such as, volunteering in the schools, rescue squads, or other areas that add value to our community. Special thanks to Sean McGinty and members of our Civic League for their efforts in helping us celebrate American holidays by placing and collecting flags at our curbsides.

We invite you to come out to Civic League gatherings to get-to-know your neighbors. Join the Civic League and serve on a committee, "Friend" the Fairfield Civic League on Facebook, and/or benefit by joining neighbors at www.nextdoor.com. As long as our Civic League remains active we have a voice in how we shape our community. I look forward seeing you at one of our meeting or events.

There's no limit to what you can accomplish, so long as you don't care who get the credit!

--CDR Joe Roachefort sign at Station Hypo--

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR EVENTS

Saturday, October 8th, 8:00-4:00

Fairfield Garden Club Flower Sale

October - November

Fall play in the neighborhood park

December

Hot Chocolate in the neighborhood park

April - May

Potluck in the neighborhood park

FAIRFIELD CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING SCHEDULE 2015-2016

Meetings are held on *Mondays at 7:00 p.m.* in the Fairfield Elementary School cafeteria.

October 3rd

Meet City Council Candidates Dane Bythe (represented by Councilman John Moss), Courtney LaLonde, Pam Witham, and Robert Dean. This event will give us the chance to discuss the issues important to our community with each City Council Candidate. We live in a changing world and getting to know and working with our elected representative is one way that we can help manage change as neighbors.

Other Civic League Meeting dates ~ November 7th, January 9th, February 7th, March 6th, May 1st, and June 5th.

Meeting Minutes are sent through email, posted on Facebook, and also on our fairfieldvirginiabeach.nextdoor.com website.

TRAFFIC UPDATE – OCTOBER, 2016

DOUG MCLIVERTY

I know that we have new neighbors in Fairfield and I welcome you. Others have lived here for many years and what I am about to outline may be well known to you. The objective of this article is explain: what has happened, what is going on, and what we intend to do to solve the cut-through traffic problem in Fairfield.

History

When Fairfield was designed, Lord Dunmore Drive was a collector road for the side streets and cul-de-sacs. During the final stages of Fairfield's development, construction trucks created an entrance and exit to Princess Anne Road. In the early 1970s, the City was half the size of what it is today. Even 45 years ago, the intersection of South Witchduck, Kempsville Road and Princess Anne Roads was already over capacity. To make matters worse, there were tolls on VA 44, now known as I-264. The last point to exit without paying a toll was South Newtown Road. So, opening Lord Dunmore Drive to Princess Anne Road looked like a wise decision in 1972.

The combination of an over-capacity intersection and non-toll alternative, resulted in the 1970s residents of Fairfield to petition the City to open Lord Dunmore Drive to Princess Anne Road as a "right

in, right out" intersection. Shortly after opening Lord Dunmore, the residents saw thousands of cars a day cutting through the previously quiet and safe neighborhood. They tried to close it. The City refused and since then traffic has been dangerously high on Lord Dunmore Drive. The residents tried to reroute it, but nothing worked to stop the flow of cut-through traffic. Since Lord Dunmore Drive was opened connecting Princess Anne and Providence Roads, the City has doubled in size. The cut-through traffic counts have also doubled from approximately 3,000 to 6,000 cars per day, which can vary depending on the time of year when schools are in session.

When the Fairfield Civic League was re-established in 1997, its mission was to improve the quality of life and make the neighborhood safer. A Neighborhood Watch was established and we worked on numerous Citizen Advisory Committees' related to moving traffic through Kempsville more efficiently so that motorists would not need to cut through our neighborhood.

The Civic League worked diligently to redesign and improve the flow of traffic through Kempsville. Now that the intersection is completed we see no relief to our neighborhood traffic problems. Why? Because Fairfield has major high volume roads to our north, east and south, it makes sense to cut-through our neighborhood. By cutting through the Fairfield neighborhood, motorist avoid approximately six traffic lights on the bordering highways.

We have concluded, after several conversations with the neighborhood and traffic engineers, that we need to put Fairfield back to the way it was designed, i.e. "no access from Lord Dunmore to Princess Anne Road."

The current configuration at the north end of Fairfield, while very convenient, is also the source of our traffic problems.

The Way Ahead

Recommendation: Restore Fairfield to its original design. To accomplish this, petitions will be circulated to residents along the affected streets: Lord Dunmore, Fairfield Blvd, and Locke Lane. These residents suffer the worst of the traffic. It is time end the cut-through traffic and restore Fairfield to the neighborhood originally envisioned by its designers. We will petition the City to reverse the 1972 request to open Lord Dunmore Drive to Princess Anne Road. That is the source of our problems. We have worked for almost 19 years to find a resolution that will satisfy everyone in Fairfield and to balance convenience and safety. With no clear resolution for safety and quality for those along Lord Dunmore this remains the best option.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP 2016-2017
The Fairfield Civic League Needs You!

Annual Household Membership Fee ~ \$12
Membership is valid September 1- August 31

If you are not yet a member and would like to join or you are an old member who needs to renew dues, please contact Betty Virok at bvirok@gmail.com and/or mail in the form below:

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Names: (Please list all family members):

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

***Make check payable and mail to:
Fairfield Civic League, 604 Lord Dunmore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464***

FAIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

www.sites.google.com/site/fairfieldgardenclubva/home

Fairfield Garden Club's **FALL PLANT SALE** is **Saturday, October 8th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., under to old oak tree at 5244 Locke Lane.**

All are welcome to join the Garden Club. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We gather at 9:30 a.m. and the program and meeting begin at 10:00 a.m.

You may join the Garden Club by detaching and mailing the form below, with payment, to:

Mary Butrym, 5263 Jacob Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23464

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GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual Dues: \$25.00 (check #) _____

Areas of Interest: Please circle all that apply:

Flower Arranging Gardening Yard of the Month Ways & Means Yearbook

Please list the topics you might be interested in having speakers address at our meetings:



Come see what your neighbors are talking about.

Join Nextdoor Fairfield, the private website for your neighborhood.



To join, visit:
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Your neighbor, Barbara Conyers, invited you to join.



The Fairfield Civic League would like to make you aware of a private social network called Nextdoor Fairfield where residents share information like crime reports, lost pets, and local events. Please go to the link below to learn more, then register to be a part of a strong, well connected Fairfield community. <http://help.nextdoor.com/Fairfield-Civic-League-Neighborhood-Watch>

Nextdoor Fairfield



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Your flyer code: ZNZXPZ

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Get to know your neighbors • Share local recommendations • Lend, borrow and give away • Keep the neighborhood safe • Stay informed

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911Police Emergency
757-385-5000Police Non-Emergency
757-385-2800Fourth Precinct
757-385-4444Animal Control
757-385-4650Waste Management
757-385-2628Kempville Library
757-474-8492Kempville Rec Center
800-552-7001Miss Utility
888-667-3000Dominion VA Power
866-229-3578Virginia Natural Gas
757-385-1470.....Mosquito Control
Flooding & Drainage issues
Potholes
Burned-out Street Lights

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