

March 10, 2014

Fairfield Civic League Minutes

President, Matt Maxwell, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with approximately 30 residents/visitors present. After the Pledge of Allegiance Matt introduced guest speakers, from the Common Wealth Attorney's office: Chris Baker and Nicky Herron

The attorneys covered recent scams and frauds. They warned us to be very skeptical of people calling for any form of personal information. Door to door sales people must present a peddler's license from the City of Virginia Beach. If they do not have one, ask them to leave and call the non-emergency number of the VBPD. There is a "grandma I am stranded in Mexico" scam going around. Hackers are going into Facebook and looking for young people on vacation in Mexico. Then they look for grandparents as friends and send a message requesting they wire money to help after all their money was stolen on vacation. There is also a check washing scam where thieves take payment envelopes out of your mail box, open you mail and change your check. To protect yourself mail all payments from US Postal locked boxes, like in the Fairfield Shopping Center or at the post office.

Next, the new 4th Precinct Commander, Captain Pat Gallagher was introduced and he talked with us about DUIs, the high rating of the VBPD versus other PD in Hampton Roads and the entire country. VB is the safest city of its size in the United States. The prosecution of burglaries in VB is twice the national average. Prosecution of robberies is 56% in VB v 24% nationwide. CAPT Gallagher's philosophy is "reduce burglaries during the day and robberies at night." Residential break-ins are the day time crime most reported and robberies in shopping centers are the after dark crime most reported. Please report all suspicious activities calling the non-emergency number.

The Garden Club reminded us of the plant sale the last weekend in April 26-27. Look for the signs announcing the sale. Please support the Garden Club and all the wonderful work they do to make Fairfield look good.

May 3rd will be the first Pancakes in the Park event. The breakfast will take place at 9AM on the 3rd of May.

The next Fairfield Civic League Meeting is May 12, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.