



The Sentinel



A Newsletter for the Owners and Residents of North Shore at Ridgely Manor

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Board of Directors' Corner

A Message from the President

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Greetings! It has been a very busy and beautiful Fall this year (although we could use some rain at this point). The North Shore at Ridgely Manor Homeowner Association (NSRM HOA 1) has been very active: we repaired a walking bridge, irrigation system and fountain. And, there was an election for President, Congress, and local political offices.

In addition, a new social committee was established by the NSRM HOA 2 to take over the decorating of the entrance to our NSRM neighborhood as well as watching the common area plantings. We appreciate their efforts and I want to give a shout out to the members who so creatively decorated the entrance for Halloween, Veterans Day, and gave us a reminder to vote! Beautiful job!!! My thanks go to the decorations lead, Lorraine Moore, her husband, Mark Moore, Andy DiRosa, Carlos and Linda Torres, Tina Henry, Mary Kay Horoszewski and our HOA 1 members, Louis Grever, his wife Terri, and Harshad Barot.

DECORATIONS FOR HALLOWEEN



HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS AT NIGHT





Board of Directors' Corner

A Message from the President - Continued

DECORATIONS FOR VETERANS DAY



Now I would like to address a more serious issue happening daily in our neighborhood: residents continue to speed (the speed limit is 25) and look at their phones while driving through the neighborhood. Four mailboxes have been destroyed on one short stretch of Knights Bridge Lane near the entrance. One of the mailboxes was hit twice in two weeks. Having to repair and replace mailboxes is frustrating enough but it could have been a person who was hit! This is a serious problem for the neighborhood.

Drivers, PLEASE obey the speed limit and put down your phones. We have many walkers and cyclists all day long that should not have to worry about being injured by a motorist.

We currently have a vacancy for the NSRM HOA 1 Secretary. If you would like to volunteer for the position, please call me at (703) 400-7831.

Last but not least, the last HOA 1 meeting for the year will be held on December 11 at 6 pm at the Williams Farm Recreation Center. HOA 2 members are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there.

From Burt Poague, email: bpoague@verizon.net



NSRM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

By Andy DiRosa, NSRM Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

The NSRM Neighborhood Watch worked with the Ridgely Manor HOA, the Belmeade Condominium Association, and District 9 city councilman Joash Schulman to have a speed study conducted on Ridgely Manor Blvd the week of October 21. The results of the study, conducted by the city's Traffic Engineering office, are expected to be provided by mid-November.

A mobile speed reader trailer positioned on Ridgely Manor Blvd. on October 25 (see photo on right) was in place for two weeks, one week in each direction. The trailer was then placed on Lambeth Lane for an additional week.

These actions are being taken to help quantify vehicle speed and encourage responsible driving in the community.

Mobile Speed Reader Trailer
on Ridgely Manor Blvd.



NSRM HOA 1 SOCIAL COMMITTEE

You might have seen the NSRM HOA 2 Social Committee members while they were hard at work on our decorations. Here they are below working on the Halloween decorations, which were great!!!



The photos above show that the Committee had fun putting the decorations together, and the members are both talented and imaginative!!!

← The hanging white cloths you see in the left photo were ghosts by day and then lit up with blue lights at night.

Please note that the Social Committee is open to both NSRM HOA 1 and HOA 2 members, so please let Lorraine Moore know if you want to participate. You can contact her at 540-226-2670.

Thanks again to the Committee for outstanding decorations!!!

NEPTUNE FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

For those of you who weren't able to view the incredible sand sculptures during the 2024 Neptune Festival and the following week, here are a few snapshots of what you missed ([Link](#)).

"Us and Them" by Jonathan Bouchard, Canada and Dmitri Klimenko, Russia



32 international sand sculptors – solo artists and teams – compete for top prizes in the annual contest.

← 1st Place – Team
 ← Neptune's Choice – Team
 ← Sculptors' Choice – Team

I have to confess, this was my personal favorite in the show.

NEPTUNE FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUED

"Facing Fear" By Isabelle Gasse, Canada and Marie-Line Gagne, Canada



32 international sand sculptors – solo artists and teams – compete for top prizes in the annual contest.

← People's Choice – Team



Although this sculpture was not one of the winners, it shows you how incredibly amazing the sculptures were.



A sand castle complete with a dragon. ☺

NSRM HOA2 CONTACTS

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- **President:** Zeal Patel | zealpatel@gmail.com | (757) 515-6800
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- **At Large:** Patrick Henry | henrymediagroup@mac.com | (757) 201-2230

NSRM2 Architectural Control Committee members

- **Chair:** Andy DiRosa
- Patrick Henry
- Matthew Fass

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS



Santa's Stocking Old Fashioned Craft Bazaar

When: Sat, Nov. 16 and Sun, Dec 17, 2024

Where: VB Parks & Recreation – Kempsville Rec Center

Details: [link for more info](#)

To see a much **LONGER** list of events from Coastal Virginia Magazine, go to <https://coastalvirginiamag.com/article/events-calendar-november-december-2024/>

30th Annual Garden of Lights

When: Friday, Nov 8 – Sunday, Jan 5, 2025; shuttle departs nightly at 5 pm

Where: Norfolk Botannical Garden

Cost: tickets are per person; Plan to purchase tickets in advance if you have guests who want to take the mobility shuttle rather than walk along the trails. Shuttle departs at 5 pm for the tour..

Details: <https://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org> (features 1.5 million lights! There are also food vendors)

Holiday Lights at the Beach 2024

When: Friday, Nov 15 – Tuesday, December 31 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and 9 pm

Where: on the boardwalk at 2nd street

Cost: tickets are on sale now

Details: <https://virginiabeach.guide/events/holiday-lights-at-the-beach-2024>

beacheventsvb.com Save with a military ID

Busch Gardens Christmas Town

When: Nov. 15-Jan. 5, 2025

Where: Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA

Cost: prices vary, so consult the website

Details: features "millions of twinkling lights, festive shows and holiday-inspired culinary delights." See link for more information - <https://buschgardens.com/williamsburg/>

Coastal Virginia Auto Show

When: Nov 22 – 24 (see details because start and stop times vary)

Where: Virginia Beach Convention Center

Details: <https://cvautoshow.com>



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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS - CONTINUED

Whimsical Winter Wonderland

When: Saturday, Nov 23 from noon to 5 pm

Where: Hampton Coliseum

Cost: **FREE!!!**

Details: "Hampton Coliseum transforms into a festive wonderland with fun for the whole family....stage shows by aerialists, jugglers and illusionists in addition to roaming entertainers and stilt walkers. There will be ample opportunities for photos" see: <https://coliseumcentral.com/guide/2024-whimsical-winter-wonderland/>



Mistletoe Marketplace

When: Saturday, Nov 23 from 3 to 8 pm

Where: Smithfield & Isle of Wight Convention & Visitors Bureau – 3 blocks of vendors along the streets!!!

Details: <https://genuinesmithfieldva.com/>

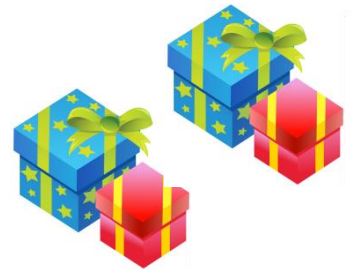
Chesapeake Holiday Craft Show

When: Saturday, Nov 23 (10 am to 5 pm) to Sun Nov 24 (11 am to 4 pm)

Where: Chesapeake Conference Center, 700 Conference Center Drive

Cost: **FREE parking and admission!!!**

Details: <https://www.cityofchesapeake.net/calendar.aspx?eid=2674> (you'll need to scroll down on the page to see the details)



30th Annual Holiday Parade at the Beach

When: Saturday, Dec 7

When: starts at 5:30 pm

Where: the parade will travel north on Atlantic Avenue from 15th to 25th Streets

Details: https://www.militarynews.com/norfolk-navy-flagship/community/annual-holiday-parade-at-the-beach-returns-for-its-30th-edition-at-the-virginia-beach/article_986807f8-9884-11ef-ba6a-e7fe795f40ae.html

Last Night on the Town

When: Tuesday, Dec 31 from 6 pm to 12:30 am

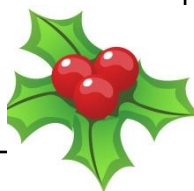
Where: Virginia Beach Town Center Fountain Plaza

Cost: **FREE to the public.** There is also a VIP party for adults that starts at 8:30 pm and charges for tickets: (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-last-night-on-the-town-nye-vip-event-cbda-tickets-1045311022407>)

Details: <https://beacheventsvb.com/event/last-night-on-the-town-2024/> and for more info: <https://lastnightonthetown.com/>



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HOME SERVICES CONTRACTORS WE HAVE USED



Electrician

Hampton Roads Electric: call 757-486-1231; email: www.hamptonroadselectric.com When getting my mother's home ready for sale, my realtor recommended Hampton Roads Electric and they were able to fix all of her electrical issues and GFCI outlets – they were very knowledgeable and did quality work.

Exterior and Interior Painting

Painter and Deck Sealing: call Skip at 757-650-5947, [Paint by Numbers](http://PaintbyNumbers); email: paintbynumbers@cox.net for exterior and interior painting, deck sealing, and cabinets. He takes extra care and can also paint cabinet doors with European old-world expertise.

HANDYMAN



Our go-to handyman Matt Cortelyou has taken care of many of our repairs over the years. He is especially talented with wood, adding designer shelves to cupboards, building pantries, building and installing wooden bookshelves, and fixing antique furniture.

Phone: 757-339-5691

Email: cortelyourenovations@gmail.com

HVAC

JMR Brothers Heating & Cooling: call 757-852-3320, JMR Brothers Heating and Cooling located at 1505 Technology Dr., Unit 102 in Chesapeake. They installed a Trane HVAC package for us and also for a family member and they work great! They excel at diagnosing problems and making repairs.

Lawn and Landscaping

Davis Stump Grinding: call 757-570-6557; make sure first that you know where your utilities, irrigation system sprinklers and underground pipes are so the stump grinder knows what to avoid! We were very happy with his work.



Landscaping. After numerous interviews with landscaping contractors with extremely high prices who refused to itemize or explain why their costs were so high ("you have a big yard"), we were very happy to find Tajh Taylor. He gave us a detailed estimate for a major landscaping effort and his prices were reasonable. His team did an outstanding job!!!!

Tajh's Cell: 757-977-3555 (reach him by texting or phoning)

Four Seasons Nursery: Four Seasons Nursery had the shrubs and tree we purchased for our landscaping effort. Their prices and quality beat all other garden centers nearby that we visited! They referred us to Tajh (see above) for landscaping. This is the garden center we will go to first from now on.

Website: <https://www.fourseasonsnursery.biz/gallery> **Phone:** (757) 250-9069

TruGreen: a neighbor turned us on to TruGreen (<https://www.trugreen.com/>), and we can recommend them as well. They offer an annual lawn care plan and a plan for trees and shrubs. You can reach them at 1-844-567-9909.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS TO TRY

Baskin-Robbins – for the best ice cream!!!

- **Where:** 3900 Holland Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, Virginia Beach.
Look for the “Dunkin’ Donuts sign – they are in the same building!
- **What:** *after being spoiled by Baskin-Robbins’ ice cream in northern VA, we could not find anything remotely like their ice cream in VA Beach. Local ice creams we tried were grainy, old, no taste, and not to our liking. Baskin-Robbins rotates their flavors so you may see some new ones each time you go there. There is nothing to match their creamy flavors -- we are so happy to have found a Baskin-Robbins in Virginia Beach!*
- **URL:** <https://locations.baskinrobbins.com/va/virginia-beach/3900-holland-rd-306326-br/>



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Jimmy G’s Chop House and Bistro Bar



- **Where:** 3333 Virginia Beach Boulevard Unit 17 | Virginia Beach, VA
❖ Closed on Sundays
- **What:** *food is exceptional and the atmosphere is inviting!*
❖ *Every other Tuesday, hosts a jazz combo – call for details*
- **Phone:** 757-937-0658 (reservations are recommended)
- **URL:** <https://jimmygsbistro.com/>

Cork and Bull Chesapeake’s Premiere Chophouse

- **Where:** 600 Belaire Ave, Chesapeake, VA 23320
❖ Closed on Sundays
- **What:** *exceptional food, excellent service, and atmosphere. We took a friend there we wanted to impress – he said it was fabulous!!!*
- **Phone:** 757-277-9095 (reservations are recommended)
- **URL:** <https://www.corkandbullchophouse.com/>



Mazari Kebab Mediterranean Restaurant

- **Where:** 676 N Witchduck Rd #A VA Beach, VA 23462
- **What:** *we were in the mood for gyros and on a whim, headed over to Mazari Kebab. To-go boxes come generously loaded with rice and a special sauce (their mayo), pita and two sides – we were pleasantly surprised! We ordered take-out because the atmosphere has a “fast food” feel, and now we return anytime the gyro mood strikes!*
❖ Closed on Mondays
- **Phone:** (757) 961-5968
- **URL:** <https://www.mazarikebabandmoreto.go.com/>

FRIENDLY REMINDERS AND REGULATIONS REVIEW

It is **ILLEGAL** to park a car facing the wrong way on the street, opposite the direction of traffic. VA Beach police can ticket or tow your car if illegally parked.



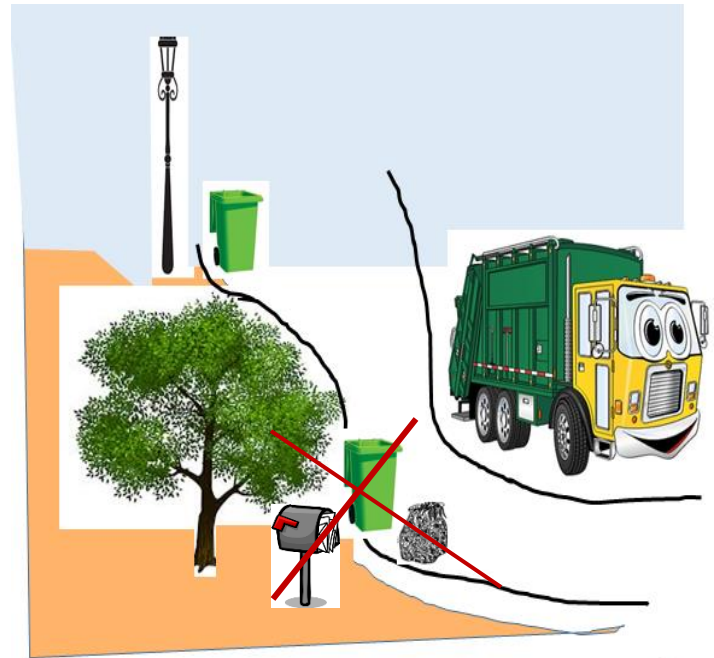
NSRM HOA 1 Meetings

- Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- All in-person meetings will be held at:
Williams Farm Recreation Center
5252 Learning Cir, Virginia Beach, VA 23462
- All NSRM HOA1 and HOA2 members are welcome to attend
- **2024 Schedule for open meeting sessions**
—**Wednesday, December 11 (Annual HOA Meeting)**

Disposing of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

HHW includes materials such as oil, paints, cleaning agents, or pesticides that are toxic, corrosive, ignitable or reactive; they require special disposal. VA Beach has a landfill where you can leave them at 1989 Jake Sears Rd, VA Beach. For details, call 757-385-1980

Please do not put trash cans, yard waste, or recycle bins in front of mailboxes, trees, or light poles. It may prevent your trash pickup or mail delivery.



Trash Collection

Put yard waste and trash cans where they are not visible from the street until it is time to put them at the curb on Tuesdays in preparation for the VA Beach City trash pickup. Nothing but vehicles should be on the driveways.

Trash Collection is on Wednesday mornings unless Virginia Beach City states otherwise, such as for holidays.

Recycle bins are collected every other Wednesday. If you have forgotten when the recycle trash is to be collected, go to this link:

<https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/trash-recycling/recycling-information> and enter your address where you see "My Trash Day" on the left side of the page and click the mouse. The collection day will be displayed.

Curbside bulk/large item pick-up is scheduled by request and collected by City-employed operators in City vehicles, usually on the same day as the trash collection. Call 757-385-4640 to schedule a pickup..

NSRM HOA 1 BOD SECRETARY

A volunteer is needed

Please call Burt Poague at (703) 400-7831

Speed Limit is 25 mph. Please slow down!!!



Walkers and mothers with children are complaining that cars are speeding in our neighborhood. Please slow down.

THE COOKING CORNER



Favorite Recipes

Send your favorite recipes to Pam at pdargan@erols.com

Pecan Pie



Free Photo from https://www.tasteofhome.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Caramel-Pecan-Pie_EXPS_HPLBZ18_28086_B05_17_5b-6.jpg

My husband makes this recipe every year – it is sure to be a winner for your holiday!!!

Ingredients

- 8" frozen pie shell
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 Vanilla bean (ground fine) or 1 1/2 Teaspoon powdered vanilla
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1 1/3 cup sugar
- 1- 5 oz. can evaporated milk
- 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cup coarsely chopped Green Valley brand Pecan halves
- 1/8 tsp salt

Directions

1. Recommend Mrs. Smith's frozen pie shell
2. Melt the butter and mix the flour thoroughly with it in a double boiler. This will prevent the flour from lumping. Add vanilla and follow with salt, maple syrup, hot water and sugar.
3. When the batter is smooth, mix in evaporated milk and the pecans, and then immediately pour the batter into the pie shell
4. Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes, or until a knife inserted 1 inch from the edge comes out clean.
5. Enjoy!!!

