



# The Croatan Civic League News

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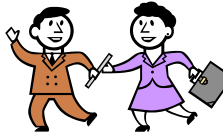
## By the Beach with Bill Garvey

As the Annual Dinner approaches and the end of our "Civic League Year" is almost here, I would like to thank all those who put much of their time and resources into keeping this neighborhood a great place to live.

Much appreciation goes to our former president Ken Jobe (and current liaison with the City of Virginia Beach) who put in many hours every day working for the good of our community as well as Virginia Beach. I simply do not have the time, and or the space, to write about all that Ken has done, and is still doing, for this community. Ken, we thank you for your service.

Also, after 25 or so years Tom Pritchard is going to step down as a board director. Tom is our longest serving director and, believe it or not, he will be missed. Tom, we thank you for your service.

Director Ed Oswalt will also be stepping down after many years of service. Ed is a former Secretary, Vice-President, and President for the Civic league and has held many chairs. Ed, we thank you for your service.



There are too many others who every day spend anywhere from a couple of minutes to a couple of hours performing the small unnoticed tasks that help keep Croatan great. These acts range from keeping our entranceway clean to shoveling sand off South Atlantic Avenue after a storm. We thank them all for their service.



For anyone reading this article, If you are not involved in any way with your community please consider volunteering some time whether it be a couple a minutes or more.

So with the holidays fast approaching I wish everyone a wonderful and safe Fall.

'Til we share a cold one on the beach, take care.

Bill Garvey  
CCL President



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/17	Book Club
10/18	Annual Dinner
11/4	Board Meeting
11/8	Women's Club
11/9	Rudee Blues

### Website Improvements

At the last meeting the CCL board approved an upgrade our website by Chris Lex of All PC Repair. If you have any changes or improvements you would like to see, please send your suggestions to me at [mdkitchin@gmail.com](mailto:mdkitchin@gmail.com).

Marian Kitchin

## From the Desk of Ken Jobe

### CVB Beaches & Waterways Advisory Commission

- Public Input Process for How to Finance Sand Replenishment Along City Beaches. City Council assigned City of Virginia Beach Beaches & Waterway Advisory Commission this mission. Public meetings were held 1, 15, 29 Aug, 25 Sep; another is scheduled for 17 Oct to be held at the City Managers Conference Room. Commission is now gathering information from civic and business leaders. A Croatan Civic League (CCL) position statement was submitted and discussed at the 26 Sep meeting. A Croatan Beach sand replenishment Special Service District is unlikely. An interim Committee letter report to Council has been forwarded. If you wish a copy of either the CCL position or the Interim Committee report please e-mail me at kejo425@aol.com



Future public hearings likely, date & location: To Be Determined.

### Camp Pendleton/Dam Neck/Lake Christine

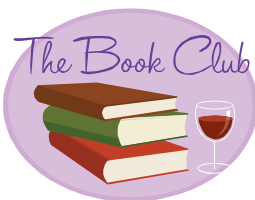
- The 2 Oct Williamsburg Environmental Group, Inc. (WEG) briefing regarding the completed WEG Lake Christine Study report for Lake Christine Conservatory and interested Croatan residents has postponed. TENTATIVELY the briefing will be rescheduled for 7-9 PM 30 Oct. A confirmation of the new date will be announced via Nextdoor and the CCL e-mail net.
- IMPORTANT-Please bring pen and pencil to the next meeting, and hold questions until the briefer has completed his remarks.*
- Study Executive Summary and conclusions/recommendations were discussed at the CCL 7 Oct meeting.



If you have questions or comments on any of the preceding, please send them to me @ kejo425@aol.com

.....See ya on the beach. Ken

## The Croatan Book Club



### Next Meeting

Date: **Thursday, October 17th**  
 Time: 7:00 P.M.  
 Place: Home of Maria Kania, Leader—Debbie Warrick  
 Selection: **"The Round House"** by Louise Erdrich

All Neighbors are welcome. Just read the book (or maybe not), bring a beverage or snack, and e-mail the hostess that you will be attending.

### Future Selections — Hosts and Leaders

Dec 5 **"The Perfect Assassin"** by Ward Larsen

Hostess: Miriam Petruschak Leader: Janice Chupka

Jan 2014 **"The Dinner"** by Herman Koch

## Lake Christine Conservation

We in Croatan pride ourselves in our neighborly manners. We may want to consider Lake Christine as one of our neighbors in need of a helping hand. As our properties are an intermixing of manmade and natural components, so is Lake Christine. Man-made lakes face challenges in remaining productive, especially in developed locations like Croatan and other surrounding areas. As we begin to see the results of the study of Lake Christine, we will present information and opportunities for contributing to the health of this beautiful entity that makes Croatan such a serene and bountiful place for both humans and wildlife.

One of the issues affecting our lake is the debris and chemicals which enter the lake. This leads to sedimentation filling the lake, too-rich nutrients causing algal blooms and toxic substances poisoning plants and animals.

This month, let's look at what we can do together and individually to make a difference in controlling a bit of debris entering and choking our neighborhood. Right now, there are a lot of leaves and pine needles falling.



When they fall in the road, rain can funnel them into the storm drains heading straight into Lake Christine. A very small area

(about 60 feet) of Fort Raleigh Drive took only 10 minutes to rake and yielded 2 bags of pine needles and 1 bag of leaves. Imagine the amount of debris we could prevent from entering Lake Christine if we would all rake and bag what falls on the roads in front of, or

adjacent to, our homes. If your yard doesn't have debris, perhaps you could identify an area that does and adopt it for clean-up (such as areas of Croatan Road and its bike path or any area in need of clean-up). Of course, BE CAREFUL of traffic when working in the road and wear bright and visible clothing.



A nice benefit of this activity is a natural, *local* mulch or ground covering for your (or a neighbor's) yard. I plan on lining areas with leaves (for compost) and covering them with pine straw for a chemical-free (and cost-free!) landscaping tool. Even bagging for city pick-up is better than letting it go down the drain.

We in Croatan are friendly neighbors, reaching out to those who need support. Let's come together to give a hand to a big, wet neighbor that gives us so much joy. Lake Christine needs YOU to stay healthy!

## Wildlife in Croatan by Susanna H. Miller



In honor of Lake Christine, let's look at one of the many creatures that call her home. While snakes may not be a favorite creature of some folks, they are valuable in the control of rodent populations and seldom cause any harm. With the easy access of the internet for identification and information, there is no need for the unnecessary killing of any non-venomous snake and venomous snakes should be left to the experts for removal.

The Northern Water Snake, *Nerodia sipedon*, is probably the snake most confused with, and, unfortunately, often killed for resembling a water moccasin. This harmless snake can reach 55 inches long and is quite thick around the middle. It also has powerful jaws and the muscular head can be confused for that of a venomous snake although it does not have the angular head of either a water moccasin or copperhead. They can have splotches or bands which are more noticeable in small or wet specimens and can be brown, tan or grayish (as with any snake they can be almost white and have white eyes - really a coating of skin - when they are getting ready to shed, see photo above). These reptiles feed mainly on amphibians and fish and give birth to live young. Another fascinating neighbor to learn to understand and appreciate in Croatan!



## Neighborhood Contacts and Helpers

### Welcome Wagon

Contact Katie Ripberger at  
katiefr@williamewood.com or phone  
434-6450 if you know of new Croatan  
neighbors



### Book Collection

Betty Rosignolo  
Sentara Virginia Beach Hospital Auxiliary  
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### Magazine Collection

Michele Speight, Teen Crisis Intervention  
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### Who to Call

Dead or Stranded Marine Mammal (dolphin,  
seal, whale) or Sea Turtle  
Virginia Aquarium  
Stranding Response Team  
**757-385-7575**



### Important Contacts

Police Fire & Rescue Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency Assistance	385-5000
Miss Utility	811
Potholes, Street Signs and Repairs	385-1470
Animal Control (Option #1)	385-4444
City Landfill	385-1980
Bulk Trash Pickup	385-4650
Croatan Temporary Parking Permit	385-4131
Wildlife Response , Inc.	543-7000
VBSPCA Wildlife Referral Line	263-4762

### BABYSITTERS IN CROATAN

Alexa Anderson	961-0423/330-519-1349 (Cell)
Preston Banta	425-7463
Jordan Delaney	491-2263
Devan Doss	613-1525/565-7568 (Cell)
Cindi Dunker	287-6725 or 425-7476
Mariah Dunlap	422-6050/412-8469 (Cell)
Morgan Garber	422-1840
Sofia Gerloff	567-6727
Alex Goss	491-7275
Alli Ingraham	469-3892 (Cell)
Mariah Jonklaas	491-4189/618-7016 (Cell)
Brittani McLeskey	491-5800
Cameron Reuss	491-1245/633-0928(Cell)
Sidney Roeder	288-9577



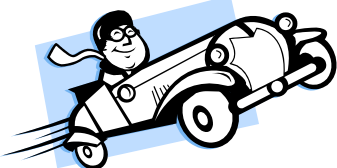
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### PET SITTERS IN CROATAN

Donald Black	965-3208/818-2330 (Cell)
Peri Bowman	425-9327
Austin Dunkler	425-7476 or 234-1157
Cindi Dunker	287-6725 or 425-7476
Morgan Garber	422-1840
Sofia Gerloff	567-6727
Karina Josh	284-8544
Nadia Kravstova	641-4256
Susan Leslie	437-9626
Molly Pocock	377-2126
Cameron Reuss	491-1245/633-0928(Cell)
Sidney Roeder	288-9577
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Emily Yoder	286-0159



For recommended pet sitting businesses, visit Nextdoor Croatan or  
our website at [www.croatanbeach.org](http://www.croatanbeach.org) and go to  
Neighbortoneighbor/Recommended Services/PetSitters



Do you want to save \$200.00, save your neighbors, save children,  
bicyclists, pets and wildlife? **GO SLOW IN CROATAN!!!**

## Aquarium Adventure Park Opening Summer 2014

### Virginia's Largest "Aerial Forest Park" is part of Owls Creek Master Plan



The Virginia Aquarium will open Virginia's largest "aerial forest park" in early summer and, in fall 2014. This is a joint project between the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center, Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation and the Outdoor Venture Group. Appealing to outdoor fun-seekers ages 5 and up, the Adventure Park, located on the campus of the Virginia Aquarium, will feature multiple zip lines and aerial ropes challenge courses. Activities at the park are forest-friendly, requiring only human power—no motors or machines.

*The Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium is designed, built and operated by the Outdoor Venture Group, the leading authority in the United States on aerial forest parks and largely responsible for bringing this increasingly popular activity to the United States from Europe, where it originated. The Group has designed and built nearly a dozen other Adventure Parks throughout the United States for its clients.*

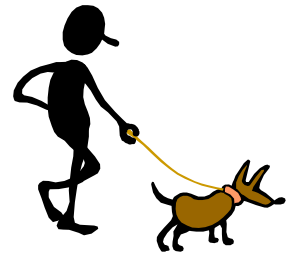


**SCOOP THE POOP!!!! It's the LAW!!! Please carry a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog. Don't let pet waste become part of our waterways or our neighbor's landscape.**

### Adopt a Poop Bag Dispenser

Do you have any plastic newspaper sleeves around the house? Our poop bag dispensers need them. Dispensers are located at the following beach access points:

- The Point (2)\*
- Twilight Lane
- Croatan Road\*      \* These need the most replenishment!
- Aqua Lane
- Maryland Avenue\*
- Lockheed Avenue
- Bridge between Christine Drive and Secotan Road\*



### Recycle Household Batteries



**HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES** such as flashlight, radio, watch, hearing aid and other household batteries can be recycled at the following sites:

- **Virginia Beach Landfill Household Hazardous Waste Facility**, 1989 Jake Sears Rd...385-1980. Tuesday - Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Small amounts of household batteries may also be taken to all **City of Virginia Beach Libraries and Recreation Centers** for recycling.

# RUDEE BLUES

**SATURDAY**

November 9th

7 - 10 pm

**DOC TAYLOR'S**

207 23rd Street

**\$25 ENTRY +**

Hors d' oeuvres + Drink

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and Don Davis

**TICKET INFORMATION**

[www.rudeeinletfoundation.com](http://www.rudeeinletfoundation.com)

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 Proceeds benefit the Rudee Inlet Foundation Sanctuary Reef Project

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This fundraiser at Doc Taylor's on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street November 9<sup>th</sup> 7- 10 p.m. is to help raise funds to create an oyster reef sanctuary in Rudee Inlet and is destined to be a lot of fun with live and silent auction items, a blues band, Cajun food, and drinks.

# THE CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB

PRESENTS

## The Art of Entertaining Creating a Lovely Party

MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 p.m.

We will meet at the home of  
Katie Ripberger – 528 S. Kerry Lane

Members are asked to provide for hospitality

A-M bring a beverage

N-Z bring an appetizer



Membership dues of \$30 are payable to the Croatan Women's Club  
by the November meeting  
and given to our treasurer, Kay Troutman.

Please note that minutes are emailed to paid CWC members.

On street parking available



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## The People Make the Beach

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