



# Ocean Park Echo

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**Thursday**

**Jan. 8**

**7 p.m.**

**Ocean Park  
Fire & Rescue**

**www.opcl.org**



## Happy New Year

**A**s we bid farewell to 2008, I want to thank everyone who made our year-end events a big success. We had a great time while raising significant food and monetary donations for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia at our Picnic-in-the-Park and at the holiday celebration at the Salty Dog.

**D**uring these difficult economic times, it's more important than ever to come together to help those in need and to maintain a strong sense of community. Even if you are unable to participate directly in the civic league, please renew your membership for 2009 and help make our voice strong, as we are certain to face more challenges in 2009.

**O**ur community is the great place it is today because of each and everyone's contributions. Stay tuned for more community events this year, and be sure to check out the website at [www.OPCL.org](http://www.OPCL.org), or check with your neighbors to keep informed of issues affecting our community.

Mike Wills  
President  
Ocean Park Civic League

### 2009 Ocean Park Civic League Meeting Dates

The Civic League meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (after the first Monday) at the Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue station.

- January 8
- March 5
- May 7
- July 9 (tentative)
- September 10
- November 5
- December 10 (holiday party)



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# Bayfront News

## 3 Organizations Support Bayside Residents

By Grace Moran, President-Elect of SDCC:

**G**reetings to the residents of Ocean Park! The Editor of the Ocean Park *Echo* has graciously consented to allow me to introduce myself as the newly elected President of the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC). Since some of you are fairly new to the area, I thought you might like to have an overview of the different area groups and how they relate.

### Ocean Park Civic League [www.opcl.org](http://www.opcl.org)

**You know**, of course, about **OPCL**, which meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday after the first Monday of the month. Signs normally go out two or three days ahead of time for these meetings. Usually we break for the summer months.

“OPCL was created to develop and foster exchanges within Ocean Park.”

### Shore Drive Community Coalition [www.sdcc.info](http://www.sdcc.info)

“SDCC provides a unified voice for the Shore Drive community.”

**Another group**, the one which might be of special interest to you, is the **Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC)**, which comprises some 30+ civic leagues along the Shore Drive corridor from Independence Blvd. to Seashore State Park. I believe it provides the most timely and extensive coverage of issues of interest to Bayfront communities.

**It meets** at 7:30 p.m. on the last Monday of the month at the same place OPCL does, the Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station on the corner of E. Stratford and Shore Drive. Currently, we are in need of an OPCL liaison. The issues before SDCC at the moment, among others, are NoIndigoDunes (about which SDCC has the lead role), capital improvements to Shore Drive, rezoning proposals as they come up, organizing town hall meetings and forums of interest to residents along the Shore Drive corridor.

**SDCC recently** helped resolve the proposed dredge spoils transfer site adjacent to the LBR, and rezoning of the City Marina (across the Inlet from the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp). SDCC tends to be a community activist group as opposed to...The Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC).

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# Holiday Party Benefits Foodbank, Connects Neighbors

**Thanks to everyone** who participated in the Ocean Park Civic League holiday party on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Salty Dog restaurant. Not only did we have a terrific turnout, but our barrel runneth over!

**The civic league** used the event to raise money and collect food items to benefit the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia.

**The event was a smashing** success! We met many new faces, and everyone enjoyed the fantastic food and beverage specials. The live band added a festive, lively mood to the evening. Watch for our next event, and thanks again to everyone who contributed and joined in the holiday cheer.

Bryan Ramsey  
Social Committee Chairman

## Grace Moran Named MVP

Grace Moran was selected as the OPCL's Most Valuable Participant for 2008 at last month's holiday celebration.

Grace demonstrated tireless dedication and effort on the many issues Ocean Park faced last year.

We are lucky to have her as a OPCL board member and look forward to working with her as she leads the SDCC as its next president.

## Three Organizations

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### The Bayfront Advisory Committee

**The Bayfront** Advisory Committee usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the Bayside Recreation Center on First Court. The BAC is composed of members appointed by City Council and concerns itself with the same issues as SDCC.

**"BAC provides an official link to which City officials and staff subscribe."**

**The difference** is that BAC is appointed by the City to provide a conduit for communication between city officials and residents. It has no enforcement powers behind its recommendations, but City Council has been responsive to positions taken by BAC on many occasions recently.

**So, you see**, that is why we need all three organizations. OPCL was created to develop and foster exchanges within Ocean Park. SDCC, which has historically been forced into an activist role, provides a unified voice for the Shore Drive community. BAC provides an official link to which City officials and staff subscribe.

**We have not** always worked smoothly together, but I believe we are coming to understand that we need a united voice to exercise before City Council for maximum benefit. This coming year promises to realize much of the potential of each of these groups, if citizens like you will bring us your observations and comments.

**Sorry to have** rambled on so long. If you are not asleep after this and have more questions, please feel free to ask. My email address is [g\\_moran@juno.com](mailto:g_moran@juno.com). By all means, please consider attending the next OPCL, SDCC or BAC meeting to see which would be a good fit for you.



## Rally for Clean Water

**You've read** the headlines—Virginia is facing a \$3 billion deficit. Every day there's more news about the challenges that await our state legislators in January.

**But investments** in clean water and a healthy environment can't wait—and the kinds of green jobs these projects create can improve our water quality and create jobs during a time of recession. I'm not willing to accept more pollution, more beach closings, or further declines in our seafood industry. I don't think you are, either.

**That's why** I'm asking you to join me and hundreds of clean water supporters at Capitol Square in Richmond on Monday, January 26.

**We'll be speaking** out on behalf of the streams that run through our neighborhoods, the lakes we visit in the summertime, the rivers, the fish, the oysters, and all the life that depends on a healthy Bay about restoring the Bay and Virginia's rivers.

## Rally for Clean Water



January 26, 2009  
Richmond, VA

**Register Now!**

**Please, if you can,** plan to spend the day with us. We'll be learning about the issues and taking action from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Or you can just spend one important hour with us at the Capitol Square Bell Tower from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Go to [cbf.org/RallyForCleanWater](http://cbf.org/RallyForCleanWater) to see the groups supporting the rally, view the agenda, and register to attend.

**Emily Francis**  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Outreach & Advocacy Manager





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June 1– Nov. 30, 2008

### Aeries on the Bay

2226 Wood Ibis Way 08/07/08 \$ 295,850  
3908 Aeries Way 08/25/08 \$ 300,000  
3920 Whooping Crane 07/22/08 \$ 320,000

### Chesapeake House

3558 Shore Dr 803 08/28/08 \$ 185,000  
3558 Shore Dr 110 07/08/08 \$ 200,000  
3558 Shore Dr 1003 07/21/08 \$ 240,000  
3558 Shore Dr 1106 06/11/08 \$ 575,000

### Mariners Landing

3812 Mystic Cove Ct 09/30/08 \$ 250,000  
3811 Mystic Cove Ct 08/20/08 \$ 280,000

### Pelican Dunes

3917 Shady Oaks Dr 07/22/08 \$ 271,084  
2175 Woodlawn Ave 07/25/08 \$ 323,700  
3917 Shady Oaks Dr 10/28/08 \$ 367,500  
2201 Sunvista Dr 07/03/08 \$ 420,000  
3844 Surry Rd 07/25/08 \$ 480,000

### Three Ships Landings

2205 Leeway Ct 09/25/09 \$ 325,000  
3813 Long Ship Ct 08/08/08 \$ 329,000

### Ocean Park

3759 Rockbridge Rd 08/27/08 \$ 300,000  
3753 W Stratford Rd A 09/18/08 \$ 337,000  
3745 Surry Rd 08/14/08 \$ 341,000  
3633 DuPont Cir 08/21/08 \$ 358,965  
3646 DuPont Cir 11/13/08 \$ 370,000  
3753 W Stratford Rd A 11/21/08 \$ 388,210  
3914 W Stratford Rd 09/29/08 \$ 410,000  
3743 Surry Rd 10/31/08 \$ 430,000  
2333 Raleigh Ave 11/05/08 \$ 440,000  
3711 E Stratford Rd 07/21/08 \$ 458,350  
3845 Jefferson Blvd 09/02/08 \$ 462,000  
3787 Jefferson Blvd 08/26/08 \$ 475,000  
2333 Raleigh Ave 08/07/08 \$ 512,667  
3732 Surry Rd 07/01/08 \$ 530,000  
3969 W Stratford Rd 08/08/08 \$ 675,000  
3820 Jefferson Blvd 11/19/08 \$ 765,000

### Pending Sales

3750 Pendleton Ave 12/02/08 \$ 189,900  
(list price)

**Provided by Carol Collins  
Rose and Womble Realty  
343-9050**

# Zoning UPDATES

See the items below for an update on current issues affecting your community:

**The zoning request** for a partial street closure at 3868 Jefferson Blvd. (Raleigh Avenue/Windsor Crescent beach access) has been opposed by the OPCL. The applicant does not want to close the public beach access, but wishes to acquire a portion of the paper street to resolve encroachment issues created by a previous owner. The hearing has been deferred into 2009 to explore possible alternative solutions.

**A variance was granted** in November for improvements at 3725 Stratford Road as part of an expansion of Seascape Shops. The civic league was not opposed to the variance to allow for expansion of retail space but was against a variance to allow for only six off-street parking spaces instead of the eight required. If you would like to express your comments and concerns or participate in the Ocean Park Zoning Committee contact Mike Wills.

## OPCL Finance Committee Update

**As** of mid-December, the Robbins Legacy Account allocation stood at approximately 86% Fixed Income/Cash and 14% Equity Investments on a balance of approximately \$171,250.

Over \$3,000 in accumulated interest is available for civic league use on community projects. Your ideas for the use of these funds are encouraged and welcomed.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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PHONE:

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AREAS OF INTEREST IN THE OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE (Circle one or more)

Newsletter Contributions/Distribution • Shore Drive Committees Liaison

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Mail this application with your dues (\$10 annually, payable to OPCL)) to:

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