Bay Breeze



Hello Neighbor,

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I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to be your civic league president again this year and to be part of a bigger team of officers who have committed to doing our best to plan events and activities for the wellbeing of the neighborhood.

If you attended meetings last year you may recall that I like to set the tone for the year with a theme. Last year's theme was kindness. I really felt the kindness from our community as we came together after a few unusual years of canceled, socially distanced or virtual events and ramped back up to our regularly scheduled programming.

This year I would like to encourage you all to lean into the theme **IMPACT**. What kind of impact are you leaving on our community, our neighborhood, the 757? We all have an impact, whether or not we make a conscious effort to do so. I'd like to suggest that we all MAKE that effort and make our IMPACT meaningful and purposeful.

If you catalog your areas of interest and find that you would like to commit some time to making a positive impact in this neighborhood, there is a spot for you on the team. I can tell you the team that elected to serve as the civic league officers are committed to making a positive impact in this neighborhood and we can't do it alone.

There are some holes in the volunteer roster. One specifically that has been identified is someone who can attend city information meetings and report back to our executive team. Another is a Junior Civic League volunteer. Last year the Junior Civic League kicked off and this year we have two events planned. We are looking for someone to help the youth organize these two events.

Other areas of opportunity don't involve so much commitment, but make a big IMPACT. Our neighborhood clean up days coordinated by Bruce are easy to participate in and don't even require an RSVP! Our little free libraries can always use books (and book stockers) and the little free pantry is seeing quite a lot of traffic and is always in need of donations.

Last year we didn't get the dog poop bag boxes renovated and I believe this is because I bit off more than I could chew. DOG PUN! The project will require a neighbor to take the lead on this to see it come to fruition. If you are interested I can quickly get you up to speed.

Lastly, I'd like to propose something new for this year as there is a great opportunity coming our way. I'd like to see a small group of folks who have interest in engaging our soon-to-be-new neighbors in the Windsong Apartments. Many of us have lived in Chic's Beach for years, some decades, and many of you just a couple of years. Regardless of how long we have been here, we all have a common goal of a clean, safe, and friendly community. I'd like to make sure our new neighbors in Windsong are not only welcome with open arms in general, but I'd like to see them involved and engaged with our civic league.

Sincerely,

Cami Best-Jones, CXB Civic League President

Events:

Visit Events Page

March 23, Community Easter Egg Hunt, 1:30-2:30PM

Bayside Christian Church, 2224 Greenwell Rd

March 23, Neighborhood Cleanup, 9:00AM

Intersection of Pleasure House Rd & Lookout Rd

April 15, General Meeting, 7:00PM

Commonwealth Brewing

May 20, General Meeting, 7:00PM

Commonwealth Brewing

June 1, Clean the Bay Day, 8:00-11:00AM

Buoy 44 Beach Access

June 8, CXB 5K, 8:45AM START

Commonwealth Brewing



Join us at Commonwealth Brewing! Meeting begins at 7:00 pm and lasts approximately one hour. Many neighbors stay afterwards and socialize with each other.

All neighbors are welcome to join us for our monthly meeting. Members who have paid their civic league dues prior to the meeting are eligible to vote. We look forward to seeing you there!



Help Fill the Eggs Friday, March 22 11:30am at the church



WHEN: Saturday, June 1 8:00am - 11:00am

WHERE: Buoy 44 Beach Access

WHAT TO BRING: Gloves and reusable buckets if you have any (Home Depot buckets, etc.) Please do not bring any single use trash bags

Bring a friend! We will have you working in pairs to pick up and log the trash you collect, so we can record what is polluting our beaches. We will provide clipboards and pens for you to do so.



Lil' CHIC'S SPRINT JUNE 8, 2024 (8:15am - before the 5K)





CHIC'S BEACH 5K **JUNE 8, 2024**













CHIC'S BEACH 5K JUNE 8, 2024











Join us for a 3.1 mile run through the neighborhood starting and finishing at Commonwealth Brewing.

- All racers receive an event T-shirt. Register early to secure your preferred shirt size.
- First 400 registered runners receive finisher's medals.
- Event proceeds benefit the Chesapeake Beach Civic League.

Park and Shuttle: Self-parking and shuttle service will run from the Chic's Beach Shopping Center, 2113 Pleasure House Road, located less than one mile (.7 mile) from the brewery/race start. Last Shuttle leaves at 8:45 am. Please note that parking will not be available at Commonwealth Brewing. Thank you Bayside Christian Church for providing this free shuttle service!







NEW - LII' CHIC'S SPRINT - See Next Page

™ CXB 5K Logo Contest **™** Design the Winning T-shirt Artwork!

We're looking for a standout design to feature on the official CXB 5K T-shirt, and we want YOUR original artwork to be the star! The winning design will be proudly showcased on the CXB 5K T-shirt worn by participants and volunteers.

How to Enter:

- Must encapsulate the essence of Chic's Beach and include one or more iconic features of the neighborhood
- Design must be for the front of the shirt only
- Must be submitted in high resolution digital format as a .jpg or .png file
- No Al-generated designs allowed—this contest is all about your talent and vision!

Eligibility:

- Open to individuals of all ages residing in the 23455 zip code area.
- Designs must be entirely original creations and not previously published or copyrighted.



🃅 Deadline: Submit your entry by April 1st, 2024, to CXBCivicLeague@gmail.com

Winner Announcement: The winner will be contacted directly by April 15th.

Good luck on your chance to become a part of the CXB 5K legacy! For more information or to submit your entry, contact CXB 5K Race Director, Cami Best-Jones, CXBCivicLeague@gmail.com.

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LII' CHIC'S SPRINT



JUNE 8, 2024

(Promptly at 8:15am - before the 5K)

Led by Volunteer Kim Senter

The Lil' Chic's Sprint is for our youngest athletes!

Eligibility: Open to children who can walk (sorry no crawlers) without assistance of an adult and born between June 1st, 2023 and October 1st, 2018.

Registration Opens April 1st.

Cost: \$15

REGISTER HERE

Your Lil' Chic will get to experience the excitemen of race day and cross the main finish line to the cheers of an adoring crowd, where a special finisher's medal awaits them. All participants also receive a goody bag!

Packet Pickup: All Lil' Chic's Sprint registrants must pick up their race bib at Commonwealth Brewing on Friday before race day or on the morning of the race.

Lil' Chics line up at 8:15am. We ask that our youngest runners be accompanied by one person age 16 or older. We suggest Lil' Chic's fans wait at the Finish Line to capture the epic finish!

Strollers & Wheels: To ensure the safety of all participants, anything with wheels to include strollers will not be permitted in the Lil' Chic's Sprint.

Cheer Stations 🕺 🕶



Led by Volunteer Monica Snow

Host your very own cheer station at the CXB 5K!

How to Participate:

- 1. Gather your friends, family, or community group to create a vibrant and energetic cheer station.
- 2. Make creative signs, banners, and posters to cheer on the runners as they pass by.
- 3. Get ready to spread cheer and motivation to all the participants!

How It Works:

- Set up your cheer station along the 5K route.
- As runners approach your station, cheer them on with enthusiasm and encouragement.
- The runners will vote for their favorite cheer station at the end of the race.

Prize: The cheer station with the most votes will be crowned the winner and receive a special prize!

Date & Time: June 8th at 8:15am. Be sure to arrive early to set up your cheer station! The Cheer Captain will ride around and give you a number and put you on the Cheer Map.

Location: Find a spot along the race route where you can set up your cheer station and get ready to make some noise!



Pride in the Community

Neighborhood Cleanup

Led by Volunteer Bruce Husselbee





Neighborhood Cleanup is an effort that makes a huge IMPACT in Chic's Beach!

In 2023 there were 6 cleanups, over 60 volunteers, and over 1,000 pounds of trash collected. Thank you to all those that took Pride in the Community!

CXB Civic League is a member of the Adopt-A-Program in Virginia Beach which encourages community responsibility through scheduled litter cleanups.

> CXB Neighborhood Cleanup occurs every other month on a Saturday morning at 9am and lasts about an hour. Volunteers meet at the intersection of Pleasure House and Lookout Roads. Bags, safety vests, and trash grabbers are provided, and volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves and to wear work clothes.

See you for the next cleanup, Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am.

Meet Your Neighbors

Led by Volunteer Jeanine Montgomery

We're thrilled to announce the winners of our 2023 Fall/Winter Pride in the Community decorating awards:

Halloween/Fall

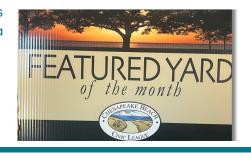
- Chris and Shannon Graff
- Steve and Denise Moxie
- Nick and Amanda Talley
- Sheryl Kunst.

Christmas/Winter:

- Chris and Shannon Graff
- Steve and Denise Moxie
- Katie and Dale Shigakane
- Nick and Amanda Talley

Their enchanting displays truly brought the magic of the season to life in our community.

Each winner was presented with a CXB Civic League Yard of the Month sign, and a gift card.



Spring Yard of the Month



Spring is in full bloom, and we're excited to celebrate the beauty of our community's yards. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, everyone is invited to participate in this friendly competition.

🕍 How to Participate:

- Just make your yard beautiful.
- Our neighborhood judges will be riding around the neighborhood around mid-May.

🌼 Criteria for Judging:

- Overall visual appeal
- Creativity and originality in landscaping and garden design
- Effective use of color and seasonal blooms
- Maintenance and cleanliness

🎉 Prizes: The winners of the Spring Pride in the Community Awards will receive a sign for their yard and a gift card from the Civic League. Additionally, their yard will be featured in the newsletter.

3rd Precinct Trattic & Satety

Neighborhood Satety

Led by Volunteers Priestly Williams and Fred Morgenstern



Neighborhood Watch is about neighbors taking care of neighbors and calling the authorities when you see suspicious activities or a crime. It is timely and responsible vigilance and is NOT about vigilantism or snooping. NW simply requires you to agree to "See Something, Say Something," meaning you will either call non-emergency or 911 when you witness a crime.

The City of VB requires at least 50% of households in a neighborhood to be in the NW to be considered a viable NW community. Not meeting that threshold could mean removal of our NW signs, which are an effective deterrent to crime and a sign of safety to residents and visitors. Would you be willing to sign up to be in the Neighborhood Watch?

NW Participants

- Sign up to be in the Neighborhood Watch.
- Report suspicious activity.
- Attend an annual NW meeting.

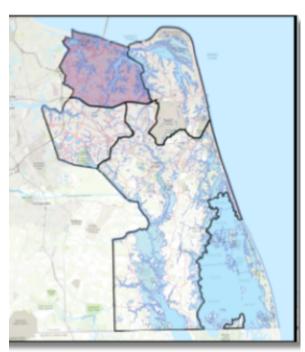
Block Captains

 Act as a liaison between the NW Coordinator and neighbors.



Police Rep. & Trattic Satety

Led by Volunteer Darryl Stubbs



Cops & Kids

Cops & Kids is a program that pairs Kids in need with Cops to go shopping. Every \$250 raised sponsors one kid, and each kid will get five outfits, shoes, underwear, and socks. Contact Michael McDonald with the Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge #8 to make a donation.

michaelmcdonale90210@gmail.com 757-376-9339

Trattic Calming Program (TCP)

The TCP is designed to improve the quality of life on our neighborhood streets and address speeding on streets classified as local or residential. Read more about the TCP at

https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/roads/traffic-calming

3rd Precinct CAC Meeting
Date and Time: Every 3rd Thursday, 7:00-8:00PM

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The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) provides feedback and indicates preferences related to community issues, although they do not have a legislative role. Residents are welcome to attend.

During the meetings guest speakers often provide presentations on topics relevant to the precinct. Representatives from city and state agencies are often on hand to provide updated information for residents and to allow them to express concerns and/or opinions on how the City may better serve the community and to provide opportunities for residents and the City to partner on various initiatives.

"See Something, Say Something"

Report Crime and Suspicious Activity
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (757) 385–5000
CXB is 3rd Precinct

Volunteer Shout Out



Becky Bump

Becky Bump has been with the Civic League at least 10-15 years. She has volunteered as Recurrent Flooding co-chair, Chaired the CXB Swag Sales and Store inside Jr. Market for 6 years, Chaired the Christmas Party and Summer Picnic for multiple years, and has been a member of the Race Committee for many years.

I bet you didn't know this about Becky:

- Her favorite hobby is Scuba Diving and it has taken her to many wonderful places. Becky and her husband Reese just returned from 2 weeks in the Philippines[©] in February.
- Becky is a huge fan of Mother Nature, Botanical Gardens, Seashore State Park, and the Chesapeake Bay.
- Becky LOVE's the NFL and is a "rabid Kansas City Chief's fan!"

Becky, thank you for your spirit of volunteerism!!

Another outstanding volunteer is Gaylon Montgomery. Gaylon is not exactly sure when he started volunteering with the Civic League because he spent 10 years volunteering at Little Creek American Pony baseball... And helping his wife Jeanine who voluntarily ran the Eastern Surfing Association.

Gaylon is a self-professed "doer," so for the last 20 years he's just done stuff for the Civic League. He's done it all, from setting up tents, tables and chairs, making a poster, getting bananas or ice, picking up trash, delivering books to the little free library, buying a little extra for the food pantry, cooking or serving hotdogs at National Night Out, hanging lights on the tree, setting up flags for the Fourth of July, throwing a fireworks party to raise money, teaching kids to paint rocks, putting out meeting signs, building dog poop boxes, or just giving a high five at the finish line and saying good job.

Thank you Gaylon for your service to the community!!



Gaylon Montgomery

More thoughts about volunteering from Gaylon...

Great things happen because of superheroes! But more often great things happen for real people because of volunteers. In fact the only superheroes I know of are actually volunteers. I think everyone should spend some time giving a little of their time to others... somehow. I'm pretty sure that's not because of my childhood comic books. I think it goes back to being raised as a Methodist minister's kid, and having parents who are always in service to others and thus I was always dragged along... and I'm sure not always excited to go. There was one exciting volunteer event when I "volunteered" to fight a forest fire in York County. I felt like a real superhero that day!

The good news is everyone has a little superhero inside them that can do something for our community. The people we volunteer for may not be "in need," they may not be suffering, or in need of a comic book "superhero." But it feels good to do something that makes someone's day better!

And, if I can make somebody's day better... Chances are... I am. I hope you will think about the superhero in you and volunteer... with me.

To volunteer, simply jump in and get your hands dirty or email CXBVolunteerCoordinator@gmail.com

In the Neighborhood

Sand Replenishment

We've been told by the city that Sand Replenishment will begin after July 4th and will last roughly until October. The project will span from the fence at Little Creek Navy Base all the way past Buoy 44 to the start of Baylake Pines. Portions of the beach will be closed while other sections remain open. If you can find a safe place to watch it is really something to see.





2018, West Side of CBBT

Photo credit, Mark Enochs

4th of July Fireworks





The CXB Civic League has committed once again to donating \$5,000 to the spectacular fireworks show organized by the Ocean Park Civic League. We are relying on your donations to make this happen.

This is Important: please make your donations through the CXB Civic League website so that we can present one donation from the CXB community.

If you have enjoyed the show in years past, or plan on attending this year, please donate.

DONATE HERE

Little Free Pantry

Led by Volunteer Pastor Rob Edwards

Introducing the Little Free Pantry! This incredible initiative is all about community support and helping those in need. The Little Free Pantry allows individuals to donate non-perishable food items, toiletries, and other essentials to fellow community members who may be facing challenges. Together, we can make a difference in each other's lives and provide a helping hand during difficult times.



Bayside Christian Church 2224 Grenwell Rd

In need of:

- canned goods
- breakfast foods
- noodles
- boxed foods
- personal hygiene items
- diapers & wipes
- toiletries
- school supplies

No glass please. Drop off donations anytime at the church.

Little Free Library

Led by Volunteer Melissa Griffiths

The LFL vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. LFL believes all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read is not limited by time, space, or privilege.

Stop by one of four CXB's LFLs today!

- Buoy 44
- Lookout Rd & Chub Lake Ave
- Beaufort Ave & Lauderdale
- Bayside Christian Church

Want to donate books? Email CXBCivicLeague@gmail.com

Take a Book. Share a Book.



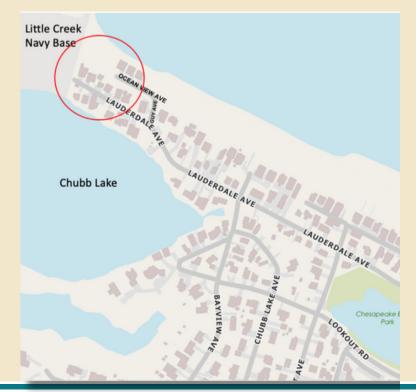
In the Neighborhood New Pump Station in Chic's Beach

Chic's Beach will be receiving a pump station at the end of Lauderdale Avenue, adjacent to Little Creek Navy Base, with a development timeline of the next 2–3 years. Pump stations are crucial for mitigating flooding issues in our neighborhood, particularly affecting Chubb Lake, Lake Bradford, and waterways leading to Northampton Blvd. The naval base is allowing the station to be partially situated on their property.

One critical aspect of the pump station's functionality is ensuring efficient access for maintenance and operational needs. Once the contract is awarded, the contractor's design team will determine the best way to access the pump station. The existing Lauderdale Avenue is a logical access point, however the city has raised concerns regarding its narrowness, posing challenges for equipment maneuverability. Therefore, the city is also considering an alternative route by creating access via the removal of dunes at the end of Ocean View Avenue, and establishing a road leading toward the naval base. The next likely timeframe for a public meeting to discuss the contractor's design plan will be late 2025.

At a recent meeting of public works and affected residents, neighbors voiced their willingness to accommodate the necessary equipment along Lauderdale Avenue, recognizing the importance of this infrastructure for the neighborhood's well-being. Residents defended the preservation of sand dunes as critical to flood prevention and the protection of homes. All parties walked Lauderdale Avenue and even the city officials said they did't have a good answer as to why Lauderdale was not being considered. The city agreed that they owe the residents an answer.

The Chic's Beach Civic League will do our best to keep neighbors up to date about the project. If you are an affected resident, or a community member that attends important meetings about the subject, please share with the membership of the Civic League so that we can all stay informed.





Access the Capitol Improvement Plan
on the Civic League homepage under
"City Resources." Page 146 of the plan
outlines details about this project.

Sponsor Spotlight

Thank You Civic League Premier Sponsors!

Click on the logo to visit website.















Partner With Us!

The CXB Civic League is one of Virginia Beach's most cohesive community associations and exists to promote the welfare of our beach district. We provide our residents, businesses, and property owners with many opportunities for community engagement. Our civic league is dedicated to representing and communicating the diverse interests of our unique area, as well as celebrating and preserving our beach environment.

Your support allows us to be more effective and responsive to the needs of our community. Whether you join as a member or corporate sponsor, you are helping to achieve our communitygoals. Thank-you!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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Sponsorship
Led by Volunteer John Clow

Thank You Civic League and Event Sponsors! It's time to renew for 2024!

































In the City on (BAC)

Baytront Advisory Commission (BAC)



The next few BAC meetings will be focused on the establishment of specific goals; the Comprehensive Plan and the Shore Drive Corridor development. The BAC is asking community members to read the documents listed below, and **tell your civic league your top 3 most important things for the bayfront community**. Commission members will be bringing ideas and community input to the table for discussion. Relevant City documented plans are:

- The Comprehensive Plan
- The Shore Drive Corrider Plan
- The Active Transportation Plan
- The Commercial Area Pattern Book

*Documents are available on the Civic League homepage under "City Resources"



Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday each month, 3:30–5:30PM at the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, 3769 E. Stratford Drive. The next meeting is April 18, 2024. All are welcome to attend.

Sign up to receive the Baylines newsletter.

SIGN UP



Virginia Beach Resources

Volunteer Opportunities in VB https://volunteer.virginiabeach.gov/

Connect through mobile apps https://virginiabeach.gov/connect/mobile-apps

VB Surveys https://www.speakupvb.com/

VB Newsletter https://cloud.mc.virginiabeach.gov/ghbz32hbemp

VB Comprehensive Plan https://planning.virginiabeach.gov/comp-plan

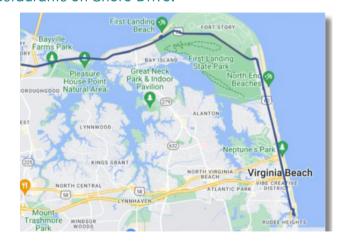
Special Events



HRT Route 35 Returns

HRT Route 35 returns May 12th with a 30 minute interval scheduled!

Route 35 provides seasonal service between Atlantic Avenue / 3rd Street and Shore Drive / **Pleasure House Road in Virginia Beach.** Route 35 will service the Oceanfront, First Landing State Park, North End beaches, Chesapeake Bay beaches, and Bayfront restaurants on Shore Drive.



Volunteer Opportunity:

The Civic League is in need of a volunteer who can attend city information meetings and report back to our executive team. Email CXBVolunteerCoordinator@gmail.com if you are interested.

Exercise & Socialize:

Monday Music Bingo: HK On the Bay. Come Monday from 7:30-10p while we play 4 rounds of music bingo! Each round, the winner(s) are rewarded a \$10 Gift Card to HK On the Bay. *No cost to play Bingo.

Trivia Night & Bingo: Pleasure House Brewing. Crock Pot Mondays (6-7p), 1/2 price growlers Mondays (2-6p), Charity Trivia Tuesdays (6-7:30p), Team Trivia Wednesdays, Theme Trivia Thursdays, and Music Bingo Fridays 7-9p.

Wine Down Wednesday: Mermaid Winery. 50% off bottles of wine, dine in only.

Happy Hour: Buoy 44 Everyday 3-6p, HK on the Bay 5-7p Sun-Friday and 11a-7p on Saturdays.

City Girls Walk: April 14 at American Brew 10:30a-12p. Organized walk for women, with women – "Move and make friends by walking the 757." Check them out on Instagram ecitygirlswalkva.

Common Run Club: Join runners at Commonwealth Brewery every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6p for a run at 6:15p! It is free, open to the public, and you get a \$1 beer upon return to the brewery!

Bigger Faster Stronger Group Fitness Class: Every Saturday from 9:30-11:30a at the Chix Beach Gym, enjoy a high paced workout that you customize to your fitness level. No one is left behind! Yes! YOU CAN DO IT!

Shore Drive Farmers Market: Saturdays 9a-12p, 2945 Shore Drive, by Lynnhaven Coffee Company.

Live music at Froggies: check out their event schedule https://www.froggiesvb.com/entertainment.

Brunch: HK On the Bay Sundays from 10a-1:45p. Buoy 44 Saturdays & Sundays from 10a-1p.

Find Your Fit!: Access to all 7 Virginia Beach Community Rec Centers and amenities including indoor pools, cardio equipment, gymnasiums, and fitness areas.



Led by Volunteer Becky Bump

T–Shirts, Sweatshirts, Cups, Hats, Stickers, Koozies, AND MORE

\$\$ Cash Only \$\$

100% of sales go directly back to the CXB Civic League

Thank you Jr. Market!



CXB is a registered trademark of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League.

CXB Happy Hour

Dirty Shirley



Ingredients:

- 2 oz. vodka
- 1 oz. fresh lime juice
- 1 oz. grenadine
- 4 oz. lemon-lime soda
- Maraschino cherries and lime wheels, for serving

Step 1: Fill a tall glass with ice cubes. Pour vodka, lime juice, and grenadine over ice. Add lemon-lime soda and stir with a long-handled spoon to combine

Step 2: Serve topped with cherries and a lime wheel.

Paw-some Friends!

MEET Ellie and (little) Adler

Ellie is a long time resident of Chic's Beach and



has recently
welcomed her
baby brother
Adler to the
family. These fur
babies love
walking on the
beach and
playing together.
Next time you see
these two, give
them all the pets!
And say Hi to their
humans, Ann and
John ©.

2024 CBCL Officers

President, Cami Best-Jones Vice President, Amy Bouchard Treasurer, Neal Miller Secretary, Jenny Williams



FOLLOW

2024 CBCL Committee Chairs

Architectural Preservation & Zoning, Matt Baumgarten Clean Community, Bruce Husselbee CXB 5k Coordinator, Cami Best-Jones CXB 5K Assistant Race Coordinator, Kim Senter Historian, Joe Rutecki & TJ Morgan Junior Civic League Coordinator, Vacant Little Free Libraries, Melissa Griffith Merchandising, Becky Bump Neighborhood Safety (includes 3rd Precinct/Traffic+Safety)

Priestly Williams, Darryl Stubbs, Fred Morgenstern Pride in Community, Jeanine Montgomery Sponsorship, Jon Clow

Volunteer Coordinator, Monica Snow

Join the Civic League Today!



\$10 Individual \$20 Family



- Membership is required to vote on important issues and to attend special events such as the summer picnic and holiday gathering
- Membership is by calendar year
- Membership is open to residents who live or own property in the boundaries of Chesapeake Beach

Join the Funl













