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CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
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From the President, Ed Chittenden:

CHSCA business, event, and initiative highlights:

This past summer the Association held two meetings in quick succession, a regular business meeting on 28 July and a timely, speaker-presentation meeting on 11 August ("Before the Storm", by Dave Williams, our Assn. special assistant for Emergency Planning Coordination). Thanks to all attendees, numbering 38 and 18, respectively, for your genuine interest and participation in both meetings, with the business turn-out considered to be a modern-era record. As a community, we need to continue to grow our Assn. participation and *volunteerism* levels, drive, and spirit. This was the focus of our sponsored questionnaire survey of CHS households last spring, the summary results of which are posted and may be read at our website < www.capehenryshores.org > (click menu item "Civic Association"), as are the entire "minutes" of the 28 July meeting. Gil Shortt, President of our Assn. for the past 2 ½ years, and my mentor, decided to step aside from the Presidency last meeting. Our community thanks him for his dedicated service, and I thank him for his leadership and support. Going forward, a recruitment and nominating committee of three, Marty Schuman, Jerry Anderson, and Dan Creedon, have been tapped to form a slate of nominees for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Block G Captain for election at our next meeting scheduled 27 October at 7:30 pm. Please give them your cooperative support, be it through volunteerism yourself or prospect referral. Should anyone having questions related to roles and responsibilities associated with any of these positions, don't hesitate to call one of these committeemen or me for information. Our community demographics have been changing in recent years with ever new, often younger families taking residency. To them especially, as well as our longer time residents, a sincere invitation is extended to consider stepping forward and becoming actively involved in a community leadership role.

High speed on Shore Drive, coupled with severely limited, unsafe sight distances owing to visibility obstacles for CHS-exiting motorists and crossing pedestrians continue to be safety issues that CHS will pursue to resolution. We have not received a mayor-promised study finding to our CHS petition letter and report of October 2007, despite recent, written requests for its status.

Our annual, summer "block"- party picnic, held 29 August, was once again a huge success with about 120 party-goers joyfully socializing in a beautiful, water-front and pool setting, furnished with superb (smorgasbord-style) food, beverages, entertainment by CHS's own, gifted singer/guitarist Louis Smith, and even a portable trampoline for the more energetic set. Special thanks to: the Association's Social Chair Patty Maddox (and crew) for her usual outstanding orchestration and staging of this event; to Jerry and Nancy Anderson for again graciously offering and hosting this party at their home; and to each of our volunteering contributor-sponsors whose generous support serves to keep our patron "ticket" cost low.

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CHSCA Social News: Patty Maddox

Thanks to all who helped to make this end of summer's block party the best ever!! Jerry and Nancy Anderson again hosted the event in their beautiful back yard, where kids enjoyed the pool and the moonwalk! The adults had such a great time visiting with neighbors that the party went well into the night! Our Civic League definitely owes a big thank you to the following businesses and neighbors for their support: Tim Cochran (Rose & Womble), Lynne Hume (Remax), Chris Curran (Rose & Womble), Curtis Estes (Eastern Marine), and Ann and Gordon Christie (Grand Affairs). Without their assistance, we could not continue to provide a successful gathering at a minimal cost year after year!! Think about having your business join in the festivities next year! Thanks to all of you who came out for the party and most of all to the Andersons for hosting! Don't miss this event next year!

Speaking of not missing an event - if any of you attended the Holiday Party last year at the Va. Beach Tennis & County Club then I am sure you will come again this year! Tell your neighbors what a lovely party it was!



The room was beautifully decorated, the food was great, and games and dancing were a hit! Please plan on attending this year on December 13th - date is getting put out early so that you can mark your calendars now! We would love to have twice as many people join us as last year - so don't delay, gather up your neighbors and send in your reservation form (a MUST) and we'll see you in December!

If you would like to join the Social Committee, please contact Patty Maddox at 496-0234.

Note: Please see page 7 for the Holiday Party Reservation Form

From the President, Ed Chittenden:

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Just an important reminder that hurricane season, while a relatively busy one thus far in the likes of Gustav, tropic depression Hanna, and Ike, extends well into November. You are urged to not let your guard down and be properly prepared. Dav Williams quickly reacted after our "trial" brush with Hanna to publish a paper, "Lessons Learned from Tropical Depressic Hanna," and has also updated his "Hurricane Preparation & Recovery, a 'Community Plan' " for CHS, 2008, and you may no access and read both these documents on the website at <www.capehenryshores.org> (click menu item "Emergency/Storm Info" Thanks to Carol Smith for these and our usual Association electronic postings.

Our Neighborhood Watch Committee Chairperson, Chris Wood, performs a dedicated watch, incident data gathering ar electronic-mail alertment service to our community, and he is to be commended for his diligence in this crime-prevention ar related capacity. We only wish that more of our households were reachable via e-mail for this timely service as well as for oth Association communications (currently, our e-list approximates 100 and we continue to seek a volunteer to coordinate update ar maintenance of the e-list which is by nature prone to change). For those not computer operative, Neighborhood Watch incide announcements over more recent weeks have tended to be geo-centered in the neighboring Cape Story community ar predominantly of an unlocked vehicle entry and theft nature. CHS residents are urged to keep your vehicles locked at all times.

Lastly, though you need not be reminded that this is a an important election year at all jurisdiction levels, many of us ar not as informed as perhaps we should or could be at our own local, city electoral level. There are a number of ongoing, publ forums scheduled throughout the city, some sponsored by the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO), of whic CHSCA is a member, and selected community associations, that feature "getting to know" and meet the electoral candidates fi mayor, city council, and related government positions. There is even one featuring volunteerism, empowerment, and achievir success at the community level, "Virginia Beach Neighborhood Conference - Empowering and Inspiring the Leader in You sponsored by the VBCCO's Community Empowerment Task Force, scheduled Sat., 4 October, 9:00 am, at the Virginia Beac Central Library (free, advance registration required, call Brenda at 757-714-2772, and/or me; CHS e-announcement advanc forwarded). You are urged to participate in these events, get out-to-vote for your future leaders, and I look forward to greeting yc at our next Association meeting, with potential speaker, on 27 Oct. to voice your concerns and cast your vote for CHS communi leaders.

IN REMBRANCE OF ANNE LEVY:

The Cape Henry Shores Civic Association (CHSCA) joins in our community at large as saddened at the passing of Anne McConnell Levy, and extends our deepest sympathy to her family in husband Joe, daughter Mary Connell, grandson John Connell, sister Lorraine McDonald, and extended members.

Anne was the consummate ambassador of volunteerism and of spearheading good deeds planned and accomplished in our community over our important growth years and way beyond. She was self-appointed to graciously and most effectively be involved in so many aspects of community activity. Especially remembered are her service as Association secretary and her many years of chairing our social committee and in bringing our residents together and in true, neighborly spirit at well planned and executed social functions and informal gatherings, events highlighted by annual Christmas parties and fun, summer picnics. Anne was ever present, however, and will be remembered too for her special caring for the individual community resident and in personally welcoming newcomers to our community, knocking on doors and in calling on those in need. Anne was a delightful 'people person' of genuine warmth and human kindness whom touched the lives and hearts of anyone she met, and our community stands the better for her untold contributions to our social fabric and way of life. She will be missed by us all.

Signed, grateful and loving Cape Henry Shores community friends and neighbors

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MEMORIAL BENCH PROJECT:

In honor of Anne Levy, and also the late Dee Champion, a memorial bench has been approved, engraved in their memory, and has been placed, in cooperation with and assistance by First Landing State Park officials, along the bike path at our community's inner entranceway on east side. The engraving across the top, back rail reads,

"Dee Champion and Anne Levy
for Outstanding Service - CHS"

Dan Creedon was instrumental in proposing and leading this project.



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IMPORTANT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:30 pm
Your CHS Community Needs YOU!

Elections for your next-term, civic association leaders in Cape Henry Shores are to be held Monday, October 27, 2008, 7:30pm, at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church's community center, 2217 West Great Neck Road, as part of our regularly scheduled meeting.

Volunteer nominees yet needed for positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary, with other roles also to be filled such as Block G Captain, electronic mailing list coordinator, et al.

You are encouraged to volunteer or make inquiry by contacting any of your nominating commetteemen (Mary Schuman - 481-7919, Jerry Anderson - 481-1870, Dan Creedon - 496-3813, or Ed Chittenden - 412-0096) for further insight, questions, or to even pass on suggested referrals.

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? Now is the time to come to the aid of your community... through personally rewarding through non-compensated contribution back to others.

SPEAKER SCHEDULED FOR THE MEETING

Cape Henry Shores is pleased to announce the speaker for your meeting will be Glenn Nye. Glenn, after finishing the Norfolk Academy, went on to the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown, and joined the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer. His initial service included duty in Macedonia and Kosovo. In 2001 he received the State Department's Superior Honor Award for organizing the rescue of American citizens caught behind insurgent lines during a civil conflict in Macedonia and for securing the release of an American citizen held hostage by the insurgents.

After duty in Singapore he volunteered to go to Afghanistan, worked on the team that developed the Afghan Constitution and later on the country's first Presidential election.

He has recently returned from Iraq where he worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Army to stabilize Iraqi neighborhoods by creating employment for tens of thousands of Iraqis.

Glenn is running for Congress from the 2nd congressional district. This is your opportunity to check Glynn out as your possible representative. It is also a splendid opportunity for our high school students to meet a candidate for Congress and gain some insight into the political process. Encourage them to attend the meeting and ask questions.

2008 DUES - PAST DUE

SECOND NOTICE LETTERS
are being prepared for those 40
households who have yet to submit
their 2008 dues (\$20). Please submit
now if you have not already.
Thankyou.
Dick Robbins, CHSCA Treasurer



