

# Skipjack

Winter 2023



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Welcome new Cape Story Civic Association Members, and greetings to those who have been a part of us the past years!

As always, the years seem to fly by so quickly- at this point, we've just changed the clocks again for Daylight Savings Time! Hooray for being able to wake up with daylight, and leave work (hopefully) when there is still some light in the sky!

The VBCCO (Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations) is re-establishing itself as an official voting body that represents the wishes and support of the city's civic organizations. Cape Story had been a voting participant for many years, and will continue to do so as the VBCCO attempts to re-establish its role as a supporting organization. Our President and Vice President are voting representatives, and will strive to support the wishes of the active members of the CSBTS Civic Association.

As the current CSBTS Civic Association President, I must continue to stress the importance of speed control throughout the neighborhood. We understand that various delivery persons might not realize that the folks in our area actually come out and ENJOY walking, playing, and participating in activities within our neighborhood. But those who live here should understand that (unlike those in more "sterile" neighborhoods in the area), our Cape Story families really enjoy the outdoors here. And the neighborhood is filled with dogs, cats, and wildlife. When you head out or back into the neighborhood streets, please make an effort to slow down and COAST as you head to or from home. It's the responsible thing to do, and can possibly save a life along the way!

We've had lots of new families move into the neighborhood in recent months, and welcome all of you! If you have any ideas about additional civic league-sponsored activities that we could do in addition to the seasonal ones already in place, please reply to this message, or send a message to any of the current officers. In addition, please let us know if you have any ideas about new or different events or supportive activities we could do as an organization to expand what we do for the residents or our area.


Best always,


Diana

Membership Online Dues Payment:

<https://capestory.org/membership/>

NextDoor: [capestoryva.nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com/capestoryva)

 [csbts.president@gmail.com](mailto:csbts.president@gmail.com)

 [capestory.org/](https://capestory.org/)

## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETINGS

Where: Lynnhaven Colony Congregational, UCC Community Center (2217 W. Great Neck Rd.)

When: 7:30pm

All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to hear and share information about current events that effect our community!

## **CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

Don't miss out on any of the information! Membership benefits include emails of Cape Story events, fliers, and newsletter; voting rights on neighborhood decisions, and extra goodies at some events. Please take a minute to join the civic league if you haven't already. Your \$15 membership supports the many events sponsored by the civic league such as:

- Spring Fling
- July 4th Parade and Brunch
- Oyster Roast
- Thanksgiving and Christmas families
- Cape Santa in the Park
- Cookies for the Troops
- Civic League Signs
- Civic League December Social

You can join in a variety of ways:

1. Online Dues Payment: <https://capestory.org/membership/>
2. Printing and completing the form in the newsletter and:
  - mail it to: P. O. Box 700, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451
  - drop it at any CSBTS officers' house
  - bring to a monthly civic league meeting.

Look for additional ways (Venmo) to join as we update our membership drive.

## **CAPE KIDS**

Cape Kids recently met March 19th. Kids age 5 and up and parents interested in planning and participating in a few kid-oriented fun civic events for 2023 to restart Cape Kids after a slight pandemic pause are invited to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Oakley at [j.christenson@gmail.com](mailto:j.christenson@gmail.com) or Will Oakley at [oaksw12@gmail.com](mailto:oaksw12@gmail.com).

## **43rd ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST**

*Thanks to everyone who came to this year's Oyster Roast! It was a great day in our neighborhood park. Proceeds from the Oyster Roast cover the cost of other events the Civic League puts on: Spring Fling, 4th of July parade and brunch, Cape Santa, and the Skipjack.*

*Hi Everyone,*

*Just want to send a big THANK YOU to the core group for all the time and effort you put into making the CSBTS Oyster Roast a great success! No details yet, and of course we will do a debrief on what went well and ways to improve moving forward.*

*I also want to thank the additional volunteers who came to help out before/during/after the event, especially those we can count on to just show up and help out each year. It was great to see some new faces helping out with this great event.*

*Please know that all your hard work is appreciated!*

Best always

Diana



## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS GIVING

Thanks to everyone who helped make the holidays brighter for our soldiers and families.

### CAPE SANTA PUB CRAWL



CP Shuckers



Starting at Dockside



Chick's

### CAPE SANTA IN THE PARK



### CAPE STORY CIVIC LEAGUE DECEMBER SOCIAL

A great time was had by all. Thanks for everyone's hard work and for the raffle donations.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Holiday Lights Contest Winners

- Most Lights: 2238/2239 Beech Street
- Most Street Participation: Bayberry Street, Hatton Street, Poinciana Drive
- Most Spirited: 2268 Calvert Street

- Most Original: 2111 Sandalwood Street
- Most Tasteful: 2256 Hatton Street
- Most Traditional: 2243 Bayberry Street
- Best Bribe: 2729 Shore Drive



**Most Lights**



**Most Lights**



**Best Bribe**



**Most Traditional**



**Most Spirited**



**Most Tasteful**

## SPRING FLING

Join us for the Spring Fling, April 23rd from 4-7pm in the park. There will be a DJ, food, games, face painting, and contests. We will also select the 4th of July Parade Theme. Snow Cones will be sponsored by Teri Doddy. If you would like to help, please email Sean LaCroix at [SLACROIX@TCC.EDU](mailto:SLACROIX@TCC.EDU)



## TREASURE'S REPORT

February Treasurer's Report: Balances as of February 13, 2023

\$2,874.67 in Checking

\$13,840 in Savings

\$16,715 total funds in Cape Story Accounts

162 paid members for 2023

## **CAPE STORY CIVIC LEAGUE NEWS**

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- Trees planted in the park field have been relocated
- Volley Ball poles that were removed from the beach by the city can be picked up at 1401 Parks Ave.
- Clean the Bay day Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-12pm: if you are interested please contact Empsy Munden.
- We will again be offering a Cape Kids Scholarship

## **SHORE DRIVE NEWS**

Todd Solomon shared information on:

- Beach Sand Dune Encroachment
- Open Space Purchase Discussion

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**OFFICERS**

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**CIVIC LEAGUE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**  
**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

Membership dues \$15 per family, per calendar year

Please make checks payable to:  
Cape Story Civic Association  
CSBTS PO Box 700 Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
Or pay via Venmo or PayPal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



Indicate if you would like to volunteer below

Spring Fling \_\_\_\_\_ CSBTS Website/social media \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Brunch \_\_\_\_\_  
Oyster Roast \_\_\_\_\_ Santa in the Park \_\_\_\_\_ Children/teen event or Youth Civic League \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT SKIPJACK NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023**

If you have news, pictures, stories, events, or information that you would like to include in the next Skipjack newsletter, please contact:

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