Current Meeting Notice:
Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm
Topic: Virginia Department of Forensic Science
Presenter: Susan Stanitski,
Eastern Laboratory Director

Next Meeting Notice:
Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm
Topic: About the Sheriff’s Office
Presenter: Sheriff Joe Baron,
Norfolk Sheriff’s Office

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**The President’s Beat**

Dear Membership,

Thank you for attending our February General Meeting. I always worry that our members will miss out on a great speaker. Last month CPAAAN was fortunate to have Daun Hester, Norfolk City Treasurer. Some of the topics Ms. Hester spoke to us about were Real Estate Taxes, Personal Property Taxes, and Pet Licenses. Ms. Hester gave us information about Tax Relief for Senior. Also, Vehicle Assessment can be done, if your vehicle have a lot of dings, and if you believe your tax bill is too high, you may make an appointment to have your vehicle checked out down town.

At this time, on behalf of the Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association, we would like to express our deepest sympathies to the wife and family of Mr. Charles Patrick Pitchford. Mr. Pitchford passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Mr. Pitchford owned CR Services in Norfolk Virginia and Colonial Towers in Toano, Virginia. When I first met Mr. Pitchford, it was at the Fairmount Park Civic League. He cared so much about the residents home security, that he volunteered to help those who needed help installing their system at no cost. If you were not at the 2018 Crime Prevention Award Ceremony, Mr. Pitchford was the recipient of the 2018 Barbara Davis Award. This was a man that supported Harborfest, the Norfolk Police Department and CPAAAN. He will be greatly missed by the city of Norfolk, Norfolk Police Department, Fairmount Park Civic League and CPAAAN.

This month our speaker will be, Susan Stanitski, from the Department Of Forensic Science, Eastern Laboratory.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, March 19, 2019 at 7pm.

Yvette Brown, President
E-Commerce Exchange Zones

The Norfolk Police Department has created an “E-Commerce Exchange Zone” at each patrol division and encourages community members to use the lobby or reserved locations when meeting people to complete their online purchases and transactions.

"E-Commerce Exchange Zones” are available at the following police buildings:

**First Patrol Division** - 3661 E. Virginia Beach Boulevard
Lobby Open 24 Hours, Holidays Included
*Parking is limited. Citizens are encouraged to come inside the front lobby to complete transactions.*

**Second Patrol Division** - 2500 N. Military Highway
Lobby Open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Holidays)
Reserved Parking Available 24-Hours

**Third Patrol Division** – 901 Asbury Avenue
Lobby Open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Holidays)
Reserved Parking Available 24-Hours

The Police Department’s video surveillance operates 24-hours a day and anyone using the “E-Commerce Exchange Zone” is subject to being recorded. This service requires no prior authorization or police response.
The February 2019 general meeting was called to order at 7:21 PM. Following some brief business matters, President Yvette Brown introduced and welcomed Mrs. Daun Hester, our Guest Speaker, and the Norfolk City Treasurer who spoke on the topic of the services that her office provides. Mrs. Daun Hester opened by talking about her first job working with the City of Norfolk recalling her past position of keeping records. As a Record Keeper she remembered that everything was recorded on paper cards back in the 1950’s in the “Archive Room”, which is now the called the Sergeant Memorial Room. Mrs. Hester then explained some policies and procedures of the City Treasurer’s Department. That office will put a lien on real estate property if taxes have not been paid. However, Norfolk seniors can apply to get placed on a plan called Senior Tax Relief. At the age 90 years old and if you are still in your home, there are no taxes to be paid to the City of Norfolk. However, if you transfer your home to another person the taxes with have to be paid and in full. Seniors must complete an application each year in order to keep the Relief Program. Owners need to have a will to indicate who will own the residence after their passing. The Real Estate Tax Relief information/application package was handed out for the Seniors. This program is called a “Deferral Program”. As an example, one may pay $100.00 a month on real estate taxes on their home; people with a low income, may pay as little as $50.00 a month under this program. Active Duty Military men and women who own a home in the City of Norfolk do not have to pay taxes, as long as they do not add their spouse on their home or car titles. New to the City of Norfolk is a collection company that has been employed to collect back taxes that are in “Delinquent Tax” status. A 20% charge can be added to back taxes owed to the City of Norfolk. The name of the company name is “TACS”.

There were many questions asked and answered. One member asked if their dogs had to have a license. Yes, all dogs and cats has to have a license; in the event they bite someone. Ms. Tanterrian Taylor asked about the Personal Property tax reduction for cars that are over 20-years-old and in poor condition. Members were advised to contact the Commission of Revenue Office to set up an appointment time to bring the car to downtown Norfolk or to Lake Taylor High School. This is so that your car can be assessed in order to reduce the Personal Property Tax. This must be done before June 5, 2019. Ms. Linda Stokes inquired about the money from taxes, as to where it goes and how much of it goes to the School System? Mrs. Hester replied that 75% of the money goes to personnel and the rest of the money goes to the School, Parks & Recreation & Open Space and so forth.

It was announced that the citizens of Norfolk will no longer have to obtain a permit in order to have a Yard Sale; however, a citizen can only have a yard sale six times per year. The Norfolk Cares Center will be moving to Corporate Boulevard in Norfolk, VA 23502, the building name was not given at this time.

There were inquiries about the Nordstrom Department Store departure from the Norfolk MacArthur Mall and what will take its place? Mrs. Daun Hester replied that the City of Norfolk has three different companies that they are looking at this time. Also, Target will be or has been considering a change into a Casino; as well as the Casino Hotel coming to downtown next to Harbor Park Stadium.

Mrs. Daun Hester provided out her personal contact cards to those in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Submitted by:

Ms. Tanterrian Taylor
Crisis Intervention Team Training

Recently, 23 NSO deputies successfully completed CIT - Crisis Intervention Team training held by the Norfolk Community Services Board and the Norfolk Police Department. The week-long class included intense scenario-based training. It's a priority for Sheriff Joe Baron to have a large portion of our sworn staff CIT trained by the end of 2019. We are thankful to our partners and look forward to being able to help those in our care with this new training!

Warning from the Norfolk Sheriff's Office

The Norfolk Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports today from citizens receiving calls from someone pretending to be a deputy. The caller attempts to have the citizen purchase gift cards as a form of payment for missed jury duty. The caller threatens arrest.

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Women have been at the forefront of many social justice movements in America. One successful movement was the campaign to gain suffrage, or the right to vote, for women in the U.S. The first convention ever called to discuss the civil and political rights of women was held on July 19 and 20, 1848, in Seneca Falls, New York. On August 26, 1920, after a 70 year struggle, the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted suffrage to American women.

During this period of time there were several organizations formed to work for suffrage. One prominent group that fought for the vote was the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), led by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

Carrie Chapman Catt, c. 1914, Votes for Women - The Struggle for Women's Suffrage.

Votes for Women, 1848-1921 consists of pamphlets, books, and other documents from the NAWSA collection at the Library of Congress. Search on suffrage and politics, or search on the names of specific leaders, such as Alice Stone Blackwell, Carrie Chapman Catt, and Lucretia Coffin Mott, to find writings and speeches in support of women's voting rights.

Votes for Women - The Struggle for Women's Suffrage contains photographs of prominent leaders and organizers of the suffrage movement. These pictures also record suffrage parades and picket lines.
**March 2019**

**OBSERVANCES:** National Nutrition; Women’s History; National Irish-American; American Red Cross.

**HOLIDAYS:** Read Across America Day (2nd); Mardi Gras (5th); Ash Wednesday (6th); International Women’s Day (8th); Daylight Saving Begin (10th); St. Patrick’s Day (17th); Spring Equinox (20th); Cesar Chavez Day (31th).
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