

# **DOWNTOWN NORFOLK CIVIC LEAGUE**

February 16, 2026  
Hilton The Main

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# AGENDA

Welcome - Jason McDonald, President, DNCL

Minutes - Andy Holloway, Secretary, DNCL

Treasure report -

Sector Report - Officer Benjamin Manning, CRO, NPD

Downtown Norfolk Council - Audrey Fussell / Mary Miller

Guest Speaker

- R. Carter McRee, PhD, MBA - Tidewater Compost
- Rehn Saunders- One Year Anniversary – Cruise Norfolk Year Round
- Dianna Starkey – VA Arts Festival

CUP/ARB

New/Old

# WEBSITE

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## Membership

Membership can be either individual resident or Downtown Business.

Either membership level is affordable, at \$10 and \$25 respectively.

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DOWNTOWN BUSINESS MEMBERS

## Each Membership has its Perks

Downtown Business Members Support Downtown Residents

Owning and operating a business downtown means more than just supporting your patrons. It means supporting the resident community around you. Joining the DNCL communicates to the City of Norfolk and its residents that you are a supportive member of the community you serve. Residents and guests know that you support them and are active in that community support.



# **TREASURE REPORT**

Transitions from 2025 Board to  
2026 Board – Report to follow.

# SECTOR REPORT



# **DOWNTOWN NORFOLK REPORT**

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## **Coffee with the CEO - DID Renewal**

February 25, 8am coffee/networking, 8:30am conversation  
Bremers Room at the Glass Light Hotel

## **Virginia Arts Festival Opening Night**

March 5, 5:30pm happy hour, 7:30pm show  
Leone's and Chrysler Hall  
DNC members will receive a discount code for tickets to the show

## **Work from Downtown: Breakroom - Hoops**

March 12, 12-2pm  
MacArthur Square  
Celebrate MEAC tournament with casual lunchtime hoops - we'll have inflatable games and other activities

## **Work from Downtown: Coffee Collision**

March 25, 8:30-9:30am  
Selden Market  
Casual networking coffee

## **First Fridays**

April 3 and May 1, 5-8:30pm  
Granby Street by TCC Plaza

# **R. CARTER MCREE, PHD, MBA**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**





# REHN SAUNDERS- CRUISE NORFOLK YEAR ROUND - TURNS ONE



# DIANNA STARKEY

## VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL



# CUP/ARB

## WELLS/ VA STAGE COMPANY

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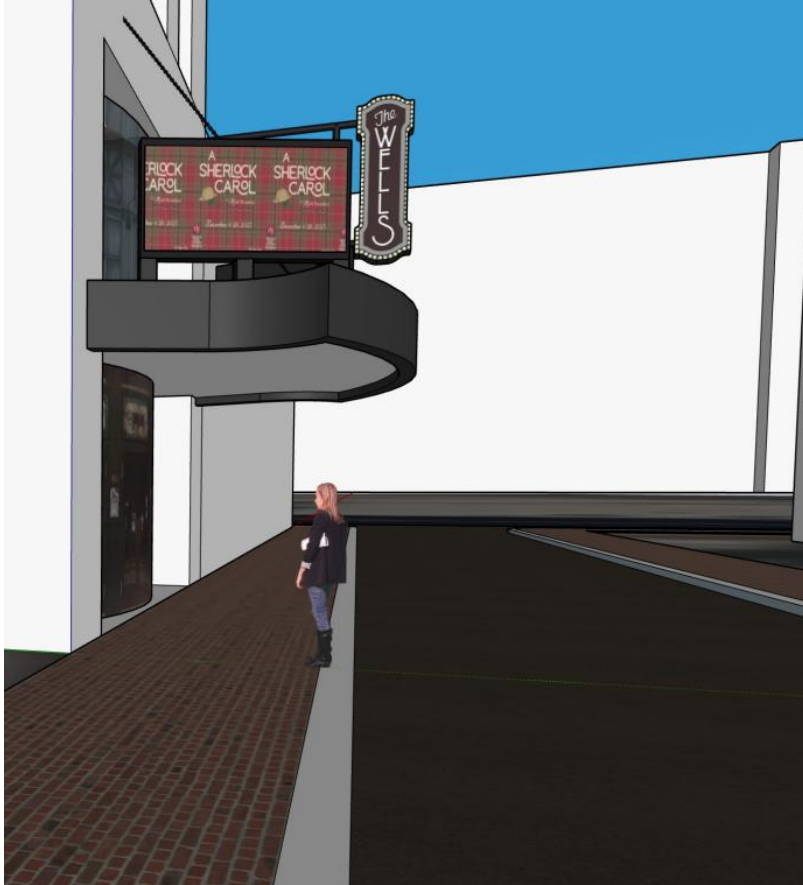
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## New Restaurant Alert: “Blackeyed Peas”

Monday – Friday 11am – 10pm

Saturday Brunch – 11pm

Sunday Brunch -10pm

**Blackeyed Peas**  
GOOD VIBES & GREAT EATS  
*Eat Well, Live Well, Every Day!*

### M E N U

**TUESDAY SPECIALS:**  
*We got the Beef & Turkey* **\$12.99**

- Meatloaf
- Meatballs
- Sausage Rice & Onions
- Hopin Johns
- Turkey Wings
- Salisbury Steaks With Onion & Gravy

**WEDNESDAY SPECIALS:**  
*Wednesday Friendsay*

(BUY 1 MEAL GET SECOND MEAL ½ PRICED)  
Choose from Daily Menu: 11am-3pm

*Thursday Treat Me Please!*

BUY 1 DESSERT & GET ½ OFF ON ANY APPETIZER



*A taste that makes you ask for more!*

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**FRIDAY SPECIALS:**  
*Let's Sea, Life is full of flavor*

- Shrimps **\$15.00**
- Whiting **\$14.00**
- Flounder **\$15.00**
- Catfish **\$15.00**
- Crabcakes **\$20.00**
- Oysters **\$18.00**
- Lobster Tails (½ ONLY) **\$24.00**
- Tilapia **\$14.00**
- Seafood Boil  
(Smoked Sausage, Corn, Red Potatoes,  
Old Bay Season Twist Of Lemon,  
Your Choice Of Shrimp \$24; Lobster \$32;  
Or Crab Legs \$30)

**DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS:**  
**SERVED FROM 11AM - 3PM; \$9.99**  
**SERVED WITH 1 SIDE MONDAY - FRIDAY ONLY**

- 3 Jumbo Chicken Wings
- Whiting Fish
- Pork Chop Sandwich
- Sausage Rice & Onions
- Wingettes With Sauce (6)



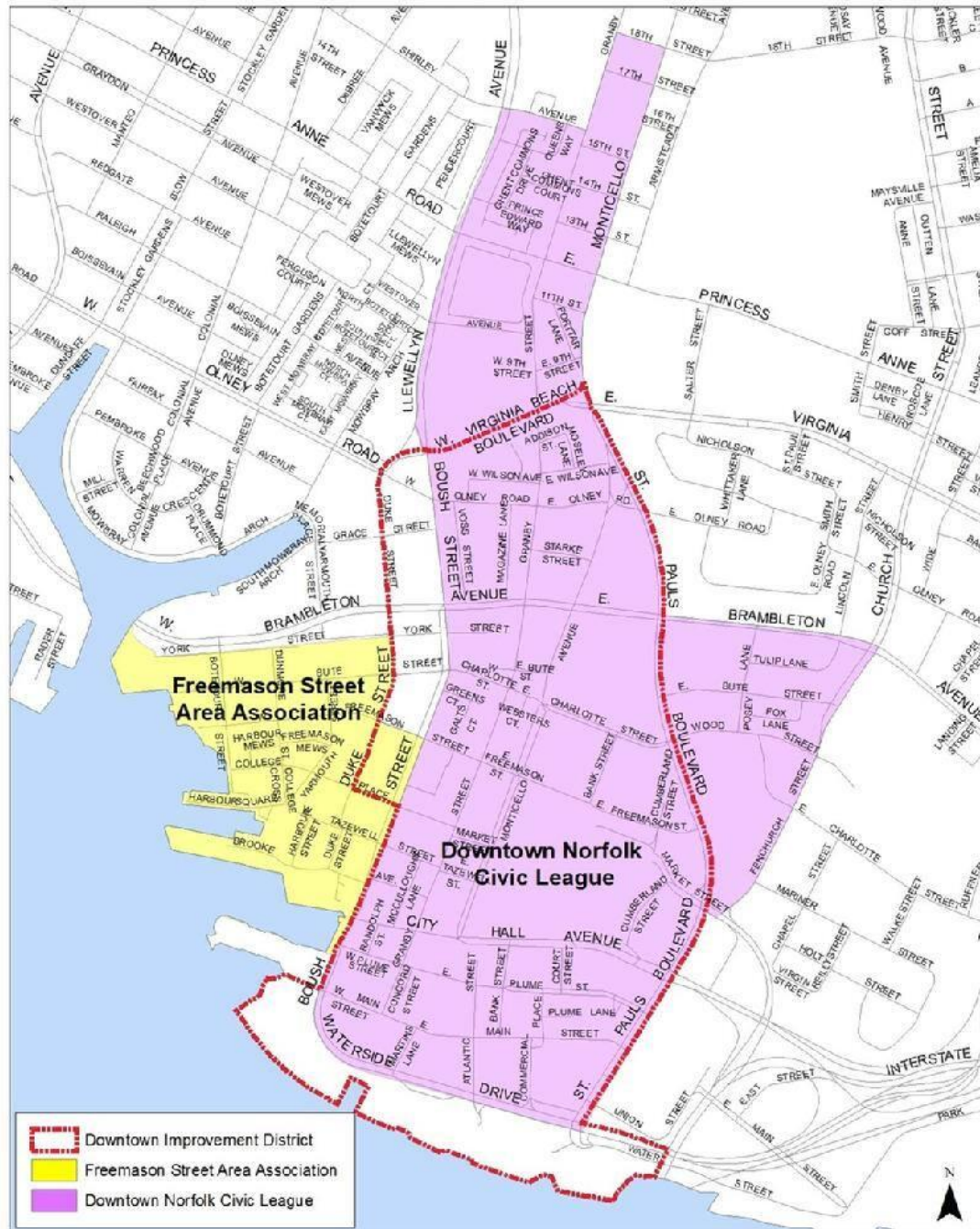
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# NEW BUSINESS DOWNTOWN

- What are you missing downtown ( beside grocery store)
- When you travel what brings you to the area?
- When you travel what do you do when in town?



# Downtown Norfolk Civic League





# SHARING OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE

**1. Attract Businesses that Accommodate Residential Needs-** by focusing on a grocery store- by implementing the 2030 Plan for MacArthur Center and attracting neighborhood big-box retail (i.e. Target with a grocery store), medical services (UrgentCare), pet services (grooming/boarding, veterinarian, inclement weather indoor dog play area with extended evening hours), hardware store (subset of Taylors/Lowes/Home Depot with rental tools), dry cleaner, farmer's market, and more green space.

**2. Make Living Downtown Safe -** By supporting Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney Ramin Fatehi in his attempt to ensure a safer pedestrian experience for residents and visitors of Downtown Norfolk. Our district, known for its restaurants, entertainment venues, workplaces, museums, and frequented by cruise passengers, attracts people for its pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. Sometimes, All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or off-road motorcycles operating recklessly on Granby Street and at times, on sidewalks, can deter from the pedestrian nature of the downtown area at best, and at worst, may be a safety concern for some residents and visitors. We encourage our members to sign the [Change.org](https://www.change.org) petition to support the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney's proposed legislation to make Downtown Norfolk a safer and quieter place for everyone.

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**3. Make Downtown Living Desirable** - by enforcing laws for *noise issue*; for loading zone violations; for parking violations- by adding a loading zone in front of residential buildings that don't already have one- by continuing to keep our alleys clean and removing graffiti- by removing the litter along sidewalks, medians, alleys, etc.- by keeping the business fronts repaired and freshly painted- by implementing the NEON Streetscape Project

**4. Improve Downtown Outdoor Walking/Dining Experience** - by maintaining the increased police presence late-night on Granby- by enforcing laws to slow down traffic on Granby - by enforcing laws for scooter/ebike riding on sidewalks along Granby - by managing scooter/ebike litter - by closing businesses that continue to violate the rules of their Conditional Use Permit- by installing a traffic signaling system for pedestrians to safely cross Boush at Brooke- by replacing/repairing missing/damaged bricks on our sidewalks- by cleaning sidewalks regularly and more often near the alleyways

**5. Improve Downtown Driving and Visibility** - by addressing the section of Freemason between Boush and Granby (proposal provided to Transit)- by addressing the intersections at Granby & Freemason and Granby & Tazewell- by repairing the big pothole on Tazewell between Boush and Granby

# NEW BUSINESS/ COMMENTS

## **MARCH MEETING**

- Dr. Veleka S Gatling, School Board  
Candidate for Ward 2
- Julia Ranspach from the General Douglas  
MacArthur Foundation

# SOCIAL

TUESDAY FEB 24

**GRACE O'MALLEY'S**  
**5-7PM**



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# **THANK YOU**

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