LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy Neighbors!

Summer is in full swing in Sandbridge and the community is bustling and vibrant. We’ve been blessed with some wonderful weather so far, and we look forward to more of the same in the coming months. Everyone will surely enjoy our clean streets and beaches under clear blue skies. Many thanks to our friends and neighbors for keeping Sandbridge free of detritus and also the city for keeping our beaches and access ways clean and clear.

Along with enjoying some fun in the sun, sand, and water, our local rescue squad’s Boosters have been holding Family Bingo every Wednesday night. The proceeds help benefit the rescue squad to purchase supplies that are necessary to continue to provide the awesome emergency services this neighborhood and the whole city sometimes requires. Our EMS and our lifeguards give us peace of mind knowing that they’ll be there when help is needed. And they will provide the best care with a smile on their faces. Many thanks to our professionals and volunteers in the whole EMS system.

Summer also brings a celebration of our nation’s birth on July Fourth. The whole community joins together to embrace the event in a myriad of ways from grilling, to partying, to volunteering, watching fireworks or the annual Boat Parade, or just taking a moment to reflect. While we remember our founding fathers’ sacrifices and risks, we also honor those who have served and continue to serve in defense of the freedoms granted us so many years ago. Many thanks to all the public servants who work everyday to support and defend our Constitution.

So, let’s enjoy this summer, take a break, relax, and let the warm sun energize us so we can experience life’s wondrous beauty all around us. All of nature is alive right now and surrounds us everywhere we look. How awesome is that?

Be kind and greet each other with a smile and wave. Have wonderful and safe summer!

Andrew Roper
President SBCL
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SAVING LIVES, HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Sandbridge is a small community, home to many celebrations, anniversaries, announcements, births and deaths. As your neighborhood paper, we urge all members to submit any information, in writing, that could be shared with our families. Don’t forget the deadline is the 15th of every month! Send your written articles and pictures to 3700 Sandpiper Road, Unit 123-A, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or e-mail: janestilley@cox.net.

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All Masses are celebrated at Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church.
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Mon. - Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

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SBCL President Andrew Roper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Andrew also led the membership in the Opening Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joan Davis made a motion to accept the nomination of officers that were submitted during the May meeting by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded. Since the slate of candidates was not contested, Secretary Jane Stilley entered one vote per candidate per the bylaws. Officers were accepted as follows:

President: Andrew Roper
Vice President: Ken Leach
Treasurer: Bill McGarrett
Secretary: Jane Stilley
Board Members: Elaine Fekete and Lee Gause

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship Committee Chairman Mike Maloney presented SBCL scholarships to Will Butler, Jake Low and Grady Bryant. Corinna Ensley was unable to attend. Mike's report is included in this newsletter.

Guest Speakers: Coastal Program Manager Dan Adams updated members on beach renourishment. He said the fifth beach renourishment in Sandbridge will begin on November 15, 2019. He estimated the project will take 16 weeks from the starting time. Adams also talked about the 8th phase of beach access improvements. The next three to be constructed this fall will be #20-north of Chub Lane, #27-north of Bass Lane and Access B near Sea Scape. The Mobi Mat has been relocated to 2244 Sandfiddler. The City has also been contacted to provide additional mats.

Lifeguard Captain Barry Kirschner then addressed members, saying lifeguard operations have been in full swing since Memorial Day. Barry reported there have already been 15-20 rescues, including two "critical" rescues that were near-drownings. Barry said there are 10 lifeguard stands at Little Island Park and five on the beach by the Sandbridge Market. He said there are also five patrols on ATV's. Lifeguards are on the stands until 6:00 p.m. every day but that several responders stay on duty until dark.

BUSINESS MEETING:
Minutes for the May meeting were approved as presented.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ken reported he is working on the July 4th boat parade. This year’s theme: Peace, Love and the Fourth of July.

TREASURER: Bill McGarrett presented the Treasurer’s report with a starting balance of $17,760.89 and an ending balance of $16,306.38. The full report is published in this newsletter.

NEWSLETTER: The never-ending reminder: the deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of the month.

COMMITTEES:
MEMBERSHIP: Joan Davis said only 50 percent of membership has paid dues. Thanks to a new computer program, those who do not pay by the June 30 deadline will no longer receive newsletters. If you have any questions on your membership status, please contact her. Remember, you can renew and pay online on our website: sandbridgecivicleague.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Andrew said volunteers are needed for neighborhood captains. Please contact Joan Davis.

NIMMO PARKWAY: Mike Davis reported (quote) “We are changing that to a landing pad for our flying cars because we will have them by the time Nimmo Parkway is done.”

ACCESS WAYS: Contact Robbie Borum for ocean access ways. Andrew Meyer and Heather Malaby are the contacts for between-street access maintenance.

SANDBRIDGE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT: Joan Davis said road crews are finally adhering to the promise not to close both lanes at once. Because of weather delays, there is no projected time for completion.

Andrew thanked Siebert and Sandbridge realty companies and the Sandbridge Beach Business Association for contributing to the SBCL scholarship fund.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next SBCL meeting is Saturday, August 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Thanks to Andrea Colvin for the presentation of refreshments, and to Fran and Dave Dennis of Sandbridge Seaside Market for the donuts, and to Johnny and Elizabeth Parker for the paper products.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Stilley
SBCL Secretary
A TRIBUTE TO A SANDBRIDGE ICON
TOM SHELL

The community of Sandbridge has lost another of its true and great legends. Thomas Shell, Jr., co-owner of Sandbridge Realty, passed away unexpectedly at his Fort Myers home on May 21. He is survived by his wife and true love of 22 years, Linda Brown Shell, and many extended family members and friends who were the fortunate recipients of his extraordinary generosity, love and kindness.

Starting as a 15 year old lifeguard, Tom Shell left many deep and entrenched footprints in Sandbridge Beach during his lifetime. His family and other local residents of Sandbridge provided the Sandbridge Beach Public Lifeguard Service starting in the early 60’s. Later, Tom retained the City’s lifeguard contract into the late ‘90s. He leaves behind a trail of fond memories and profound inspiration for hundreds of young people who worked as lifeguards under his direction, all learning valuable life lessons about discipline, fitness and rescue during their years of service.

In 1985, Tom recognized a great need to provide Sandbridge Beach vacationers with all the equipment and gear they would need to enhance their week of “fun in the sun”. He founded Ocean Rentals, Ltd., providing and delivering bicycles, linens, and beach gear to thousands of vacationers.

In 1992, revealing his keen vision and entrepreneurial spirit, Tom met and collaborated with real estate broker, Betsy Atkinson acquiring Sun Coast Realty and renaming the new sales and rental company. After 27 years, Sandbridge Realty’s success boasts an award-winning team of employees, highly-recognized throughout the region’s real estate and hospitality industry. Tom’s loyal staff will miss his inspirational presence and leadership, especially his gift for bringing out the best in others and effectively mentoring those who would seek his counsel.

Tom was honored to serve on the Sandbridge Volunteer Rescue Squad for 13 years. Later, Tom was responsible for Sandbridge Realty’s sponsorship of the annual Sandbridge Golf Tournament, generating thousands in donations for our community’s rescue squad.

Tom and Linda lived a full, enjoyable life at The Landings in Ft. Myers, FL during the winter months and Sandbridge Beach during the summer season. His hobbies included golf, tennis and a good game of Texas Holdem’ or poker with his closest buddies. Tom will also be remembered as an extraordinary dancer and loved dancing to beach music with his beloved wife, Linda, by his side. He was a passionate boat captain and traveled the waters of Virginia, Florida and the Abacos aboard his beautiful yacht “Shells of the Sea.”

A man of faith, compassion and family, lasting memories of Tom Shell’s generosity, love of life and goodwill will live in the hearts of all who knew and loved him, because to know him…was to love him!
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2019

With bikes and buggies, two feet and our four-legged friends, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.
4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE
This year’s theme: Peace, Love & the 4th of July

Winners:

Best Boat - John Monacci & Friends

Most Outrageous - Scott Butler

Unsinkable - Beechams

Good Times Boat - Fodness & Kelly Families
PARTY AT THE PIER
A balmy night of dancing in the moonlight to music by Party Fins. Thanks to Siebert Realty and VB Parks & Recreation for the big beach party. The next Party at the Pier is slated for Friday, August 23.
2019 SBCL SCHOLARSHIPS

By Mike Maloney

The class of 2019 had seven applicants for our Civic League scholarships. We are blessed to have so many great young people in our midst.

Our $2,500 winner is Will Butler of Bluebill Drive. Will graduated from Kellam High School and is attending the University of Virginia in the fall. He is a lifeguard here in Sandbridge again this summer. Will is a talented musician, and you can see him perform outside at The Sugar Shack.

Jake Low is our $1,500 winner. He lives on S. Sandfiddler Road and graduated from Ocean Lakes High School. He will be attending the University of Chicago. Jake will be joining his older brother there and play football. He has worked in summer financial internships and will head to U of C to prepare for the season.

Our $1,000 winner is Grady Bryant of S. Sandpiper Road. Grady graduated from Kellam High School and will attend Tidewater Community College before entering the Navy with an eye towards BUD/S training. He is also a Sandbridge lifeguard.

The Sandbridge Beach Business Association sponsors a $500 scholarship each year as well. This year’s recipient is Corinna Joy Ensley of Back Bay Crescent. She graduated from Kellam High School and will attend James Madison University.

We are all in very good hands with these Sandbridgers going off to lead the world!

(left to right) SBCL Pres. Andrew Roper, Jake Low, Grady Bryant, Will Butler, Mike Maloney

OPERATION SECOND CHANCE “BEACH RETREAT” 2019 THANK YOU

May 4-8 Operation Second Chance and the Sandbridge Community hosted the 8th “Beach Retreat” for recovering wounded/injured/ill combat veterans and spouses. It was another successful retreat and a Big Thank You for your continued support goes to the Sanctuary at False Cape condo Association and owners who donated condos, Surf and Adventure/Ocean Rentals, Sanctuary Realty at Sandbridge, Seibert Realty, Sandbridge Seaside Market, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Great Bridge Fisherman’s Assn., False Cape State Park, volunteers that prepared meals and helped with set-up and events and donors.

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Dr. John Settle, Jr. passed away May 15 at his Sandbridge home with his wife Audrey by his side after a valiant battle against cancer. John was 79 years old.

John was a gentle man and a gentleman. Although he lived quietly under the radar, he was known as everyone’s friend in Sandbridge. The Settle’s annual Fourth of July celebration to watch fireworks on Mill Pond was the party of the year. John’s good friend Paul Roye said that anyone who ever attended that event remembers John’s superb cooking. “No one made better pulled pork than John.”

John had a veterinary practice in Richmond for more than 30 years before retiring to Sandbridge. He received a degree in Animal Husbandry from Penn State University and his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University. John was a huge Penn State fan and loved watching his Nittany Lions play. He also couldn’t get enough of the Penn State Creamery’s world-renown ice cream. Laurie Evans (whose husband Keith is also a PSU grad) remembers he even had it shipped on dry ice to Sandbridge. “Lucky is the person who is the recipient of that historic made-only-at-Penn-State ice cream,” exclaimed Laurie. We believe John’s favorite was Peachy Paterno!

John wasn’t just a Penn State fan. He and Audrey were such strong believers in education that they established scholarships at all their alma maters along with the John and Audrey Settle Scholarship to benefit college-bound students in Hampton Roads.

John also loved jazz music, according to Paul Roye. John and Audrey spent many of their days traveling the world and Paul said it was always a treat when they shared their photos of their trips.

John is survived by his wife of 21 years, Audrey, along with a son, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Paul Roye put it best, “John was a people person, and though he spent his entire career taking care of animals, he definitely preferred spending time with people.” We will truly miss our friend John Settle.
## SANDBRIDGE BEACH CIVIC LEAGUE
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### Upcoming Events Calendar

#### July
- **Birthstone**: Ruby  
  - Flower: Larkspur, Water Lily  
  - **NO SBCL MEETING IN JULY**
- 2 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day
- 3 Wed Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station
- 4 Thu 4th of July Boat Parade
- 10 Wed Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station
- 16 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day
- 17 Wed Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station
- 24 Wed Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station
- 30 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day
- 31 Wed Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station

#### August
- **Birthstone**: Peridot  
  - Flower: Gladiolus
- 7 Wed Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station
- 13 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day
- 14 Wed Last Bingo @ Fire & Rescue Station
- 17 Sat SBCL Meeting @ 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Fri Party at the Pier
- 27 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day

#### September
- **Birthstone**: Sapphire  
  - Flower: Aster
- 2 Mon Labor Day
- 7 Sat Pig Pickin’
- 10 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day
- 15 Sun Baja Surf Classic
- 16 Mon SBCL Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Tue Blue Can Recycle Day

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In 1957, we had our first lifeguard on Sandbridge Beach. Bill Story, III worked from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with his name on the stand. In 1974, we moved on up with a fire station and our all-women crew. Then Tommy Shell began the Sandbridge Lifeguard Service. With that under way, our fire, rescue and lifeguard service began. Fire remained all-volunteer until 1977 when they placed our first paid firefighter at the small station. Our rescue squad has remained all-volunteer to this day. Tommy Shell was a large part of Sandbridge. He not only was in charge of the lifeguards but donated his time to our all-volunteer rescue system, serving over 10 years. He was at one time my rescue partner. Then in 1992, Tommy and Betsy Atkinson became partners in Sandbridge Realty. This past month Tommy died unexpectedly. His pleasant personality and lovely smile will be missed.

The last several months we have lost so many friends in Sandbridge. John Settle was such a kind, gentle man. He donated much of his time helping others with scholarships for those less fortunate.

We had another loss with Hannah Gulka, our karaoke queen. Hannah never had an unkind word to say about anyone and loved coming to visit her friends at the Sandbridge Market.

Thinking of all the families that have lost a loved one as we keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Today is July 4th. I love having all the flags covering Sandbridge. Thanks to Senator Bill DeSteph for supplying and delivering hundreds of flags to display our patriotic pride. Employees from our local real estate companies were out in the extreme heat, placing all the flags at houses up and down Sandbridge. Kudos to Sandbridge, Siebert and Sandbridge Blue Realty for such a festive treat. Also a big thank you to Pat and Amy Barton for hosting the judging stand for yet another successful Fourth of July Boat Parade. Even without “official” fireworks, Sandbridge surely knows how to put on a party!

Have a safe and happy summer!