

**WHAT:**

Ballentine Civic League  
Monthly Meeting

**WHEN:**

Thursday, January 20, 2011  
7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

**WHERE:**

Trinity-Word of Faith Baptist Church  
2808 Ballentine Blvd. - enter through  
Social Hall - 2807 Grandy Avenue  
at Peterson Avenue

**WHY:**

Concerned residents and friends meet  
to share information about safety and  
health issues while learning how to  
better assist our community.

**WHO:**

Home owners, renters, business owners  
and others interested in working together  
to have a safer and more cohesive  
community.

**HOW:**

Offering information presented by a  
variety of individuals, representing  
numerous organizations (public and  
private), to enhance our awareness.



**HELP NEEDED:**

To continue our monthly Newsletter we  
need your help – financially and  
physically.

Our Newsletters are prepared and  
delivered by volunteers within our  
Ballentine community – please offer to  
help us.

The cost per month for printing and  
miscellaneous related fees is \$125.00.

Our Newsletters are printed by  
"Special Persons Mailing Services" – they  
provide employment opportunities for  
adults with special needs. The Director –  
Art Roy - was a recent speaker.

Our Ads should cover the major part of  
our expenses with memberships helping  
to defray the costs. We need your help to  
locate organizations and individuals to  
place ads (\$45.00/business card/6  
months) and, we need you to pay your  
annual dues of \$5.00/adult.



Ballentine Civic League

**JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER**

Visit our web site: [www.BallentineCivicLeague.com](http://www.BallentineCivicLeague.com)

**PRESENTER:**

**Yvette Brown, President CPAAAN**  
(Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk)

**TOPIC:**

What is CPAAAN and How to enroll in future classes.  
The next set of classes will begin Thursday, April 7 and run  
through Thursday, June 23 at the Police Training Facility on  
Military Highway. Advanced registration is required:

Visit the web site: [www.cpaan.org](http://www.cpaan.org)

Or, contact Officer Miles Warren at Norfolk Police  
Department: 664-6921 or [miles.warren@norfolk.gov](mailto:miles.warren@norfolk.gov)



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We were forced to cancel our December Civic League Meeting due to the snow  
and hazardous traveling conditions – please join us for this meeting – and, help  
us welcome our speaker.

Bev Sell, General Manager



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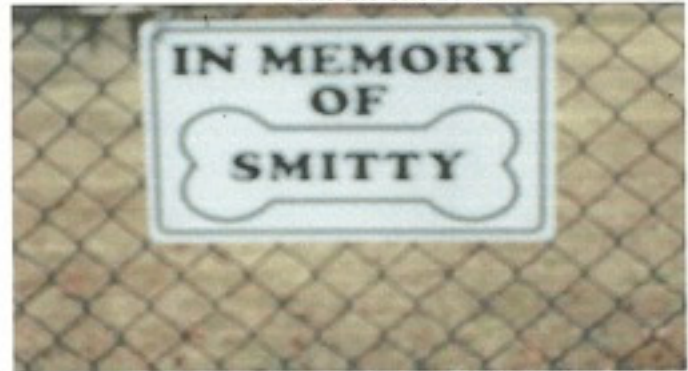
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The Ballentine Bark Park is located at 2717 Tait Terrace. One side is for little dogs (30 pounds and less) and the other side is for larger dogs.

If you visit, or drive past, you will see a series of signs attached to 10' sections of fence and the entrance gate - like the one below.



Each sign represents a donation of at least \$100.00 to the Bark Park. Some are In Memory Of a dog and 2 are In Memory Of cats: O'Donnell Abu and Jazzy Cat or, In Honor Of a dog.

There are 2 signs In Honor Of 2 dogs:

One is for Shih Tzu brothers: Taylor and Tyler and the other is for Pug sisters: Tallulah and Petunia. Our Mail Box contains doggy poo bags awaiting your use. Please visit the Park with your dog folks and enjoy!

**THANKS FOR PAYING YOUR 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

- Barney's Buddies – Pet Sitters – Hancock Avenue
- Valeria Crowell – President – Tait Terrace
- Karen Fox - Treasurer – Tait Terrace
- Mika Fox – Tait Terrace
- Greg Gruszeczka – Vice President - Tait Terrace
- Matt Gruszeczka – Cape Henry Avenue
- Eric Noss – Tait Terrace
- Amber Schoenbel – Cape Henry Avenue

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Greg Gruszeczka and Eric Noss for placing American Flags around our community to celebrate Holidays.

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**Special Thanks to**

Allyzabette Ramsey and Mary Babcock  
for volunteering with Photos By Feist  
on December 11 and 12.

This opportunity provided our Bark Park a donation of  
over \$250.00.

We are planning special events at our Bark Park in late  
Spring and invite you to watch our Newsletter for  
additional information.

Also, check our web site: [www.ballentinecivicleague.com](http://www.ballentinecivicleague.com)

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Worship Service: 11:00 AM

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a united ministry.

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. . . for Spiritual Refreshment

You are always welcome here.

Check our Church Bulletin . . .

. . . for special programs.

Ad placed compliments of the Ballentine Civic League -  
Thank you for offering us a safe and comfortable meeting place  
and for your many other support services.

Nothing in the world is friendlier than a wet dog.

**Ballentine Civic League Officers:**

Valeria Crowell, President - [CivicNews4Me@aol.com](mailto:CivicNews4Me@aol.com) - 855-8517

Vice President - Greg Gruszeczkza

Mary Babcock, Secretary - [Ballentine2001@aol.com](mailto:Ballentine2001@aol.com) - 858-5418

Karen Fox, Treasurer - [foxcontracting@cox.net](mailto:foxcontracting@cox.net) - 754-8643

Noreen Washington, Membership Director - 248-6617

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA)  
has loaned or granted \$842,142.00 on 23 houses in the last  
three years in Ballentine Place?

That is more than \$36,000.00 per house if distributed  
evenly. The recipients of these monies were either home  
owners or investors.

If you would like more information contact:

Joni Stahl, Residential Rehabilitation Director: 314-2087.

We will invite representatives of NRHA to address our  
members at future meetings - watch our Newsletter for  
specifics and join us.

**SPECIAL PROJECT:**

We are seeking members willing to help us form a Phone  
Tree. We will offer information on a plan that will allow us  
to provide timely information to members we are unable to  
reach via email. Actually, we need two different phone  
trees - one for folks we cannot reach with emails and one  
for all members (we do occasionally have power black  
outs but still have working phone lines.

Will you assist us with this project? Please attend this  
meeting and sign up.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to  
be a part of the process - please indicate that when you  
send your Membership Application to us (see page 4 for  
Application).

T'was the night before Christmas and all through my  
house it was quiet - except for my kitchen. You see I was  
busy preparing that big Christmas Dinner. At about 8:30  
PM my doorbell rang - I thought it must be my friend  
picking up the dessert I had made for her. But, I looked  
out my window and saw a group of adults and children  
standing on the sidewalk adjacent to my steps. My first  
thought was to ignore them but I noticed they were  
standing there patiently as a group. So, I opened my  
inside door (kept my storm door locked) and they began  
to sing *Dashing Thru the Snow*. They were Christmas  
Carolers - something we see on TV - but, not in Ballentine  
Place. They sang two songs. I did not get their names but  
was told they live here in this community and that the  
young folks wanted to sing Christmas Carols in their  
neighborhood. To the Group - Thank You for sharing the  
Spirit of Christmas through song. May you have a happy  
and prosperous New Year. We look forward to meeting  
you at one of our Civic League Meetings.

Valeria Crowell, President - Ballentine Civic League



**BALLENTINE CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBER:**

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**In Ballentine Place Since 1982**

A good neighbor award to Sherman Walker  
for removing the snow from my driveway.  
Many Thanks from Val Crowell, President of  
Ballentine Civic League

Did you notice this addition to our community?  
He/she visited for several days and then just seemed to  
melt away!



**MIKA FOX**

The Ballentine Civic League offers you our  
condolences on the sudden loss of your father,  
Michael Fox, on December 30.



**Monday through Friday 8 AM – 6 PM**

**Call to report –**

- suspicious persons in our neighborhood
  - noisy neighbors
  - trash accumulations
- unoccupied houses with broken windows or doors
  - suspected drug dealings
- vehicles parked on lawns (except when washing or unloading them)
- a special trash pickup (bulky waste, etc.)
- Be sure to give them complete information so that they can share this with the proper City agency/department for attention/correction.

**BALLENTINE CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please print all information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to help with (check all that apply):

Deliver Newsletters: Yes ( )

Block Security Committee: Yes ( )

Block Security Captain: Yes ( )

Beautification/Clean Up Committee/Crew: Yes ( )

Membership Committee: Yes ( )

Special Events/Activities Committee: Yes ( )

Bark Park Event Planning Committee: Yes ( )

Phone Tree Member: Yes ( )

Dues are \$5.00 per adult per calendar year.

Payable to: Ballentine Civic League

Mail to: P. O. Box 99122 - Norfolk, VA. 23509