

# Owner / Renter Responsibilities

- Be respectful. Loud noise could result in a **noise violation**. For renters, repeated violations could result in an eviction.
- During the summer months grass should be mowed every two weeks at minimum. **Tall grass will result in a fine from the City**.
- **Trash cans** can only be set out on Wed after 5pm for **Thursday pick-up** and then removed by 11:30 pm Thursday. Lids must be closed and cans cannot be overflowing. Recycling (blue can) is picked up every other week. All cans must be stored behind the front face of your house.
- ANY bulk item (couch, large items) must be called in for a **BULK** Pick-up by Wed at 3pm for next day pick-up. **Failure to call in for a bulk pickup could result in a fine**. Call 441-5813.
- Please keep your property free of trash including in the curb in front of your residence. **Failure to do so is a Waste/Stormwater Violation of the Norfolk City Code and is fineable**.
- **All dogs must be leashed when on any public street, sidewalk or park land. Also, please pick up after your dog when on public property. This is a class 3 misdemeanor**.
- Dogs cannot be tied up for longer than a 3 hour period outside by City Code. **Any dog living outside must have shelter and water at ALL times**.
- **Street cleaning day is the first Tuesday of every month**. Please, if possible, remove your car from the street.
- **Observe the posted speed limits**.
- **Park at least 3' from any driveway entrance**. This is city code and allows residents to get in/out of their driveways safely.
- **Parking on grass in a front or side yard is illegal. It's a \$35 fine per incident by City Code**.
- **Do not block the sidewalk with a vehicle**.

# About the Fairmount Park Civic League

## League History

The Fairmount Park Civic League formed in May of 1980 and presides over the Fairmount Park, Willard Park, Lafayette Annex, Fairmount Manor, Lafayette Manor, Lafayette Terrace, Belmont Place, Bell's Farm and Kent Park neighborhoods. **Today, the Civic League represents over 2,300 households and is the second largest Civic League in Norfolk**. The League represents the largest voting block in Ward 3.

## League Role

Throughout the years, the League has played a vital and pivotal role in shaping the planning and revitalization of the neighborhoods. The Civic League meets monthly for a social followed by an organized meeting to discuss neighborhood planning, on-going projects, and any resident issues. The input of all citizens and businesses in the community continues to be of the highest priority of the Civic League.

## Message from Your President

We are committed to making a positive difference in our neighborhoods and always welcome new members and new residents to join in on the successes of our community. The Fairmount Park Civic League is respected by our peers, heard by our elected officials, and felt by our neighbors. Come and Join us! When you are a part of the Fairmount Park Civic League membership, you've got good citizens and neighbors on your side.

I hope to see you in the neighborhood.

Taylor Gould  
President, Fairmount Park Civic League

For more information visit:  
[www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov)  
[www.fairmountparkcivicleague.com](http://www.fairmountparkcivicleague.com)

# Welcome to the Fairmount Park Neighborhood!



## A Guide for Home Owners, Businesses and Renters

## The Fairmount Park Civic League

# The Neighborhood

The documented history of the development of the Fairmount Park neighborhood dates back as early as 1899. The area, named Fairview, was later renamed Fairmount Park, and was divided into lots for sale and marketed as "Norfolk's Ideal Suburb."

**Fairmount Park is one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the City of Norfolk, and since 2004 has been undergoing a massive revitalization.** The neighborhood is a solid working and middle class neighborhood of tree lined streets with a variety of architectural house styles, including Arts and Craft period bungalows, Victorian farmhouses, European Romantic, American Four Squares, and the Norfolk Coastal cottage. Fairmount Park is primarily a residential neighborhood with commercial businesses scattered along Tidewater Drive, Cromwell Drive, Chesapeake Boulevard, and Lafayette Boulevard including a major grocery store, gas stations, restaurants, shops and numerous neighborhood churches. Public facilities and amenities include the five acre Shoop Park as well as a variety of other open spaces located in the neighborhood.

We welcome you to our neighborhood. We hope you enjoy our people, our parks and our way of life.



# Schools and Parks

## Norfolk Public Schools

Norfolk is blessed with an award winning urban school system that has been nationally recognized. Maury High School was recognized in 2009 for being in the top 5% of all public high schools in the country. Your neighborhood is supported by the following schools depending on where you live:

- **WILLARD MODEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- **LINDENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- **LAFAYETTE-WINONA MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- **MAURY HIGH SCHOOL**

## Parks and Recreation

**Shoop Park** is a 5 acre park in the heart of Fairmount Park located on Shoop Avenue. The park includes:

- Basketball courts for both adults and teenagers
- A separate basketball court for young children
- Playground with a variety of equipment
- Interactive Splash Park, jets and fountain area
- 4 picnic shelters, with benches and tables
- Volleyball court, Bocce Court and Horseshoe Pits
- Exercise trail with 8 Wellness stations along trail

**Lakewood Park** is located, at 1612 Willow Wood Drive. The park has nine tennis courts, two lighted ball fields, a playground, restrooms, and off-street parking. Lakewood is also the headquarters for the athletics programming office and the dance/music program, providing classes and programs throughout the year.



# Area Services

## Branch Library

**Lafayette Branch Library** is located at 1610 Cromwell Drive. Call (757) 441-2842

## Post Office

**Lafayette Post Office** located at 2655 Tidewater Drive. Call 757) 624-9479.

## Grocery Stores

**Food Lion** located at 3530 Tidewater Drive  
**Wal-Mart** Supercenter at 750 Tidewater Drive

## Gas Stations

**Cromwell B P Amoco** at 3210 Chesapeake Blvd  
**Tidewater Texaco** at 3537 Tidewater Drive  
**One Stop** at 2628 Tidewater Drive

## Restaurants

**Tony's Diner**—a 50's style diner here since 1960  
Lafayette Blvd & Tidewater Drive  
(757) 625-5100

**Chen's Kitchen**—Chinese

3538 Tidewater Drive (757) 622-6633

## Faheed's Taste of New York

3226 Cromwell Drive (757) 227-1209

## Manny's Burgers

2912 Lafayette Blvd (757) 855-7246

## Neighborhood Churches

Greater Emmanuel Pentecostal Church  
2810 Somme Avenue

Christ The King Church  
1803 Columbia Avenue

Fairmont Park United Methodist Church  
3113 Verdun Avenue

New Hope Christian Community Center  
3241 Brest Avenue

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church  
3101 Lens Ave

## Join the League Now!



### FAIRMOUNT PARK CIVIC LEAGUE

#### Membership Application

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

REGISTERED VOTER (in FPCL Area)

WANT TO HELP WITH PROJECTS

ANNUAL DUES.....\$5.00 PER MEMBER

ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE RENEWED IN  
SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR

#### MAILING ADDRESS

*Fairmount Park Civic League*

P.O. Box 7034 Norfolk VA 23509

Or call 627-4423 or 855-5031

# Fairmount Park Civic League



#### CIVIC LEAGUE OFFICERS

##### **PRESIDENT:**

Taylor Gould 855-5031

##### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

Kamara Cooper 858-0984

##### **SECRETARY:**

Sabra Gear 961-5982

##### **TREASURER:**

Ray Boland 627-4423

##### **NEWSLETTER**

Nicole Weisstanner nweisst@yahoo.com



#### COMMITTEES

We are always looking for citizens who are interested in serving on the following committees:

##### **BEAUTIFICATION & CODES**

##### **CRIME PREVENTION**

##### **LAFAYETTE BLVD REVITALIZATION**

##### **WELCOME WAGON**

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### **COMMUNITY PRIDE AND RESOURCES**

##### **YOUTH CIVIC LEAGUE COMMITTEE**

# Fairmount Park Civic League

Representing residents and business owners in our community since 1980.

**'Our Pride is Showing'**



Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:15 pm at New Hope Community Center located at 3241 Brest Avenue. (Social starts at 7pm)

Visit our website at:

[www.fairmountparkcivicleague.com](http://www.fairmountparkcivicleague.com)

# The History

Early in 1980, concerned citizens came together to discuss the issues of the day affecting the community. The Fairmount Park Civic League formed in May of 1980 and included Fairmount Park, Willard Park, Lafayette Annex, Fairmount Manor, Lafayette Manor, Lafayette Terrace and Belmont Place. Later, Bell's Farm and Kent Park were added. Today, the Civic League represents over 2,300 households and is the second largest Civic League in Norfolk. The League represents the largest voting block in Ward 3.



# Past Accomplishment's

## Fairmount Voice—1980

October 1980 saw the first publication of the Fairmount Voice, the Civic League newsletter.

## Lafayette Boulevard Business Association—1997

In 1997, the Lafayette Boulevard Business Association was formed as the Fairmount Park Business Association by the Civic League.

## Market Study—2000

The city funded a study to evaluate conditions and make recommendations for the Five Points and Fairmount Park commercial areas.

## Fairmount Park Task Force—2001

Working with the City's Planning Department for many years, the Civic League drafted a vision for the neighborhood and convinced City Council to commission a study for an Action Plan and charter a Task Force.

## National Night Out Picnic—2002

First conceived and hosted by the Civic League in 2002, it has grown into a city-wide event and is held throughout the City today. The event was renamed the Annual Summer Picnic in 2008 and is held as part of National Night Out events.

## Neighborhood Implementation Plan—2004

In 2004, the City Council adopted the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Implementation Plan which is the planning document for the rehabilitation and revitalization of the neighborhood.

## Model Block Program Grants/Loans and Redevelopment Status—2007

In April of 2007, after years of the Civic League asking for grants for homeowners, the neighborhood became a redevelopment area receiving grants and loan programs for eligible homeowners for improvements to their respective properties. The area of coverage was expanded in 2008 and 2010. Redevelopment activities are focused on Lafayette Blvd with the City acquiring properties with a redevelopment plan to focus on new commercial development in concert with the 2004 adopted plan.

## Neighborhood Watch Program—2007

The Civic League formed the Neighborhood Watch program in September of 2007 to bring the community together and instill quiet. To date, the Watch has grown to be the largest in the City, with over 40 Captains covering more than 50 blocks in the neighborhood. Crime has dropped, pride is back. [Please join the Watch on your block.](#)

## Shoop Park Grand Opening—2008

After 10 years of planning from the League, residents and children alike welcomed the reopening of Shoop Park in July 2008. The five acre park was completely redesigned including basketball courts, volleyball courts, playgrounds, walking trails with exercise stations, open space and a splash park. The park now is the centerpiece for the community.

## Beautification Committee—2008

An integral part to the further strengthening and rehabilitation of the neighborhood housing stock, the Civic League formed a committee of citizens focused on working with the city to bring all housing up to code. The Committee is unique in Norfolk as the only one to post code violations on properties and follow-up with strict enforcement.

## Fairmount Park Youth Civic League—2009

A long wanted goal of the League was to involve the youth of our community into the activities of the neighborhood. The Youth League is comprised of youth ages 4-18 who want to make a difference by volunteering, hosting events at Shoop Park and giving back to their community. The Youth League also takes part in field trips and fund raising.

# On Going Efforts

## Fairmount Park Revitalization Plan—2004 to Present efforts:

**Lafayette Boulevard Acquisition and Redevelopment**  
**Model Block Program Grants/Loans**  
**Sewer System Upgrade (Phase 7 and 8)**  
**Street Repaving/ New Sidewalks/Curbs**  
**Neighborhood Watch Program**  
**Youth Civic Committee/ Youth League**  
**Civic League Website**  
**Strong Codes Enforcement**  
**Partnering with Local Businesses**

## Future Goals

- Continue to Decrease Crime
- Increase Private Home Ownership
- End Inappropriate Infill Housing
- Create Better Communications with Landlords and Business Community
- Create trail and open space network

## Our Vision

The Fairmount Park Neighborhood is a safe, aesthetically appealing, fiscally viable, family-oriented community with excellent educational, social, recreational, and cultural opportunities fostering a strong and diverse residential and business community, with concern for ecological stewardship and cooperation with other city bodies and agencies.

The input of all citizens in the community continues to be of the highest priority of the Civic League. The membership is growing as your officers continue to press for what is needed to turn our neighborhood around and keep it strong.

More Info? Check out:

[www.fairmountparkcivicleague.com](http://www.fairmountparkcivicleague.com)

# Join your neighbors ... Keep Fairmount Park Beautiful!

*This is a friendly reminder that currently your property has an environmental violation. Please take immediate action to correct the item(s) circled below before the City of Norfolk does.*

**Problem:** Trash littering our yards and streets



**Solution:**  
Remove trash & debris from yard, curb or gutter

**Problem:** Overflowing containers



**Solution:** Lids must be fully closed. For extra trash collection, call 441-5813 by Wed 3pm)

**Problem:** Trash & recycling carts set out at the wrong times, or left at the curb too long



**Solution:**  
Carts are collected on Thurs. & may be placed at curb Wed 5pm, removed by Thurs 11:30pm

*Carts must be stored 5ft. behind the building front or screened from view.*

**Problem:** Trash not bagged properly



**Solution:** All trash must be bagged and tied

**Problem:** Improper items placed in recycling cart



**Solution:** Remove all non-recyclable items (see cart lid)

**Problem:** Bulk trash left curbside



**Solution:** Call 441-5813 by Wed 3pm for bulk trash removal.

*These are violations of the City Code and considered hazards to our health and the environment*

**It's your Earth...it's your city...Keep Norfolk Beautiful**

# Fairmount Park is ... Too Good to Waste!

## The Consequences?

Depending upon the violation, an inspector from Public Health, Environmental Storm Water Management, or Waste Management will be sent to the property

### If a Public Health violation:

- If the nuisance remains after the expiration of the time specified in a notice of violation, a notice of abatement may be issued informing the resident the nuisance will be remedied at the expense of the resident or landowner.
- Any person issued a notice of violation pursuant to this section who shall fail to comply therewith within the time specified shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- Any person receiving two or more notices within twelve (12) months of an initial violation notice and who fails to comply with a notice issued pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

### If a Storm Water violation:

- An inspector will be dispatched to review
- A notice of violation with a time frame for remediation is issued to the offender
- In the event no action is taken, a court summons is issued to the offender
- A fine of up to \$2500 per day, plus cleaning costs, is levied against the offender

### If a Waste Management Violation:

Depending on previous violations, or the severity of the violation, either a warning notice or violation will be issued by mail to the resident or owner.

- 1ST violation \$25.00 fine
- 2ND violation within 12 months \$50.00 fine
- 3RD and subsequent violations within 12 months \$100.00 fine



### Questions?

Dept. of Public Health  
683-2700

Env. Storm Water Management  
823-4000

Waste Management  
441-5813

*Not only is litter unsightly, it shows neglect of an area,  
and can lead to an increase in crime*

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MOW YOUR GRASS**



Norfolk City Code Article 1, Section 27-2

This serves as a friendly reminder that the City of Norfolk and the Fairmount Park Civic League want to educate and inform residents that grass needs to be mowed regularly to keep a maintained community appearance. If your grass is not mowed soon, it will result in a **VIOLATION OF CITY CODE CITATION**, and if not corrected, the Owner will be **FINED**.

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