

Estabrook and Coleman Place Community News



6:30 p.m. – April 21, 2026
 6:30 p.m. – May 19, 2026
 6:30 p.m. – June 16, 2026

3612 Robin Hood Road, Norfolk, VA 23513



Promoting the Safety and Welfare of the Community

Email: EstabrookColemanPlace@gmail.com

Message from the Civic League

We have been very busy working for Estabrook/ Coleman Place. Task Force meetings, board meetings, general meetings, City Council meetings, Speaking at City Council March meeting, updates to bylaws, applying mini grant, hosting fundraisers, crafting every Sundays 2 til 4, taking tours to check on community, meeting with residence with concerns, working closely with Neighborhood Specialist and attending classes. Start classes March 5 thru April 2nd. There are numerous volunteers working for Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League. We need some of your time, could you help?? Some tasks are not requiring very long. Picking up trash, putting flags out on holidays. Come to our next meeting on March 27, 2026, at 6:30 to sign up for what you could do for your community to make it Beautiful and a desirable community to live and enjoy life. See you March 17 th.

Carolyn Foca President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

- 1st – Passover Begins
- 1st – April Fools' Day
- 3rd – Good Friday
- 5th – Easter
- 15th – Tax Day
- 21st – **Civic League Meeting**
- 22nd – Earth Day

May

- 5th – Cinco de Mayo
- 10th – Mother's Day
- 16th – Armed Forces Day
- 19th – **Civic League Meeting**
- 25th – Memorial Day

June

- 14th – Flag Day
- 16th – **Civic League Meeting**
- 19th – Juneteenth
- 21st – Father's Day
- 21st – First Day of Summer

Street Sweeping

April 9th, May 14th, June 11th
2nd Thursday of Each Month

Recycling Days

April: 10th, 24th
May: 8th, 22nd
June: 5th, 19th



Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the special women in your life at our *Mother's Day Tea!*

This **free** event is a wonderful opportunity to relax and connect with neighbors. We encourage you to bring your favorite teacup to make the occasion even more memorable. If you do not have one, a teacup will be provided. **All are welcome.**

Father's Day is June 21st!

F – Faithful
 A – Adviser
 T – Teacher
 H – Helper
 E – Encourager
 R – Reliable

This Father's Day, we celebrate the men who show up every day for their families and communities. Whether a father, grandfather, stepfather, or father figure, your love and dedication do not go unnoticed. Thank you for everything you do.

Wishing all dads a wonderful day filled with love!

What's Happening in the City of Norfolk and the Surrounding Area

2026–2027 Virginia Sheriffs Institute (VSI) Scholarship Opportunity

The 2026–2027 Virginia Sheriffs Institute (VSI) Scholarship Program is now open and accepting applications. The application deadline is May 1, 2026. *All applicants who reside in Norfolk must obtain a letter of recommendation from Sheriff Baron.*

To allow sufficient time for review and processing, any request for Sheriff Baron's recommendation must be emailed to Allison.Boyd@norfolk-sheriff.com no later than Friday, April 24, 2026, in order to meet the May 1, 2026, deadline. Applicants are encouraged to review the Scholarship Program Policies and the Application Checklist before submitting materials.

If you or anyone you know is pursuing an education in criminal justice in Virginia, please share this opportunity.

To learn more about the program, visit the VSI webpage at: vasheriffsinstitute.org/program/scholarship/

Spring Break Camp is Coming to Norfolk

Looking for an exciting way to keep your kids active and engaged during Spring Break? Join Norfolk Spring Break Camp from April 6–10! Enjoy crafts, active play, nature adventures, and outdoor fun all week long. Parents should sign up their children now, as these camps will fill up.

Register your child after 10:00 a.m. at the following Recreation Center locations: Bayview, Berkley, Crossroads, East Oceanview, Fairlawn, Lambert's Point, Norview, Sherwood, Tarrallton, and Titustown.

This spring, give your child the gift of fun!
Registration Begins Feb 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



Participants must bring their own ready-made lunch/snack daily.

Juneteenth Norfolk Celebration Friday – Sunday, June 19-21, 2026



Join the City of Norfolk for the Juneteenth Norfolk Celebration, an event that honors unity, freedom, and empowerment for all! This vibrant festival celebrates the achievements of African American communities with live performances from national and regional acts, a spectacular fireworks show, delicious food, and community events. Come together for a day of education, reflection, and celebration of culture and heritage.

Email us at: EstabrookColemanPlace@gmail.com

AGENDAS – April 21st, May 19th, and June 16th

Our speaker for the April 21st meeting will be **Sarah Sterzing Sullivan** with **Keep Norfolk Beautiful**. We look forward to hearing how our community can get involved in keeping Norfolk clean and beautiful.

Our speaker for the May 19th meeting, tentatively, will be **Delegate Jackie Glass**. We look forward to hearing the priorities and updates she will share with our community.

The speaker for the June 16th meeting has not yet been finalized.

Community Resource Officer (CRO) Tomko will report on the neighborhood crime statistics and offer guidance on how we can stay safe and be good stewards of our neighborhood.

Best Ever Buttermilk Pancakes

Yield: 4–6 large servings — reduce all measures by 50% for 2–3 normal servings

Time Needed: 10–15 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1¼ teaspoons flaked salt
- 2½ cups buttermilk
- 2 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- Vegetable oil for coating the griddle or skillet



Instructions

1. Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and flaked salt together in a bowl. Using a fork or whisk, make a well in the center. Pour the buttermilk into the well, crack the eggs into the buttermilk, and add the melted butter. Starting in the center, whisk everything together, moving toward the outside of the bowl, until all ingredients are incorporated. Do not overbeat — lumps are fine. The batter can be refrigerated for up to one hour.
2. Heat a large nonstick griddle or skillet, preferably cast iron, over low heat for about 5 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to the skillet. Turn the heat up to medium-low and, using a measuring cup, ladle ⅓ cup of batter onto the skillet. If using a large skillet or griddle, repeat once or twice, taking care not to crowd the cooking surface.
3. Flip the pancakes after bubbles rise to the surface and the bottoms are lightly browned, about 2 to 4 minutes. Cook until the other sides are lightly browned as well. Remove pancakes to a wire rack set inside a rimmed baking sheet and keep in a heated oven until all the batter is cooked and you are ready to serve.

A special thank you to Charles Benz for sharing this delicious recipe with our community!

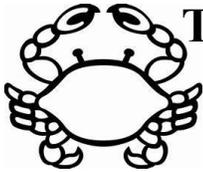
Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your neighbors? We would love to feature it in a future newsletter! Submit your recipe to us at EstabrookColemanPlace@gmail.com

Check Your Smoke Alarm Batteries



Does your home have a working smoke alarm? If not, or if your existing alarm is more than 10 years old, you can request a free smoke alarm installation from your nearest fire station. Submit a request online at MyNorfolk.org, through the [My Norfolk App](#), or by calling **757-664-6510**.

Smoke alarms save lives!



Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront

Bayou Bon Vivant: May 15 – 17, 2026

Cajun Music, Food & Art Festival



Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Free & Open to the public) 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Ticketed)

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Taste the flavors of New Orleans right here in Norfolk! The Bayou Bon Vivant brings three days of crawfish, jazz, Cajun food, and Louisiana culture to Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. Enjoy live music, an Arts Market, crocodile exhibits, beignets, gumbo, and more.

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library got enlarged! We are looking for more donations to support our community members and their love for reading. Both children's and adult books are needed. If you visit our library, please ensure the door is closed behind you so the weather does not affect the books. *Current editions of the Civic League newsletter are available in the library.*

HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

2025-2026 School Supplies Drive – Sherwood Forest/Coleman Place Elementary Schools and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia

We will continue collecting school supplies throughout the year to support students and teachers at our two neighborhood schools. A detailed list of items needed will be available at the collection box during each meeting. Please remember to bring your donation to drop off.

Please help us support the **Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia** throughout the year. A donation jar is located on the President's table for anyone who wishes to contribute.

WELCOME TO ESTABROOK/COLEMAN PLACE NEW HOMEOWNERS

Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League 3612 Robin Hood Rd. Norfolk VA 23513

William J. Bell – 2900 Blk. Chesapeake Blvd.

Dominic Ryan & Cecillya Leverne Kelley – 3100 Blk. Jersey Ave.

Kiaria Shance Goode – 3100 Blk. Montana Ave.

Clement Gouws & Paula Rumi Kaminari – 3100 Blk. Montana Ave.

Henry Reed & Elizabeth Morris – 3300 Montana Ave.

Donna Mills Dickerson – 3500 Blk. Orange St.

Michael Allen Reed & Brianna Rae Snook – 1500 Blk. Palmyra St.

Ona Charmayne Corprew – 2300 Blk. Palmyra St.

Spencer Nelson – 1500 Blk. Rush Street.

Great information for new homeowners: www.norfolk.gov



20 Unusual Uses for Vinegar

Did you know that ordinary white vinegar is one of the most versatile and affordable household products you can own? Here are 20 surprising ways to put it to work around your home!

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| 1. Clean your coffee maker | 11. Freshen laundry |
| 2. Clean showers and tubs | 12. Soften clothes naturally |
| 3. Remove hard water stains | 13. Remove underarm stains |
| 4. Polish chrome fixtures | 14. Brighten whites without bleach |
| 5. Clean glass and mirrors | 15. Clean carpet stains |
| 6. Deodorize drains | 16. Neutralize pet odors |
| 7. Unclog minor sink clogs | 17. Remove sticker residue |
| 8. Clean microwave interiors | 18. Clean stainless steel appliances |
| 9. Remove soap scum | 19. Repel ants and other insects naturally |
| 10. Disinfect cutting boards | 20. Kill weeds in sidewalks and driveways |

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OTHERS AS FAR
AS WE CAN
REACH**

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**SHERIFF JOE BARON AND THE NORFOLK SHERIFF'S
OFFICE IS DEDICATED TO BEING DRIVEN BY OUR
VALUES, CONTINUOUS LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND
OUR MISSION!**

**THE NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORE VALUES:
INTEGRITY IN ALL THINGS - RESPECT AT ALL TIMES - DUTY WITHOUT
PREJUDICE - PRIDE WITHOUT EGO- TEAM BEFORE SELF**

**THE NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT:
THE NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS A VALUES-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION
COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND PUBLIC TRUST.
THIS INCLUDES PROVIDING AN ENVIRONMENT OF LIFE, HEALTH, SAFETY,
AND SECURITY.**

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TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.**

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| <p align="center">CIVIC LEAGUE Membership Application 2026</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Want to serve on a committee Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>Birthday: Month _____ Day _____</p> <p>Payment method: Cash _____ Check #: _____</p> <p>ECPCL meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome Dues are \$15 per year per adult. Send a SASE if you want your membership card mailed to you. Fill in the application form and mail your check to: Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League 3612 Robin Hood Rd Norfolk, VA 23513</p> | <p align="center">Officers for 2026</p> <p>President: Carolyn Foca 757-386-1160 crffoca@gmail.com</p> <p>Vice Pres: Avis McCann 757-855-9110 avismccann@yahoo.com</p> <p>1st Vice Pres: Diane Lionetti 757-407-0100 H1128mygirl@yahoo.com</p> <p>2nd Vice Pres: Fred Gallup 757-855-2642 Freddiethepenguin@aol.com</p> <p>Secretary: Janis Carney 757-855-1783 Jkcarney@cox.net</p> <p>Treasurer: Theresa Russell 757-855-0404 Nuuausala4@gmail.com</p> <p align="center">Board of Trustees</p> <p>Charles Chuck Benz, Lisa Martin, Ben Tyrone Thompson, Bridget Woodberry, Ph.D. Moveleah Woodberry, B.S.</p> <p align="center">Sunshine Lady</p> <p>Claudia Graham 757-287-2036</p> | <p align="center">Important Phone Numbers</p> <p>Norfolk Cares: 757-664-6510 Mamie B Johnson Councilwoman Ward 3 757-664-4268 mamie.johnson@norfolk.gov Police/Fire/EMS Emergency 911 Police Non-Emergency: 757-441-5610 Community Resource Officer: Officer D.W. Tomko 757-390-0406</p> <p>NBN Neighborhood Specialist Kaylynn Stephens 757-407-7701 2nd Patrol Division: 757-823-4433 Public Works 757-664-4600 Code Enforcement 757-664-6510 Environmental Help 757-683-2712 Bulk Waste 757-441-5813</p> <p align="center">Committee Chairs:</p> <p>Membership: Diane Lionetti Refreshment: Janis Carney Property Maintenance: Charles Chuck Benz Christine Martin Ways & Means: Fred Gallup Webmaster: Daniel Barlow, Avis McCann</p> |
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2026 Civic League Dues are \$15/adult each calendar year. The **ECPCL** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month except in July and August.

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