

THE NEHHPA NEWSLETTER



Annual NEHHPA General Membership Meeting

February 23, 2012 at 7 PM

At Noland Memorial Church

Guest Speaker: Nicolas K. Warner

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Program

Why Your Membership Counts

The annual membership meeting is fast approaching next month and thus it is a good time to remind everyone of why membership in NEHHPA is so important. As it has been told in earlier editions of this newsletter, the designation of our neighborhood as a State and Local Historic District did not happen by chance. It took the efforts of many people who put in countless hours to make it happen. For example, the application for National Historic District designation was over fifty-four pages long. The application contains a remarkable inventory of the homes in our neighborhood. A project like this can seem overwhelming, but if divided by streets with each being done by a separate individual, it becomes far less daunting. This upcoming year, the Board would like to make a compilation of our neighborhood's history from the source material which right now is spread over many boxes and make it available to everyone electronically. It will take time to do so, but that time can be shortened considerably by the help of interested members.

NEHHPA is made up of unique and interesting people. The common thread which ties us together is our interest in preserving older homes and our neighborhood. Much has been written about the importance of preservation and the mechanics involved in making that happen neighborhood-wide, but another part of our mission statement is communication. Given our busy lives, no one person is likely to be aware of everything that may currently affect our neighborhood. Thus, a broad and diverse membership may be able to alert the rest of us on matters of importance which otherwise may be missed. It can be done here or even more quickly by posting to the NEHHPA website.

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Calendar

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NEHHPA Board Meeting

February 23, 2012

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General Membership Meeting

Annual Business Meeting

March 20, 2012

NEHHPA Board Meeting

April 17, 2012

NEHHPA Board Meeting

June 2, 2012

NEHHPA Annual Yard Sale

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Why Membership Dues are Important**

Have you wondered where your dues go? What does NEHHPA do with the money it collects from dues and other sales? What ever happened to all the profits from those Homes Tours we used to sponsor?

Have you attended a NEHHPA event at Noland Church, sold goods at a NEHHPA yard sale, enjoyed the decorations in the park, and the tree lights along Huntington Avenue or read a NEHHPA newsletter? These are all funded through your dues, Ways and Means Sales, Newsletter advertising and Yard Sale fees.

Our annual corporation filing, insurance costs and Post Office Box rental, the drinks and paper products provided at NEHHPA gatherings, the replacement of worn and broken Holiday decorations are covered by the income we get from these sources.

The Board of Directors has invested and protected what is remaining from the Homes Tours profits. This fund was envisioned as an account which would be held and grown, by future Homes Tours revenue, into a investment that we could use for possibly purchasing a permanent facility for the organization, or to extend low or no interest loans to members who are historically renovating their homes. Your Board has not used these assets for yearly expenditures in the last four years. They are held separately, growing interest, for the future of this association.

Our Annual General Membership Meeting is in February. At this time, many of us renew our memberships in NEHHPA. If perhaps, this money was paid in the past with some reservations, I hope you now understand that your dues are a vital part of helping NEHHPA to represent our neighborhood. Please encourage your neighbors to come to the meeting, and to join our mutual efforts to keep The North End Huntington Heights a vibrant and harmonious place to live.

THE NORTH END HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The mission statement for the North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association is to preserve the historic residential character of North End Huntington Heights through advocacy, communication, and education.

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One does not need to be a Board Director to contribute their expertise. Not everyone has the time nor inclination to serve on a formal board. However, any organization will need certain skills at some point which Board members may not have and, if you are there, you will have a significant impact at that point. Having a strong membership is an important resource for skills and also for neighborhood advocacy for, as the saying goes, there is strength in numbers. In addition to the aforementioned reasons for being a member it should also be pointed out that a strong membership also helps to give weight to NEHHPA when negotiating with outside agencies.

Finally, perhaps it would be good to reflect on what might have been had there been no NEHHPA, which had its start in the seventies long before many current homeowners ever moved into this neighborhood. The late Parke Rouse, Jr. wrote in a *Daily Press* column from the late seventies, "So the North Enders are banding together to save what is left of the Newport News suburb? ... Today Huntington Avenue -- North End's onetime pride -- seems a banquet of leftovers." Perhaps to him it would seem that our neighborhood's better days were behind it. Certainly, at that time the neighborhood was zoned for multifamily dwellings and generally had a feeling of neglect given by generally lower property values, houses at the point of condemnation, and long resale times. But, through the efforts of NEHHPA, the city has made many changes in within our neighborhood such as establishing the neighborhood as a historic district, zoning, creating a park at the convergence of Huntington and Warwick

Avenues, rebuilding sidewalks, and planting trees.

Our neighborhood may not be what it was sixty or seventy years ago, what neighborhood is, but it is doubtful that one could call it a "banquet of leftovers." With your continued support through your dues and participation in NEHHPA, we can make our neighborhood a welcoming feast in both architecture and neighborliness.

Because so much has been done over the years, there is a danger in becoming complacent and to ask the question, "What is in it for me", but the better question is "Do you want to do without NEHHPA?" You may not use the Police or Fire Department on a regular basis, but they are there when they are really needed and so you can say as much for NEHHPA. There are times when a strong neighborhood organization is needed. With your continued support, through your dues and participation in NEHHPA, it will be there when it is needed.

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A Marker for our Neighborhood

As you drive down Huntington Avenue just south of Trinity Lutheran Church, you may have noticed a new plaque recognizing the unique historical nature of our neighborhood. The plaque dedication was held on November 5, 2012.

The Board had asked Mr. Billie Milner, former vice-mayor, and a former resident of the neighborhood to speak. While he was unable to attend, he was gracious enough to provide the following remarks:

“My family moved to 315 52nd Street in 1936 and then to 310 55th Street in 1939. My elementary school was Stonewall Jackson. We would walk to school, come home for lunch and then return. We wanted it to rain because they had "Rainy Day Session" and that meant the school day was much shorter.

It was a wonderful place for a growing boy. We would play football on the grass across from the Ferguson home at 61st Street next to the big water tank on "Virginia Avenue," now Warwick Boulevard. The street car came up 55th Street and on Halloween we would grease the tracks and then pull the arm extending up to the power line so the street car could not move. Then when I went to Newport News High School, I would either catch a "CRT" bus, walk or ride my bike.

I am pleased that the City of Newport News has chosen this plaque to honor a well deserved neighborhood.”

Billie Millner passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2011, after a brief illness.

This neighborhood is still going strong because we have residents who strongly believe in preservation. Active since 1974, the North End - Huntington Heights Preservation Association actively pursued its federal, state and city historic designations to ensure that people today can see a historic neighborhood and perhaps relive their memories, even though the disappearance of much of downtown makes the context of our neighborhood harder to discern with only old photographs and memories of the downtown's once vibrant past to rely on. History is best preserved when you have tangible evidence

While Colonial Williamsburg is an example of historic re-creation, historic preservation was borne out of the loss of the Penn Station in New York City. Preservation can take many forms: The Warwick Hotel, and Noland Place are examples of preserving the downtown through creative re-use. We are different. We are preserving what is still here in its original purpose. We have seen jewels in our neighborhood reach the point of condemnation and then be lovingly restored to their original glory. While the imposing homes along Huntington Avenue may be the most visible indications of these preservation efforts, these efforts have been pursued with equal fervor throughout the neighborhood down to the smallest craftsman cottages.

Our neighborhood preservation association is proud that this plaque is dedicated not to a footnote in history that exists only in one's memories, but to a neighborhood that is still here today. Let this plaque serve not as a memorial to the past, but as a beacon to the future.

Annual NEHHPA General Membership Meeting

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At Noland Memorial Church

This is a reminder to everyone that our annual General Membership Meeting is on February 23rd, at Noland Memorial Unity Methodist Church. We encourage you to come at 6:45 PM to become a new member or to renew your membership. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The Meeting will highlight a guest speaker providing information of interest to our neighborhood, and then conduct the business meeting, which will present the items below on the agenda.

We are pleased to announce that Nicolas K. Warner will be our speaker and share with us information about the CERT program. He will describe the Disaster Prep, CERT Organization, Fire Safety, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, Medical OPS I and II, Terrorism, and final disaster scenario. He will also have application forms, brochures, and a flyer with the upcoming class schedule. Having several people from the same neighborhood take the class is vital to building a good CERT team for their local area. He will also speak about supplemental training, the specialty teams for pet sheltering, points of distribution, and outreach which is also important for participants to continue to stay involved and refresh their skills.

Following the guest speaker, we will conduct our regular meeting. The Board will explain what has been done over the past year, where it would like to go in the next year, and what is hoped to be accomplished. We will present a survey for members so that they can express their thoughts and desires and hopefully it will generate more meaningful input into NEHHPA.

Nominations to the Board will then be accepted and voted upon according to the by-laws. Please check our website, <http://www.nehpa.org> for updates and information about the membership meeting.

The Board hopes to continue the rebuilding of membership effort and to establish better working relationships with the City of Newport News and its departments as well as with our biggest neighbor, Huntington Ingalls Industries. Each member who joins and participates in those efforts brings all of us that much closer to achieving these ends.

Warwick Boulevard Revival

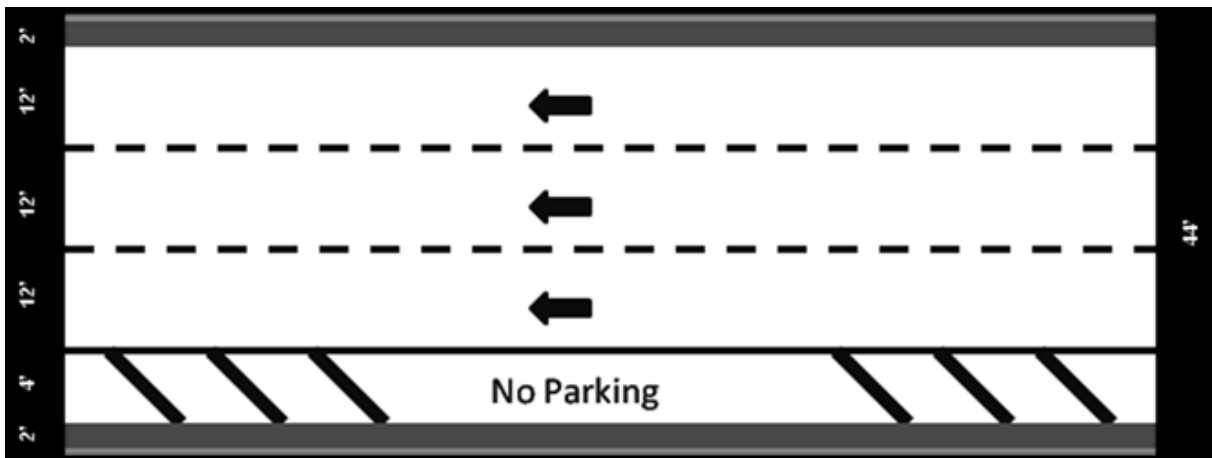
Are you wondering what happened to Warwick Boulevard? Come this spring there are big plans for its resurfacing and restriping. The diagram below shows what Warwick will look like upon completion. The direction arrows are northbound.

According to Dave Wilkinson, Asst. Chief of Transportation, The roadway resurfacing project could not be completed last year due to extensive delays on the draining project. By the time the drain project was completed, the weather had gotten to a point that paving projects were not recommended. The resurfacing project is scheduled for the Spring of 2012, at which time a new striping plan will be implemented.

The revised marking plan, as approved by the Director of Engineering and City Manager's office, will:
Keep the same markings from 50th Street to 55th Street – thus leaving the on street parking on the east side of Warwick Blvd.
From 55th Street to 68th Street, shift the travel lanes to the east with three (3) 12' wide travel lanes.
A 2' gutter will be provided on both sides and the remaining 4' area will be placed on the west side (adjacent to the homes and striped for no parking).
It will also allow this area to be reserved for a future separated pedestrian and/or bicycle area to be able to be constructed.

Block Captains

- 51st - Gene Nicholson - 340 51st
- 52nd - Vacant
- 53rd - Mark Shanks
- West Hunt 51-54 Linda Bordeaux 226 52nd
- 54th - Bonnie Snead - 342 54th
- 55th - Phil Shook 310 55th
- 56th - Betty Zattiero 5601 Huntington
- 57th - Virginia Gall 338 57th
- 58th - Pat Ward 315 58th
- 59th - Karen Velkey 6702 Huntington
- 60th - John Hughes 335 60th
- 61st - Glenn Norcutt 340 61st
- 62nd - Brenda Robbins 330 62nd
- 63rd - Matt Gardner 6300 Huntington
- 64th - Bea Dahlen 6306 Huntington
- 65th - Billie Leggette 6408 Huntington
- 66th - George Silk 6512 Huntington
- 67th - Agnes Kump 314 67th
- 68th - Vacant
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Application for membership

Please complete this form and mail with your check (payable to NEHHPA) to the address listed above.

Please circle the category of membership below for which you are applying.

Resident Member: To be eligible, you must reside in the area from 46th Street to 70th, bounded by Huntington and Warwick, and 70th to 73rd, from Warwick to the James River.

Associate Member: This category applies to all who live outside the area described above. Associates have all rights of membership excluding the right to vote and hold office.

The cost is **\$20 per year** per household and is good February of the current year until February of the following year. Lifetime membership is also available for \$150 per household.

Number of years ____ X \$20 = Total \$_____ or purchase a Lifetime Membership for \$150

Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Member #2: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address _____

Emergency contact _____ (in case something happens while you're out of town)

Please circle below any committees with which you might be willing to assist.

Block Captain	Membership	Homes Tour	Newsletter
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