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CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING Thursday, MAY 15, 7:30 PM THALIA TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Scholarship

Thalia Civic League/Garden Club Combined Scholarship

The 2013-2014 Thalia Civic League and Garden Club Combined Scholarship applications are in, and the winning applicant will be announced at the May 15th Thalia Civic League meeting. Applicants will read their essays on "Growing up in Thalia." This is a special part of the program which allows the applicants to show their appreciation for our great neighborhood.

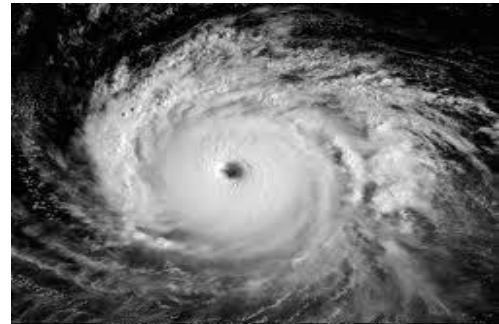
This scholarship is given each year to a high school graduating senior from Thalia seeking to continue his or her education. This year we will award a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

At the end of the readings, the applicant selected for the scholarship will be announced.



Dredging Update

Thalia-Buchanan Creek Dredge Committee member Michelle Exum will provide an update and answer questions regarding the ongoing Buchanan Creek Dredging project. Following a meeting last August, City Council agreed to move forward with the release of petitions for homeowner signatures. Those petitions were distributed to waterfront homeowners in April 2014.



Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season officially begins June 1. There are three important steps to making sure you and your family weather severe storms successfully — Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Stay Informed.

All of us know the importance of being prepared and to help us prepare, Virginia has enacted a **sales tax holiday**. Hampton Roads shoppers won't pay the 6 percent sales tax on many emergency supplies purchased for protecting their homes or businesses during the coming storm season from Saturday, May 24, through midnight, Saturday, May 31.

A wide range of items qualify for the tax exemption, including flashlight batteries, blue ice, first aid kits, weather band and two-way radios, and portable generators and inverters. A more complete list of items can be found at both of the following: www.ReadyVirginia.gov, www.ListoVirginia.gov



Thalia Garden Club Notes (Submitted by Mary Anne Pate)

When purchasing perennials at your garden center, look for plants that are not overgrowing their containers. These plants will likely be root-bound and have suffered from drying out repeatedly. Look for vigorously growing plants in adequately-sized containers.

Keeping your mower blades sharp will help to keep your lawn looking green all summer. Dull blades leave a ragged edge that turns brown, giving the grass a brownish-yellow cast. Use a file regularly on your mower blades to keep them in top condition. Another tip to get the cleanest cut of your lawn is to slow down your blade speed. At high speeds the blades tend to rip the grass while at lower speeds they give a clean cut.

NEWSLETTER CARRIERS We are so grateful for their continuing assistance!

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Grass seed can be stored for about two years. It will not germinate quite as well and may need to be put down thicker. Fertilizer is good pretty much indefinitely, but you may need a hammer to break it apart. Other garden chemicals vary in their life span, so it is best to check out the Web site for your specific product. Remember: never dump out a chemical; check with the city for proper disposal sites.

Did you know?

... Help keep Thalia safe; be vigilant and call the police at 911 regarding anything suspicious. As an alternative, the Virginia Beach Police non-emergency number is 385-5000.

... Your Thalia Civic League is sponsoring a **4th of July neighborhood parade** this year. The parade will be led by our local fire department and will start at about 0900. Parade route and details are being developed. Check the Thalia Civic League Web site <http://thaliacivicleague.org> or the **Next door Thalia social media site** for the latest info.

... Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation invites you and your furry friends to Mount Trashmore Park Saturday, May 17, 2014, for a day of fun at the **K-9 Karnival**. Details are available from www.vbgov.com/government.

... **10th Annual Patriotic Festival will be Headlined by The Band Perry, Jake Owen and Little Big Town** to celebrate our military with three days of performances by national touring artists, air shows and other activities May 30 - June 1 at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.

... **the next meeting of the Thalia Civic League is on 18 September 2014. Have a great summer and don't forget the 4th of July parade!**

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