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Next Civic League Meeting

LOCATION: DOCK OF THE BAY RESTAURANT (FORMERLY FLAGSHIP)

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM



Please join us for the next Civic League meeting. Items for discussion include:

- Election of Officers
- Residential/auto larcenies

Civil Unrest

by Bruce Bremer



We've seen it in the news. Protests against law enforcement have been spreading throughout the country. Our region is not immune. Just a few days ago, large protests against the Ferguson grand jury decision on the Michael Brown case took place in Richmond and Mount Trashmore. The question is, "What will you do if you suddenly find yourself caught in the middle of a protest or riot? How do you get out of that situation?"

Here are a few pointers from **Wikihow**:

1. Remain calm. Avoid confrontation by keeping your head down. Walk at all times. If you run or move too quickly, you will attract unwanted attention.

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New Officers, Members... An Urgent Need

by Bruce Bremer



A civic league is a curious thing. When problems appear that impact residents, the organization acts, elected officials are contacted, government agencies respond, and (usually) the situation is resolved.

The opposite problem arises when things are going well. The absence of an urgent problem lulls citizens and the civic league shrinks. However, the only constant is change and eventually tranquility will give way to the next urgent crisis.

The select few who have been keeping things going are even fewer in number. It's time for fresh talent to step forward. Talk to your neighbors. Consider whether you are the one who will next "stand in the gap."

Civil Unrest, cont.

2. Keep your loved ones close. If you're not alone, then the first thing you should do is grip the hands or **lock elbows** with all of the people who are with you. If you're with a child, hold him in your arms so he doesn't get trampled. Sticking together with your loved ones should be your first priority – your second should be finding a way out.

3. Don't get involved. If you're caught in a riot, the last thing you want to do is try to take sides, help out, or stand out. In fact, you should stand out as little as possible as you move to the outside of the mob and away from the action.

4. Drive appropriately if you're in a car. Unless your car is the focus for the angry mob in the riot, you should stay in the car and continue driving as calmly as possible. Try to keep to the streets that are clear of riots, and avoid the main roads that are more likely to be occupied. Make a U-turn to stay away from crowds.

5. Move away from the riot as calmly as possible. If you're on foot, you should move away by going with the flow of foot traffic, not against it.

Continue to move with the crowd until you can escape into a doorway, an alley, a side street, or a safe building.

6. Avoid heavy-traffic areas. To maximize your chances of safety, you should avoid the areas that are most likely to be crowded. Stay off the beaten path so you don't put yourself in a dangerous situation.

7. Move to a safe enclosed area. Riots most commonly happen outside on the streets, not inside buildings.

8. Stay informed. Use social media to alert you as to where to stay away from, as well as the local radio and news. Staying on top of the news can help you know which areas should be avoided in advance.

9. Get back to Shea Terrace. It's friendlier here.

For more information, check out this web site:
<http://www.wikihow.com/Survive-a-Riot>

There's a new grocer in town.

Kroger Marketplace recently opened its doors on Fredrick Blvd. Just in case you think store cards are a waste of time, here's an example of a 40¢/gallon discount:



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