

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



January 2009

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## Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria February 19th - 6 pm Annual Pot Luck Dinner

Bring your favorite dish to share.  
Drinks, plastic ware and paper products  
supplied by the Civic League

Everyone is welcome to attend

Program: Good Food and Good Neighbors

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

You will be receiving a stamped envelope with your January Newsletter. Please promptly write a check to Pembroke Meadows Civic League for \$10 for your 2009 dues. These dues benefit everyone in the neighborhood. The Civic League supports not only our neighborhood, but the recreation center/pool, the garden club, the local schools, Ferry Plantation House, the gazebo, entrance flag and lights and median cleanup and maintenance, and just about everything affecting life in this area. Residents get a lot for their \$10!

Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center

 **Family Spaghetti Dinner**   
**Fundraiser**

Sunday, February 22, 2009 5-7 PM  
Old Donation Episcopal Church, 4449 N. Witchduck Road

**Adults - \$8.00**  
**6-12 years-old - \$5.00**  
**Under 6 Free**



**Free Raffle ticket with  
every adult ticket  
purchased.**

For tickets and information contact Erin at [estras4@cox.net](mailto:estras4@cox.net) or 499-5478  
Please help provide critical support for the Pembroke Meadows Pool –  
it's a GREAT place for EVERYONE.

## PEMBROKE LADIES LUNCH GROUP

The February Ladies Lunch will be held at the Conklin's Irish Rover Pub located at 3157 Virginia Beach Blvd, Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

It does not face the boulevard, but is just behind the store "Worth the Wait" which is just before the Francis Land House. If you have any further questions, call your phone person or Jeanette. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Please remember, if you are coming, do make a reservation so the restaurant can plan for us.

Thanks,

- Jeanette 497-070

## Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center

The pool is in hibernation right now, but the members are not. We have quite a few events on the horizon. The first event is the Family Spaghetti Dinner on Feb 22 at Old Donation Episcopal Church 5-7pm. As the title says, this is for the whole family. Check out the ad in the newsletter for activities and point of contact for tickets. You can also get tickets from any board member. Join us for a fun time and a way to replenish the coffers at the pool. The pool resurfacing will be draining all available funds and we need to get healthy again. We will be delaying the sale of Norfolk Florist cards until August due to all the activities this spring.

Membership applications are available online at [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org). Don't forget that an incremental payment plan is available also. Please invite your friends to the pool this summer and let them see how much fun it can be. Erin has a social calendar in progress that will stun you. She has such great ideas for the season. We want to thank all of our neighbors in the Civic League for their great support of the pool.

- Jeanne B.

## FRIDAY FRIENDS GROUP

Remember that Friday Friends group meets every other Friday at 1:00 PM, in Pembroke Meadows. The next ones are January 23, Feb 6 and Feb 20. These are get togethers for seniors who would like to socialize and chat. Simple coffee, tea, and a snack - nothing fancy, just pleasant camaraderie right in the neighborhood. All you need to do is register to attend 497-2130.

- Loretta Watkins

## Red Light Camera UPDATE

Our January speaker was Master Police Officer Brian Walters. He provided an update on the **Photo Safe Program**, involving placing camera's at appropriate intersections to photograph cars running red lights. The program stresses safety through consistent enforcement. In Fairfax, the second year that camera's were in place, accidents at intersections were reduced by 50%.

Officer Walters explained the mechanics of the system and provided sample video clips. The triggers for the cameras are activated when a vehicle crosses the stop bar after the light turns red. The camera starts taking photos 0.5 seconds after the light turns red. 12 seconds of video footage is retained for each incident. If you trigger a camera, the incident is reviewed and if the officers determine it was an offense you will get a notice in the mail. The notice will direct you to a web site where you can review the video and even pay your fine!

Signs will be posted at the 20 intersections where "red light cameras" are installed. The decision where to install cameras is made by VDOT in cooperation with the Police Dept. Public Works Traffic Engineering. More information can be obtained at the web site: **[www.VBgov.com/PhotoSafe](http://www.VBgov.com/PhotoSafe)**

Officer Walters also explained that VDOT engineers will soon "sequence" the stop lights on Independence Blvd to make traffic flow easier to I-264. 107,000 vehicles pass through the Independence / VA Bch Blvd intersection daily.

## LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE YEARS - THANK YOU TO THE PAST AND PRESENT VOLUNTEERS

I see lots of "new" names in the Civic League officer list -- at least they are different from the ones I have seen there for so many years. But as we get older, we need some relief, and as faithful and dedicated as all the previous officers have been, the addition of new "younger" blood is vital to the life of our community's organization. I want to thank all the officers and committee persons and everyone else who have stepped up to keep the Civic League and Rec Center/pool going. I believe that it is important to have a cohesive neighborhood and the Civic League, the Newsletter, and the Directory have been what has kept us unified for over three decades. The Civic League provides a wonderful forum for information and action, keeping Pembroke Meadows, Shores and Townhomes a very nice place to live. Thanks again, to past and present Civic League volunteers.

Loretta Watkins, Drury Circle

<i>Pembroke Meadows Civic League Median Strip Cleanup</i>	
<i>Jan 15 - 30</i>	<i>The Moore's</i>
<i>Feb 1 -14</i>	
<i>Feb 15 - 28</i>	

## Civic League Website

Neighborhood residents should check the Civic League Website to stay informed of the minutes of the general membership meeting and all the current activities and actions going on in our neighborhood, such as upcoming installation of camera's at stop lights.

The civic league website may be found at [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org).

- Teri Mikulka

## Our Neighbors Being Neighborly

Following the belief that Pembroke Meadows/Pembroke Shores, Hudgins Shores and the Townhouses have the best residents in our City, we'd like to start a new feature in our newsletter. We'd like this feature to highlight our neighbors being neighborly. Please send your observations on to Donna Price at [donnaprice@cox.net](mailto:donnaprice@cox.net). She'll put them together and get them to our paper editor for publications. Let's start this month with the following:

Mr. Mark Tietjen, from the townhouses, who has volunteered and registered with the City to Adopt a Street in our neighborhood. Mr. Tietjen, seeing a need, has volunteered to adopt the half of Pembroke Boulevard from Cathedral Drive to the park. Next time you see Mark out and about, how about saying thank you.

Ms. Peggy Caverly, also from the townhouses, who participated in a grassroots efforts to respond to a cry for help from the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Ms. Caverly announced at the January civic league meeting that she had a personal goal of collecting 50 pounds of food and hoped she'd be able to do so by the pick up date. Next time you see Peggy, please be certain to recognize her efforts for those in our community in need.

Mrs. Jeannette Willenbrink, from Pembroke Meadows, who upon hearing that there was a need to contact "someone" to get the bricks located in the shopping center lot at our entryway repaired, volunteered to make a call. Within 24 hours, Mrs. Willenbrink had received a promise to get the masonry repairs completed. Next time you see Jeannette, please be sure to express your gratitude for her continued efforts to keep our neighborhood entrance welcoming.

Way to go! Please let us know of the other good deeds that often go unnoticed that benefit our community.

## New Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

Did you know there is a difference between brands and bulbs? They save you money and use far less electric power which is great for the pocket. However, it seems that some bulbs come on bright as soon as they are turned on. Other bulbs take several minutes to warm up. These bulbs come on very dim and slowly brighten up and may take several minutes to do so. So don't be discouraged if you first purchased the slow to brighten bulbs. Just ask for the bulbs that come on bright right away for areas that need instant light.

## Pet Notification Program

Gerry Richter reports that very few completed Pet Registration Forms have been sent in to date. We have had 11 lost and found pets reported since Christmas. Blank forms are on our web site or you can obtain one from her directly by calling 497-5243.

If you value your pet please help us locate and return your pet to you. Your pet loves and misses you when lost.

- Gerry Dashiell-Richter

## It's all in the eyes

Steer into a skid -- We've all heard that you should steer into a skid. But what does that mean? Ideally, drivers would turn their steering wheel in the direction opposite (or steer into) the skid. But it turns out that most drivers will automatically steer into a skid; they don't need to be told to do so.

*What is even more important, and what many drivers fail to do in a skid, is to keep their eyes on the intended path of travel. If you continue to look where you want to go, your hands and feet will automatically work to accomplish this. In a skid, it's all in the eyes, so continue to look and steer where you want to go.*

## ALUMINUM WIRING

When our homes were built ALUMINUM WIRING was the newest thing in construction. It did not take long before problems with aluminum wiring became apparent.

**PEMBROKE MEADOWS and SHORES were wired with aluminum.**

Now that yard work slows down, holiday rush is over and colder weather keeps us indoors, it is very important to take the time for your families safety to have your wiring checked by a qualified electrician.

Take the time to walk around your house and garage placing your hand over **every** receptacle to check for heat. If you have any blinking lights, breakers that flip, or outlets that don't work it may well be due to the wiring.

Aluminum wiring expands and contracts, becomes brittle over time and can even break.

Co/al (copper/aluminum) receptacles are available at Lowes and Home Depot. Be sure when selecting that each receptacle has the "co/al" imprinted on it.

Receptacles that are subject to frequent plugging and unplugging such as those used for vacuum cleaners, appliances, blow dryers, curling irons etc. are more susceptible to failure in the wiring.

BE SAFE NOW-- NOT SORRY LATER

- Gerry Dashiell-Richter

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

If a young person needs "community service hours" contact Mike Moore at 557-0328. The Civic League may be able to pair you up against a community improvement project. We also welcome any project suggestions.

## KIDS KORNER KUDOS

Each month we will be featuring something from a kid's point of view. This month we start with recognition of the Citizens of the Month at Pembroke Meadows Elementary. These students were selected for the month of December/January.

Michael S.	Boccella's Kind.
Ayden K.	Boccella's Kind.
Stacey B.	Lam's Kind.
Jessilyn C.	Lam's Kind.
Jordan E.	Potter's Kind
Taylor V.	Alexander 1st grade
Savana M.	Rimpau 1st grade
Giovanni C.	Stephens 1st grade
Daniel W.	C. Widel 1st grade
Quinn C	Burket 2nd grade
Alana Y.	Garrison 2nd grade
Ray S.	Giles 2nd grade
Anastasia M.	Harris 2nd grade
Olivia M.	Ruloff 2nd grade
Jacob H.	Mahl 3rd grade
Walter R.	Treat 3rd grade
Nicole G.	TRZ 3rd grade
Tre T.	Watson 3rd grade
Serena P.	Ferebee 4th grade
Rand B.	Leneski 4th grade
Latonya S.	Tate 4th grade
Andrea R.	Gray 5th grade
Rachel Y.	Ritzel 5th grade
Jasmine F.	Ryan 5th grade
Ariel W.	Schaefer 5th grade
Kenzi W.	Art
Ariel W.	Music
Caitlin W.	P.E.

Congratulations to you all!

## Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>First VP</i>	<i>Brian Rabe</i>	<i>456-0864</i>
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Bill Hawley</i>	<i>499-7987</i>
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clera Hall</i>	<i>473-8258</i>
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>John Sheadel</i>	<i>499-0678</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Teri Mikulka,</i>	<i>497-5856</i>
<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>497-8844</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-579</i>

### Committees

<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	<i>Michael J. White</i>	
<i>Entrance/Median</i>	<i>Jim Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>Electrical</i>	<i>George Watkins</i>	<i>497-2130</i>
<i>Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</i>
<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>

### *Block Security*

<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Stephanie Neihart</i>	<i>456-5795</i>
<i>Shores</i>	<i>Bob/Marge Brotman</i>	<i>497-0565</i>
<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Barbara Willenbrink</i>	<i>554-0092</i>

<i>Directory Chairman</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
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### *Lakes/Waterways*

<i>Lake Pembroke</i>	<i>Chairman: Jim Willenbrink</i>	
<i>Lake Meadows</i>	<i>Jim Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>
<i>Lynnhaven</i>	<i>Charlie Russ</i>	<i>497-5298</i>
	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>

### *Welcoming Committee Chair: Open*

<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Donna Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>Shores</i>	<i>Lisa Dutko</i>	<i>473-1112</i>
<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Liz Hayes</i>	<i>472-0238</i>

### *Newsletter Editor*

<i>Newsletter Ads</i>	<i>Bruce Blair</i>	<i>497-8844</i>
	<i>Clera Hall (Temp.)</i>	<i>963-2239</i>

### *Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry*

<i>Shores</i>	<i>Belinda Nash</i>	<i>490-2504</i>
<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Jim Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>

### *Pool Phone*

*963-2239*