

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



May 2012

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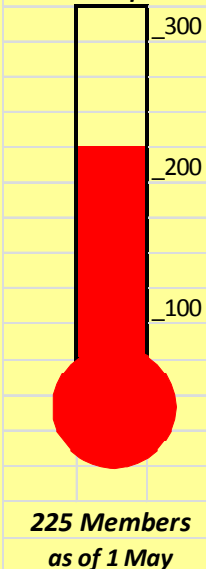
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## Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School May 17th, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

Last meeting before we break for the summer! Come put your 2 cents in and get a cookie!



## POOL OPENING DAY Saturday, May 26 – 11 A.M. FREE NEIGHBORHOOD SWIM!

We invite everyone in our neighborhood to join us at the pool for one free day of swimming. Bring your friends and enjoy a relaxing Saturday by the pool. Try us – like us – then join us!

## Memorial Day Cookout At the pool, Monday, May 28 12 noon -2PM For pool members, bring a side dish to share! See details inside.

## CLEAN THE BAY DAY Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8-11 a.m.

As we have done for the past 23 years, our civic league, along with neighboring communities will participate in this year's Clean the Bay Day. Our volunteer commitment is to remove trash from our neighborhood lakes and their adjacent shores and drains (e.g., gutters). See details on page 3.

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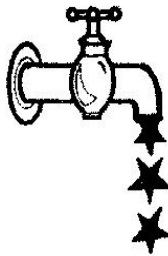
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## Median Clean Up

May (yes, all month!)	Rebecca Barrio
June (hoot!)	Jeff Brown and family
July (too good to be true)	George Wilson
August	???

*Please thank our volunteers!*

*To add your name here, call Brian Miller at 499-0039*

## CLEAN THE BAY DAY

As we have done for the past 23 years, our civic league, along with neighboring communities will participate in this year's Clean the Bay Day, on Saturday June 2nd. Our volunteer commitment will be to clean up trash from our neighborhood lakes and their adjacent shores and drains (e.g., gutters).

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this statewide effort to improve the cleanliness and quality of the Bay's waters and tributaries. The time for this event is 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon; however, if you cannot make it that Saturday but can help earlier that week, please contact one of the co-zone captains, Jeff Brown (464-0183) or Jim Willenbrink (497-0700).

You may also contact one of our area coordinators below if you prefer to help in a specific area:

Bob Lukeman, 497-2841: Lake Pembroke North (@ Independence Blvd)

Frank Mulcahy, 499-6699: Lake Pembroke East (@ spillway)

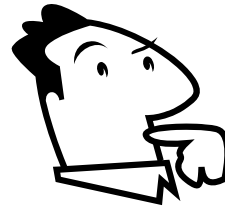
Fred Willis, 490-3002: Lake Pembroke West (west of Independence)

Jim Hall, 473-8258: Old Donation Creek and Cove

Jeff Brown, 464-0183: Pembroke Meadows Park and Thurston Creek

Note: After noon on the 2nd, a post CTBD picnic will be held at a local park. Also each volunteer can receive a free Cinema Cafe Ticket and a certificate of participation (to qualify for "community service")

Thanks again to Cinema Cafe. For years, Cinema Cafe has donated free movie tickets for our various volunteer efforts.



## PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Wow! It is hard to believe that another summer season is less than three weeks away. One of the shining assets of this neighborhood is the pool at the end of Pembroke Boulevard. It is not just a recreational treasure, but a social jewel, a fun factory and a safe and activity filled environment for the kids.

Many a neighbor learned to swim at the pool and many honed their skills on the Marlins Swim Team. Check out the PMCL website for more information about pool and/or swim team membership.

I'd like to give a big thank you to all those who helped out at the Spring Fling. Our volunteers who coordinate these activities and make the beautification occur are a wonderful benefit to our community.

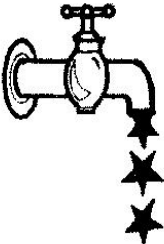
There is a summer hiatus of civic league meetings after the May meeting (we resume in September), but there are plenty of neighborhood activities. There will be another August neighborhood block-style party at the pool. Look for the median announcement board for the date.

Enjoy the heat and the cool of the pool!

## APRIL MEETING NOTES...

April's meeting featured Tiffany Twine from the Virginia Beach Visitors Bureau and what an enlightening presentation it was. Isn't it always that way, you never take advantage of all the things that are right in the town where you live? There are several new programs available, including group adventures/tours, anything from behind the scenes at a local theatre production to a tour with Rosie the Riveter at the Aviation Museum to a tour of the back-bay by kayak. There are lots of suggestions for all those out of town visitors and grandchildren. You can also see everything that is going on in Virginia Beach by the week online or sign up for their electronic newsletter. Just go to [www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com](http://www.VisitVirginiaBeach.com) and click around, I was quite impressed by our town. I didn't even realize the Aquarium now has a walk through water tunnel, it's been awhile since we visited, how about you?

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## BOX TURTLE UPDATE

The Eastern Box Turtles are finally coming out now and are they ever hungry!

Fresh out of their winter hibernation they require protein and water.

Box turtles differ from our lake turtles in that they have higher rounded shells and do not live in the water. Please watch out for them as you work in and around your yard.

**Found Box Turtles can be dropped off at Gerry Richter's home at 613 Abbey Drive-497-5243.**



## LOST PET REPORT

Fortunately, it has been a slow month for lost dogs. Only 4 have been reported (one a double offender). All were happily returned to owners.

Sadly, I was informed that a large dog did not make it back from its trip to Hardees. Traffic on Independence Blvd can be heavy and pets don't have much of a chance against vehicles.

Please register your pets in our neighborhood's FREE Pet Lost / Found Registry. Forms and details are on line at [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org).

- Gerry Richter



## Ladies Lunch Group

The May 24th (Thursday) luncheon will be held at Bravo Cucina Italiana, 193 Central Park Avenue (in Town Center area) at 12 noon.

The June 27th (Wednesday) luncheon will be held at The Cheesecake Factory, 265 Central Park Avenue (in Town Center) at 12 Noon.

The July 26th (Thursday) luncheon will be at Bubba's, 3323 Shore Drive (Turn right at the foot of the Lesner Bridge) at 12 noon.

Please call with your reservations at least two **days** before luncheon if possible.

Calls: Loretta Ph# 497-2130 or Jeanette 497-0700 or email to [jlwillen@aol.com](mailto:jlwillen@aol.com)  
 We look forward to seeing you! Jeanette

## MY OPINION: A DISCOURAGING TURNOUT

At 8:15 Saturday morning, there were exactly 6 adult volunteers at the pool for Spring Fling, myself and 5 of the Pool Board members. As the morning progressed, a few kids and perhaps another half dozen adults came and went that actually did some work. If the lifeguards had not shown up at 10 AM, we would not have even had enough to pull off the pool cover! We ended up paying the guards to stay and help with the clean up. I know of only one other person who worked on the area at the dam. This is just so discouraging to the people who do volunteer their time, a dozen people cannot do everything that needs to be done at the pool, not to mention the park, the dam and the median. If we have to start paying the guards to do the work that used to be done by volunteers, I will not vote to continue the stimulus plan that the civic league provides to lower the cost of pool memberships and just recommend we give that money to the pool to pay for more guard time. Perhaps the pool membership should include either mandatory volunteer time or paying an additional fee. I hate to see it come to this, but come on, people! If you can't make it on Spring Fling Day or closing day, then contact a board member and come up to the pool another day, there is often a board member there working.

---Carol Moore



**If you are interested in receiving timely neighborhood updates – lost/found pets, our neighborhood watch news, found property notices, etc., please send an email to Jim and Clara Hall at [jjimhal@cox.net](mailto:jjimhal@cox.net) .**

**They will add your name to our email update list. Please be assured that the Halls protect your email address. It is not seen in electronic notices transmitted throughout our neighborhood nor is it provided to advertisers or others.**

## THE READING CORNER

House's Hugh Laurie as Author

Hugh Laurie wrote a mystery back in 1996. Not surprising that the novel's hero is an articulate, funny, wise-cracking Brit, who reminds me more of Laurie's Bertie Wooster character than he does of House. The library has one copy, a trade-sized paperback which I am still reading. It is laugh-out-loud humor.

Title is *The Gun Seller*.



-Loretta Watkins

## Ferry Plantation House

[www.ferryplantation.org](http://www.ferryplantation.org)

### SUMMER HISTORY CAMP – Grades 1-6

June 25-29: Chesapeake Indians

July 2-6: Pirates on the Lynnhaven

Aug 13-17: Civil War

Aug 20-24: The First Landing

This is a learning and fun camp. Archeologists will be on hand to teach and supervise an actual archeological dig on Mondays - Thursdays.

Further information and sign up, call **473-5182**

### GRACE SHERWOOD DAY- "THE WITCH OF PUNGO"

Come to Ferry Plantation House on Tuesday July 10th and learn about Grace, her trial, and ducking. Grace was the only woman tried by water in Virginia. A movie will be shown. Donation are \$5.00 per person. All ages are welcomed. The ducking begins at 10 a.m. but you may come throughout the day until 3 p.m.

## THANK OUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank our Neighborhood Distributors for the wonderful job they do every month. Most of them have been doing it for years and a few new ones have joined the ranks. How many folks does it take to get you a newsletter?

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We would also like to thank Janie Travis for all the years she put in delivering them.

## Neighborhood Hero's Needed

Some of our civic league volunteers are seeking replacement in their (sometimes long held) positions.

We have openings and need for:

Median Display Board - poster and announcement placements as necessary.

Recording Secretary - Take minutes at the Civic League board meetings and neighborhood meetings.

## DO YOU KNOW THIS DOG?

There is a husky that often shows up all muddy in our fenced back yard. It arrives by way of the creek shoreline as you can see below. I am fond of all animals but I really don't want this one in my yard. It has left muddy paw prints on the windows, on our clothes, nearly pushed us over, etc. And it is certainly not safe for the dog to roam.

Thank you for anything you can do about this pet.  
Carolyn Caywood, 873 St. James Drive , 499-9131



## ELECTION OFFICIALS NEEDED

The Virginia Beach Voter Registrar's Office needs volunteers to work at the polling places this year. The Election on November 6, 2012 will include nomination for President/Vice President, United States Senate, House of Representatives; Mayor, City Council and School Board!

They are looking for 400-500 additional Election Officials (poll workers) to work at the 94 polling locations in order to manage the number of expected voters. This is a much needed community service in which **you also get paid \$135.00 for training and Election Day**. Citizens who are interested in learning more about serving as a paid Election Official for the City of Virginia Beach are invited to go to [www.vbgov.com/voter](http://www.vbgov.com/voter) and click [Election Official Information](#), where you can either; (1) complete an online interest form; (2) print, complete and mail your contact information; or (3) send an email to [voter@vbgov.com](mailto:voter@vbgov.com). For additional information contact *Cindy Shortridge*, Voter Registrar's Office at 757-385-8683.

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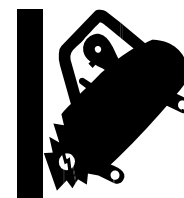
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Slow down folks, protect our children and residents. It takes far longer to fill out accident reports, hire a lawyer, go to court and say you are sorry to a grieving family than that extra minute or two you saved getting home. We won't even mention lifelong guilt...



## POOL NEWS

The lyrics of a song come to mind:  
"I'm so excited, I just can't hide it"

The pool is waking up. Yes, May 5th the Spring Fling was held and the cover was taken off the pool. We had lots of help to start the process of cleaning the pool and setting up equipment for opening day. Many thanks to all who enjoyed the day. A cookout revitalized workers for afternoon chores. Everyone got a glimpse at the new surface of the baby pool. It looks GOOD! We have a new fence between the food court/main pool/baby pool. This was required by the City ordinances for child protection. It makes everything look really sharp.

May 26 the pool will open for the season.

Pool hours are 11:00am - 8:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays.  
Until school is out the mid-week pool hours will be 4:00pm-8:00pm on Mondays thru Fridays.

I hope you will be enjoying all improvements with us this summer.

PMRC  
Jeanne

## MEMORIAL DAY COOK OUT

We invite all current pool members to join us for fun and food. We will have a cook out between 12:00-2:00. Bring a side dish to share. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be for sale and Bob will be manning the snow cone machine. Come enjoy the official kick off to summer. We have a lot of fun and we want you to be there too.

## LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

Reasonably priced swim lessons will be available to both member and non-member neighborhood children in July. See the bulletin board at the pool for details as the date gets closer.



## PEMBROKE MARLINS SWIM TEAM

Summer swimming as part of the Virginia Beach Swim League is a fun way for our kids (ages 5 to 18) to get exercise, develop swimming skills and cultivate friendships. Our pool swim team - **The Marlins** - will start evening practices on May 30 at 5:45 to closing on Mondays thru Thursdays, then morning practices will begin once school is out. The pool is still open to members during the practices.

There is more information on the website or you may contact the team representatives, Trish and Brian Rogerson at 460-2023 or email [rogerson6@verizon.net](mailto:rogerson6@verizon.net)

Saturday morning swim meets bring hundreds of families to the pool, with cars trying to find the closest parking. There are only two home meets this year, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>, so please be patient those two days.



## VB Health and Wellness Survey

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health has requested the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations' assistance in the distribution of information about the Virginia Beach Community Health and Wellness Survey to our respective communities.


Individuals may go online to take the survey by going to [www.vbhealth2012.com](http://www.vbhealth2012.com).

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for an organization that can provide your child with fun activities while teaching values, leadership, self-reliance and citizenship? We have active Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in our community. Our Civic League sponsors cub Scout Pack 475 at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. There are also several Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops nearby.

For Cub Scout and Boy Scout information go to [www.TidewaterBSA.com](http://www.TidewaterBSA.com).

For Girl Scouts go to [www.gsccc.org](http://www.gsccc.org).



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<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	<i>490-0925</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>Cheryl Douglas</i>	<i>671-2241</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Loretta Watkins</i>	<i>497-2130</i>
<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>319-3366</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

### Committees

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<i>Entrance/Median</i>	<i>Brian Miller</i>	<i>499-0039</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

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<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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<i>Lynnhaven</i>	<i>Jeff Brown</i>	<i>464-0183</i>


<i>Welcoming Committee Chair: Open</i>		
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<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Liz Hayes</i>	<i>472-0283</i>

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