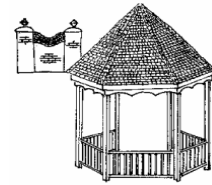


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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Feb 2014

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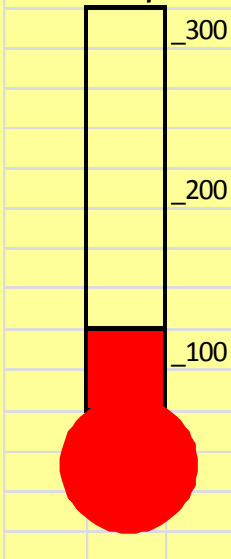
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Next Civic League Meeting Neighborhood Pot-Luck Dinner Official Farewell for Bill the Mail Carrier Pembroke Meadows Elementary School February 20th, 2014 @ 6 pm

Come join us at the annual civic league pot luck dinner. For this favorite civic league event, **we begin at 6:00 pm** in the cafeteria of the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Your civic league will provide the plates, plastic flatware, napkins, sodas and neighbors! We ask that you bring a food dish to share with us.

Our motto for this evening is "all eating – no meeting"

This year we are going to honor Bill Moore, our neighborhood mail carrier for many years who just recently retired. We looking forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time.

2014 PMCL membership reaches 105

WOW! What a great group of punctual neighbors. This past month 105 families paid \$10 and voluntarily joined the civic league. We have 650 houses in our neighborhood and usually average 230 members. We are almost halfway to our goal. Please consider joining to support our neighborhood. Carol Moore – Treasurer

POTLUCK + GOOD LUCK = \$\$

TWO \$50 cash prizes will be raffled off at the pot luck supper. To receive a raffle ticket, you must have paid your 2014 Civic League dues (still a mere \$10 and payable at the door- check or exact change please) and participate in the pot luck by bringing a dish to share. Even if you don't win, you and your family will be all the richer for having spent time getting to know your neighbors. Plus you'll have the opportunity to sample some great culinary creations.

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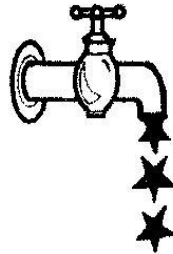
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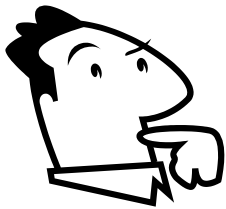
Median Cleanup

Feb 1- 14	Tyler Wilson
Feb 15 - 28	
Mar 1 - 15	
Mar 16 - 31	



To add your name here, call Tim Roy at 478-0580

Volunteers keep our entryway clean and nice looking, won't you please call him to add your name?



Presidential Ponderings

Dear Neighbors:

Our January civic league meeting was quite informative. With John Hallman, Fire Safety Instructor from the City, we learned a myriad of new facts. John covered such a wide variety of details – fire extinguishers, fire safety plans, battery changes, door placards, 2nd story safety, the do's and don'ts of fire escape planning with families, to child safety seats – we all left feeling more informed.

Additionally, the members present passed your Civic League's 2014 budget. As in years past, funding was approved for some of our neighborhood's favorite activities to include the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Walk, National Night Out festivities and support of our local charter Cub Scout pack. Approval was also given via the budget to pay for supplemental median strip mowing again this year. Many of you took time in 2013 to communicate how much you appreciated this extra effort. Please make the time now to write that \$10.00 check for your annual civic league dues. It is money well spent.

Speaking of the median strip, we are in desperate need of volunteers to raise their hands, send emails, call, etc. to take on a 2-week stint of median strip cleaning duty. We are not asking you to clean every speck of trash or cigarette butt, we are though hoping you'll stop and clean the large items from our entryway. Speaking of the entryway, please take a moment to thank Joe Lang, Mike Moore and George Watkins for their efforts over the past years. I really do enjoy seeing Old Glory flying each time I enter our neighborhood.

This month our civic league meeting is the annual pot luck event. We have invited "Bill, the Mailman" to join us for one more opportunity to thank him for 15 years of loyal mail delivery. We start at 6:00 p.m. for this meeting. I have been asked to ask each of you who plan to cook an item to bring, to please consider labeling it if it contains foods that others are commonly allergic to, i.e., peanuts, mushrooms, etc.

Lastly, as I type this note (I'm early this month), another possible snow storm is predicted with below average temperatures here. If you have never joined our neighborhood pool, please note the lowered rates this year. Jim and I have both written in this forum, often, about both our and our boys' enjoyment and delight in our 20+ year membership each summer at the "pool". I am hoping this year that each of you will seriously considering joining us. It truly is the best kept secret in our area.

- Donna Price

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Lost Pet Report/Lost & Found

Believe it or not we reunited 21 dogs with their families since Thanksgiving weekend. Keep putting identification on your pets and sign up for the neighborhood Email notification list. Between these two FREE programs we have been very successful in locating pet owners.

You can also report lost items to either Gerry Richter @497-5243 or Jim or Clera Hall @ 473-8258 and they will put the information out on the neighborhood email notification list. We reunited a wallet and an iPod with their owners last month.

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Our Real Estate Market...

Just a reminder that if you made an energy efficient upgrade to your home in 2013, you may be eligible for a tax credit. The credit, which had expired, has been reinstated for qualifying improvements made before January 1, 2014. Eligible upgrades include installing a furnace or hot water heater, replacing windows, doors, or skylights; replacing a roof or adding insulation to walls and attics. Upgrades must meet specific energy efficiency standards. Be sure to ask your tax advisor for details.

What's new on the market here in Pembroke Meadows??

Currently for Sale

827 Cathedral	3 BR	2 ½ BA	165,000
616 Severn	3 BR	2 BA	225,900
4169 Cheswick	4 BR	4 ½ BA	727,200
624 Whitechapel	4 BR	3 BA	285,000

Homes Under Contract

4433 St. Mark	4 BR	2 ½ BA	172,000
604 Bishop Ct	3BR	2 BA	278,000

Homes Sold

No homes actually closed in January.

-Sue Lentini-

Ladies Lunch Group



On Thursday, February 27, 2014, we will lunch at Chef's Table, 550 Independence Blvd. ----at Noon.

On Thursday, March 27, 2014, we will lunch at Bahama Breeze, 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd.----at Noon

Remember to call in your reservations by Tuesday or very early on Wednesday (the week of the luncheon) to either Joy at 473-9284 or Jeanette at 497-0700 or to Jeanette's e-mail. Thanks and look forward to seeing you.

Jeanette Willenbrink
jlwillen@aol.com

Ferry Plantation House

Become a member of Ferry Plantation House The cost is only \$20. annually and is tax deductible.

Membership helps support the restoration and maintenance of this lovely historic home. You will also receive a quarterly newsletter keeping you informed of the activities and past history associated with this house. Mail checks to: FOPPH 4136 Cheswick Lane, Virginia Beach 23455.

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PMCL 2014 Budget

Members at the January meeting approved the 2014 budget. Here is a breakdown vs. our 2013 expenditures.

	2013	2014
INCOME		
Donations	555	500
Dues	2210	2200
Newsletter Advertising	1245	1300
T-Mobile contract	16572	16600
Interest	3	5
Withdraw from Money Mkt	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$20585	\$20600
EXPENDITURES		
Christmas Party	135	160
Beautification Comm	30	30
Cub Scout Pack	150	150
Easter Egg Hunt	94	100
Ferry Membership	50	100
Flag Replacements	345	350
Halloween Walk	161	200
Insurance	300	300
PMGC Support	83	100
Lynnhaven River Now	100	100
Median Upkeep	1810	1800
Median Utilities	547	600
NNO Pool Party	131	200
Newsletter Printing	1397	1500
PA Operation Graduation	100	100
Pool Improvements	8600	8000
Postal Box Rental	60	60
Pot Luck Dinner	130	150
Spring Fling/Cleanup	0	50
Supplies (office)	9	300
State Corp. Comm.	25	25
Pool Membership Support	5050	6000
VBCCO	25	25
Yard Sale	190	200
Deposit to Money Market	1062	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$20585	\$20600

Account balance as of 31 January: \$19,090.

POOL (PMRC) NEWS Prices Reduced

Your pool board has substantially reduced the price of all memberships in hopes of generating a larger membership base. The 2014 pool membership application will be in the March newsletter. Early birds can find it soon at the Civic League Website www.pembrokemeadows.org. Scroll to Pool News on the left. Different rates apply for different family situations and discounts are available if you pay up before April 30th.

Thanks again for all your support.
PMRC – Chris Pascuzzi

What does a Pool cost?

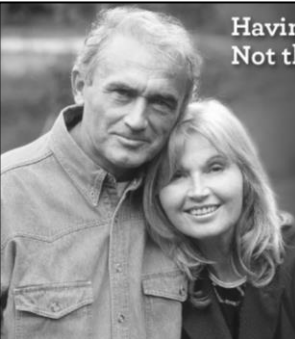
Our neighbors with pools know they can be expensive. Ever wonder what it costs to operate a 120,000 gallon, 25 meter pool that meets commercial safety and sanitation requirements?

In 2013 it cost \$54,600.00!

Inspections (City/elect/fire)	358
City Water & Sewage	3557
Chemicals	2422
Electric (Pool & St Lights)	2941
Insurance	5203
Repairs	2866
Improvements (new cover)	8600
Dumpster Rental (5 months)	1670
Pool supplies	1366
Phone & free wifi (5 months)	1161
Advertising and admin	241
LIFEGUARD Payroll	24214

The Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center, PMRC, is a not-for-profit recreation area owned and operated by your civic league.

Your civic league uses cell tower income to assist the pool with capital improvements and to reduce the cost of membership. Plus, the more members we get, the lower we can reduce membership costs so please encourage friends both in and out of the neighborhood to join our little corner of summer fun and relaxation!



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Did you enjoy the pool this past summer? How about the Neighborhood Watch Program? or the Email Notification Program that keeps you abreast of emergency information, lost pets and lost items along with reminders just for our neighborhood

Do you receive and read our monthly Newsletter delivered by volunteers for your benefit? Have you noticed our flag is maintained and replaced as needed? Then please pay your dues.

The lights that shine in our gazebo and along our median is at our expense. So please pay your dues.

We have a Pot Luck Family Dinner in February and a Wine and Cheese at Ferry Plantation in November.

We support each other and many other FREE programs.

So, please pay your Annual Dues --- it is only \$10. and the best value in town.

- Gerry Richter

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

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<i>President</i>	<i>Donna Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
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<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Susan Frohwitter</i>	<i>460-4681</i>
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<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>Cheryl Douglas</i>	<i>671-2241</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Barbara Amos</i>	<i>499-6111</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

Committees

<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	<i>Tim Roy</i>	<i>478-0580</i>
<i>Entrance/Median</i>	<i>Vacant</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>

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<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>Vacant</i>	

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<i>Lake Pembroke</i>	<i>Jim Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>
<i>Lake Meadows</i>	<i>Charlie Russ</i>	<i>497-5298</i>
<i>Lynnhaven</i>	<i>Jeff Brown</i>	<i>464-0183</i>

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<i>Shores</i>	<i>Lisa Dutko</i>	<i>473-1112</i>
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