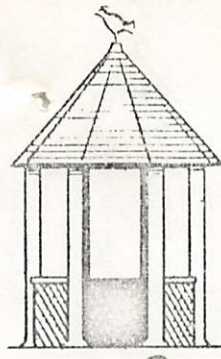


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Pembroke Civic



Meadows League



Newsletter



The Civic League Board of Directors wishes all members of our community a very Joyous Holiday and a very peaceful and happy 1977.

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There will be no December meeting.
 January's meeting---Fri. 21st. of Jan.
 Please plan to attend.

Quote:
 "A bad neighbor is as great a misfortune
 as a good one is a great blessing".
 (Hesiod 720 BC)

- Friendship Tea
 1/3 C. instant tea
 1 C. sugar
 1 pkg. lemonade mix
 1 C. Tang
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. cloves



Mix together, store in a glass jar.
 Add 1 tsp. to 1 C. boiling water.

Recreation Center:
 In Jan. 1977, a new Board of Directors takes over, and we would like to express our thanks to those "retiring". In particular, Jim Fralix, Bill McIntire and Merge Gibbony, it's 1976 officers.

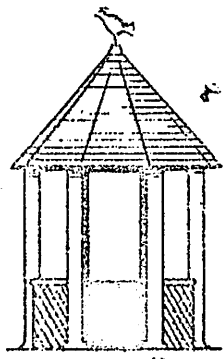
Christmas Contest:
 The Annual Christmas Door Contest, jointly sponsored by The Pembroke Meadows Civic League and Garden Club, will be judged on Dec. 19th.. There will be 4 categories, with a \$10.00 award given to each. The categories include, novelty, religious, doorway only and best overall. (This includes the whole house.)

P.T.A. News:
 The Pembroke Meadows P.T.A. will hold a meeting on Tues., Dec. 21st. at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will include a Christmas program staged by the school's Music Department.

Date to Remember:
 February 15th. 7:30
 The P.T.A. will sponsor a Film and Discussion on Child Abuse, under the auspices of the Virginia Beach Dept. of Mental Health.

Petition:
 The Civic League has been circulating a petition to obtain street lights on Pembroke Blvd. between St. James and St. Martins Drives. The purpose is the increased safety and security of both the street and park area. If you have not been contacted to sign, please call your area block chairman, or call---
 Meadows--Jeanette Willenbrink 497-2057
 Marty Walsh 499-0375
 Shores-Nancy or Roger Lavore 497-3442
 Townhouses-Alice Colson 499-8790

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Petition: con't.

Townhouses--August Thennet 497-2066

Pembroke Professional Park:

In Dec. 10, 1976, the Civic League filed a complaint with the Inspection Division of the City of Virginia Beach stating, Pembroke Professional Park currently being developed is in area zoned B-2 and adjacent to Residential Area. By "sect. 913 (a) of CZO (Comprehensive zoning ordinance), height limitation should be 35ft.. First building constructed exceeds 40ft. in height (to roof peak).

Water and Sewer Rate Increases:

The immediate effect on our community is a 20% water rate increase. There will be no immediate effect on our Sewer rate increase, due to the fact that Pembroke Meadows/Shores is serviced by Pembroke Utilities. However, the city is attempting to purchase the private utility companies in Va. Bch. (and has purchased Aragona Utility Co.) If the city council approved the large sewer increase as requested by our City Manager we have the potential for a total increase of over 50%. The Civic League Board voted to take a stand opposing a rate increase of the size being requested. The decision was also made to do this by way of a statement made by Teri Mikulka at the city council meeting on Dec. 6th. rather than by a letter. The following is excerpts from the statement made by Teri Mikulka at the Public Hearing.

The Board of Directors of the Pembroke Meadows Civic League, after talking to a number of residents within our community, voted to take a stand opposing the proposed water and sewer rate increase. While recognizing that the city of Va. Bch. is growing very rapidly, and some increase may be needed to offset the increased costs to the community, and provide necessary services to older neighborhoods, the size of the requested increase is excessive. Our country and community is in a severe economic crunch, with unemployment & inflation at an all time high. The size of the requested increase is unreasonable in the light of existing economic conditions. We are also concerned that, given an issue of this importance, the notice given to the public was inadequate & occurs during a time when most of our citizens are distracted with holiday preparations. Further, the time of this meeting makes it difficult for many citizens to attend & voice their opinions. Our comm. also questions whether there has been sufficient exploration into other sources of revenue to finance the needed expansion. For these reasons, the residents of Pembroke Meadows oppose the increase, as it stands now.

Old Donation Parkway Update:

The enclosed is an information sheet for new res.. U.C.A.P. (United Citizens Agnst the Prkwy) Inc. is still active & holding meetings. The city still has O.D.P. on it master plan, though the starting date is postponed. U.C.A.P. is working on a plan to take the prkwy. out of the Master Transportation Plan.

Consider the following FACTS about
the proposed OLD DONATION PARKWAY!

1. City officials have stated that Old Donation will cost \$8,000,000. That is not true. If built, the "Parkway" would comprise some 6.5 miles of median divided four lane highway requiring (at least) two high level bridges over the Lynnhaven Bay. Based on actual and projected construction costs in the Tidewater area TODAY, \$50,000,000 is a much more realistic figure.
2. Who will finance such a bite? YOU, the LOCAL taxpayer will, for no federal/state highway funds have been requested according to city spokesmen. Despite the fact that the assessed value of taxable real estate in Virginia Beach has more than doubled over the last 6 years, city officialdom has managed to consume not only that sockful of your tax monies, but has also increased your per capita bonded debt by some 70% during the same period. Remember, \$50,000,000 for this road really means \$220 per person here in the Beach__not per household__but per person. That's the cost if the road were begun TODAY! Imagine what the real impact on your real estate taxes will be assuming construction eventually commences if last year's 20% city inflation rate continues.
3. Another point. No environmental impact study has been made and none are planned, although valuable and delicate wetlands would be directly effected in the Lynnhaven Basin.
4. There are four schools along the proposed route. Those attending them can only be adversely effected by the noise pollution as well as by the obvious safety hazard.
5. We are NOT opposed to progress. We recognize the need for east-west traffic corridors. But the proposed Old Donation Parkway would stop at First Colonial Road (to the east) and thus could NEVER be an east-west corridor connecting Norfolk and the Beach proper. Improvements to Shore Drive, Virginia Beach Boulevard and the toll road, would provide the necessary relief, and already the city HAS planned a new east-west corridor south of the Expressway.
6. Whether or not you oppose this road, YOU, as a citizen, MUST insist on the following: (1) An updated cost/benefit study for the proposed parkway; (2) An environmental impact study of this road; (3) Protection of your neighborhoods and schools from the noise pollution, heavy traffic and commercialism this proposal would most certainly produce; and (4) The most efficient application of YOUR tax dollars to genuine city needs.

Hopefully, you will now recognize that Old Donation Parkway is an ill-planned roadway that will_____

COST TOO MUCH

DESTROY TOO MUCH

ENDANGER TOO MANY and

SERVE TOO FEW!

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