

Pembroke Meadows Civic League



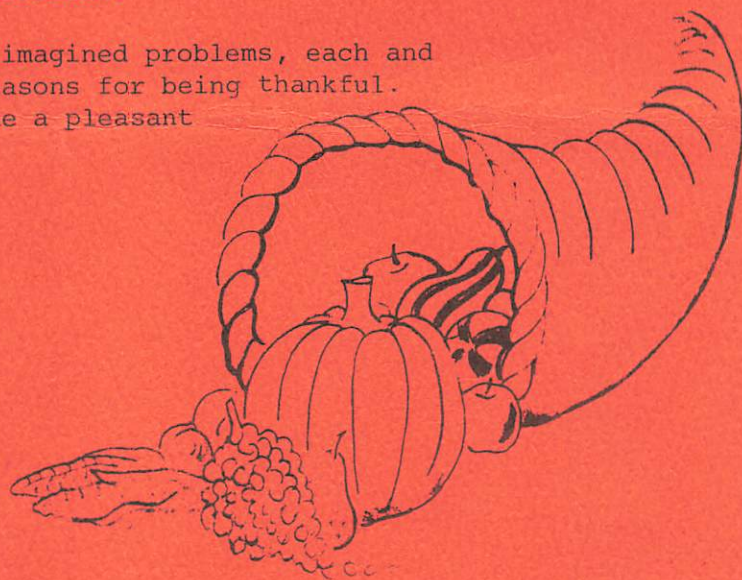
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 24th is Thanksgiving Day -- a day people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they have received during the year. Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. The very mention of Thanksgiving often calls up memories of kitchens and pantries crowded with things to eat. This day, however, is also a time for serious religious thinking, church services and prayer for many Americans.

Regardless of our real or imagined problems, each and everyone of us have numerous reasons for being thankful. The Civic League wishes everyone a pleasant and joyful Thanksgiving Day.



VETERANS DAY

November 11th, Veterans' Day is a City of Virginia Beach Holiday and all City offices and services will be closed. As a reminder to all community residents there will be no "Refuse Collection" on Friday, 11 November.

ENTRANCE WAY MAINTENANCE

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Stanley Weisman who volunteered his time and paint to assist Bill McIntire, our 2nd Vice President, to paint the trash cans located along the Entrance Way Median.

R E W A R D

The Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc., offers a reward of \$100.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who destroyed the trees at the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School on Sunday evening, October 30, 1977.

SANTA TO VISIT MEADOWS/SHORES

In response to our letter, Santa Claus has agreed to visit the children of Pembroke Meadows and Shores at each child's home during the weekend of December 10th and 11th. If you would like to have Santa stop by for a personal visit with your child or children, please call SANTA'S HELPERS, 497-7117, 497-5125, 497-3482 courtesy of your Civic League.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST

Each year the Pembroke Meadows Civic League and Garden Club co-sponsor a contest for best outdoor Christmas Decorations. Categories for this year's judging are as follows:

1. Doors/Entranceways - - - Only doors and entrances using fresh and/or dried materials will be considered in this category. Accessories are permitted. (We encourage the use of a lighting effect; otherwise your doorway could be overlooked.)

2. Novelty - - - This would include lighthearted, whimsical designs which would appeal to children and young people.

3. Overall - - - This would be best overall exhibit comprising any Holiday theme.

A ten dollar (\$10.00) cash award is given in each category. We hope many of you will be inspired to participate in this event. It is an occasion when you can show us how creative and interesting you can make your home appear for this joyous season of the year.

We encourage simplicity by carrying out one theme or color scheme. Often times the simple lighting effect of a spot light or similar lighting can transform an uninspiring decoration into a come-alive Christmas card look. What nicer way to express to your neighbors and friends, Happy Holiday Season!

Judging will be done on December 27th or 28th, weather permitting, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call 497-2057.

CIVIC LEAGUE BY-LAWS

The Civic League By-Laws changes contained in the September Newsletter were presented again at the October Civic League's General Meeting. Those in attendance at the meeting voted to accept the By-Laws changes as presented effective immediately. The 1978 Civic League Directory will contain the revised By-Laws.

GIRL SCOUT CALENDARS

The 1978 Girl Scout Calendars go on sale November 5th for \$1.00 each. If a Girl Scout does not contact you by the end of November, please call Marlene Maurer (497-8589) to order your copy.

GIRL SCOUT UNIFORMS

A Girl Scout "Uniform Bank" is maintained by Marlene Maurer. Girls needing uniforms or those wishing to donate uniforms that children have outgrown are invited to call Mrs. Maurer at 497-8589.

CUB SCOUT PACK 475

WANTED: A caring man or woman, 21 years of age or older, interested in working with 8-10 year old boys for one hour per week.

PURPOSE: Be a den leader. We have eight boys who have signed up for scouting, but are unable to participate because no one has volunteered to lead them. No experience necessary...We will train and provide materials.

PAY: A boy's smile...a thank you, when a boy finds he can do something he has never tried before...the self satisfaction of knowing you are helping to make responsible young men of interested boys.

CONTACT: Linda Yeend - 499-1083
or
Jack Enoch - 499-5658
or
Dick Lowman - 499-6263

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP???

DIRECTORY COVER CONTEST WINNER



There were 15 directory cover entries received. These entries were all community related, imaginative and extremely well done. The Board of Directors judged the entries on 1 November and selected the winning entry. The 1978 Directory cover was drawn by Greg Bell of Liverpool Court who is the winner of the \$25.00 Savings Bond which will be presented at the November Civic League Meeting. All entries will be on display at the November meeting.

Officers:

President: Dick Voltz (497-7450)
 1st Vice President: Joe Avoli (497-7117)
 2nd Vice President: Mac McIntire (497-4370)
 3rd Vice Pres/Dir, Rec Ctr: Steve Riley
 (486-7134)
 Treasurer: Jack Enoch (499-5658)
 Financial Secretary: Dick Lowman (499-6263)
 Corresponding Secretary: Joan Riccio (497-3482)
 Recording Secretary: Mary Lowder (497-5125)

Board of Directors:

Publicity Chairman: Peggy Caverly (490-0925)
 Newsletter Editor: Nikki Webb (497-6905)
 Typist: Helen Rowley (490-0225)
 Social Secretary: Gail Brewer (499-7219)
 CCO Representatives: Jim Willenbrink (497-2057)
 Joe Avoli (497-7117)
 Dave Buermeyer (497-0480)
 Dick Voltz (497-7450)
 Boat Ramp Committee: Roger Bell (499-6988)
 Earl Davis (497-7208)
 By-Laws Rewrite Committee: Teri Mikulka
 (497-5856)
 (Immediate Past President)

NOVEMBER CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The Civic League Board has agreed that all future Civic League Meetings will not exceed 2 hours 15 minutes to include guest speakers.

MEETING PLACE: Pembroke Meadows Elem.
 School
 MEETING DATE: Thursday, 17 Nov. 1977
 MEETING TIME: 7:30 P.M.

FREE BABY SITTING SERVICE: We have free baby sitting service at the school. If you haven't come to the meetings because you couldn't leave your children home alone -- Now you can bring them with you to the meeting.

PROGRAM: Following a Short business meeting we will have a Martial Arts Exhibition (Karate) and Self-Defense Seminar presented by NIMA (National Institute of Martial Arts).

The Director of NIMA, Mr. Tom Palatini, will be delighted to answer your questions.

Teenagers and youngsters are invited to attend. A free baby sitting service will also be provided courtesy of your Civic League.

Articles and community advertising to be included in the newsletter are to be submitted to Dick Voltz by the 25th of each month.
 Phone: 497-7450.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

November, December and January have been designated "Community Pride Months." Those not already members of the Civic League are invited to join. We are not necessarily asking you to be a leader -- just be a JOINER. Take pride in your community by supporting the activities of your Civic League. Your five dollars per household membership fee is used for the betterment of the total community in such worthwhile projects as:

Entrance Way Lawn Maintenance
 Entrance Way Electrical Maintenance
 Informative Monthly Newsletters
 Community Residents Directory
 Boat Ramp Project
 Community Halloween Party for Children
 Other Community Parties and Activities

The net bottom-line objectives of your Civic League are to maintain property values (protect your investment) by taking affirmative action in getting things done that are needed, or fighting against those things that would erode property values or community pride.

We need your support -- by your membership. To join, call Dick Lowman (Membership Secretary) 499-6263, Joe Avoli (497-7117).

FLEA MARKET

The Civic League Fall Flea Market was a tremendous success and grossed \$195.00, most of which was expended for the "Children's Halloween Party."

We wish to express our thanks to Gail Brewer, Joan Riccio and Mary Lowder who organized and coordinated the Flea Market. We also want to express our gratitude to the Pembroke Meadows Shopping Center for donating the space.

We sincerely hope the Flea Market was as profitable for the community residents who participated in the Flea Market. We will host the Spring Flea Market in May 1978 and advise residents to start accumulating sale items early. Thank you for your participation and support.

COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS (C.C.O.)

C.C.O. TO ADDRESS PROBLEM OF RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN VIRGINIA BEACH

Are you concerned about our City's shortage of fresh water, traffic congestion, sewerage problems, water pollution, school inadequacies, crowded public facilities (beaches, parks, libraries, etc.) and diminishing open spaces, forest and agricultural lands? Then you're probably concerned about the causative problem-- rampant uncontrolled population growth of Virginia Beach.

During most of the C.C.O. meetings this year, the subject of rapid population growth in our City has been discussed. Subsequent to two recent motions for the C.C.O. to submit recommendations to the City government concerning growth, our C.C.O Planning, Zoning and Development Committee (with Executive Board approval) has developed a proposed resolution for an open letter to (City Council, Planning Commission, et al) recommending a "Growth Management Policy for Virginia Beach." It is intended that this resolution be voted upon during the November C.C.O. meeting (November 9). Comments, discussion, and votes from all civic leagues are encouraged. So plan to attend the November meeting, but also feel free to call the PSD Committee Chairman, Jim Willenbrink (497-2057), or any other Board member before then if you have any comments.

It is planned that the approved resolution will be published as an addendum to the December Newsletter.

NEW DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

We are still accepting advertising from community residents and local area businesses to be included in our new directory. Deadline for placing ads is November 18th. Please contact either Dick Voltz (497-7450), Joe Avoli (497-7117) or Peggy Caverly (490-0925).

Rates:	Full Page	\$150.00
	1/2 Page	\$ 75.00
	1/4 Page	\$ 30.00
	5-Line (business card size)	\$ 10.00

POLLUTION OF LAKES AND WATERWAYS

Recent tests conducted by the City Health Department and a regional water quality agency have indicated that most of our area lakes, rivers, streams, etc., are receiving a surprisingly high amount of pollution from "non-point" sources (i.e., fields, lawns, street runoff, etc.) Large amounts of nitrogen, phosphates and other fertilizer chemicals have been found in our waterways, but most notably, an unexpectedly high amount of fecal colliform bacteria (from animal feces) has been found to be heavy after rainfalls. Lake Pembroke is included in the City's current testing program and has been sampled five times this summer. On June 10th, after a heavy runoff, Lake Pembroke contained an unsafe amount of fecal colliform -- i.e., unsafe for swimming, water skiing or other water contact sports. Jim Willenbrink, Co-chairman of the Lake Pembroke Committee, is monitoring the City's tests of Lake Pembroke and has also requested a test(s) of Lake Meadows. For further information on this subject call Jim Willenbrink at 497-2057.

PUMPKINS & TURKEYS CHRISTMAS TREES & CANDLES

They all add up to the holidays and holidays mean the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services Holiday Project Office that opened October 24.

As you have done previously, won't you call the Department of Social Services at 427-4451 and offer to donate a food basket to a needy family or a Christmas gift to a foster child? There are old and young, single persons and families who will have little or no holiday unless you and others like you help.

This year members of the community have volunteered to man the Holiday Project Office. They've been thoroughly trained and stand ready to answer your questions and assist you.

Remember, the office is open October 24 to November 18 for Thanksgiving baskets 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, October 24 to December 16 for Christmas baskets and/or Christmas gifts.

Call 427-4451 to receive the name of a needy one. Happy Holidays!

DO WE NEED A CIVIC LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

As President of your Civic League I am taking the liberty of quoting an article which was written by our community's first Civic League President and published in the first newsletter. This article explains the purpose for which our Civic League was formed. We hope the Civic League has the same purpose and meaning to the community today. After reading the article, I ask that each resident (owner and renter alike) take a moment to think about its content and then answer the following questions. Your answers will tell you whether or not this community needs a Civic Organization and if so, should you be an active member.

- *Do I want community activities available to my family?
- *Do I care about my neighbors?
- *Do I care about the appearance of the community?
- *Does the appearance of the community effect my property value?
- *Am I concerned about the safety of my children within the community?
- *Do existing community activities benefit me and my family?
- *Is the City and its programs beneficial to me and my family?
- *Are my views being expressed to our City Managers?
- *Can I help, in any manner, to either maintain or improve the community and make it a better place to live?

Dick Voltz
President

Mr. C.C. Taylor's article titled "Civic Leagues" is quoted as follows:

"Civic Leagues are founded for a variety of reasons, some of them good, but unfortunately many of them are started for the wrong reasons. What do I mean by this? All too often, Civic Leagues are founded by individuals obsessed with gripes and complaints either against the City Government or the builder of the development. These organizations usually leap off in a grand manner, but eventually drift into Limbo.

The reasons for this are many. But most often, if the League has a continuous negative attitude, the City will soon stop listening and the builder will eventually move to another area. What we hope to create here in Pembroke Meadows is the other type of Civic League. The League, which is listened to and respected within the greater community. A League which represents all of the different individuals living within its boundaries. A League tolerant of all the divergent opinions within its boundaries and capable of accommodation to these views within the needs of the community. A League which will help to obtain and protect a decent community for our families who reside within. In other words, a total organization that will absorb the interest of the whole community, yet work to solve the problems of the individuals within.

If you are satisfied with four walls to keep the weather off your back, then a civic organization is not for you. But if your interest lies both inside and outside your home, and you are truly interested in the development of a complete community that is a healthy influence on your family, then the Civic League is for you. We will not promise to have the solution for every one's problem, but I am sure once we get moving we will at least try to work things out for the good of the entire community. Some of the things we can organize and/or influence are: zoning, scouting, little league, schools, park development, street safety, community pool, boat ramps, community beautification, etc. etc. The boundaries are limited only by your imagination."

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB

The Pembroke Meadows Junior Garden Club would like to express its thanks to the Pembroke Mall Hobby & Crafts Shop for giving us a wonderful demonstration and workshop. The owner, Mr. John Boyce, is a resident of our community, and due to his kindness and the efforts of his macrame instructor, Mr. Harbin, we learned a great deal. They run classes regularly and anyone interested can call 497-9093 for information. New classes start on November eighth.

Thank you Mr. Boyce and Mr. Harbin.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

1. EXPERIENCED PET SITTER: Will sit any kind of pet. Call 497-0071, after 2:30 p.m., and ask for Jill Pilkenton.
2. BABYSIT IN MY HOME: Approved by Social Services -- Call Kathy Cheaney at 499-0104.
3. HOME REPAIRS AND REMODELING: Available to do all types of home repairs and/or remodeling. Call Lee at 497-5125.
4. ANYONE INTERESTED IN BONCO?? Call Kathy Cheaney at 499-0104.
5. ATTENTION! Do you need a competent babysitter or pet sitter? Call Tina Riccio, 497-3482, 608 Hudgins Ct. I am experienced with all ages of children. Love animals. Age 15.
6. ART TEACHER: Experienced, professional art teacher. Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced. Will teach drawing, (Pencil and Charcoal) watercolor, pastels and acrylics. All ages. Call 490-0925.
7. EXPERIENCED BABY SITTERS: Three teenagers experienced in babysitting children of all ages. Available mornings and evenings. Call 497-8421.
8. WANTED: Feeling alone -- want to be part of a group. Join the Pembroke Meadows/Shores Civic League, only \$5.00 per household - annually). Call Dick Lowman at 499-6263.
9. FREE GERBILS: Anyone who wants nice, sweet, tame gerbils call 497-5856.
10. SENIOR CITIZENS: Senior Citizens will receive a 50 cent discount at HAYGOOD Barber Shop on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.
11. BABYSIT IN HOME: Approved by Social Services - any age - No Limit - will serve hot lunch. Call Mary Alice Sanders at 497-1587
12. GOLD RING: Gold Ring found on Pembroke Blvd. If it is yours, call 499-5209 and describe ring.

ECOS

ECOS, a non-profit environmental organization, picks up old newspapers and magazines for recycling. The pick-up days for our community are the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Papers are to be tied in bundles or bagged and left at curbside. For further information, contact ECOS at 397-3000. ECOS pick-ups for November are November 14 and 28.

RECREATION CENTER NEWS ITEMS

1. Pool Repairs/Dues Increase.

The August general meeting authorized the Recreation Director to proceed with much needed repairs to the pool. The pool liner is to be resurfaced, broken tile and heaved deck to be replaced, and general repairs to maintain the pool in good repair. Several bids have been received and indications are that the cost will be around \$10,000. We will be able to finance this cost, but there is no way to keep from having a fee increase next year. We, the Board, will do everything possible to keep this increase to a minimum, but we need your help. We need new members; we have never reached our full membership of 300 families. Please help us to get maximum participation; a full membership will go a long way to keeping costs down. If finances are a problem, terms can be arranged. If you have new neighbors invite them to join or call Dick Lowman 499-6263, John Reimer 497-4702 or Joe Avoli, 497-7117. We'll take it from there.

2. 1978 Recreation Center Budget.

The proposed 1978 budget will be prepared in November. The books will be audited and a report made to members in December or January. An interim audit was conducted in August when Jerry Flammger, our Treasurer, had to leave on Navy orders to St. Petersburg, Florida. All accounts and fiscal matters were in perfect order at that time and with all outstanding bills being paid to date, it appears we operated within our budget. We should all extend a real "Thank You" to Jerry for the fine job he did as Treasurer. It is one of the most demanding positions in the Recreation Center -- and Jerry did it in a super way.

3. Recreation Center By-Laws

Also included in this newsletter is a copy of the proposed changes to the Recreation Center By-Laws. Recreation Director, Steve Riley, read the proposed changes at the October Civic League Meeting. The changes will be voted on at the November Civic League meeting.

Steve Riley
Director
Recreation Center

Proposed Changes to Pembroke Meadows/Shores Recreation Center By-Laws

SECTION I PREAMBLE

First paragraph. (Change to read)

The Bylaws stated below are written to fulfill the requirements of effectively administering the Civic League of Pembroke Meadows/Shores Recreation Center, and will be reviewed as often as deemed necessary by the Center committee.

SECTION 3 Membership

3.1.c. (Change to read)

There shall be five (5) categories of members:

CATEGORY I-A Pembroke Meadows/Shores Homeowner (Voting Membership)

I-B (Former Cat. I-A) Members wishing to maintain membership but no longer living in Pembroke Meadows/Shores. (Non-voting membership.)

II No Change

III Renting Non-Recreation Center Member Home (Voting annual membership.)

IV Residents of other than Pembroke Meadows/Shores (Non-Voting annual membership.)

V Change the date "31 January" to "15 April"

3.1.f. Change "summer" to "annual".

3.3 Change Category I to I-A.

3.5.a Add after "when a member sells his home" "and moves from the area."

4.3 Audits (Add)

c. An audit shall also be conducted if for any reason the treasurer position becomes vacant or upon request of a majority of voting members.

4.4.a (Change to read)

The Center may not borrow, pledge, or obligate the credit of the Center in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) without specific approval of the majority of a quorum of the Recreation Center members. This section shall not apply with respect to any item in the current annual budget.

4.5.a (Change to read)

Each family unit shall pay a one time initiation/membership fee which shall apply to only one residence. If leaving the area for an extended period membership may be placed in Category V, "Inactive upon written notification and acceptance by the committee."

4.6.c Change "31 January" to "15 April".

5.2 Assistant Director (Change to read)

a. The Assistant Director in the absence of or disability of the Director shall act for the Director and if the absence is of a permanent nature, shall fulfill the unexpired term of the Director. He shall also act as assistant to the Director and perform such duties as may be directed by the Center Committee.

b. Shall be chairman of the annual membership drive.

c. Shall be Director of Recreation Center employees.

9.1.b. (Change to read)

The Nomination Committee shall nominate candidates for officers and committee members on the Recreation Center Committee. The Nominating Committee shall report nominations to the Recreation Center Committee prior to the July General Assembly meeting.