# Pembroke Meadows Givic League

News Letter

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#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter there is mention of vandalism, stealing and neighborly concern. All refer you to a third party for a solution. There's a message here if we can only see it.

As our individual lives grow and expand, our contacts with others around us become more infrequent and impersonal. Within 500 yards of your front door are approximately fifty to seventy five peoplechances are you don't know the names of half of them. Yet these very people are the ones you would rely upon if faced with an immediate emergency.

If your house were on fire where would you go for assistance? Your Neighbor! If you came home late at night and saw someone in your house where would you go first? To Your Neighbor! If your phone does not work, where do you go? Your Neighbor!

If you haven't gotten the point yet, I'll make it another way. Your neighbors can be your friends and with friends you don't have to rely on third parties as much for assistance. Friends (neighbors) can keep an eye on your house, loan you a cup of sugar and help you in times of need. A friend can save your life.

But, you say, my neighbors aren't friendly. Ever wonder why? To make a friend you have to be one. If your neighbors aren't friendly, stop to consider why.

How often do you wave or just say hello? Does your dog bark all night long and you don't concern yourself with others sleep (or your cat pulls up prize flowers by scratching in flower beds)? Do radios blare out your windows while a sick neighbor trys to rest?

If you stop to consider how you treat others then maybe you'll find the answer needed to turn your neighbors into friends. If you wait until there is an emergency to call on your neighbors to be friends you may find it's too late.

GARY ROMSKA

# SCHOOL VANDALISM

In recent weeks vandalism has again taken place at the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Windows have been broken and small items have been stolen off of accessible ledges and shelves.

Destruction of property and thefts are crimes and the Virginia Beach School Board of Education will prosecute all vandals caught. If you know of anyone who is responsible for any vandalism or who has information about someone who is, contact Mr. Monger, Principal of Pembroke Meadows Elementary at 497-4020, or the Police at 464-9361.

Take the time to explain to your children that the simple act of throwing a stone thru a window, while only taking two to three seconds, could lead to a juvenile crime record which could effect their entire future!

#### KEEP YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL

There are too many dogs roaming free in our neighborhood. The majority are from the Community.

These free roaming dogs cause trouble. The law requires that your dog be held on a leash or kept in an enclosed area.

Please obey the law. Don't allow your dog to roam free.

# SPRING FLING IS COMING!

Circle March 22 on your calender. Join your neighbors at our best party ever. More details in the March Newsletter and the next Civic League meeting.

# BLOCK SECURITY PROTECTS SILVER

Learn how to protect your silverware from thieves.

Block Security is a program that works. It is very simple, very easy and best of all, it's free.

All you need to invest is two hours of your time one evening. Call Robert Brotman at 497-0565 to arrange for a meeting on your block.

#### FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Virginia Beach Department of Social Services needs your help. Quite often elderly, handicapped or financially depressed people do not request services available to them for many reasons.

If you have a friend or neighbor in need of assistance to pay their utility bills call, anonymously, 486-7223 (weekends 481-2828).

#### ARAGONA PEMBROKE LITTLE LEAGUE SIGNUPS

Signups are scheduled on February 19th and March 4th at Pembroke Elementary School between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Ages 6 to 18 years.

Coachs and managers needed Call Ed Cunningham at 497-0427

# GOLD AND SILVER

Everyone knows their value has doubled and tripled in the last twelve months! So have the efforts to steal them.

Reports from the Virginia Beach Police - Third Precinct (our police station on Independence Blvd) are that professional thieves are working our community's streets. Four to six homes in our, and adjoining, neighborhoods have been "hit" in the last few weeks. All by "Pros" and in all cases gold and silver items were the targets, although binoculars, camems, stemos, watches and money have not been left behind.

In almost all thefts the house was "cased" before the robbery occurred. Many people were called numbers of times by callers asking for nonexistent dwellers. These calls are designed to establish your work patterns to find out when you're away. Other victims noticed strange autos in the area. In almost all cases, the break-ins occured thru rear windows and doors which are the least visible by neighbors.

The police are asking all of us - - including you - - to call them when anything suspicious occurs. You will not be laughed at or brushed off for what you believe is trivial information. The only way some thieves can be apprehended is to determine their operating procedures. Call the Police at 464-9361, they want to help you.

# CIVIC LEAGUE DIRECTORY

Every two to three years a few of your neighbors join forces to update and publish the Civic League Directory. IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.

The Board of Directors has decided to form a committee to undertake publishing the Directory and Jim Fralix has agreed to coordinate it's efforts. However, there's one catch - you have to help us! That is right, the Board is not going to do the job by itself.

There were over three hundred families who were Civic League members last year artheir help is needed. If enough people do not volunteer to assist in publishing the Directory then it will not be printed.

#### DIRECTORY CON'T

Help is needed in the following areas if we are to have a 1980 Directory:

- A. Street & address cross references-2 people
- B. Typing 2 people
- C. Proofreading 2 people
- D. Layout 2 people
- E. Advertising sales 3 people
- F. Collating 20 people
  (All 20 needed for one or two
  evenings at conclusion of
  project beer available)

As you can see over thirty people are needed - ten immediately. We need your help - volunteer now, call Jim Fralix at 497-6320. We must have our full committee formed by March 1, or the Directory will not be printed - THAT'S THE TRUTH!!!

#### NOTICE: SUMMER IS COMING - GET PREPARED

Your Recreation Committee is planning for a summer of fun, enjoyment and relaxation -- all within easy reach of your front door. The Recreation Center Pool will open for the 1980 season on Memorial Day with an active program that includes a Swim Team Program, swimming lessons for the young and old alike, Teen-Nights, Family-Nights, Social Events, and ample open swimming periods. The pool will, again, be available evenings for private pool parties, at reasonable rates. Detailed information regarding the various pool activities, the pool schedule, membership contract, and the dues assessment will be mailed to each community resident in early March.

The Recreation Center, like every other household and business in these United States has been affected by the soaring inflation rates. In order to compensate for the increased operating costs associated with running the pool, and to ensure quality facilities and service for the membership, annual dues for the 1980 season had to be increased. Knowing the financial strain that inflation has imposed on all of us, the Recreation Committee has kept the dues

as low as possible; while programing sufficient operating and maintenance funds required to support the facility and its programs. The 1980 annual membership dues are as follows: (Category definitions are contained in Article XV in the Civic League ByLaws).

Category 1A, 1B &11 - \$120.00 Category 111 - \$175.00 Category 1V - \$185.00

However, in anticipation of a large membership for the 1980 season, the Recreation has authorized a 10 per cent discount of the Category 1A membership dues (\$12.00) which is applied to all categories, for those who pay their dues prior to 1 May 1980. The discounted rates are as follows:

Category 1A, 1B & 11 - \$108.00 Category 111 - \$163.00 Category 1V - \$173.00

Master Charge and the monthly payment program are available again this year. Details on these programs will be included in the March letter.

REMINDER: All Recreation Center members, except for Categories 1B and 1V must also be members of the Civic League. Annual Civic League dues are \$7.00. Join now - call Bob St. Claire at 497-7389.

Additional information may be obtained from Charlie Russ, 497-5298, or Dick Voltz at 497-7450.

Plan now on being a Recreation Center Member. See you this summer.

#### JUNE 8 SET FOR SENIOR GRADUATION

The Virginia Beach School Board has set Sunday, June 8 as graduation day for senior high schools. The June 8 th date is two days before school for all other students is scheduled to end unless bad weather forces make-up days.

#### COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## ADS FREE EXCEPT BUSINESS ADS\*

\* Business Ad - An ad placed by a person, partnership or corporation engaged in commerce, manufacturing or a service for profit. Exceptions are; babysitting and similiar type jobs generally performed by teenages and sale of personal property.

RULES - Cancel ad upon sale of item.

Ads will automatically be cancelled every three months unless renewed by person placing the ad.

Ads must be limited to no more than four lines.

Business ads may be placed by calling 490-2621. The rate is \$1.50 per month.

## FOUND

Gold chain bracelet on Hudgins Court. Call & identify. Margie Sullivan @ 499-9948

#### FOR SALE

2 Male Cocker Spanial pups. Price negotiable. Purebred. 490-1794

#### FOR SALE

Good condition window screens for a 3-4 bedroom house. 499-0486

# FOR SALE

Boat, 16' bow rider, fiberglass. 55HP Chrysler outboard is in need of repair. On trailer. 1969 model. \$500. 497-0565

#### FOR SALE

Revere slide projectory, 3 slide carrying cases and 87 Yankee slide trays (36) with covers \$115. 464-4669 after 5 p.m.

# FOR SALE

Stereo record player with cover, 2 speaker manual. Used very little, 1 year old. \$20 464-4669 after 5 p.m.

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