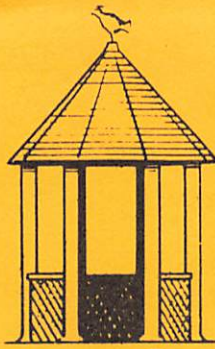


Pembroke Civic



Meadows League

News Letter

APRIL 1980

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Three weeks ago, on a rainy Saturday morning, I had the opportunity to walk most of the streets of Pembroke Shores. This walk was in conjunction with the distribution of U.S. Census Information pamphlets by Cub Scout Pack 475. Fortunately for many of you we were all honest people that day!

In the time of a little under forty five minutes I passed over ten houses with the garage doors open with not one person in sight. In one instance a family drove away from the house and left all the contents of the garage available for the taking.

In past newsletters we have mentioned that there are thieves in the area. And, one of the easiest ways into your house is through the garage. Once inside a garage a thief has all the time in the world to work his way into your utility room. So come on folks, close and lock up those garages so you don't become a crime victim statistic.

While on the subject of crime I may as well cover a couple of other subjects which have come up lately.

During the last few weeks there have been reports of prowlers and peeping toms. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of reporting these instances immediately. The only way the police can help is when you call them.

Do not concern yourself with becoming labeled an "habitual complainer".

The police must have all the information - **FAST**, if they are to catch prowlers and thieves. If it takes ten calls or more - keep calling, the police will respond.

I have been assured by the officers in our precinct that they want to hear from you. So do I. If you have an instance you want the Civic League to be aware of please call me at 497-6552. Communication is one of the key elements in keeping our organization functional.

GARY ROMSKA

P.S. Thanks to Margie Brotman and Nancy Lowder for the great party on March 22. Every one had a great time, we all appreciate you.

CIVIC LEAGUE WELCOMES SPRING

A sunny bunch of Civic League members and friends ushered in Spring and danced the night away at our big Spring Fling party on March 22nd.

Special thanks to the following Pembroke Meadows Shopping Center merchants who donated prizes: Courtesy Hardware, Kitchen Barn, Pepper Pot, Beehive, Sound World, JJ's Fashions. A special thanks to LeeAnn's of Birchwood (Haircare for the family).

Congratulations to the winners of prizes: Billie Killen, Sherry Cook, Joan Riccio, Joel Ott, Sandra VanAllman, Ethel Weisman, Sandra Trocki, Lee Maccubbin, Connie Craycraft, Emerson Hansell, Anna Kay, Gary Romska and Lee Lowder.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Learn how to protect your valuables, what to insure and for how much!

Mr. Martin Ikeda of the Metropolitan Life and Casualty Co. will tell us what you should insure in and around your home and how to prove theft or destruction to your insurance company.

Also, changes in the By-Laws, listed in March's Newsletter will be voted upon.

Meet is at 7:30PM at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School, Thursday, April 17th.

RECREATION CENTER

April is pool membership month. We are planning a summer full of activities designed for your enjoyment and relaxation, but funds are needed early to meet contractual obligations. Almost 800 membership drive letters have already been distributed, and representatives will soon be canvassing the neighborhood. Please return your membership contract early - not later than 30 April, and receive a \$12.00 discount. Both VISA and Master Charge can be accepted by contacting August Thennet, 499-6633.

If you have not received the 1980 membership information or if you have any questions concerning recreation center membership, please do not hesitate to call Charlie Russ, 497-5298 or Dick Voltz, 497-7450.

SWIM TEAM

The Pembroke Meadows Marlin Swim Team will swim five twin meets this summer against Larkspur (June 28), Alanton (July 5), Framingham (July 12), Club Brittany (July 19), and Timberlake (July 26).

Anyone interested in the team can call Pete Mikulka at 497-5856.

If enough parents are interested we will try to order team suits prior to the season so that they will be available at the beginning of the season. The team swimsuits will be the same as last year.

BLOCK SECURITY PROGRAM MOVING

A great big thank you to Phyllis Anglin for holding our first block security meeting in 1980.

If you would like to host a meeting in your home call Robert Brotman 497-0565 and get further information.

Put an end to uneasiness and uncertainty. Learn about the correct way of securing your house when vacationing. Should you stop the newspaper? Who should you tell about your trip?

Call 497-0565 can set up a block security program in your home.

SPRING FLEA MARKET - MAY 3, 1980

Our Civic League Flea Market has turned into an on-going success story. Regular Flea Market goers (Fleapersons) tell us that our operation is without equal.

Get ready to sell those unneeded items that are cluttering up your garage. Your junk is somebody else's treasure.

The date is Saturday, Mar 3 (Raindate May 10).

The place is the old Murphy's Mart parking lot adjacent to Independence Blvd.

The time is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$2.50 per space for Civic League members and \$5.00 per space for non-members.

To reserve a space or for further information call: 497-3714 or 497-0565.

SAVE THOSE NEWSPAPERS

Don't throw your newspapers in the trash - give them to Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. There is a dumpster in front of the school (to the right as you enter the parking lot) where you can put all those papers you normally throw in the trash.

From the proceeds of the collections bushes and trees are purchased for walkways and flowerbeds. Help beautify the school and put those unwanted papers to good use.

DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE CIVIC LEAGUE?

Of course you don't! You don't have to pay taxes either. Declining either one of those responsibilities however can, in its own particular way, have adverse results.

Since October of last year I, and approximately twenty of your dedicated neighbors, have been attempting to collect the Civic League dues for 1980. Originally, a membership form was delivered (at some cost) to your home. Following that, on four other occasions, you received the same form with your monthly newsletter. In addition to that, we have been calling personally, door to door, in an attempt to get this membership drive completed. We have 600 plus families living in the Pembroke Meadows/Shores and Hudgins Shores area, or more precisely, the area represented at the Council of Civic Leagues of Virginia Beach by the Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc. Your representation before this council gives you a voice in the affairs of your community and your city that may well affect your taxes, schools, roads, and many other community problems. The collective civic league "voices" of the Council carry a considerable clout with the decisions of the City Council. Of the 600 plus families mentioned above, to date, 267 have seen fit to join our Civic League.

Considering the effort that has been expended in this drive, that's a pretty rotten percentage, and, I can't help but feel that some of the fault is mine. Assuming that everybody knew what a civic league was suppose to be, and what this civic league was expected to do with your dues, I neglected to spell it out.

Some of the membership dues checks I receive are notated in the lower left corner as "donation" or "contribution" as if the Civic League was being given a gift - But at least, I do receive these.

May door to door canvassers get remarks such as "not interested in joining this year" or "the Civic League doesn't do anything for me". Well, let me spell it out!

For your \$7.00 dues we cut your grass. That's right - cut your grass. If that's not your grass at the entrance way, whose is it? It's the only approach to your home that your visiting friends and relatives see. Although it may be several blocks from your home, it reflects on you, and that's a lot of grass to have cut during the season for just \$7.00. But, there's more. :

We also seed and fertilize this area, and pay regularly to have an unbelievable accumulation of trash, bottles, beer cans, etc., cleaned up. In addition to this, your \$7.00 helps pay the dues in the Council of Civic Leagues. It enables us to print and pay to deliver a monthly newsletter to you, hopefully to enlighten you about the community in which you live. It makes possible the best community directory in the entire city. It buys a Santa Clause suit to excite the children of the area at Christmas. It repairs the gazebo at your entrance way, and on and on

In short, your Civic League does work for you, but only if you care enough to make it possible.

Your \$7.00 membership fee is not a gift to some remote charity - it's an investment you make in yourself, your home, and the neighborhood that surrounds it. This money is used to improve and maintain a community - YOUR COMMUNITY, in an effort to help you be proud of where you live. And, it's not just your money we're after - it's you!

The League meets monthly (that's one night a month) at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School, and even if just one member of your family can attend, we need your input. We can't know all the problems here if you can't tell us. And beside that, you may learn a few things. We've had some interesting guest speakers lately. However, you can't come to just one meeting, expect the entire world to change, and when it doesn't stop attending.

We all get bored occasionally, that's natural, but it's your regular monthly attendance that builds a strong and effective community!

DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE CIVIC LEAGUE?
(Continued)

Let's face it! If you don't put a little something in, how can you ever expect to get anything out. Or, do you just not care? I'm sure there are those that don't, and for them we are leaving a little uncut strip of grass and a small pile of trash at the entrance, just to make them feel comfortable. But, for those that aren't offended by this remark, plan to join and have just forgotten, or had intended to pay their membership fee with their pool dues, please send in your \$7.00 now.

The Civic League responsibilities are year around, not just in the swimming season. We need our financial support long before the pool opens. It's not that difficult to write two checks and it saves us some bookkeeping problems.

Your Civic League does things that many don't realize, or take for granted, and it just isn't fair for only 1/3 rd of the community to support its entire financial needs, or for a handful of civic minded volunteers to have to knock their brains out trying to bring the other 2/3 rds into the fold.

If you don't want this to be the safest (we have a block security system, or didn't you know?) and cleanest, best run community you've ever lived in, then forget all I've said. And, if you don't like what I've said then fire me! Please.. Fire me!

But first, send in your \$7.00 dues to the Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, PO Box 5018, Virginia Beach Va 23455 so you can vote me out, properly.

See you at the next meeting.....

I hope!

Bob St. Claire
Membership Chairman

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 similar type jobs performed by teenagers 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 4 lines

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

FOR RENT

5 bdrm, 2½ bath, 2dens, fpl, dng rm, lv rm, eat in kitchen, carpets, drapes, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer. Available 1 July. Lease & Deposit req'd 490-1148.

FOR SALE

4 month gift certificate to Elaine Powers. Save \$16.00. Call 490-1148.

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

Stereo record player with cover, 2 speakers, manual. Used very little, 1 year old. \$20.00. Call 494-4669 after 5PM.

Your stuff, at the spring Flea Market sponsored by your Civic League. May 3rd. See article in newsletter.

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