

PEMBROKE MEADOWS & SHORES

Civic League Newsletter

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Avoiding Home Improvement SCAMS Topic At October 18th's Civic League Meeting

Cathy Parks, a Consumer Affairs Investigator for the City of Virginia Beach, will speak at the October 18th Civic League Meeting. Of particular interest will be tips on how to tell what is a legitimate business and what is not.

This should be a very informative meeting for those of us who get numerous phone calls from siding, window-replacement and re-roofing companies.

While you are marking your calendars, the November 15th Civic League Meeting will feature Cheryl Wise of Citizens Against Crime. She will offer proven ways to keep from being a crime target. This program should be of particular interest to women, and anyone concerned with helping the women in their lives stay safe.

See you Thursday, October 18th, and Thursday, November 15th, when our Civic League sponsors these programs at 7:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria.

Civic League Elections In November....

We will be taking nominations for the 1991 Civic League Board in October; elections are in November. If you think you have some time to offer as an officer or a committee member please call Crystal Ruggles (497-0921) or Jim Sullivan (499-8083) of the nominating committee.

A Very Special Thanks!

With tears of joy streaming down her cheeks and screaming with unconstrained elation, a lovely young teenager named Jennifer burst through our front door at 7 am one morning in August; she was followed by a smiling but anxious-looking father. Into her arms jumped her long-lost and very beloved dog, "Logan", (a large shepherd-like akita). They tumbled on our foyer floor embracing in an unabashed show of mutual love, joy, and relief that warmed the hearts of all of us who watched.

Logan had been lost for over a week from his King's Grant home. He had apparently swum across Thalia Creek to our neighborhood. Our *Civic League Pet Lost and Found* had received several calls reporting his sighting that enabled us to contact the "lost" family.

Logan's family extends a heartfelt special thanks to Rhonda, John, Ann, Barbara, Frank and others who made calls that helped re-unite this loving family. Moreover, this gratitude is large enough to be shared by others who have helped bring lost pets together with their loved ones through our *Pet Lost and Found* service. Thanks again.

The Willenbrinks

(PS: Someone's beloved pet lost and on the loose can be a nuisance to others in the neighborhood. The Civic League Pet Lost and Found service can be the **Fastest** and most **Efficient** way to retrieve these nuisances; and it saves us taxpayers dollars in that the City animal-control need not get involved.)

PET LOST and FOUND... If you lose a pet or sight one that is loose, call:

- In the Meadows.....497-0700
- In the Shores.....490-2504

Hello Parents and Kids,
It's that time of year for **TRICK OR TREAT!**
Let's all have a lot of FUN this year but Please Be Safe,
A message from your Pembroke Meadows and Shores Civic League

Kid Watch

A Personal Note !

It was really a delightful afternoon, Saturday, September 15th. There were many families wandering from activity to activity at Pembroke Meadows Shopping Center.....magicians, balloon animals, face painting, poster contest, videotaping, safety movies, even a visit with Santa Claus were all offered courtesy of participating merchants. Horseback rides were a nominal \$1.00 and there was even "free lunch" from Cinema 'n' Drafthouse and "free pizza slices" for the kids from Val's Pizza. Part of the enjoyment for my family was seeing other families having a good time *together* on a beautiful day.

It seems to me that having a Merchant's Association that sponsors such an event in our neighborhood shopping center is just another reason why Pembroke Meadows and Shores is a "Neat" neighborhood!

Thank you, Pembroke Meadows Merchants....hope we can look forward to another Kid Watch program next year!
By Carol Gurioli

Note From The Past

The following are excerpts from a Newsletter article written in April, 1980, by Bob St Clair, ((now deceased), who was our very dedicated Civic League Chairman at the time:

"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."

"Your Civic League does things that many don't realize, or take for granted, and it just isn't fair for only 1/3rd 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 2/3rds into the fold."

New Recycling Drop-Off Centers

Virginia Beach has recently opened twenty (20) recycling drop-off centers located throughout the city. These dome-shaped receptacles are available to collect aluminum, plastics and glass (clear, brown and green) for recycling. The closest drop-off centers to our neighborhood are located at: 1) the 3rd Police Precinct Station on Independence Blvd and 2) Mount Trashmore Park.

CO Picnic

A Fun Occasion

All Civic League members are invited to the Council of Civic Organization's annual picnic at the Francis Land House on October 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be special guests, (the Mayor, Joe Flanagan, etc.), and entertainment including the Old Dominion Cloggers, the Worthless Dizzies and more, lawn games for all ages and free tours of the historic house.

Potluck lunch. For details call Jim willenbrink (497-0700).

Sewage Influx Into Lake Pembroke

Between August 12th and 16th, the Virginia State Water Control Board (SWCB) received a citizen's complaint about a sewage leak in the vicinity of Witchduck Road. The Virginia Beach Public Utilities Department (PUD) dispatched an investigation crew that could not locate any sewage. The SWCB received another complaint and the PUD located a break in a 12" diameter force main. Approximately 2.1 million gallons of raw sewage entered Lake Pembroke as a result of the break.

On August 17th, the SWCB received a complaint about water discoloration. Their investigative team sampled the water and determined that an algal bloom was occurring. Algae respond quickly to excessive nutrient input during warm temperatures. They produce extremely high levels of oxygen during the daylight, but during the night, these organisms die and respiration processes cause the oxygen levels to be depleted to very low levels. Fish kills often occur as a result of this environmental response. NO evidence of fish dying have been reported.

In addition, on August 17th, the Virginia Beach Public Health Department (PHD) took water samples indicating that fecal coliform densities exceeded acceptable state levels (>200 colonies/100 ml) for primary contact (i.e., drinking and swimming). A couple of signs were posted in the lake from accessible backyards for purposes of condemnation notification. Many lake-side residents probably did not know that the water was condemned because they did not have a sign off their or a neighbor's yard. The PHD plans on press releases in the future for such occurrences.

A sample taken September 5th, indicated that levels had fallen below the guidelines and the signs were removed.

By Steve Hawthorne

Chairman, Lakes and Waterways

(Call (671-1026) after 5:00 pm if you have any questions)

F all Colors Wine & Cheese

What could be better than spending an afternoon beneath a canopy of brilliantly colored autumn leaves, testing a variety of wines and cheeses.

The W&C Floaters have beached their crafts and are bringing the wonders of their annual event to those who could not attend past floats. The afternoon of Sunday, October 14th, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm has been selected; the neighborhood recreation area park the place. Look for the "Wine Cellar" and "Cheese Attic" for the fun. Glasses, plates, napkins, ice and corkscrews will be provided. We ask that you bring a favorite bottle (or two) of wine and a cheese item to share. Label your personal items such as knives, trays, covers, etc. If anyone has a dining canopy that could be used, or if you have any questions please call Steve Hawthorne (671-1026) and leave a message if necessary.

Note: this is not a Civic League sponsored event, but rather, a social gathering of neighbors and friends.

P embroke Meadows PTA Sponsors FALL FUN FEST

The traditional "FUN DAY" for Pembroke Meadows Elementary School will become "FUN FEST" this year and will be held on *Saturday, October 20th*. With the change to a fall time frame there will be some new activities (such as a haunted house and pumpkin contest) and of course the craft booth will be very timely for Christmas gift purchases!

If you would like to donate some craft items to the *FALL FUN FEST* please contact Delores Harris (464-2244).

Remember, anyone can come and enjoy the many fun activities. Hope to see you there!

B ayside Area Library

Fall story times for 3-5 year olds continue Thursday afternoons (2:15 pm) and Friday mornings (10:30 am) through November 15th & 16th. Call the Bayside Branch (460-7518) for reservations.

Evening storytimes for children 5-8 years old and their families will begin with "Silly Stories for Family Fun" on Thursday October 1st.

The library is currently registering adult volunteers...stop by the branch if you are interested.

P ool News

The "Summer Season" ended on a happy note at the traditional Ice Cream Social and cookout on Labor Day weekend at the Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center.

Although, most of us forget about the pool once we've packed away the swim suits, th Pool Board does not! Members of both the incoming and outgoing Pool Boards met at press time to ensure a smooth turnover.

There will be a report in the November newsletter from the new (1990-91) Pool Board. In the meantime, while you are still reminiscing about fun you had at the pool this summer....remember you can begin paying NOW toward next year's dues on a monthly payment plan! Also, the pool board family is continuing the offer of lifetime membership for both family and individual memberships; this is a limited offer open for a maximum of twenty (20) memberships which must be fully paid by December 31st. The purpose of the lifetime membership and the pre-season payment plan is the re-capitalization of the pool. Much of the maintenance can be done this fall and winter at a significant long-term savings to the membership if there is sufficient working capital before the spring.

If you would like to take out a lifetime membership (\$1,000 per family; \$500 individual) make out a check and mail to:

Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center
P.O. Box 68276
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

If you have any questions please contact Jim Furlough (490-0254) or Joe Keys (499-2255).

Watch for the November Newsletter for more details on paying the regular dues for 1991 as well as how to

Join the Pool!

A Suggestion for Walkers and Joggers

To help keep our neighborhood clean of litter, walkers and joggers might consider carrying a small paper/plastic bag along with them on their exercise route and pick up some of the trash which careless litterers deposit in our streets.

N ew Bus Service To TCC and Lynnhaven Mall

Effective October 28th, the TRT is restructuring its Route 36, Independence Blvd into new routes 29 Rosemont Road and 36 Holland Road. This change will now provide hourly service between Pembroke Mall (East) and TCC and 30-minute service between Pembroke Mall (East) and Lynnhaven Mall. For more information call TRT at 623-3222.

Neighborhood Tid-Bits

Welcome new neighbors—Robert & Jean Strachan who moved to 657 Bishop Dr. in April. The Aragons on Chelsea and the Pecks also on Bishop Dr. Our new Welcoming Committee would love to hear from you! If you're new in the neighborhood or you know of someone who is, please call Ted or Beth Young (499-5405).

Median Strip Patrol

Let's keep an eye out and check the median strip if it's your period for *Strip Watch and Cleaning*. The following is the next two months volunteers. The Civic League would like to express its' sincere appreciation for your service and dedication.

Job Well Done Folks!

Oct. 1 - 15Henry Dean
 Oct. 16 - 31Steve Hawthorne
 Nov. 1 - 15Bob Finley
 Nov. 16 - 30Larry Gurioli

Classified

Help Wanted:Babysitter
 For 11 month old. Please Call (497-4274).
 Help Wanted:After School Sitter
 For elementary school age child. Please call (497-0860).
 Help Wanted:Housekeeper
 Biweekly, references please.
 Call & leave message (671-1580).
 For Sale:Bodyboard
 Turbo XTC Arcel Core. Good condition. \$50.00
 Please Call T. Davis (497-7208)

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