# Pembroke Meadows & Shores Civic League Newsletter

#### SEPTEMBER 1991

# Civic League Meetings Resume Thursday, September 26th

You really should make room on your calendar for the informative Civic League programs planned for this fall usually on the third Thursday of each month!

Sept. 26th: A representative of the Virginia Beach Office of Hurricane Preparedness will be here to offer advice on getting through this unpredictable season safely and sanely. (7:30 pm).

Oct. 17th: An officer from the City Police *Crime Solvers* department will speak. (7:30 pm).

Nov. 21st: A representative of the Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation department will give us highlights of the new Bayside Recreation Center. (7:30 pm).

After each program the regular Civic League meeting is held at which neighbors can share matters of concern.

This is really democracy in action at the most basic level; a forum for open exchange of ideas among people who share an interest in maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood. If you have been turned off from participation in civic functions due to frustration with bureaucracy why not try coming to a few Civic League meetings? All you have to Lose is at most two (2) hours, on the other hand you are very likely to gain some new knowledge, meet some people whom you've seen but not been able to talk to or have the opportunity to brainstorm in solving community problems.

There are always goodies to share and unlike church, you can even come late and leave early if your schedule is tight! If you have trouble getting out at night and need a ride, call a member of the Civic League Board listed on page 4 and someone will be happy to even pick you up!

Hope to see you in September at 7:30 pm, at the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School cafeteria.

## Neighborhood Watch A Success!

Dear Pembroke Shores Neighbors and Captains,

Congratulations! Because of your cooperation in agreeing to look out for each other and participating in a security survey of your home, we have been designated as a Neighborhood Watch Community. I'm sure you have all noticed the signs which have been placed at the entrances to our neighborhood indicating just this.

To maintain the integrity of the program and to keep our signs, we will be required to meet the annual update requirements: making sure that new residents are invited to join the program and participating in Operation Identification.

At the present time, an engraver is circulating in the Shores so that you can mark your valuable possessions in two (2) places for easy identification by police continued on Page 3

# Pembroke Boulevard Extension

ODF Associates, the Old Donation Farms developers, has just asked the Army Corps of Engineers to approve a plan to widen Pembroke Boulevard at the earthen dam just past the park & pool. Obviously, the developers are actively pursuing construction of a direct route into the property. They have previously stated that they lose prospective buyers because they must drive through a second class neighborhood to reach his development. They seem to think that people are more inclined to but after driving between our park & pool complex and then a beautiful wetlands and lake. The previous city council defeated similar plans. In fact, that council's conditions, (e.g., the bikeway over the dam), were never completed.

Several troubling issues are at stake here. First, should an aesthetic and pleasurable neighborhood park be disrupted by a develop for the sale of at most thirty (30) homeowners to have additional access? Second, do the existing residents of ODF want it or is the rationale solely a marketing ploy? Third, what about the natural, environmental concerns in relation to

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# Newsletter Committee Expands In Response To June's Article. Great News!

Thanks to the efforts of many people over the summer we have reorganized the distribution network for the newsletter and gained the involvement of several new people.

Susan Barnes, Caroline Parker, Loretta Watkins and Sheila Braithwaite have all taken on distribution routes left vacant by neighborhood turnover. Cathy Lind and Carole Grimm have contacted all the distributors to make sure the routes are all covered and the correct number of copies are distributed. Please call either Cathy (499-3497) or CArole (497-4459) if you have a problem getting your newsletter or want to join the distribution network. We still need at least two (2) more people for back-ups.

Loretta Watkins has offered to be the contact person for advertising. If you wish to run a business or personal ad or know of someone who does, Loretta will explain about the costs, give the copy deadline information and coordinate the ads with the editors. To contact Loretta please call (497-2130).

If you have some copy to contribute to the newsletter, please contact either Carol Gurioli (497-5887) or Jimmy Alvino (499-6179). If there is some event or concern that you would like addressed in the publication for the community to be made abreast of we certainly feel very strong about you submitting it to us and look forward to hear from you. The copy deadline is always the 29th of each month to allow for proper preparation and distribution by the second weekend of each month.

We like to take this opportunity now to thank *Mary Ann Thomas* for her years of dedicated delivery of the newsletter along Hudgins Drive from Cavendish to Liverpool.

A heartfilled thank you to everyone who has helped on the newsletter in

the past and who has come forward now to assist. We are sure that with involvement from people like yourselves we will be able to continue and to improve the quality of the newsletter. Our publication has to be the best in the area and we want to keep it on top!

Newsletter Editors

# Yard Waste Recycling Program Reminder

Just a reminder that the City will pick up only yard waste in the extra bags put next to the big black dumpsters. That is why the bags must be clear plastic.

You can put yard waste in your trash as well, but that defeats the purpose of the program which is to slow the rate of use of the regional landfill in Suffolk. The yard waste can be recycled and in fact the City will be making it available Free Of Charge as rough mulch.

# Fence Permits And Requirements

A New Ordinance requires a permit to build (or re-build) a fence within thirty (30) feet of and parallel to a City right-of-way. Landscaping is required if the fence is within ten (10) feet of the righ-of-way, (thirty (30) feet if chain link fencing). The Zoning Division has all the specifications (427-8074) on what is needed to get the permit. The permit is \$25.25; the work will be inspected after completion. If a contractor is to build the fence he should obtain the permit. If you intend doing any work on a fence you should definitely callbefore you begin!

Extension......continued from Page 1 the existing beauty of the lakes and surrounding areas.

This could be a tragedy to the integrity of our neighborhood park at Lake Meadows. Action must be taken immediately. A committee was formed to submit comments to the Corp[s by August 30th. More work may be needed. Anyone interested in participating on this special committee is encouraged to call Steve Hawthorne at 671-1026.

#### Garden Club News

Our trees on Pembroke Boulevard are flourishing and the replacement trees are due this fall. The Fall Flea Market is tentatively set for October. Please watch the bulletin board for details and the next newsletter. If you are interested in a space call Valerie Davis (49707208).

#### Cub Scout Pack 475 Fall Roundup

If your son is interested in being part of the fun of scouting be sure to mark September 19th, on your calendar. You can come out with him to the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Pack 475 is noted for its' fun loving year round activities for the boys in our area.

Boys as young as1st grade can join as *Tigers*; *Wolves* (2nd grade), *Bears* (3rd grade) and *Webelos* (4th and 5th grades). Boys can join at any level.

Note: space cannot be guaranteed unless there is sufficient parental involvement. Each den is limited to 8 boys. So please, when you come to sign him up consider being an assistant den leader. There is a saying in Scouts, A boy learns by the time you spend with him! But there is a secret known by adults, you can earn at least as much in satisfaction After all, how long will our children be young? Can time spent elsewhere reap as many benefits in the long run?

### Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center News

It is NO news for the current pool members that the 1991 summer swim season was a lot of fun. There were many new faces this summer and a lot of enthusiasm for our socials and theme'd family nights.

The following were elected to the 1991/1992 Board and Board-at-Large and will take office October 1st 1991:

#### BOARD

Director .......Jimmie Furlough
Ass. Director ......Pam Cruze
Treasurer .....Debbie Cross
Secretary .....Susan Barnes

Board-at-Large Jimmy Alvino Wes Denton Carol Gurioli Terry Knight Wes Poindexter

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agencies and to better their chances of recovering stolen. If you are in the military, it is suggested that you engrave your social security number prefaced by USN, USAF, etc.. (e.g., USN 123-45-6789); otherwise engrave state abbreviation plus social security number, (e.g., VA 123-45-6789). Keep an inventory of your valuable possessions. You can even make a video recording of them all.

Captains, please call me if you need the engraver for your block. Let's try to get 100% participation by the deadline, February 1st, 1992.

Margie Brotman Pembroke Shores Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

The Civic League is mighty proud of the fantastic efforts being done over at the Shores. What about the Meadows? Let's get rolling and make it a 100%, total community success!

PM&S Civic League

The 1990/1991 Board set a dues increase for next year, due to increased operating costs and the requirement of pool re-surfacing before the pool re-opens in May 1992! We hope to save a lot of expense by doing the work this fall rather then wait until next year. This is a potential benefit to our members and next year's new members for you have a limited opportunity to pay dues at this year's rates. If you re-join by September 30th, you can still get the \$190 per family and \$100 single discounted rates, (this also applys to you first time new members who anticipate joining for the 1992 season and the initiation fee can be paid in installments, too!). Also, anyone considering a Lifetime Membership should act now for it will increase from \$1,000 to \$1,200 when the new rates take effect. There are only nine (9) remaining and they will stay limited to a total of twenty (20).

Anyone interested in paying their dues ahead of time please contact: Jimmie Furlough (490-0254), Susan Barnes (671-7636) or Carol Gurioli (497-5887).

Bingo is still in the plans as a fund raiser. The monies received are to be used to upgrade the pump room and feature additional beautifications and facilities to the complex. The required re-surfacing work is being paid from our capital fund and dues. More information will be published regarding BINGO when our permit is issued. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the permit issuance meets little resistance.

A Special Thank You not only to those dedicated individuals who made this year a true success: maintenance, social enthisiasts but to the young and energetic employees. Tara Orem performed outstanding this year as manager and her colleagues were superb, courteous and safety oriented!

#### Halloween Parade

We always put the welfare and safety of our children first. Halloween is one of those activities that every child loves to participate in but we as parents want to keep it safe. Loretta Watkins has come up with a great Halloween suggestion. Why not have our own community Halloween Parade. The children will gather, in costume, at a meeting place. Then they will proceed to march down a prescribed route and show off those great costumes with a finish at a secret meetina place refreshments. All neighbors along the route can distribute goodies to the children and enjoy a few laughs while onlooking. It will be lots of fun if everyone pulls together to make it work.

This will be discussed further at the next Civic League meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Loretta (497-2130).

## Tommy Horvatic Memorial Fund

We are still collecting aluminum for recycling to benefit the scholarship fund at Princess Anne High School. Please save your cans, old lawn chairs, storm doors, windows, etc. for us. You can drop them off at 4508 Hudgins Dr., or give the Horvatics a call at (499-2602) for pick up. Many thanks for tremendous support.

The Horvatics

#### Editorial: Parenting

Should children be given the responsibility of watching over their younger brother(s) or sister(s)? These days with most parents working it is often easier to ask this of an older child. But, what are the potential consequences? what happens to the substitute parent should the younger child get continued on Page 4

Parenting......continued from Page 3 injured or die? The emotional damage that such a situation could cause may be devastating. We, as adults, know how difficult life gets as one gets older. Children need to be children; to and have fun. eniov The responsibilities of being a sibling guardian takes the fun out of being a child. Children should be given every opportunity possible to play. Playing is a great teacher of life. Children have a right to be Children.

#### Wanted

Refrigerator and microwave for the Recreation Center/ Pool, Does anyone have an extra or are you getting a new one and would like to get rid of the old one and you would like to donate it? Please contact Jimmie Furlough (490-0254) or Janet Brown.

☐ Carpenter (or at least someone who enjoys woodworking). The Civic League's bulletin board is in dire need of repairs. Please contact Steve Hawthorne (671-1026) if you can be of assistance. Thank you!

#### **TidBits**

Crystal Ruggles has been corresponding with several neighbors and would love to hear from more of us. You can write her at:

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#### 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!

| Sept | 1 - 15Jimmie & Jean Furlough |
|------|------------------------------|
| Sept | 16 - 31 Earl & Valerie Davis |
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