

PEMBROKE MEADOWS

CIVIC LEAGUE
NEWSLETTER



PEMBROKE SHORES

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**GENERAL CIVIC LEAGUE
MEETINGS RESUME
SEPTEMBER, 1994
(see next issue
for schedule)**

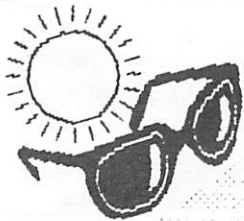
WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

FOWLER, Carol, Matt, Chris, and Jeremy
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709 Abbey Drive

BAUERS, Buzz, Cathy, Nathan, Caleb, Rachel
609 Bishop Court

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ATTENTION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tuesday, August 2, is **National Night Out**. This annual event is intended for citizens to show support for law enforcement, and to celebrate continued efforts in keeping neighborhoods safe. You can show your support by turning on outside lighting, organizing a block party, or even attending the organized events publicized by the media. Please remember that staying alert to what goes on around your home and on your street, in addition to reporting anything that appears suspicious, is the surest way to a safe neighborhood.
----by Stephanie Neihart (456-5795)

CITY SPONSORS "NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC"

Owen Pickett will speak; children's events will be organized; family entertainment will be provided; hot dogs and drinks will be sold; all in all, it sounds like a fun day at Mount Trashmore Park on Saturday, August 13, from 11 am to 3 pm. So for a variety of things to do from face-painting to volleyball, come on down! Pack a picnic lunch if you wish. Call 426-5750 for more information.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 4, OPEN TO ALL

The 1994 pool season will come to a close on Labor Day weekend, but before the last day will be the traditional "Ice Cream Social" on Sunday, the last family night. The fun starts at 7 pm., and the pool will be open to 10 pm. Ice cream sundaes will be on sale for only \$1. Come one and all (\$1.50 admission for non-members) and enjoy our neighborhood pool!

THANK YOU'S AND ATTABOYS

To George Watkins -- the Recreation Center Board wants to extend a more than heartfelt thanks to George Watkins for "being there" so many times in the weeks prior to opening the pool and giving the pool the benefit of his expertise. George, by the way, is not on the pool board, but his dedication is an example of the type of community spirit which we all hope our children will copy as they mature. We are all enriched by such spirit.

To the Pool Staff -- The Pool Board wishes

to recognize the staff at the pool this summer for their dedication and professional attitude.

FREE PASS TO THE HOLIDAY FITNESS CENTER

Bally's Holiday Health and Fitness Center offers all of our Civic League members a two-week free pass to use their facilities (on Va. Beach Blvd.) in August. Call Patsy Dixon (497-8707) or Jim Willenbrink (497-0700) for information on obtaining a free pass.

STENCILING VOLUNTEERS

The Clean Community Commission is sponsoring a **STORM DRAIN STENCILING PROGRAM**. This action will incorporate neighbors who paint stencils on storm drains to raise public awareness of water quality issues. You can sign up to stencil drains near your home by calling Jim Willenbrink (497-0700.) Remember, **NOTHING** is considered safe dumping into storm drains.

CAT LEASH LAW REMINDER

Cat owners are responsible for cat actions! Recent complaints have spurred a need to remind residents about cat leash laws. The City of Va. Beach will pick up loose cats. Remember, call our neighborhood Pet Lost and Found (see last page for #'s) before calling city animal services when your pet is lost or an annoying animal is on your property. Second, try to imagine how the gardening neighbor feels when animals use flower beds as cat pans. Also, cats like warm pavement and are likely to be injured or to cause accidents on roadways. Finally, cats enjoy naps on other warm places like parked vehicles which causes damage to shiny paint finishes and endangers the animal needlessly. Be a responsible pet owner -- be a good neighbor -- keep cats in your own living space with graciousness!

LET'S TALK TRASH

P. Wade Kyle, Administrator for Dept. of Public Works Waste Management Division, has asked the Civic Leagues to remind residents that quality service to taxpayers at the lowest cost to

taxpayers is the result when a few simple guidelines are followed. If you have questions regarding trash pickup, excess trash, recycling, used oil, and homeowner hauling of trash to landfills, call his staff at 430-2450. They are waiting for your call!

ATTENTION NEIGHBORS!!
INOPERATIVE VEHICLES ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY

Properties with vehicles without current tags or city licenses will be targeted by a different division of the city. As of July 1, 1994, city code regarding these vehicles will be enforced by the Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Code Enforcement Division, (427-4421.)

THINK ABOUT IT....

What was the last thing you said about your Civic League? Was it "They ought to ..." or "I think I'll volunteer to do my part."? You make the difference!

BOARD VOTES TO WITHDRAW FROM CCO

Our Civic League board of directors voted unanimously, at the July 14 board meeting, to withdraw from membership in the Council of Civic Organizations (CCO.) Noting that the current leadership of the CCO has, in recent months, "clearly, flagrantly, and willfully violated" the CCO's own constitution, our two CCO representatives (Henry Dean and Jim Willenbrink) and other attendees at the CCO's last meeting convincingly described the grossly improper actions of the current CCO president and some of its directors/ members.

Specifically, the very improper activities included and/or derived from the CCO's obsessive and partisan (biased) support of the referendum vote for reapportionment and the ward system. The CCO leadership misled many voters on the referendum issue by promoting only reapportionment (which almost everyone supports) but not mentioning the ward system and its ramifications (e.g., voters would give up their present right to vote on six candidates.) Not only did the CCO efforts cover up much of the truth

about the referendum issue, many of its petitioners' statements and published advertisements were, in part, untruthful with reference to Virginia Beach.

When some members of the CCO, including our [Civic League] representatives, attempted correct these wrongful activities and untruthful statements, said members were either ignored or debate was terminated. At the June CCO meeting, which was to be an "open forum" some members attempted to inform the CCO leadership as to how it had misled many voters and to educate the general membership on the facts relevant to the issue. The CCO president improperly (contrary to parliamentary procedure) refused to hear all comments, rudely attacked some of the speakers, and appallingly terminated debate. These improper activities of the CCO were questioned in the June 19 editorial of the Va. Beach Beacon entitled "Wards, Voters, and the CCO." The editorial concluded by asking how the CCO's activities comported with its constitutional directive to "provide a city-wide forum for full and free discussion of any civic, governmental, commercial, social, or moral question" and "to avoid at all times any partisan, political, or religious position." Also, it has recently been noted with alarm that a majority of the CCO's current directors are also directors of a small, narrow-minded negativistic political action group called the Citizens Action Coalition, which has been pushing for a ward system. That situation certainly is contrary to the principles of the CCO.

Our Civic League proposes to express these concerns to the CCO in a letter of withdrawal with the qualification that our Civic League "prefers not to be associated with the CCO unless and until new leadership of the CCO shall reassure its members that future violations of its constitution will not be willfully and knowingly tolerated.

A telephone vote of the Civic League re: this withdrawal is being conducted. If you are not called and wish to express your vote/comments please call the Civic League president or Jim Willenbrink immediately. (phone #'s on last page.)

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt condolences go to the family of Aziz Gren, who died recently. Aziz and his family, the Garcia's and the Oviatt's, have been very generous to the Civic League, often donating refreshments to the general meetings. We are truly saddened by your loss.

Another recent loss in our neighborhood was Mary Landon of Severn Drive. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.

Neighbors -- events of note in our neighborhood, whether happy or sad, need to be brought to the attention of the editor so we may properly offer our sentiments. Call Karen Hamilton (497-0395.)

LAKE MEADOWS, LAKE PEMBROKE, AND INDEPENDENCE BLVD.

On June 23, several representatives of our Civic League (Jim Willenbrink, Bryan Murphy, and Brian Neihart) met with City officials concerning a number of issues relating to Lake Meadows, Lake Pembroke and the planned Independence Blvd. widening. Our group, and two members of the Pembroke Manor Civic League, met with three city department heads (Public Works, Agriculture, and Landscape Services) the City Engineer and several consultants. The meeting was arranged by our City Concilman, Louis Jones, who also attended. (We are indeed grateful to Councilman Jones for his concern and assistance in these important matters.)

Regarding Lake Meadows --discussion concerned the drainage characteristics, dam stability, sedimentation, entroplocation, algae, fish, general health of the lake, and vandalism to the dam fences. Conclusions and/or actions:

- a) the City will periodically inspect and clear the lake drain to prevent stoppage and dam overflows. Lake Meadows residents will also regularly check the drain.
- b) the City has conducted a study of the dam and concludes that the current dam will adequately stand up against anticipated stormwaters, assuming the drain is kept clear. It will also look into the possibility of enlarging the drain. The City has already repaired some weak spots at the drain outfall. Also the City believes that erosion of the dam will be negligible if muskrat damage is

curtailed with repairs implemented (which the City has also completed.)

c) Sedimentation and other pollution cannot be stopped, but we must educate the entire community about the dangers of over-fertilization of our lawns and avoiding dumping grass or other debris/trash into the lake or into our streets and gutters. Also, during the Fall, it is important to clean our street gutters to minimize the amount of leaves streaming into the lake. Our representatives suggested, and volunteered Lakes Meadows for, a pilot program involving drag-line clearing of bottom debris from shallow drainage system lakes. The possibility of dredging this and other lakes has been dismissed because of the extremely high costs.

d) The use of chemicals to control the proliferation of choking algae has been ruled out, since we all agree that it may be somewhat dangerous, and largely ineffective or temporary at best. Our Lake Committee is investigating stocking the Lake with Israeli carp which can control algae growth without detrimental side effects.

e) The City has repaired the 26 broken fence rails, broken by a few depraved vandals. We have established an alert system which will help apprehend such future vandals.

Concerning the Lake Pembroke overpass and widening of Independence Blvd., work on that project is planned to commence in September at the Jeanne Street end. An update of this planned work will be published in a future issue of the newsletter.

----submitted by Jim Willenbrink

NOT TOO SOON TO BE THINKING ABOUT... HALLOWEEN???

We are not sure whether there will be a separate September issue of the newsletter, so here is "heads up" about the upcoming 4th annual Halloween Walk. Start rummaging through those attics and garages, kids, and be thinking about a terrific costume for a Saturday in the end of October (exact date not yet set.) New residents, you are in for a treat (perhaps a trick and a treat) when you see our little ones marching in parade formation, behind flags, and hopefully, our favorite middle school band. If you can supervise one of the games (about 30 minutes of your time) or help out otherwise, call Loretta Watkins, (497-2130.)

THE FENCE WINS

(a letter from a resident)

This Spring I repaired my fence along Pembroke Blvd., only to be told by the City that the newly revised fence ordinance pertaining to fences along City street right-of-ways would require me to move my entire fence. Specifically the ordinance required my fence to be moved back from the right-of-way 5 feet and to plant prescribed landscaping. Another neighbor (Jack Owen) was also cited for the same problem. The city was standing hard even after we each paid \$105.00 for a variance board review and presented our cases. Despite the fact that I had cleared my variance request with my neighbors and through our Civic League, my variance was initially denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals. However, after consultation with our City Councilman Louis Jones and several others, the City has granted me and others who live along Pembroke Blvd. an exception to the law. Because of the unique character of Pembroke Blvd. we are permitted an "encroachment" on said right-of-way, providing we plant the required landscaping. Specifically, the Board of Zoning Appeals has stated that:

"the extraordinary width of the right-of-way, coupled with the 20 foot traffic control easement and the fact that the right-of-way will not be used as originally intended constitute extraordinary circumstances not shared generally by other properties in similar zoning districts."

I wish to sincerely thank Councilman Louis Jones for his considerable help in this matter and also the Civic League President Henry Dean and Carol Gurioli for their support. Jim Willenbrink took on the task of bringing the many parts of City government together in one direction, which was no small task!

Thank you all,
John and Pat Sheadel

STILL TIME TO PAY YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE DUES

If you have not paid your Civic League dues, please do so ASAP. Send the very reasonable \$8 annual fee to the Civic League Of Pembroke Meadows, Inc. (our official name even though we include the Shores) PO Box 68052, zip 23455. Then, come to a meeting, and see for yourself how

each and every one of those dollars is spent on behalf of you and your neighbors, to keep this subdivision one of the best places to live!

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Rec. Secty.	Loretta Watkins	497-2130
Corr. Secty.	Carol Gurioli	497-5887
Membership	Patsy Dixon	497-8707
Rec.Ctr.Dir.	Pam Cruze	490-2279

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bldgs/Grounds	George Watkins	497-2130
Welcoming		
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
Shores	Anna Schweitzer	473-1886
Newsletter	Karen Hamilton	497-0395
Lakes/waterways	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
L. Pembroke	Jim Willenbrink	(above)
L. Meadows	Bryan Murphy	499-9188
Lynnhaven	Al Galvani	499-6670
Block Security		
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
Shores	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
Townhouses	Mildred Exum	490-2091
Directory	Loretta Watkins	497-2130
Publicity	Valerie Davis	497-7208
Pet Lost and Found		
Meadows	- 497-0700;	Shores - 490-2504

BABY SITTERS

Jennifer Cameron, grade 9	497-5785
Elizabeth Cole, grade 7	473-8115
Holly Dixon, grade 8	497-8707
Valerie Gurioli, grade 9	497-5887
Molly Nixon, grade 11	497-4506
Liz Page, grade 11	671-1432
Christine Reddy, grade 11	497-4156
Megan Watkins, grade 8	497-2130
Lori Blackmon, grade 11	473-8925

Note: Baby sitter names are listed in a "rolling alpha " style to give everyone a chance to appear at, or near, the top of the list.

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FREE ADMISSION

For one (with This Ad) **499-6165**

MEDIAN WATCH

Call George Watkins (497-2130) to volunteer. Two families can join to share the work!

Aug 1 - 15	Pat and John Sheadel
Aug 16 - 31	Jake Froehlich
Sept 1 - 15	open -- please call to volunteer
Sept 16 - 30	Valerie and Earl Davis
Oct 1 - 15	Henry Dean
Oct 16 - 31	open -- please call to volunteer

CLASSIFIED

Shower Door --for shower stall. Fits opening 31 1/2" to 34' wide. Excellent condition. CLEAN. All hardware and installation instructions incl. Also has new door gasket. Chrome w/ opaque glass. \$50.00 (\$187 new at Sears.) Ashley Wilson, 497-7134.

"SK8" Board For Sale -- Lance Mountain Powell '92; decent condition (few nicks); \$45-\$50; (497-0395.)

Yard Work Services --Call Brady or Arthur, (497-0395.)

Grass Roots Lawn Care -- mowing, mulching, bagging, edging, gutter cleaning, \$10 - \$20. Call Joseph Berk, (671-1048)

Lawn mowing - reasonable. John and Stephen Young, (499-5405.)

K.C. Lawn Service - prices negotiable - mowing, edging, raking, mulching, bagging, clipping, trimming, pruning, planting, cleaning gutters, fertilizing; You name it, we'll do it. (473-8115)(473-3634)

ANNOUNCING - The start of my business -- as an independent Mary Kay consultant. I would love to tell my neighbors about great SKIN CARE PRODUCTS available for ALL AGE GROUPS. Please give me a call for a free facial or more information. Carol Gurioli, (497-5887.)

Tutoring in the neighborhood. Math through Alg. I; reading, phonics, literacy prep. Year 'round. Mrs. Watkins, (497-2130.)

For Sale - frost-free refrigerator, 19 cu. ft., with ice maker and cold water dispenser; very good condition, \$300. AND: **upright 20 cu. ft. freezer;** 4 yrs. old, but used for first 2 yrs. only; excellent cond.; \$275. Steve Hawthorne, (671-1026) after 6 PM.

Bruer chair -- seat needs recaning, light wood w/chrome frame. \$7.50. Mrs. Watkins, (497-2130.)

Drapes for sale -two sets, medium blue with valences; one measures 6 ft. 3 1/4 in. wide, over 4 ft long; second set is 8 ft. 5 1/2 in. wide and 5 ft. 1 in. long. \$25 each or both for \$45. Will fit many Pembroke Meadows/Shores homes (490-9604.)

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