

PEMBROKE MEADOWS

CIVIC LEAGUE
NEWSLETTER



PEMBROKE SHORES

SEPTEMBER 1994

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**GENERAL CIVIC LEAGUE
MEETINGS RESUME!!
SEPTEMBER 15, 1994
7:30 pm in the cafeteria
Pembroke Meadows Elem.**

"GUESTS AND GHOSTS"

Interesting Program, Civic League Meeting, Sept 15

Our Bayside Councilman, Louis Jones, will visit with us at our September 15 Civic League meeting. Also, Mrs. Jo Howerin, a former resident of the historic Old Ferry Farm house (the second courthouse in old Princess Anne County,) will report to us some of the background and history of the old house, *including her own and others' sightings of the ghost of Grace Sherwood in/near the house.* Our neighbors from Old Donation Farms are cordially invited to join us to meet Councilman Jones and Mrs. Howerin on Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 pm at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School cafeteria.

FREE PET REGISTRY HAILED AS A SUCCESS IN REUNITING LOST PETS WITH RESIDENTS!

Notice to pet owners! The Pet Lost and Found is working very hard to see that all of our pets return home. But we do not have all the pets in the meadows and shores registered yet. The system works! Since April of this year, when the pet registry started, 48 pets have been reported.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

New neighbors are invited to contact a member of the Civic League Board for information about the neighborhood and its activities. For a Welcome Package, contact the Welcome Committee -- see phone numbers on last page.

and most of them returned to their homes within hours. Four were sent to animal control because their was no record, tag, or phone number on their collars. One little dachshund was getting on a bus and one of our neighbors took it to Pet Lost and Found. Since it had been reported missing two days prior, the family had their dog back within a few minutes. But without the caring person taking the trouble to locate our Lost and Found, dog and master may not ever have been reunited.

This has happened so many times! Through our phone system, our beloved pets find their way
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home. We are all working together. This is a free service. Just call us (497-0700, Meadows and 490-2504, Shores.) If you need a registration form, call for one. If you have not filled yours in yet, why not?? Do it, and mail it to:

Belinda Nash

801 Cathedral Drive (23455)

(Editor's Note -- how many neighborhoods in which you have lived *even had a service like this*, let alone one that was provided at no cost to you by residents donating their own time and energy?? One more reason to join and become active in your Civic League.)

PUPPY NOTICE

Puppies need a home! We have 2 puppies; a female who is 11 months old, black and white, and a golden color male pup who is 9 months old. Both are mixed, current in shots, and cage trained. Good with children and elderly. Need loving family. (423-2830/work or 456-0572/ans. machine.)

INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD WIDENING

This is a follow-up report on the Phase IV-A widening of Independence Blvd. to six lanes from Jeanne Street north to Pembroke Blvd:

1) Construction will commence sometime in October at the Jeanne Street end and will work northward.

2) Duration of work is expected to be one year.

3) Present outer lanes will be closed while widening across walks and into Lake Pembroke. However, to alleviate traffic, two temporary narrow lanes will be constructed in the present median strip (one lane each side.) The medians will be restored after the new outer lanes are completed.

4) The 5-foot curvilinear bikeway/sidewalk has been restored in the plan. This "greenway" with appropriate landscaping, will result in a "parkway-like" appearance.

5) A crosswalk across Independence Blvd. will be located on the south side of Pembroke Blvd. (near Cenit Bank.)

6) A right turn lane on Pembroke Blvd., exiting Pembroke Meadows will be constructed to help reduce the delay at the light, i.e., we will then

have a left turn lane, a straight ahead lane, and a right turn lane at our gazebo.

7) concerning Lake Pembroke:

a) five storm water retention ponds will be constructed along Independence Blvd., four on the east side and one on the west side. These will vary in size from about 380 feet to 60 feet in length/width. Three of these ponds will be dry most of the time; the other two will have a foot or two of water most of the time. These ponds will be fenced. Their purpose is to provide temporary containment and filtration of storm water runoff to reduce pollution and flooding of Lake Pembroke.

b) during construction all trees and vegetation will have to be removed, unfortunately, from the overpass. About 30 feet of fill will be added on each side of the overpass.

c) sediment fences will be placed during construction to prevent sedimentation in the Lake.

d) landscape shrubs and trees will be replanted after construction is complete; but obviously the overpass will be relatively barren for quite some time and some additional traffic noise will reverberate across the lake.

Our Civic League has been in touch with the Public Works Department, City Engineer, City Landscaper, and others concerning this project. In fact, items 4, 5, 6 and part of 7 above resulted mostly from our specific requests. This is another example of the value of a good Civic League. We also again acknowledge the help of our Bayside Councilman Louis Jones in facilitating our liaison with the City.

If you have any questions concerning this project, call Jim Willenbrink, or better yet, come to the September Civic League meeting at which a diagram/map will be displayed and discussed.

--submitted by Jim Willenbrink

FLAGS STOLEN IN PEMBROKE SHORES

On Saturday night or Sunday morning, Sept 3/4, someone stole TWO American flags from our yard, -- one off the flagpole and the other off the back of our shed on Pembroke Blvd. You have to be pretty low or desperate to steal American flags. If found, please return to the Wilsons, at 4301 St. Albans St. (497-7134.)

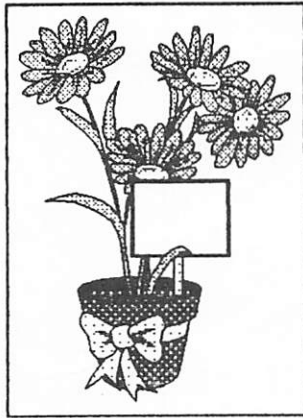
--submitted by Ashley Wilson

SPECIAL PAGE 5 INSERT

So much news!! We decided to do a "page 5" insert to give you the rest of the information.

GARDEN CLUB

Attention Ladies!! First Garden Club meeting of the '94/'95 year will be held on Sept 14, 7:30 pm. A program will be given. For information call 497-7208 or 497-0700.



NEEDED!!

Volunteer workers to clean up Pembroke Boulevard median (this is separate from the median watch.) Bring your bodies and some tools for weeding, pruning, mulching, etc. It won't take much time if we have lots of help. Date is Saturday, Sept 17, 9:00 am. Rain date, Sept 24, same time. Information phone numbers are same as above.

P.S. We are unable to sponsor our semi-annual flea market at Cenit Bank this Fall. Look for us in the Spring.

PRAISE FOR POOL BOARD'S TERRIFIC SEASON

This summer was a super season at the Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center Pool. All of us would like to give the members of the Pool Board a rousing THANK YOU for your efforts. With special praise for Pam Cruze and Donna Spinelli, we note the excellent management of finances, facilities and personnel. Pool employees, too, were top-notch at doing their jobs, especially when we consider that they are very young adults, given great responsibility for the safety of our children and of ourselves. Of course, each year's pool board contributes something of great and lasting value to the recreation center for the following boards to build upon, and we salute all those who have volunteered (yes, volunteered) the many hours and efforts they gave to our recreation center and pool for the past 20+ years.

NEXT YEAR'S POOL OFFICERS ARE:

Director: George Watkins
Assistant Director: Donna Spinelli
Treasurer: Susan Barnes
Secretary: Janet Brown
Members at-large: Rita Carey, Lonnie Cross, Steve Hawthorne, Alexis Nixon, Caroline Sever

HOW TO DO YOUR PART

Do you complain that people just don't *care* anymore? Show that *you* care. Join your Civic League. Annual membership is a low \$8. Mail it to Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc. (includes Shores) PO Box 68052, zip 23455. Then, get involved! For the sake of whatever you hold dear, be it your children, your property values, community spirit, whatever -- come to the meetings and *do your part*.

BRIGHT IDEA

Put away \$25 a month starting September, and by next summer you will have the money you need for a pool membership. Do it for your children.



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PARENTS ---- A LETTER FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS

Throughout the summer months, we have noticed with increased frequency the number of small children who are totally left to their own devices when riding vehicles, playing ball, or skating. Cambria Street, Abbey Drive, and even Pembroke Boulevard have this problem, and so do many other streets. Parents, are you aware that children on bikes verbally bait you to hit them? Do you know that some of them purposely swerve their bikes, skateboards, and roller skates/blades in front of oncoming vehicles, causing the drivers to slam on brakes in order to avoid serious accidents? Are you aware that your 4 and 5 year olds occupy electric cars in the middle of the street with no regard for adult traffic as they dodge in and out of parked vehicles and into the paths of moving vehicles? What about those who refuse to stop a ball game in the middle of the street, forcing oncoming traffic to try to maneuver around them, while the children continue to play and run around the car even as it is moving? How can a driver predict in which direction a child will dart next?

Parents, take some sort of responsibility. Children, do the same. There is an accident just waiting to happen. Teach your children how to ride a bike safely, to play ball in a park or in a fenced yard, and not in the middle of the street. Certainly, teach older ones not to bait drivers with their verbal taunts, for one day they may unwittingly cause themselves great injury. No driver wants to hit a child, ever! But you and the child must use good judgement, too, in avoiding those situations which can lead to this terrible possibility.

CIVIC LEAGUE HAS VOTED TO WITHDRAW FROM CCO!

Last month's newsletter reported that our Civic League Officers had voted unanimously to withdraw from the Council of Civic Organizations (CCO.) (See July/August newsletter, page 3.) As reported, comments and votes were requested from any and all Civic League members by telephone or otherwise. The results were: 59 votes for withdrawal, 0 against. We will send a letter of withdrawal to the CCO stating that our Civic League "prefers not to be associated with the CCO unless and until new leadership of the CCO shall

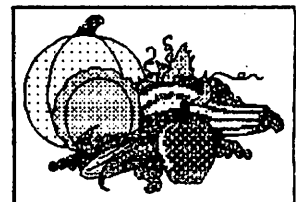
reassure its members that in the future, violation of its constitution will not be willfully and knowingly tolerated."

On the issue of May's referendum vote, from which the CCO's improper actions mainly derived, some of our member voters did not express an opinion. But well over forty stated that they agreed with the board's consensus that we strongly support equal population reapportionment of our council burroughs, but we are against adoption of a ward system (which would deprive us of our current right to vote on six of our eleven Council members.)

For further information and/or a thorough written explanation of these issues call Jim Willenbrink or Henry Dean, phone numbers, page 4.

FALL APPROACHES- GET READY FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WALK

On Saturday, October 29 (rain date October 30,) we will have our annual Halloween Walk. Tentatively set for 3 pm, the parade will start and end at our park at the end of Pembroke Blvd. Past experience tells us that even the littlest ones can join in the parade when riding in decorated strollers and wagons. Although there is no charge (what a nice change from all the other children's events you pay many \$\$\$'s for!) we do ask you to donate juice or doughnuts, and to make a silver contribution to the Independence Middle School Band for their activities fund. Call Loretta Watkins (497-2130) to say what you will bring. I could also use some help before and after the parade, decorating the park and serving refreshments.



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Membership	Patsy Dixon	497-8707
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Welcoming		
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
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Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
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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

Molly Nixon, grade 11	497-4506
Liz Page, grade 11	671-1432
Shannon Reilly, grade 10	473-5727
Megan Watkins, grade 8	497-2130
Megan Zmuda, grade 8	497-4051
Lori Blackmon, grade 11	473-8925
Jennifer Cameron, grade 9	497-5785
Elizabeth Cole, grade 7	473-8115
Holly Dixon, grade 8	497-8707

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.

MEDIAN WATCH

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

Sept 1 - 15	Robert and Holly Crute
Sept 16 - 30	Valerie and Earl Davis
Oct 1 - 15	Henry Dean
Oct 16 - 31	Joel and Laura Brown
Nov 1 - 15	OPEN - please call to volunteer!!
Nov 16 - 30	George Watkins and family

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.

Mowing by Michael -- (497-4051)

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

For Sale — 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.

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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