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and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



# SPRING FLING 2000—DON'T MISS IT!

By Jim Price

The neighborhood SPRING FLING will begin at 9 a.m. on APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>! Spring Fling is a cooperative effort to clean, beautify and prepare the park, pool grounds and dam pathway for the summer. Last year, 50 volunteers made light work of the many tasks. If you have ever relaxed in the park; strolled, run or biked on the dam path; or enjoyed the flowering bushes of the pool grounds, this is the time to help keep it a desirable area. If you are new to the neighborhood or would like to meet your neighbors; this is the place to do it. For comfortable temperatures and blooming flora, this

is the season! A fine lunch cookout by neighborhood chefs will top off your well-deserved appetite.

All are invited. All volunteers are welcome. Bring shovels, rakes, weed whackers and pruning sheers—or just bring your elbow grease. Celebrate the coming of spring with your neighbors. Learn some horticultural (Dorothy Parker not withstanding) tips from the ladies of the Garden Club. Do something positive for the neighborhood environment and have a good time doing it!

**THE LAST WORD...from the editor.** The newsletter is one of the most important parts of communication for a neighborhood. Being the editor is a way of helping to hold the community together. Loretta Watkins was the editor before me and she did a fantastic job. After 4 years, she decided that it was time to turn the position over to someone else and asked for a volunteer. I thought to myself, "I can do that!" I have held the position for 3 years, and now I am hoping that someone else will say, "I can do that!" It's a great way to express your opinions and get to know many neighbors who become true friends. It's also a vehicle to help

change things in the neighborhood for the better! Just look how I've nagged about those ugly, exposed garbage containers! Some people took the hint and placed theirs out of sight—others didn't, but at least everyone is now aware that they are unsightly!

Many, many thanks to all of you who took the time to write articles and those of you who distribute the newsletter are the best! Please consider taking this very important, satisfying job. Call Don Sanders at 499-7987, Peggy Caverly at 490-0925, or yours truly at 473-8258.

**Clera Hall**

**PATRONIZE OUR CIVIC LEAGUE BUSINESS ASSOCIATES.** The following businesses have joined our civic league as Business Associates:

**Big Ocean Plumbing; C & M Cafeteria; Cinema Café; Crestar Bank; Edward Jones Investments; Forest Arbor Barber; Independence Veterinary Hospital; Jones Roofing; Montagna's Shoes; and VAL's Mini Italia.** Thank you for your support. It is appreciated!

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# POOL NEWS

**Just a couple of weeks until opening day at the pool: May 27 at 11:30 a.m.** Only a short while until friends and neighbors gather for relaxation, recreation and socializing. Pool membership is a wonderful and inexpensive way to keep your summer leisurely active (yeah, I know, kinda oxymoronic, but true). With an experienced lifeguard staff supervising, it is a safe and cooling experience for the kids.

Membership applications were distributed with the March newsletter. If for some reason, you did not receive a copy or need another, please contact Mary Anne Kuehne, Membership Secretary (497-8690), or Donna Price, Director (499-5115). **There is a 10% discount for paying the membership fee by April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

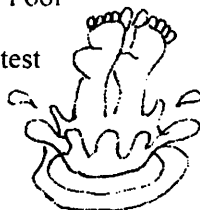
As usual, there is a lot planned for the summer at the pool. **Swim lessons** will be offered for neighborhood kids beginning Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> and running until June 30<sup>th</sup>. The lessons will begin at 10 a.m. and will run an hour each day. Many a neighborhood kid has learning and honed his swimming skills at the pool.

Another great way to improve swimming skill is the Pembroke Meadows **Marlins Swim Team**. A returning coach and team managers promise to make the swim team experience even better than last summer. The Swim team is for those ages 5 to 18. All teammates swim in the regular meets, regardless of expertise. Many swimmers begin the summer with only rudimentary skills, which vastly improve over the course of the season. Swim team members enjoy the competition as well as the camaraderie of team sports. There will be swim team sign ups at the pool on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Carol or Bob Weinstein (464-6351) for further.

Much preparation goes into running a pool and planning a successful summer. Much of that work is done by a voluntary board as a labor of love. Our families get so much out of the pool; we want to ensure it continues. There are **many activities** already scheduled. **The largest preparatory effort, part of the Spring Fling, is set for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.** All volunteers are welcome. On the successive Saturdays from April 29 through May 20, other work will be completed in preparation of opening day.

Here are the special events scheduled thus far:

- April 29: Spring Fling and swim team sign-up
- May 27: Opening day
- June 17: practice swim meet (pool opens at 12:30 pm)
- June 19: Monday Madness
- June 20: swim lessons begin
- June 21: youth night
- June 24: swim meet at Salem Woods
- June 25: family Noodle and Float night
- July 1: home swim meet vs. Greenbrier Country Club (pool opens at 2 p.m.)
- July 3: Monday Madness
- July 4: Independence Day festivities
- July 8: swim meet at Larkspur Neighborhood Pool
- July 10: swim team Swim-a-thon
- July 12: youth night
- July 15: home swim meet vs. Littleneck Swim and Racket Club (pool opens at 2 p.m.)
- July 17: Monday Madness
- July 22: swim meet at Carolanne Farms Neighborhood Pool
- July 22: youth overnight
- July 23: Christmas in July family night and cookie contest
- July 31: swim team arty and awards
- August 5: Parrothead adult social
- August 9: youth night
- August 14: Monday Madness
- August 20: family chili and Mexican night
- August 30: youth night
- September 4: Labor Day, last day for pool to be open
- September 11: clean up and closing for winter



**IF (by Peggy Caverly, not Kipling!)**

**IF** you were not one of the 100 or so in attendance at the Pot Luck Dinner on March 16<sup>th</sup>, you missed a good social event, good food and an enlightening program. Our own Sid Sward was the strolling musician, playing well-known songs on his accordian.

**IF** you did not get your questions for the mayor answered, I'm sorry. Perhaps we can have her back at a later time, or you can contact the Mayor's office.

**IF** you left any food containers at the Pot Luck Dinner, call Jeanette Willenbrink to identify your dishes.

**IF** you do not regularly attend the meetings because of baby sitter problems, call Peggy Caverly at 490-0925. Perhaps baby-sitting can be arranged at all regular meetings.

**IF** you are willing to baby sit (with help of a children's movie) one month out of a year, call Peggy.

**IF** you did not receive your telephone reminder about the meeting, call 490-0925.

**IF** you have any future program suggestions, call; I'll do what I can.

**NOTICE:** The Lake Smith Terrace-Haygood Point-Governor Square Civic League extends an invitation to their meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. A presentation on the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Project will be the topic with a representative from the City and a representative from the group opposing the project. If you have any questions, call Dick Blessington at 497-9154 or Marjorie at 464-4818.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school, business school, junior college or university, we want to hear from YOU. We would like to list all of our graduating neighbors in the next civic league bulletin. Please include name, school, future plans (i.e., job, post graduate school, military service, etc.). Please give graduates' information to Daphne Sanders by APRIL 18. Mail or drop by 853 St. Martin Dr. or call 499-7987 (speak with Daphne only).

**Please don't pollute.** Don't feed the ducks or geese! Don't discard grass clippings, leaves, or other refuse into our lakes, waterways or street gutters. (It's against the law!) Don't use excessive fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides!

**BE WARY OF DOGS!** At 6:45 a.m. on Friday, March 17, a neighbor went outside to retrieve his newspaper and heard several dogs barking. Upon investigation, he saw a man standing inside a fence at the corner of St. Martin Drive and Pembroke Boulevard and two large dogs (a pit bull and a rottweiler) were leaping at the fence trying to get to him. Animal Control was called and meanwhile, the dogs were barking, jumping up on the fence and occasionally they would tire and sit or lie down by the fence. Fortunately, the man had the presence of mind to leap the fence when the dogs charged him. He also kept their attention so that they would not run off and possibly attack someone else. Animal Control had been called earlier that morning to two other locations—Hudgins Drive and Cheswick Lane—with complaints against the same dogs.

The dogs were very vicious and threatened the Animal Control officers and the police officers that responded. The owners of the dogs were located and were able to get them into the animal control truck.

**Another day, another incident, different rottweiler.** A neighbor was walking her dog on St. Martin Drive when a rottweiler ran from behind the house and attacked her dog that was on a leash. Luckily, the dog's owners were at home and came out and retrieved the dog before it injured the dog on the leash.

The moral of these incidents is to be very careful when out walking--especially if you have children or animals with you. It is also important for owners of large dogs to provide proper enclosures so that people walking down the street don't have to be concerned about being attacked.

**P.S.** A court hearing was held on April 4 concerning the incident with the pit bull and the rottweiler. It was decided that the dogs would be destroyed and the owners were fined \$150. The owners may appeal the case.

**WEED SPRAYER.** Will the person who borrowed the Civic League's weed sprayer please call Sid Sward at 497-7917. We need the weed sprayer, and could use some help, to spray the entranceway median, which has grown unsightly with weeds due to persistent rains and a cutback in City contract services.

Jim Willenbrink

**LAKE & WATERWAY POLLUTION.** Because of their shallow depths, our neighborhood Lake Meadows and Lake Pembroke and waterways are particularly susceptible to dangerous and/or

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER.** This issue of the Newsletter will be the last one for Clera Hall as editor. She has done a great job for over three years. I would like to thank her for her service as editor and for actively working with the Civic League Board of Directors. We wish her good luck in retirement!

So now we need a new editor. If interested, please call Peggy Caverly or myself to discuss this very important volunteer position.

Best regards,  
Don Sanders

**MANY THANKS TO THE BUSINESSES**

that donated food and door prizes for our annual potluck dinner!

**King Hua; Greater Grinder; Francesca Pizza; Val's; C & M Cafeteria; Hardees; Manhattan Bagel; Cat Walk Hair Cuts; Cinema Draft; McDonald Garden Center; and More Than a Barber.** If we left anyone out, we apologize.

**LAKE AND WATERWAY POLLUTION**

(Cont. from Page 3) detrimental pollution from various sources such as excrement of excessive numbers of geese, ducks and other animals; grass, shrub, or tree clippings and leaves which are dumped into the water or flow in from the streets and gutters; and excessive lawn fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides which can run off or leach through our lawns into the gutters and waterways.

All of these various pollutants can add harmful, even dangerous bacteria, algae and/or eutrophic/decaying matter which can cause sickness in our children, fish kills, proliferation of mosquitoes and other insects and eventually transform our beautiful waterways into swamps.

Jim Willenbrink

**INDEPENDENCE BLVD. UPDATE:**

The required open bidding process to select a contractor for the widening from Pembroke Blvd. to and beyond Haygood Road is nearing completion. The City has recommended a contractor to the State and the Commonwealth Transportation Board who will make the decision since the State pays for more than 90% of the costs. State Senator Ed Schrock has been asked to spur the CTB to get the work started soon, perhaps by June.

Jim Willenbrink

**CLASSIFIED AD**

**Wanted:** One 50-gallon steel drum for outside fireplace. Please call J. Sheadel at 499-0678.

**READING COMPREHENSION, MATH & PHONICS:** Gr. 1-8. Right in neighborhood. Call Mrs. Watkins, 497-2130

**NOTICE TO BOATERS.** An underwater pipeline has been placed in the Western Branch of the Lynnhaven River and its tributaries from Hebron Cove to Virginia Beach Blvd., which is being used in conjunction with the dredging project on the Lynnhaven River, Hebron Cove, Buchanan Creek and other areas along the river. Mariners are cautioned to remain a safe distance away from the pipeline, boosters, barges, anchors and other equipment in the river.

The underwater pipeline is marked approximately every 400 feet by small orange buoys and flashing amber lights at night. Boaters should use extreme caution in crossing the pipeline, and only cross in areas where sufficient clearance exists. Boaters should strictly comply with the Inland Rules of the Road when transiting the dredging and pipeline area. Be advised that in some areas, it may not be possible to cross the pipeline due to the water depth, tide or pipeline characteristics. For further information contact: Norfolk Dredging Company at 547-9391. (Reprinted from the Beacon with permission from Norfolk Dredging.)

Other news regarding Western Branch: The notice applies primarily to the areas from Steinhilber Restaurant to Princess Anne High School. A channel marker put up by the city at the entrance to Old Donation Cove has been knocked over and removed by the dredgers, according to Lucas Diton of Norfolk Dredging.

Submitted by Gwen Stevens

**MEDIAN WATCH LIST—WON'T YOU FILL IN THE BLANKS?** Call Sid @ 497-7917

Volunteers	Dates
	1-15 January
	16-31 January
	1-15 February
Jim and Clera Hall	16-28 February
Peggy Caverly	1-15 March
John Shaedel	16-31 March
Jim and Jeannette Willenbrink	1-15 April
Bob and Marge Brotman	16-30 April
Travis and Carol Little	1-15 May
Tony and Bridgette South	16-31 May
Herb and Belinda Nash	1-15 June
	16-30 June
	1-15 July
	16-31 July
	1-15 August
	16-31 August
Jim and Clera Hall	1-15 September
Ashley Wilson	16-30 September
	1-15 October
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	1-15 December
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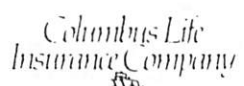
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