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CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

**Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes**

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



President's Corner by Don Sanders Over the last year, I have taken to riding my bike around the neighborhood. It seems to me our neighborhood looks better this year than it did 15 years ago when I moved here. You do see places where there are problems; tall grass, boats in driveways, loose animals, junk cars, housing code violations, etc., but on the other hand, the vast majority of the homes are in great shape. People have added great additions, done excellent landscaping, and refurbished their houses. Additionally, the neighborhood has a neat park, newly paved roads and a wonderful pool. We all should be proud of our community! Keep up the good work! I hope you all have a great finish to the summer.

Pembroke Shores Block Security Update Thank you to the following Block Captains: Eileen Byman, Pat Cook, Trish Doucette, Al Galvani, Clera Hall, Betty Hetreed, Fran Keeling, Mary Ann Lowe, Daphne Sanders, Carol Scott, Caroline Sever, John Sheadel, Rosemary Staggs, and Ted Young and residents of the Shores for their cooperation in helping to update our Neighborhood Watch lists ensuring that we will keep our Neighborhood Watch signs.

Please remember to follow the rules of good crime prevention and engrave your valuables (TVs, VCRs, stereos, computers, etc.) with your social security number preceded by USN, USAF, etc. if you are military, or VA if civilian and continue to keep an eye out for and report to the police anything out of the ordinary in your neighborhood—strange cars, lights on at your neighbor's when they shouldn't be, or any other suspicious activity.

If you are a new resident, please contact your Block Captain or me for the Neighborhood Watch brochure. If you need to borrow an engraver, please call me at 497-0565.

Congratulations to the residents of Pembroke Meadows for participating in the Neighborhood Watch program, joining the Shores and Townhouses in keeping our neighborhood a safe place to live.

Margie Brotman

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING SEP 21 AT 7:30 PM--THIS IS ABOUT YOUR BEST FRIEND Dr. Brian Hastings of the Independence Veterinary Hospital will present the September program. Dr. Hastings will give us some tips on Do and Don't and What and What For about our pets. Be sure to attend the first meeting of the fall season and learn more about caring for your pet's health.

ATTENTION: BLACK SNAKES Be aware! There have been Virginia black snakes sightings in the Pembroke Shores Area. I saw a dead one that was over five feet in length and one which was smaller, only three feet. These snakes are usually found near water but also like cool, tall grassy locations. To keep them away from your yard, keep grass cut and don't let trash or debris build up. Cool dark places are what they prefer for nesting. I've been told their bite is not poisonous but will cause swelling. This notice is not meant to alarm anyone but don't allow a perfect habitat for these snakes to form around your home.

Belinda Nash

SNAKES AGAIN In Pembroke Meadows recently, a dog had to be put to sleep after being bitten by a snake. Don't know what kind of snake was involved. Please be watchful!

PET LOST AND FOUND We in Pembroke Meadows, Shores and Townhouses have established a pet lost and found service that works very well in our community. If your pet gets lost in the Meadows, call Jim at 497-0400, if lost in the Shores, call Belinda at 490-2504. Most of our neighbors are aware of the program and do call to report lost/found pets. We have on file most of the pets with pictures for ID. It's as simple as looking in the file and finding the description given and making the call to reunite a pet with its owner. Hundreds of pets have been returned using this procedure. Some residents are not aware of this service and unfortunately, animal control is called to pick up the pet because a file has not been created for it. If there is a tag on the animal, we do trace it.

This saves the owner the time and expense of travelling to the local kennel to pick it up. Help us to return your beloved pets and register your cat, dog, rabbit, bird, reptile, etc. They all roam off at one time or another. Pets are especially afraid during storms and if they run off they may lose their sense of returning home. Be aware of where your pets are in an upcoming storm. Thank you to all who have called to report a lost or found pet.

Belinda Nash

HELP KEEP OUR ENTRANCEWAY ATTRACTIVE! The appearance of our community entranceway, gazebo and median strip is a measure of the quality of our neighborhood. That is why we ask again that you please don't litter! That is also the purpose of our community median strip watch for which concerned residents volunteer to help police the median area. That's the reason we remind residents it is illegal to post signs on the entranceway, gazebo or anywhere on the median. Signs for Civic functions are excepted.

Jim Willenbrink

Connie's Town Home Comments Due to an accident earlier in the spring, I was not able to get around to visit new neighbors. Please let me know of any new neighbors and we'll work together to give them welcoming packets along with Cinema Café movie tickets. I will need new neighbor addresses, names, children's names, and phone numbers. Thanks for your help.

Town home improvements this year include holes filled in, meters raised, streets paved and property landscaped. It takes persistence and finding one's way to the right person, but the city is at your service as long as the request is doable. Everyone has the power to help make the neighborhood better. Just pick up a piece of paper, get trash cans in, plant a flower and call Code Enforcement, etc. for help if you don't know what to do about an old auto sitting on jacks. Booklets are available at the Bayside Library on city services and code enforcement. We're all responsible for how we live.

Welcome new neighbors, Chris and Justine Watts and daughter Bree, 853 Cathedral Drive.

Connie Lue

SHORESIDE NEWS The recent rain has made the grass grow! Homeowners were out in great numbers at the end of the week trying to get the mowing done before it rained again! I must say that the neighborhood is looking good. The sidewalk handicap ramps are now completed, and hopefully all the "plumbing" problems have been solved so there won't be reason to dig up the streets anymore.

New neighbors, George and Stephanie Doyon, have moved in at 816 St. Martin Drive. If I have missed welcoming a new neighbor, please call me so that we may give them a proper welcome to our lovely neighborhood. Hope to see you at the Civic League Meeting!

Clera Hall

Deed Restrictions All residents are again reminded to comply with our subdivision deed restrictions, which apply to every lot in Pembroke Meadows and Shores. These restrictions are printed in the Community Directory and are enforceable through court action which can be initiated by any homeowner.

Jim Willenbrink

Overabundance of Bacteria in Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries A recent Chesapeake Bay Journal reports unusually large populations of bacteria in the bay and local waterways and emphasizes the importance of preventing excessive nutrients (e.g. lawn fertilizers, animal/duck feces, grass and shrub clippings, leaves, etc.) from entering our lakes and waterways. "Such an overabundance of bacteria could have serious implications for cleanup efforts, which are aimed at reducing nutrients to improve dissolved oxygen levels in the water. Nutrients fuel algae growth and when there is more algae than can be consumed by fish and other species, the excess dies and is decomposed by bacteria." I hope to have our Pembroke Lakes and Lake Meadows tested for ecoli bacteria in the near future. **HELPING THE SHAD** via "shad ladder" on the Lake Pembroke spillway is our effort to increase the fish population, particularly the minnows, thus reducing algae, bacteria and other micro-organisms in our waterways. The shad ladder has been moderately successful in helping the anadromous shad migrate and spawn in the lake. Through the efforts of the "shad dads," Roy Awbrey, Earl Davis, Jim Willenbrink, and Lou Williams diligently working with nets and buckets, about 70 large stranded shad were returned to their spawning areas in Lake Meadows. Thanks from the shad, and perhaps a couple thousand minnows!

Jim Willenbrink

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE LARGE STUMP IN THE MEDIAN? A pine tree was struck by lightning and was severely weakened. Therefore, the City removed it.

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