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CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

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

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



JAN 18, 7:30 P.M. BEGIN THE NEW YEAR 2001 WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT OUR CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING. The new Civic League officers will be installed and there will be a discussion of the proposed canoe launching facility in our neighborhood. See article below for more details.

Boat launch/access at our park or recreation center? The City's new Draft Outdoors Plan recently published (copy available at the library) is interesting reading and projects a proposed intention to preserve and enhance open spaces, parks, recreation areas, etc. throughout Virginia Beach. However, on page 25 of that draft plan is a specific "High Priority" plan to locate a "public waterway access to the Western Branch of the Lynnhaven River" at "Pembroke Wayside." The accompanying small-scale map depicts the proposed location at/near our recreation center and park.

Our Civic League has expressed concern about the location (which apparently is on or abuts Civic League property), and we have requested clarification and specific information concerning that plan. The City's Parks Department has reassured us that no specific plan has been developed for such a possible boat launch/access there, that the initial idea envisioned only non-motorized small boats/canoes, and no specific plans or development would ensue without our Civic League's concurrence.

Jim Willenbrink

WHAT WILL BE YOUR REWARDS? As your Civic League president-elect, I wish to thank you (I think) for your vote of confidence in me. Seriously, I look forward to this challenge. My number one goal is to carry out the requests and wishes of my neighbors. I pledge to keep business meetings short and sweet (to the best of my ability), to address all concerns of residents' interest, encourage civic activity by all residents, and coordinate Civic League action on these concerns.

For me to do this, I have to hear from you, so attend the meetings and let your voices be heard!

We welcome new residents, long-time residents, young (that's you) and old (that's me), and all those in between. If you are new, bring a friend with you. If you are not new, bring a friend with you. Set a new record for attendance for the year 2001. Don't forget to sign the attendance sheet at each meeting, and then look for your rewards at the Jan., 2002 meeting. (Details to be announced later).

Peggy Caverly

Median strip clean up The following have consented to police the median strip: Jan. 1-15 Travis Little; Jan. 16-31 Jake Froehlich; Feb. 1-15 Sid Sward. Please call Sid Sward at 497-7917 if you will accept a two-week segment which involves regular clean up on our median strip especially around the gazebo. The exercise will be helpful, but you will also be doing something valuable in keeping our neighborhood neat and good looking.

Have you noticed there are 17 Declaration of Deed Restrictions Affecting Property on page 4 of your Community Directory? It behooves everyone living in this area to read and understand them. The Civic League is a volunteer group of residents who want to maintain Pembroke Meadows and Shores as a desirable place to live.

Even though we, as a Civic League, do not have the authority to enforce these restrictions, legal steps can be taken by individuals or groups of individuals to ensure these deed restrictions are followed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, please contact me at 497-7917. Thank you for past and future help on the median strip. It is the right thing to do.

Sid Sward, Chairman

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! We wish to thank the following volunteers and their families who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to deliver the newsletter door to door: Paige Stayton; April Rosa; Gerri Richter; Jake Froehlich; Brenda Harris; Valerie Davis; Mary Ann Kuehne; Nellie Pafford; Walter Schrieffer; Daphne Sanders; Patty Gordon; Eileen Byman; Susan Barnes; John Shaedel; Belinda Nash; Jim Willenbrink; Janet Brown; Rita Horvatic; James and Donna Price; Dan Santivasci; Paula Keys; Linda White; Loretta Watkins; Terry Reddy; Ellen Hansell. The newsletter is an integral part of our community

and without it important information would not be forthcoming.
Thanks again for all your help.

New Neighbors Welcome David and Judith Ross and son Jake, age 11, at 809 Cathedral Drive. David is in the Navy and Judith is a homemaker.

Connie Lue

New home improvements on Cathedral Drive! Want to let Harold know how nice the home improvements look at his home at 855 Cathedral Drive.

Connie Lue

SEED CORN There was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair, where he won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew the corn. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in the same competition with yours each year," the reporter asked?

"Why sir," replied the farmer, "don't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn!"

The farmer is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbors' corn also improves. So it is in other dimensions. Those who choose to be at peace must help their neighbors to be at peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all. The lesson for each of us is this: If we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn!

(A friend sent this story to me. It not only applies to growing good corn, but also to growing good relationships with our neighbors! Why not bring your "seed corn" to the Civic League meeting on January 18 and share it with your neighbors!)

Clara Hall

THANKS FOR THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS! Our Pembroke Meadows/Shores Garden Club deserves a special thanks for the attractive and

tasteful holiday decorations which they put up at our entrance-way and gazebo! The Garden Club has done this for many years, and our community very much appreciates their efforts.

Thanks also to the many homeowners who added to our holiday cheer by lighting and decorating their residences.

Pembroke Meadows Garden Club January 11 program is Native Plants given by Holly Crusier. February 8 program is landscaping and water gardening. For more information, call 473-8258 or 497-0700.

Great New Year's Resolution! If anyone is interested in a charitable project that does not take much time or money (about \$1.00 a week) give me a call. We are a group of people called "Guardian Angel Artists" who send greetings all across America to those who are experiencing illness or tragedy in their lives. When I was ill last year, I received over 50 greetings from them and I cherish each one. All it takes is a desire to brighten the lives of the less fortunate--"There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Another "project"--sending a note or card to one of our men or women in the service who is not lucky enough to get mail. This is an "Operation Abby" program. If anyone wants the addresses, call me, Loretta Watkins 497-2130.

2001 CIVIC LEAGUE ANNUAL DUES of \$10.00, which cover the period of January 1 through December 31, 2001, are now due. Please make you check payable to Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc. and mail to Post Office Box 68052, Virginia Beach, VA 23471.

THINK ABOUT IT! Robert Fulghum wrote his personal credo, and it is a good credo for all of us. Here is a part of it to read, ponder, and put into action for a better world and community.

FULGHUM'S CREDO: "Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you are sorry when you hurt somebody."

PEGGY'S ADDITION: "Live a balanced life--learn some and think some, share fun with your neighbors, share work with your neighbors, be aware of the beauty in our community, and share in keeping the beauty." Remember, also, as Fulghum says, "Cookies and milk and a nap every afternoon are good for you."

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