# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

#### CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### ABOUT RESOLUTIONS...

I rarely make them, because I usually break them! However, in thinking of a subject for this corner, I recalled the following words of wisdom that prompted me to resolve to be more patient, understanding, and to hold out a hand where I can.

If you have learned to walk
A little more sure-footedly then I,
Be patient with my stumbling then
And know that only as I do my best and try
May I attain the goal
For which we both are striving.

If, through experience, your soul
Has gained heights which I
As yet in dim-lit visions see,
Hold out your hand and point the way,
Lest from its straightness I should stray,
And walk a mile with me.

Perhaps you will resolve to join your friends and neighbors and <u>help point the way for me</u> as we walk through this year's community activities.

Peggy Caverly President

## **Building and Grounds**

The Building and Grounds committee appreciates the support you have given us in volunteering for our median cleanup. We can always use your help.

John Shaedel	16 – 30 November
Jimmy & Nancy Eddings	1 – 15 December
Bryan & Dylan Little	16 -29 December
The Joseph Family	1 – 15 January
OPEN	16 - 31 January

# NEXT CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING AT 7:00 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA! (Note the new starting time of 7:00 p.m.!)

The Pembroke Meadows Civic League speaker in January will be Bob Madison. Bob is a volunteer speaker for the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum is operated by the U. S. Navy and is located on the second floor of Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, on the Norfolk Waterfront. Bob will discuss the history of the battleship USS Wisconsin that took part in the Gulf War. The Wisconsin and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum feature exhibits, artwork, and archaeological items and are free and open to the public.

# Connie's Comments from the Townhomes Welcome to our new neighbors!

Let it snow!! Had a neighbor do a wonderful thing. **Sonny Legare** cleaned snow off his neighbor's sidewalks.

Also want to thank all the families who had their loved ones away for the Holidays -in the military taking care of us here at home.

Lots of townhome neighbors received Holiday decorating award certificates because they shared their spirit.

#### Connie Lue-Welcoming.

## Neighborhood Watch Program

HOMELAND SECURITY
Neighborhood Watch at its Best

(This article is from the Crime Prevention Chronicle, published by the Virginia Beach Police Department, Winter 2001 edition)

As a result of attacks upon the United States, President Bush has urged all Americans to help with the security of our country. In keeping with the mission of the Neighborhood Watch Program, we ask that all citizens of Virginia Beach be on the alert for any suspicious people. Report all suspicious people or occurrences to the local police department by calling 427-5000 (nonemergency), or 911 for emergencies. Report it, if you observe a suspicious person or a vehicle parked on city property, such as a public utilities building, recreation center or school in your community. Report it, if you see a suspicious package in the neighborhood park or areas where children play. Report it, if you see dumping taking place in community lakes, ponds, or water reservoirs. If you see unusual activity in the woods or surrounding area in your neighborhood, REPORT IT!

#### Margie Brotman

#### Median Enhancement Report

The Median Improvement Committee has completed their investigations and recommended the following enhancements at an approximate cost of \$ 9000.00:

- Install four electric light fixtures on the entrance walls to replace old fixtures that are missing due to vandalism and neglect.
- Install an illuminated, 40-foot, flagpole in the East median at the intersection of Whitechapel Drive and Pembroke Boulevard.

Extensive electrical work is required, as the old wiring does not meet Code Requirements. We must also run electrical cable under the road in three locations, which adds to the expense. We will vote on approval of their recommendation and the expenditure of funds at the January Civic League Meeting.

If you are a civic league member who cannot attend this meeting, you may vote by mail. The ballot is on page 5 of this Newsletter. Only paid members can vote. If you have not paid your dues for 2002 please submit your membership dues of \$10 with your ballot as soon as possible. Talk to your neighbors and encourage them to join for 2002. Send your dues, your ballot and any donations for the project to the address listed on the letterhead of this Newsletter.

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#### **New Neighbors**

A warm welcome is extended to Mike and Elizabeth Zanski and daughter Allison at 732 Severn Drive. They are also expecting the imminent arrival of their new son.

# COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT IS ON THE JANUARY 16 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Tune into VBTV cable channel 48 for Community
Dialogue on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. for
a live discussion about Community Code
enforcement. Join Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and her
guests for this informative discussion.
How can we preserve or enhance the quality of our
City's neighborhoods? What's the proper way to
address neighborhood code violations? What should
you know about zoning ordinances in your
community? Here's your chance to find out.

You can ask your questions to the experts. The Mayor will have as her guests: Reba McClanan, council member, City of Virginia Beach; Andy Friedman, director, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation; Greg Miller, code enforcement supervisor, Housing and Neighborhood Preservation; and Karen Lasley, current planning and zoning administrator, Planning Department. You can call in during the January 16 broadcast only at 427-8288.

You will also be able to e-mail your questions directly to the Mayor during the live broadcast. The e-mail address is cdq@VBgov.com. It's quick and easy.

Community Dialogue will be broadcast live on Wednesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. and viewers are invited to call in with questions. The program will be recorded for rebroadcast beginning Friday. January 18 as follows.

Fri. & Sun. at 10 p.m. Mon. at 8 a.m. & 3 p.m. Wed. & Sat. at 8 a.m., 3 p.m., & 10 p.m.

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## **Lake Pollution**

On December 29 some thoughtless or uninformed individual dumped a huge amount of yard debris (leaves, pine needles, etc.) into Lake Pembroke. Members of the Lake Committee tried to rake out some of the mounds of debris that evening.

Please recognize that our community's lakes are filling in and are more polluted each year from natural causes. Both Lake Pembroke and Lake Meadows have lost about half of their depths since the mid-70's, and are now marginally capable of supporting some of our better aquatic species (bass, perch, etc.).

Please do not dump, rake, or blow any debris into our lakes, waterways, storm sewers, and gutters. This is against the law. If you observe any such "illegal dumping" report it to the Environmental Crime Hotline at 427-1901.

Jim Willenbrink

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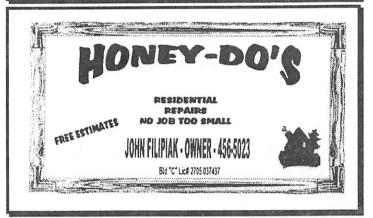
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**Note:** Anyone may submit articles for the newsletter. The editor will include all articles of general civic interest based upon space available.

My e-mail address is jim.hal@home.com.
Thanks

Jim Hall, Editor

#### FRIENDS OF FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE:

We have a fantastic historic house right in our neighborhood. Why not get in on the ground floor and help to renovate this beautiful home? You can be a Friend of Ferry by donating \$10 and we have a general workday every third Saturday of the month. It's fun and rewarding to donate talents to this historical site. Please join us. Call Brenda Nash at 490-2504 for more details. You know, she's our own Witch of Pungo! Hope to see you at the next work day!

Clera Hall
A Friend of Ferry

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I support the Median Enhancement Committee's Recommendation and vote to expend the necessary funds for completion.
I am against the expenditure of funds for Median Enhancements.
My Civic League Dues for 2002 (\$10.00) are enclosed.
Donation to support the project enclosed. \$
Name

**CODE ENFORCEMENT (Weeds & Litter)** 

Department: Housing & Neighborhood Preservation

Division: Code Enforcement

Address: 2424 Courthouse Dr

Municipal Ctr Bldg 18A Virginia Beach, VA

23456

Phone: Office: (757) 427-4421

Fax: (757) 426-5694

Home Page: http://www.vbgov.com/housing

**Description:** Code Enforcement enforces Section 23-50 of the City Code concerning maintenance and upkeep of residential property including overgrown lots, garbage and the interior and

exterior of structures. Violations are normally found through response to complaints, and a notice is sent to the owner or occupant allowing 7 days to correct the violations. If violations are not corrected within the time allowed, the City may have the necessary work done by contractors, especially if the property is vacant. The case will normally be handled through court action if the property is occupied. If the work is done by a contractor, the owner will be billed for the costs of the work and a \$100 administrative fee. Failure to pay

the bill will result in a judgement lien being placed against the property.

If you wish to report a violation, please provide an accurate address for developed properties or a specific location description for vacant lots.

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Beach-line: Call 427-3580, and enter code 227

Email: If you have comments, questions, or concerns pertaining to this service, please email us.

ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES (Private Property)

Department: Housing & Neighborhood Preservation

Address: 2424 Courthouse Dr

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**Phone:** Office: (757) 427-4421

Fax: (757) 426-5694

Home Page: <a href="http://www.vbgov.com/housing">http://www.vbgov.com/housing</a>

**Description:** A vehicle is considered inoperative if it is not in operating condition, if it is not state

licensed, or if it is not state inspected. Vehicles abandoned on private property are the

responsibility of the property owner.

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Beach-line: Call 427-3580, and enter code 255