

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The crocus is a welcome wild harbinger of spring (Bernard Barton)! I welcome the cheerful crocus and other joys of spring, as well as cheerful new faces at the February meeting! Susan Hewit, Fran Leland, Lynne Vincengo, Peter Mikulka, Lea Ponessa, Todd Wrenz, Delores and Ken McLauren. We hope you will return with all your families and join us at the Pot Luck Supper/Silent Auction.

Norman Cousins said, "Exercise is vital to good health! Laughter is inner jogging."

Now that spring is on its way, lets all exercise our limbs by bringing a "Pot" of good "Luck" food on March 21 and partaking of a lot of "inner jogging" for good health. See you there!

**Peggy Caverly**  
President

## **WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS**



We have new neighbors - Maggie & Bill Adamo at 849 Cathedral Dr. He is a Chief in the Navy and she is a homemaker. They have children in college.

Scott and Catherine Myers at 835 St. Denis Ct. they have a daughter Samantha, who is 3 years old. He is here with the Navy.

We are very happy to have them in the neighborhood.

**NEXT CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING AT 6:30  
ON THURSDAY, March 21 IN THE SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA! (Note the starting time of 6:30  
p.m. due to silent auction and potluck dinner!)**

## **FUN, FOOD, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**Mark your calendar for Thursday,  
March 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

The **Annual Pot Luck Supper** promises to be a fun time for all! Who can ever forget the **wonderful food** that is served every year by **our own best cooks in the world?**

This March meeting should be more interesting than ever before. We are having another **SILENT AUCTION** including an auction table "**just for kids.**" This table will contain toys, gift certificates and other items that will interest the children. The "**big kids'**" (**moms and dads**) table will feature new items, some hand painted items, some gently used items, baked goods and much, much more. The proceeds will go to our "**ENHANCE THE ENTRANCE**" fund. So be sure to attend and bid on these wonderful items and contribute to the restoration/enhancement of the entrance to our lovely neighborhood.

**SEE YOU THERE AT 6:30!**

**Please note the information  
about our recreation center in  
this newsletter.**

**Neighborhood  
Watch Program**



A vehicle on Severn Drive was recently broken into. Personal items, wallet and credit cards, etc. were found missing. It is believed that the vandals may have gone through an unlocked door. This is the third incident since November 2001. Please remember to always lock the doors on your vehicle as a safety precaution. This may ward off a would-be criminal.

There have also been recent complaints from residents regarding juveniles who are frequently disturbing the peace during the early morning hours. If you are being awakened at 3:00 a.m., please report this to the local police. (Non-Emergency 427-5000, Emergency 911)

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information concerning the Meadows Neighborhood Watch Program, please call **Stephanie Neihart** at **456-5795**.

**Median  
Enhancement  
Report**



Median enhancements are on City property and it must grant approval before contracts can be awarded. The application and associated fees have been submitted to the city and we are waiting for city approval of the proposed enhancements. We expect to start the work soon.

**IN SYMPATHY**

**SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY  
OF CALVIN GOODBREAD ON ABBEY  
DRIVE.**

**OFFICERS, CIVIC LEAGUE**

|                |                 |          |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| President      | Peggy Caverly   | 490-0925 |
| First VP       | Clera Hall      | 473-8258 |
| Second VP      | Sid Sward       | 497-7917 |
| Treasurer      | Elaine Kane     | 497-3289 |
| Corres. Sec.   | Loretta Watkins | 497-2130 |
| Mem. Chrman.   | Daphne Sanders  | 499-7987 |
| Recording Sec. | Karla Compton   | 497-8808 |
| Pool Director  | Leslie Pancho   | 321-0658 |

**COMMITTEES**

|               |                |          |
|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Newsletter    | Jim Hall       | 473-8258 |
| Directory/Ads | John Shaedel   | 499-0687 |
| Bldg/Grounds  |                |          |
| Pool Phone    |                | 497-9874 |
| Welcoming     |                |          |
| Meadows       | Carol Gurioli  | 497-5887 |
| Shores        | Cheryl Douglas | 671-2241 |
| Townhomes     | Connie Lue     | 473-0144 |

**Lakes/Waterways**

|             |                 |          |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Chairman    | Jim Willenbrink |          |
| L. Pembroke | Jim Willenbrink | 497-0700 |
| L. Meadows  | Hal Kuehne      | 497-8690 |
| Lynnhaven   | Al Galvani      | 499-6670 |

**Block Security**

|           |                   |          |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| Meadows   | Stephanie Neihart | 456-5795 |
| Shores    | Bob/Marge Brotman | 497-0565 |
| Townhomes | Lisa Gamble       | 497-7860 |

**Pet Lost and Found/Pet Registry**

|         |                 |          |
|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Shores  | Belinda Nash    | 490-2504 |
| Meadows | Jim Willenbrink | 497-0700 |

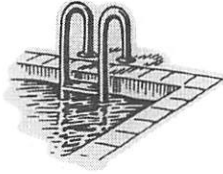
**FRIENDS OF FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE**

would like to acknowledge with kind thanks and appreciation the donation of a set of dishes for the Ferry Plantation House from Mrs. Norman Anthony South (Bridget).

A Friend of Ferry

*Need computer help! Call Rex Lue @ 473-0144. He is certified and an instructor at the Adult Learning Center. [rexlue@cox.net](mailto:rexlue@cox.net)*

## POOL NEWS and SPRING FLING



After just having had a beautiful down pouring of snow at the end of

February, it seems rather weird to bring up the neighborhood pool. But the days will get warmer and then hot. And with a drought predicted for the summer, there is an antidote: pool membership.

In this newsletter, you will find the membership application. It is sent out early so people can plan ahead and take advantage of the 10% discount for early (by April 30<sup>th</sup>) sign up. Those who are members know the attributes of the pool and advantages of membership. For those new to the neighborhood or who have never joined, read on:

Just over thirty years ago, some of Pembroke Meadows residents had a vision of a neighborhood gathering place, a social setting, a recreation center, a place where their children could play safely. They took a risk with their funds and built the pool. It has remained all those things the charter members envisioned. The pool has been run all these years by a volunteer board existing on the dues of its members.

Already, the board has been working to prepare the pool for the coming summer. The pool was drained and the surface was pressure and acid washed. Some plumbing repairs were made and two skimmers replaced. The Spring Fling date has been set for April 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a clean up and prep date for not only the pool grounds, but also the park and dam path. All neighbors are invited to bring gardening tools and elbow grease; a well-deserved lunch will be served when work is complete. Mark your calendar.

The pool is a place where, for less than the cost of a weekend out of town, the entire family can enjoy the summer. Check out the cost of membership; it is the cheapest of any private pool in the area. Swim lessons are taught at the pool. There are teen nights, family nights (such as Float and Noodle time, the Christmas in July party), adult socials cookouts, ice cream socials, and Fourth of July games.

The pool is the home of the Pembroke Meadows Marlins Swim Team. This summer league team has introduced many a neighborhood youngster to the thrill of competition and the camaraderie of a team sport. Swimmers, ages 6 to 18, compete in age group events. All team members participate in the five regular meets, regardless of skill or speed. All swimmers improve their skills and increase their speed during the swim season. Tara Hoover is returning for her third year as coach of the Marlins. Christin Weinstein will be assistant coach. Swim team sign-ups will be held on the morning of Spring Fling at the pool. Team managers will be Bob and Carol Weinstein (464- 6351); they will be happy to provide more information.

If you need more information about the pool or pool membership, contact a pool board member: **Leslie Pancho (321-0658)**, **Joe Vaughan (318-9498)**, **Bill Berthoff (671-8037)**, or **Jim Price (499-5115)**. Hope to see you at Spring Fling and then in the cool of the pool.

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY:

Our Civic League accepts and encourages advertising from local businesses. However, all requests for ads must be submitted to the Newsletter Editor.

*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@cox.net*

Thanks

**Jim Hall, Editor**

### Pet Responsibility

Since dogs and cats age about four to nine years for every one of ours, diseases also progress at that same rate in pets. For this reason the need of physical exams every six months is important for senior pets. Your veterinarian can diagnose and treat problems early and may slow the disease process, prevent and treat discomfort and possibly avoid more expensive treatments later.



# CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

## Community for a Lifetime Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works offers a wide range of services to our citizens. When you need to get in touch with them, we want you to be able to reach them quickly and easily on the first try. Below are some of the reasons you might want to talk to them and the telephone number to use. Also, we are including information about their website. We hope this can be a "ready reference" for you. Your calls help them to serve you better.

| If you want to: .....  | Phone    |
|--|----------|
| Have garbage & trash picked up   | 430-2450 |
| Find out about recycling   | 430-2450 |
| Get yard waste picked up   | 430-2450 |
| Request a yard debris trailer  | 430-2450 |
| Get an old appliance picked up   | 430-2450 |
| Report a street light outage   | 427-4131 |
| Report a pothole or bad street condition                               | 563-1470 |
| Report storm drainage flooding   | 563-1470 |
| Report traffic signs that are missing/damaged/blocked by bushes        | 563-1470 |
| Report a malfunctioning traffic signal                                 | 563-1470 |
| Find out about mosquito control in your neighborhood                   | 563-1470 |
| Report problems with navigation channel markers                        | 563-1470 |
| Report graffiti on public roads/bridges/signs                          | 563-1470 |
| Find out the status of a City roadway, storm water or building project | 427-4131 |
| Learn about neighborhood traffic calming programs                      | 427-4131 |
| Find out about road detours  | 427-4131 |
| Obtain information about engineering files or plats                    | 427-4131 |
| Ask questions about survey information                                 | 427-4131 |
| Discuss your storm water bill  | 426-5859 |
| Find out about beach replenishment                                     | 427-4167 |
| Sell to or buy land from the City                                      | 427-4161 |
| Apply for a permit to encroach onto City property or right of way      | 427-4161 |

You can check out their services by visiting the website for Public Works - [www.virginia-beach.va.us/dept/pw](http://www.virginia-beach.va.us/dept/pw).

They welcome your comments because they help them to understand your needs. Questions or comments for the Director of Public Works? You can send your letters to:

Dean Block, Director  
Department of Public Works  
Municipal Center, Building #2  
2405 Courthouse Drive  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23456  
Email: [pworksfgivbgov.com](mailto:pworksfgivbgov.com)  
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VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23471

2002 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & CONTRACT

This application and contract, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, certifies that I have applied for membership to the Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center in compliance with the provisions of the Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc., and the terms set forth below.

RECREATION CENTER MAINTENANCE FEE. This initial (one time) payment was established to maintain the necessary mechanical equipment associated with the pool operations and maintenance. This payment of \$225 for a family membership and \$120.00 for an individual membership can be paid over a two (2) year period (see below) provided that a Promissory Note is signed. Each annual installment has a \$5.00 carrying charge. Annual installments must be received before July 1. In addition, daily user passes will not be issued if annual Maintenance Fee installments and any associated charges are not current.

ANNUAL USER FEE (FAMILY/GRANDPARENT/INDIVIDUAL). This fee is applied towards the annual operation costs and capital improvement projects for the Recreation Center. It must be received prior to distribution of daily user passes. A "Family" Membership pertains to only those living in the responsible party's home. A "Grandparent" Membership pertains to the grandparent(s) and all grandchildren regardless of their residence.

A feature added last year for Family or Grandparent Membership is a "Regular Guest" pass: for an additional fee of \$50.00, a "Regular Guest" pass will be issued for a family member not residing in the household or a frequent visitor to the household (i.e. nanny, baby sitter, person/child regularly cared for at the home of the member). A "Regular Guest" must be accompanied by a person listed as part of the Family / Grandparent Membership.

In the event that the applicant defaults in carrying out the terms of this contract, the applicant agrees that all monies paid prior to the time of the default will be forfeited and no claims shall be made by the applicant against the Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc., and, at the option of the Recreation Center Board, the applicant's membership may be considered null and void.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to the above terms.  
(print responsible party's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



1. Are you a New Applicant, Rejoining Member, or Life Member?  
New [ ] Rejoining [ ] Life [ ]

- a. New applicants proceed to #2.
- b. Rejoining members proceed to #3
- c. Life members proceed to Member Demographics.

2. The Maintenance Fee may be paid in one payment, or divided over two (2) years with a \$5.00 carryover fee added each year. Please indicate your choice of payment plans for the maintenance fee.

One Payment of \$225 [ ] or Two Payments of \$117.50 [ ]

3. As a rejoining member, have you paid your maintenance fee in full? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, skip to #4. If no, then you may pay the remaining balance of your Maintenance Fee with your annual User Fee, or defer the payment until July 1, 2002. Temporary user passes will be issued until the Maintenance Fee is paid in full for that year. If you are unsure about your maintenance fee balance, you may contact the Recreation Center Treasurer. Any and all overdue maintenance fees must be paid in full before Recreation Center privileges are granted.

4. Annual User Fee - please check the appropriate box below:

Paid on or before April 30, 2002: Family (\$315.00) [ ] or Individual (\$160.00) [ ]

Paid after April 30, 2002: Family (\$350.00) [ ] or Individual (\$175.00) [ ]

5. Payments to be made:

Annual Users Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (from #4 above)

Maintenance Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (from #3 above, may be zero if already paid in full or deferring payment till July 1.)

Regular Guest Pass \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50.00 for each "regular Guest" pass)

Total Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to PEMBROKE MEADOWS RECREATION CENTER)







PROMISSORY NOTE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Promisor")

promises to pay to the order of CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS INC., RECREATION CENTER (the "Payee"), at VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, (or at such other place as the Payee may direct in writing) the sum of \$225 with no interest. The Promisor also promises to pay an annual carrying fee of \$5.00 for each annual installment following the initial payment if applicable.

The unpaid principal and any carrying fee shall be payable either (1) \$225 by July 1 following the making hereof, or (2) in two ANNUAL installments of \$117.50 on/or before July 1 of each year following the making hereof ("Due Dates").

The Promisor promises to pay an administrative charge of \$25.00 for each installment that remains unpaid past August 1 of that year. This administrative charge shall be paid as liquidated damages in lieu of actual damages, and not as a penalty.

The Promisor waives presentment for payment, protest, and notice of protest and nonpayment of this Note.

If the payments are not paid by the Due Dates, the Promisor promises to pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney fees, whether or not a lawsuit is commenced as part of the collection process.

The Promisor reserves the right to prepay this Note in whole or in part prior to either Due Date with no prepayment penalty .

No renewal or extension of this Note, delay in enforcing any right of Payee under this Note, or assignment by Payee of this Note shall affect the liability of the Promisor. All rights of the Payee under this Note are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or consecutively at the Payee's option.

This Note shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of VIRGINIA.

If any one or more of the provisions of this Note are determined to be unenforceable, in whole or in part, for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain fully operational.

Executed this \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Real Estate Assessments Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the purpose of conducting real estate assessments?

The purpose of real estate assessments is to fairly distribute the necessary tax burden among all property owners based on the market value of their property. Real estate is assessed so that the costs associated with our schools, fire and police protection and other City services can be allocated to property owners in proportion to the market value of their individual properties.

### Aren't real estate assessments a veiled way for the City to raise taxes?

No. State statutes require all jurisdictions to assess real estate at market value and requires jurisdictions with a population of over 30,000 to reassess at least every two years. City code requires annual assessments.

### Does the Assessor raise real estate assessments to fund the public/private partnerships the City has entered into, such as the Town Center and 31st Street projects?

No. Assessments are based on the market value of property and are made independent of any resource requirements the City may have. However, the City has decided to engage in investment partnerships as a strategic approach to lessening the City's dependence on real estate taxes to pay for basic city services.

### How do other Hampton Roads cities conduct their real estate assessments?

As required by State statute the assessments are based upon market value. All cities in Hampton Roads reassess annually except Poquoson, which is biannual.

### I'm not sure how assessments are actually determined. How is the final assessment computed?

Residential property is appraised by comparing the residents property to recent sale prices of similar properties that have sold near them. Variables such as age, size, quality, condition, location and amenities are important factors given consideration.

### Are there any advantages for homeowners with real estate values appreciating?

Yes. While most media coverage will focus on the negative ramifications associated with increasing real estate assessments, there are very positive and much greater aspects to property

appreciation. Property values increasing means that our real estate market is healthy and families want to live in our city and invest in home ownership. For most families, their home is their largest single investment. When their property appreciates in value, the indication is their investment is sound.

### Isn't there a formula that is used to compute my real estate tax obligation?

Yes. The amount of tax you pay is determined by the tax rate applied to your assessed value. The tax rate is set by City Council and is determined by the amount of revenue needed to provide the many services offered to our citizens. The last tax rate increase was in fiscal year 1997. At \$1.22 per \$100 in value, Virginia Beach has the second lowest tax rate in South Hampton Roads cities. To determine the annual tax, multiply your real estate assessment by .0122.

### Does the City have a program to assist senior citizens and disabled persons on their property taxes?

Yes. City Council has adopted a program to assist qualifying individuals on both real estate and personal property taxes. We encourage qualifying senior citizens and disabled persons to take advantage of our tax exemption programs. To qualify individuals must meet income and net worth limitations. Information regarding the program can be obtained by calling 427-8847.



**Materials to be collected include:**  
*(items with a circuit board)*

- Computer Monitors
- Television Sets
- CPU's (central processing units)
- Printers
- Scanners
- Peripherals such as modems, external drives, keyboards, mice and zip drives
- VCR's
- Stereos/Radios
- Portable Radios
- Cell Phones
- Fax Machines
- Camcorders
- Copying Machines
- Electric Typewriters

The City of Virginia Beach is hosting a one day **e-Cycle Recycling Collection Event**. Residents are encouraged to drop-off their used computers and electronic equipment on Saturday, May 11, 2002 (rain or shine) at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex. There is no charge for this event.

**e-Cycle Recycling Event**  
Saturday, May 11, 2002  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Virginia Beach Sportsplex  
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