

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In the March Newsletter I mentioned, "Laughter is inner jogging!" We did have some good fun (inner jogging) at the silent auction/pot luck dinner. I am sorry if you missed it.

In these troubled days in our world news, we all need a lot more laughter. Abraham Lincoln wrote:

"In this sad world of ours, sorrow comes to all...it comes with bitterest agony...Perfect relief is not possible, except with time. And yet this is a mistake. You are sure to be happy again, to know this, which is certainly true, will make you become less miserable now. I have experienced enough to know what I say."

We need to try not to take ourselves too seriously, and to look for humor in unlikely places as in a Zen poem that states, "*Since my house burned I have a better view of the rising moon.*" Or as Fred Allen exaggerated, "*I wouldn't say the room in my hotel was small, but the mice were hunchbacked.*"

Humor can be found all around us as on:  
Gas Station Sign: **Courteous efficient self-service.**  
Bread Advertisement: **We are number one loafers.**  
Sign posted in harbor: **For sale boat, single owner, green in color.**

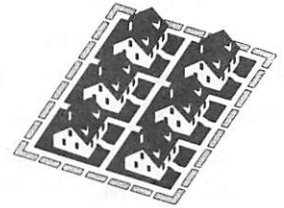
Lets laugh more!

**Peggy Caverly**  
President

**CLEAN THE BAY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE 9:00 TO 12:00 AM. CALL JIM WILLENBRINK AT 497-0700 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

## WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Robert and Nicole Garza from Texas! He is Navy and they have three little ones. Alexandra will be going to Pembroke Meadows Elementary. Robert and Matthew are not yet in school.



We are very happy to have them in the neighborhood.

**Connie Lue**

**NEXT CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING**  
**WILL BE AT 7:00 ON THURSDAY,**  
**APRIL 18 IN THE SCHOOL**  
**CAFETERIA.**

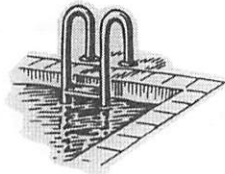
**Dreda McCreary, of the Virginia Beach Public Works Operation Office –Biology Lab will talk about Mosquito Control and how our community can help to control mosquitoes in our own backyard.**

## Annual Pot Luck Supper Report

The **Annual Pot Luck Supper** was a fun time for all! The **food** was better than ever and the **SILENT AUCTION** was fun for everyone!

The proceeds will go to our "**ENHANCE THE ENTRANCE**" fund.

## SPRING FLING & POOL NEWS



Mark your calendar, **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, for Spring Fling. Spring Fling is an annual neighborhood event in which kind hearted neighbors (such as yourself) join together to clean and prepare the neighborhood park, dam path and pool grounds for the coming season. All are welcome. Feel free to bring yard tools and a work ethic. The fun begins at 9 a.m. with the work continuing until lunch. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors, or if new to the 'hood, it's a great meet and greet. If your children play at the park, if you walk, run, or bike the dam path or swim at the pool, help insure their beauty.

The last newsletter had a copy of the pool membership application attached. You have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the 10% discount. The pool is a center of social activity for the summer. It is a safe environment for kids. Even without the discount, it is cheap recreation: for less than the cost of a weekend out of town, your family can have a **full summer of fun** at the pool. If you are in need of another application, contact one of the pool board members (listed below) or come by the pool at Spring Fling.

**OPENING DAY** for the pool will be Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of special events being planned for the pool this summer: youth nights, socials, parties, cook outs. Swim lessons for the neighborhood will begin June 17<sup>th</sup> and run until June 28<sup>th</sup>; many a neighborhood kid learned to swim at the pool. You can sign your child up at the pool.

The pool is home to one of the Virginia Beach Swim League's teams: the **Pembroke Meadows Marlins**. Swimmers (between 5 and 18 years of age), regardless of skill level, compete in five regular Saturday meets. Swimming is great recreation. Swimming on a team is a wonderful way to experience the camaraderie of teamwork and the thrill of competition. Sign-ups for swim team are April 27<sup>th</sup>. The first practice is May 28<sup>th</sup>. The first meet is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tara Hoover, who grew up in Pembroke Meadows, will be returning as coach. For more swim team information, contact Carol or Bob Weinstein (464-6351, or [pmmarlin@aol.com](mailto:pmmarlin@aol.com)).

There has been a lot of work done over the fall and winter to keep the pool in good shape. The pool is a neighborhood treasure that started 33 years ago as the dream of some original residents. It has run all these years with volunteer boards of directors and labors of love. As noted above, many a neighborhood kid learned to swim at the pool. Most Virginia Beach high school swimmers started out swimming on neighborhood swim teams, such as the Marlins. The pool is one of the **many extras** that make this neighborhood a special place to live.

For further information, contact one of the **pool board members**: Leslie Pancho (321-0659), Joe Vaughan (318-9498), Bill Bertholf (671-8037), Jim Price (499-5115). Hope to see you in the cool of the pool.

## Median Enhancement Report



Median enhancements are on City property and it must grant approval before contracts can be awarded.

The application and associated fees were submitted to the city and some questions about the flagpole being located over a large sewer under the median resulted in our having to submit exact plans for the flagpole foundation. This engineering work has been completed and additional information submitted to the city. We are expecting city approval of the proposed enhancements by the time you receive this newsletter. We expect to start the work soon.

**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](mailto:jim.hal@cox.net)*

Thanks

**Jim Hall, Editor**



# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

PO Box 68052, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23471

Dear Neighbor,

## ANNUAL 2002 CIVIC LEAGUE DUES-- \$10.00

Your Civic League is funded by neighbors like you. It is fully operated by volunteers. The volunteers are your neighbors giving their time and expertise to you and your family and the entire community so that you can enjoy updated information and a greater beauty and quality of life.

We fully realize that **time** is a precious commodity to you and your family. However, we do need your financial support, even if you cannot donate your time. The annual dues of only **\$10.00** per household cover the costs of your monthly **Newsletter, Block Security program, Civic League, Halloween Parade/Party, Neighborhood Directory**, and the support and costs of many other beneficial programs that enhance property values and add to the enjoyment of your community.

As you know, we are working full steam ahead toward the **Median and Entrance Enhancement Program**. While it will be expensive, the final results will be pleasing to the eye as you come and go in the neighborhood.

We need your support. Please drop a check in the mail for your family's dues today.

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

P.O. Box 68052

Virginia Beach, VA 23471

If you have paid your 2002 dues "*Thank you for your support.*" If you have questions regarding payment of your dues--call Daphne Sanders 499-7987

**Family name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

## Pet Responsibility

We have leash laws for both dogs and cats. Be sure you keep animals under your control near the waterways as they could be severely injured or even killed if they attack the nutria that have been spotted on our lakes. See the article in this issue for more information about this rodent.



### OFFICERS, CIVIC LEAGUE

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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

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will be given to Civic League Members  
at all Civic League Meetings

**Fayre Laydes Musicke**

An early music ensemble

Contact: Fran Olsen 484-6376 [stlukes@bisi.net](mailto:stlukes@bisi.net)  
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THE SILENT AUCTION WAS ONCE AGAIN A SUCCESSFUL EVENT! Our neighborhood is a great place to live. Everyone chips in to make the hard work fun and profitable. Many thanks to all who contributed your time and toil. The Garden Club decorated the tables and turned a stark school cafeteria into a pleasant warm atmosphere for visiting with friends and enjoying the delicious food. If you missed it this year, mark your calendar and be sure to join us in 2003! Our regular Civic League meetings are very informative and our President makes sure they are "short and sweet." See you at the April meeting!

Clera Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> VP



## Nutria Warning



This member of the rodent family is native to South America, and it was introduced both accidentally and purposely in the waterways in several American states. The species has proved to be overly destructive of habitat in some areas, creating problems for muskrats and waterfowl.

There are now confirmed reports that nutria have inhabited our Lake Meadows and Lake Pembroke.

Nutria are very large rodents (body-length) about two feet plus rat-like tails). Because they feed primarily on vegetation, even chewing up the roots of aquatic and shoreline plants and because they burrow large holes near the banks of waterways, and as they propagate rapidly with few predatory enemies, nutria are devastating the entire ecology of many wetlands areas. Most biologists who have studied the problem now recommend that nutria populations should be eradicated. (A recent front-page article in the Virginia Pilot, reported on the nutria destruction of the Back Bay wetlands and the resulting depletion of fish, crab, birds and other animal populations).

Specifically, one large nutria was recently observed in our park strolling around the playground area near children. As nutria are largely nocturnal and retiring creatures (like rats), I would be wary that such unusual and unabashed behavior of a nutria might indicate a sick (perhaps rabid) animal that could be danger our to humans or pets which it might confront. For further information, call me at 497-0700.

Jim Willenbrink

Editor's note: The NUTRIA will not normally attack pets, but if they attack the nutria it is very vicious and can quickly kill a moderately sized animal.

## Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds committee appreciate the support you have given us in volunteering for our median cleanup. We can always use your support, suggestions and reports on neglect in the area.

<b>Jim Willenbrink</b>	<b>1 – 15 April</b>
<b>Greg and Juliette Williams</b>	<b>16 – 30 April</b>
<b>Jeff and Michelle Brown</b>	<b>1– 15 May</b>
<b>Valerie Davis</b>	<b>16 – 31 May</b>
<b>Bob and Marjorie Brotman</b>	<b>1 –15 June</b>
<b>John and Karla Compton</b>	<b>16 – 30 June</b>
<b>Peggy Caverly</b>	<b>1 – 15 July</b>

We desperately need a volunteer to head this committee. Please contact Peggy Caverly or Sid Sward if you can take this position.



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

- Computer Monitors
- Television Sets
- GPU'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  
2181 Landstown Road

For More Information About Electronics Recycling Call  
City of Va. Beach-Waste Mgmt. Div.  
757.430.2450 or visit  
[www.HRClean.org](http://www.HRClean.org)

# BAYSIDE HISTORY TRAIL

On Saturday, May 18th of this year, the fourth annual Bayside History Trail will be held. The City of Virginia Beach earned a National award for Community Service, the LERN Award. We can feel proud of the fact that we were part of it. Our community is centered in three of the points of interest of the nine points listed in the brochure. The sites are: Ferry Plantation House, Old Donation Church, Lynnhaven House, Haygood United Methodist Church Chapel, Adam Thoroughgood House, Pembroke Manor House, and Morning Star Baptist Church. The other significant three sites are Witchduck Point, Second Courthouse Site- on the Old Donation Church site, and First Church Site at Church Point. All sites are in Bayside and can be reached by jogging, bicycle, and car. Some can even be reached by the waterway.

Refreshments will be served outdoors at some of the locations.

The city magazine the BEACH will be featuring the Bayside History Trail in a fall issue this year. The city photographer will be taking pictures of each of the seven sites. Those visiting the sites may find themselves in the magazine.

You may also like to take the tour of all seven sites. It is the only day that all sites are free of charge. By obtaining the passport at one of the close to home location and a map. Have the passport stamped at four of the seven sites, you will receive an embroidered patch, Ferry Plantation House will be featured on this years patch. Adam Thoroughgood House was featured on 2001 patch and a Site Map of all nine sites was on the 2000 patch. These can be purchased in Adam Thoroughgood House gift shop for \$3.00 if you need to complete your collection.

Take the time to enjoy the history around you; this is the only day of the year that all sites are free of charge. Each site will have an account of history interoperated for you.

Your Bayside History Trail Coordinator,

**Belinda Nash**

# CITY CODES

## OPEN STORAGE OF JUNK

Department of Housing & Neighborhood Preservation

Code Enforcement Division

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**Home Page:** <http://www.vbgov.com/housing>

Section 23-48 of the City Code states that it is unlawful for any person to place or leave on any property in the City any dilapidated furniture, appliance, machinery, equipment, building material or other item; which is either in wholly or partially rusted, wrecked, junked, dismantled or inoperative condition and which is not completely enclosed within a building. This ordinance does not apply to any licensed junk dealers or establishments engaged in the repair, rebuilding, reconditioning or salvaging of equipment.

Most junk violations are reported by citizens. If the inspector determines that a property is not in compliance with the code, a notice of violation is sent to the owner allowing 7 days to correct the violations.

If violations are not corrected within the time allowed, the City may have the junk removed by a contractor, especially if the property is vacant. The case usually will be handled through court action if the property is occupied. If the removal work is contracted, the owner will be billed for the cost of the work. Failure to pay the bill will result in a lien placed against the property.

**Days:** Monday-Friday

**Hours:** 8:30am - 5:00pm

**Beach-line:** Call 427-3580, and enter code 498

**Email:** If you have comments, questions, or concerns pertaining to this service, please [email us](#).