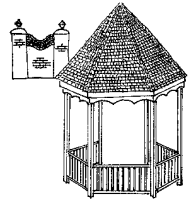


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
And Pembroke Shores Townhomes



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COMING EVENTS:

Oct. 19th - Civic
League meeting-
guest- Virginia Beach
EMS

Oct 25th Ladies'
Luncheon

Oct 28th Annual Hal-
loween Walk

Oct 31st Lantern
Tour—Ferry Planta-
tion House

Nov. 16th @ 7pm,
Wine & Cheese at the
Ferry Plantation
House

Civic League meeting: Thursday, October 19th @7 pm
Guest speaker from Virginia Beach
Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafetorium

Contractors Working in our Neighborhood

In the past several weeks, I have received two vivid reports of contractor violations in our neighborhood while installing underground utilities. Specifically material left in the gutter— which flows down into the storm drains, and reports of illegal dumping in the storm drain system. Everyone should be aware that many utilities have current repair and installation activities in our neighborhood. If violations are noticed, the FIRST thing one should do is snap a photograph with any means you can. It is remarkable how quickly the response is to inappropriate contractor practices when confronted with a photo. Plus, reports to the city or state officials of contractor violations will be escalated for action if supported by a photo or two.

So please be aware of what is occurring in your surroundings and police our streets, gutters, and walkways for unprofessional practices. If suspicious, feel free to contact me and remember grab a photo, then ask questions.

Thank you.

Robert Westmont, Neighborhood Maintenance



16th Annual Halloween Walk-- October 28th

The neighborhood annual Halloween Walk will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 3:00pm. We will begin promptly. Meet at the medical center on Whitechapel Drive. Follow the Independence Middle School band through the neighborhood and back to the park for fun and fellowship. Please leave bikes, skateboards, and pets at home.

Volunteers are needed to walk the route and assist in spacing of our ghosts and goblins, assure safety at intersections, and to serve cookies and pour juice at the park. We can also use help decorating the park prior to the event. **Donations of cash, juice and cookies can be made**— call Gerry Richter 497-5243.




~~UPCOMING EVENTS~~

Oct. 19 - Civic League Meeting, 7 PM at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School.

PROGRAM: Officer Linda Ansell will be our featured speaker. She is a representative from the Virginia Beach Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that oversees all of the Volunteer Rescue Squads in Virginia Beach. During the meeting we will learn the latest about the services available from the Volunteer Rescue Squads, be updated with the latest in first aid tips, and learn how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We will also be informed about the wonderful opportunity we have to get a FREE education in Emergency Medicine. Working with a Volunteer Rescue Squad is a great way to give back to the community and to know that you are really making a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. It's in everyone's own best interest to keep current with the latest information about local EMS— what we take home from this meeting could literally help save the life of a family member, loved one, or friend.

Nov. 16 - Civic League Meeting, 7 PM at **Ferry Plantation House**.

PROGRAM: FREE Wine and Cheese Tasting. In conjunction with the membership of the Ferry Plantation House, residents of Pembroke Meadows/Shores are offered an opportunity to see what all the excitement is about at our very own corner of Colonial American history. Our homes sit on land that was actually part of Ferry Plantation. Tour the facility, learn about the history of our community and shop for the holidays while sampling a variety of wine, cheese and soft drinks. Y'all come!! (Must be 21 years or older to sample wine... bring a valid ID).



Dear friends and neighbors,

Many of you may know my mom, **Valerie Davis**. She has been a resident of PM for over 35 years. During these years, she has been very active in the community, in the Civic League, and a member of the Garden Club for as long as I can remember. You may have seen her in the past weeding the median, assisting with the Halloween Walk, or taking a ride on her bike through the neighborhood. Much to our family's sadness, she can no longer do these things for the community. She was diagnosed with **ALS**, or **Lou Gehrig's Disease**, in Nov. 2004. This devastating illness is terminal and without a cure. Eventually, all muscles in the body become unusable while the mind stays completely intact. It is truly a horrible disease.

My husband and I are my mom's caretakers, but we could not do it without the help of many friends, neighbors, and the ALS Association. We are participating in a fundraising walk to raise both money and awareness of this illness. The money will go to the ALS Association for patient support and research who have given us immeasurable amounts of support, and who also loaned us essential medical equipment that we otherwise could not afford.

We invite you to join **Val's Pals**; walk with us on Oct. 28 at Chesapeake City Park. If you would like to make a donation to the ALS Assoc., you may drop it off at 4404 Severn Ct or call us at 497-7208 for another arrangement. You may make a credit card donation online if you chose (call and I will send an email with the link). All donations are tax deductible. **THANK YOU !** We appreciate all your thoughts, prayers and support. If you have missed my mom recently around the neighborhood, give a call, she loves visitors!!!

With gratitude, Pamela Davis

Just one neighbor's view:

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood....."

Thoughts of Mister Rogers singing this well known tune played in my head all day as I had the opportunity to participate in our neighborhood Community Yard Sale on Saturday September 30th to benefit the PMRC (also known as "The Pool").

As an almost two decade resident of the neighborhood, pool member and swim team parent, thank you very much to all who worked so very hard to coordinate and arrange this pool fundraiser and then volunteered all week with collection of goods, pricing, etc. Thanks to those who worked so hard today beginning at 4:30 a.m. until 3:30 this afternoon to include this year's pool board – Kris Jackson (Melissa and Lindsay), Earl Lee (Sue and Mariah), Tammy and Lee Haddock (Kaitlin and Kasey), Jeannie Blair (Bruce, aka "The Balloon Man"), Vicki Vaughan (Matt), Roger Vaughan (Kim, Savannah, and Casey), Cindy Cooper (John), Bob Barry (Emily) – , our Civic League President Don Sanders, Virginia Miller (Skylar, Joey and Alexa), the Moore family (Carol, Mike, David and Steven), Tracie Rieger (mmm, loved those baked goodies!) Diana Quinn, Joe Sobotta (Ryan and Eric), Sue Chapman, Clera and Jim Hall, Brian Rogerson and Mike Brunick.

Thank you to Ocean Plastering for the use of your truck. Thank you to the Crumley family for the helium purchase and the use of your truck. Thank you to Jason Bohner for the loan of the trailer which allowed the packing of goods on Friday night for Saturday morning's early transport to the pool. Thanks to Sid Sward for the coffee treat!

While I don't know the totals associated with funds raised today, thank you so much to all of our PM/PS and townhomes neighbors for your support. I was able to talk with many old friends, former pool members, and others today. Truly, I so enjoyed watching each of you enjoying the gorgeous weather, the tasty concessions, and the many bargains. Thank you to each of you who donated items recognizing your gift allowed for 100% profit of all sales to go to the pool as well as recognizing your remaining treasures would be donated to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters thrift stores. The concessions table alone turned in well over \$250. Thank you to Martha Barry and Carol Moore for their scrumptious cake donations. A big THANK YOU to Tracie Rieger for the homemade krispie treats, chocolate chip cookies and turtle cookies in vast quantities. Thank you to Jodi Ullman for driving to Newport News to retrieve the donated Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Thanks also the Roger Vaughan family for the yummy Yoder Dairy lemonade. We couldn't have done it without you! I hope each of you who came up took the time to notice how many of our neighborhood and pool member youths were present. I was assigned the concessions table and delighted in working with Savannah and Casey Vaughan. No adult could ask for more dedicated, pleasant, hard working young ladies. There was not a single complaint uttered by these girls all day. Additionally, Bruce Blair, aka The Balloon Man, single handedly sold well over 100 balloons! Please if I have forgotten to list your name, no slight is intended rather it is the fault of my aging memory.

David and Steven Moore lent their muscles to the moving of many items, loading and unloading help as well as map distribution. Kasey and Kaitlin Haddock coordinated sales of clothing items along with Emily Barry with Kasey moving over to the ever busy toy section as the day progressed. Matt Vaughan, Melissa and Lindsay Jackson, and Evan Wrenn arrived to help with the final pack up and loading into the trailer for delivery to CHKD. Though the day was long and at times chaotic, each of these young volunteers maintained a pleasant and helpful attitude. Please say thank you the next time you see one of our dedicated youth.

Donna Price

Our Neighborhood Community Yard Sale took in close to **\$2500 in profits** from this event. This treasure will be used to further update Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (aka The Pool) to ensure it will continue to serve our neighborhood and community for years to come.

With our Condolences...

The Watkins family sends our condolences to Henry Dean and Debbie Moore of Cambria St., on the passing of Gay Dean in late September. Gay was very active in the Civic League when we moved here over 15 years ago. She would ride through the Meadows on her bicycle to give an official "welcome" to new neighbors. She played the sprightly elf to Henry's Santa on stage at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School when we gave the annual Christmas party. She was a regular at Civic League meetings until her health became poor. Gay was a very sweet, person, with a ready smile, and an easy, cheerful laugh. We shall miss her.

George, Loretta and Susan Watkins



Water Saving Tip:

Check toilets for silent leaks. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Place several drops of food coloring in the toilet's tank, but don't flush. Wait 5 minutes and see if the color shows up in the toilet bowl. If the color moves from the tank to the bowl without flushing you have a silent leak. Repairs are usually very simple and parts inexpensive at all home supply stores.

Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome all our neighbors new to the neighborhood this fall— whether you are renting or a homeowner, we want to let you know you have a wealth of helpful information available to you through your Civic League.

**Checkout our website for details-
www.pembrokemeadows.org**

Teens willing to work for \$\$

Do you know a teenager or young adult willing to do work for neighbors?

Next month we would like to list those willing to be listed as available for work around the neighborhood. Tell us what you want to do; babysitting, yard work, or other odd jobs. Just send us your information to be listed with your parent's permission to : kgvaughan@cox.net

NEW to our website: Click on tab for the Garden Club and learn what they do to keep our neighborhood looking pretty. Be sure to take a minute and update your information on the **Neighborhood Online Directory.**

Ladies' Autumn Luncheon

Celebrate the change of seasons, and join us for our last Ladies' Luncheons for the year !

**C&M Cafeteria at 12 noon
October 25th. Wednesday**

We hope you will join us!

Waterfront Living - Etiquette

As President of the Old Donation Creek Waterway Association, I have witnessed and heard from those living on the water about problem situations that can be avoided with a little planning. Most of us know that programs like Scoop the Poop, using “friendly” pesticides, and cleaning out our storm drains protects our water assets. Careful management of waterfront banks can be just as important to protecting our waterways. Here’s a few ways you can help if you live on waterfront property:

- Yards with little or no vegetation will usually result in excess runoff deposits of soil and sedimentation filling in the river or lakes. Planting along the bank significantly protects against uncontrolled runoff.
- Bulkheads along lakes and rivers should be of sound construction. If leaks are detected in bulkheads the best method is to repair the problem versus just filling in sink holes which will only mask the problem and makes the underlining problem worse.
- Remember that storm bring extreme high tides, high winds and swollen lakes, these occurrences often displaces landscape material and lawn decorations into others property, so preplan by securing items as much as possible in anticipation of potential weather events.

For more info see: <http://lynnhavenriver2007.org/>

Submitted by: Robert Westmont

Wondering what can be recycled in our Big Blue Recycle Cans?

- Paper items: Clean newspaper, unwanted junk mail, school papers, catalogs, phonebooks, magazines
- Cardboard: broken down and clean cardboard boxes
- Chipboard: Such as cereal and cracker boxes, bottle holders
- Plastic bottles with pouring necks, such as catsup, detergent bottles, etc. Clean out first (No motor oil bottles)
- Metal containers: Aluminum, steel and tin cans, food containers, beverage cans. (discard lids and wash out)
- Glass containers: Clear, green, and brown glass. Remove lids and wash out first.

<u>Committees</u>		
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<i>Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</i>
<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
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If you are interested in the Welcoming Committee Chairperson position, please call Don Sanders at 499-7987.

For corrections or submissions to this newsletter, contact the editors via email at rogetvaughan@cox.net, or call 499-6945.

<u>Officers, Civic League</u>		
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<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Kris Jackson</i>	<i>486-3696</i>



MEDIAN WATCH

To sign up for median strip duty, email **Travis Little** @ littlhom@yahoo.com or **Jim Price** at **499-5115** or e-mail at jdprice@Cox.net. Thanks for your help!

Pembroke Meadows & Shores Civic League Median Strip Clean-up	
DATE 2006	VOLUNTEER
Thanks to:	Jeanne Blair & Family
October 15-31	Travis Little
November 1-15	Peggy Caverly
November 16-30	TEEN Committee

Does your rolling curb-side Garbage Can need repair?



The original black rolling garbage cans cannot be repaired through City of Virginia Beach Waste Management, but parts such as replacement wheels, etc. may be available at Ace Hardware Store located at Witchduck Rd. and Kempsville Rd. For the newer models cans you should contact Virginia Beach Waste Management at 385-4650 to determine how to obtain repair service.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips:

On October 31st, trick-or-treat begins at dusk and ends at 8pm, for children 12 years and younger. Please turn your porch light on if you are giving out treats, and turn your porch light off if you choose not to participate.

Accompany young children, especially if they are under 8 years of age. Watch out for traffic, and only cross at corners (not between parked cars).

Please be a good neighbor and clear your lawn and walkway of any items that could become a hazard to the children.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!