# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, And Pembroke Shores Townhomes

## CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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### FEBRUARY CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

## **Pot Luck Dinner Social**

Date: Thurs., Feb. 15, 2007 Time... Special Note: 6:00 PM

Place: Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria

The FEBRUARY Civic League Meeting is our annual **POT LUCK DINNER SO-CIAL**. Please note that this social event <u>BEGINS AT 6 PM</u> at the school. Virginia Beach **Mayor Meyer Oberndorf and her husband, Roger**, will be our guests. Although they have another commitment that evening, because our dinner starts at 6 PM, the Mayor has graciously agreed to spend some time at the beginning of our pot luck dinner to visit and informally chat with us. So be sure to get there early! Y'all come... and bring one of your tasty culinary creations to share with friends and neighbors! Beverages, plastic flatware and paper plates/cups will be provided. Last year our social was a great success, awesome food, great company for the whole family. Don't miss it!

### YOUR ANNUAL CIVIC LEAGUE DUES FOR 2007 ARE CURRENTLY DUE

# The total annual amount due for your household is: \$10.00

# Coming Events!

- Civic League Meeting: Feb 15th Pot Luck Social 6 PM
- Civic League Meeting f: March 15th
   7 PM
- Ladies Lunch Out February 28th @ 12 Noon– Pembroke Pizza and Pasta

Your Civic League dues cover the cost of this Newsletter; the Spring Easter Egg Hunt, Scout Programs and Support; Annual Family Halloween Walk; Lost Pet Program; Median Maintenance; Block Security Program; Civic League costs; and a great deal more.

We depend on EVERY RESIDENT to pay their dues promptly. See insert page....

### PLAN AHEAD... MARCH CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

March 15, 2007 – 7:00 PM – Pembroke Meadows Elementary School...

The president of Fun Tours will present a fund-raising idea for our Civic League and Recreation Center. Ideas for spring and summer getaways will help chase away those winter "blahs"!!

# Do you love coming home at night? Do you tell friends what a great neighborhood you live in?

Then how about giving back a little to the community that has given you so much happiness. We're looking for new faces to be active in our Civic League.

We have openings for a few good people to be involved in our community activities. We need: **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT** to oversee the Building & Grounds, Block-Security, Welcoming, and Ways & Means Committees. This person will also organize and coordinate the distribution of our civic league directory.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** to take minutes at the board meetings and general meetings and notify board members of meetings.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** is responsible for mail and correspondence for the civic league. They will also be responsible for all awards, condolences and letters of commendation presented by the civic league.

These responsibilities only require the attendance of a monthly board meeting and attendance at the monthly civic league meeting. Only two evenings a month can make a lot of difference for our community. You'll get to meet your neighbors and have a voice in planning ideas for your neighborhood. Please consider offering your help. Call Peggy Caverly at 490-0925 to get involved.

## Newsletter takes many talents

We are often asked how a volunteer group can publish such a great newsletter..... The secret is because of many great neighbors who take vital parts in making it happen. The old adage of "Dividing and Conquering" applies in getting this newsletter to every household and business in our neighborhood.

The process starts with neighbors submitting articles, searching local news for neighborhood specific news, Civic League Board members announcements and advertisers submitting ads for financial support. Once all submissions are edited, placed in a printable format, the newsletter is delivered to our professional printer for reproduction. Once it comes off the "press", it is delivered to Claudia Hernandez who adds needed inserts and divides the newsletters into pre-sorted delivery packets according to the delivery route. After all the packets are assembled, Teri Mikulka and Ginger Avoli drive the packets to all 28 of the delivers who have volunteered to deliver to each house and business in our neighborhood. Each route volunteer delivers to the door on their specific route, usually one or two streets close to their home.

Please thank these great volunteers who make this happen! If you have problems receiving your newsletter or you are a distributor who needs someone to relieve you for a month, please call Teri Mikulka at 497-5856 or Roger Vaughan at 499-6945

# Phishing! They set the bait... will you take the hook?

If you have an email account, every day you receive offers for vitamins, travel, weight loss, stocks, social networks and the never-ending steam of offers to make you rich quick. Most of us have learned how to quickly hit the DELETE key when we see these messages.

However, less obvious and far more dangerous are fake messages with familiar logos from financial organizations. These scams have a new name: "Phishing" (pronounced "fishing"). The scammer has thrown out millions of "lines" and they only need to "catch" one or two to make money. How can you tell "Phising" email from the "real" thing? The short answer is, you can't. So you have to assume every email you receive may be a scam. Never click on a link in an email if you didn't expect to get it. Rather, go to the normal web site of the firm by using the web address that you regularly use.

Real organizations already know about you and won't ask for personal information. The Internet is just like the telephone: you never know who is on the other end of the line unless you placed the call. You wouldn't give your credit card number to a total stranger on the phone, so don't do it over the Internet.

The other risk is that your computer may become infected with "Trojan" software that watches what you type on the keyboard. When the Trojan sees password or account information, it may secretly sends that data to some identity thief. The best way to protect yourself from Trojans is with anti-virus software that watches for adware and bad software. Examples are: Symantec/Norton, McAffee, Ad-Aware and Spybot. There are others just as good. Some are free while some cost \$50 to \$75. Without some sort of protection, it's only a matter of time before you get infected.

Have more questions? Send an email to **pmcl@cox.net** *Clif Furedy...PMCL Webmaster* 

# ANNUAL CIVIC LEAGUE DUES FOR 2007 total annual amount due for your household is only \$10.00

We depend on EVERY RESIDENT to pay their dues promptly. For your convenience, in this month's newsletter we have included a membership form and envelope in which to return your dues.

Resident volunteers give of their time, expertise, and knowledge to help maintain the high standards we have come to enjoy in our neighborhood. Our Garden Club volunteers plant and care for the plantings on the entrance median making our coming and going a pleasant experience. Volunteers maintain the Flag, raising and lowering as required. Volunteers deliver the newsletter to your door, schedule median clean up days, and are Board Members interested in enhancing our neighborhood while keeping our best interests in mind for the entire community. You are a vital part of the community. We would very much like for you to become more involved but also understand the demands of a busy life.

Therefore, it is imperative that you mail in your 2007 dues promptly. You may include additional amounts to help cover costs of median electricity, flag replacements, and Median plantings. Thank you!

### **Classified Ads:**

**CHILD CARE:** 26 year old mother of two. Available to provide before and after school care, parents' night out, etc. All day care in my home in Pembroke Meadows Townhomes area. Please call 644-6468– references provided upon request.

**FOR SALE:** C.T.M. HS-2800 Power Chair This is one of the best chairs on the market. Brand New! Was \$2600.00, Now \$2200.00 Please call Linda Moyer 499-6282.

Place your classified here! Three free per year for Civic League Members.

Contact 499-6945, or kgvaughan@cox.net



### **College Scholarship**

The Civic League Board has proposed that a College Scholarship program be established for students whose family belong to the Pembroke Meadows Civic League. Anyone interested in working on a committee to set up this program, please call Don Sanders at 499-7987 or Peggy Caverly at 490-0925.

Editor's Note: Our goal is for this newsletter to reach all of our neighbors in a timely, convenient manner. If you know of someone who is not receiving our newsletter but should, please let us know. Also, feel free submit articles and announcements for this newsletter. Thank you!

Kim and Roger Vaughan 499-6945 or rogertvaughan @cox.net

## Telemarketers now have your cell phone number

All cell phone numbers have being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls.

#### YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS !!

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222

It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time and will blocks your number for five (5) years.

You must call from the cell phone number you are wanting to have blocked. You can also list all your phone numbers by visiting the web site at: www.donotcall.gov

#### Virginia Beach-On line crime reporting

The Virginia Beach Police Department is accepting reports of minor crimes via the Internet.

Using a program called ePRO - Electronic Police Reports Online - the interactive Web application provides public access to reports of neighborhood crimes, accidents and incident reports. To use ePRO, visit <a href="www.VBgov.com/epro">www.VBgov.com/epro</a>.

Reports eligible for online submission include larcenies **un**der \$500, destruction of private property and obscene or annoying phone calls.

Also, ePRO allows access to accident statistics by neighborhood, street, police precinct or police zone. Only individuals involved in the accident can obtain a copy of the report online.

For questions, contact Susan Morris at (757) 385-8921 or slmorris@VBgov.com.

# Advertisement rates have been updated on our website; www.pembrokemeadows.org

<u>Committees</u>		
Bldg/Grounds	Wes Denton	499-2996
Entrance/Median	Jim Price	499-5115
Electrical	George Watkins	497-2130
Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897
Neighborhood Maint.	Robert Westmont	473-1024
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Pet Lost and Found/Pet Reg	gistry	
Shores	Belinda Nash	490-2504
Meadows	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
Pool Phone		963-2239

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 rogertvaughan@cox.net, or call 499-6945.

#### Officers, Civic League

President	Don Sanders	499-7987
First VP (temporary)	Peggy Caverly	490-0925
Second VP	Travis Little	671-7885
Corres. Sec.	Danielle Kressig	965-2386
Treasurer	Jim Hall	473-8258
Membership Chair	John Sheadel	<i>499-0678</i>
Recording Sec.	Terri/Bill Hawley	473-1936
Pool Director	Kris Jackson	486-3696

#### **MEDIAN WATCH**

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

### Pembroke Meadows & Shores Civic League Median Strip Clean-up

VOLUNTEER		
Cheryl Douglas		
Peggy Caverly		
Jeanette Willenbrink		
Travis Little		
The Hayes		
Sid Sward		
Jeanne Blair		
Kim, Savannah & Casey Vaughan		
Open– please call!		

Please consider helping out with the Median Cleanup. Even if you can only get out there once or twice each week, that little extra effort can go a long way. If you work together with a friend or family member to do it together, you can cover the area quickly, and the fresh air is so good for you! Just watch out—you might get a few horns honking from thankful neighbors!