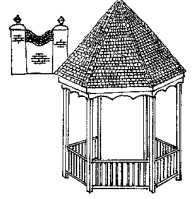


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
And Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER March 2007



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400th Anniversary Celebrations

This year brings the 400th Anniversary of the Colonists coming to America, and the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. Beach historical sites, including Adam Thoroughgood House, Francis Land House, Lynnhaven House, and our very own Ferry Plantation House will all be joining in the spirit of celebration this year. Volunteers, historians, city and school representatives will be bringing to us a series of events beginning in late April to highlight the rich heritage right here in Virginia Beach.

Jamestown, Virginia is gearing up for America's Anniversary Weekend, May 11-13, 2007. There will be festivities all year, community projects, and commemorative programs. Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is serving as honorary chair of this national commemoration, and will participate in selected events throughout the year.

For further information, please visit: www.vbgov.com or www.jamestown2007.org

Cell Phone Tower Update

The first public hearing regarding the proposed cell phone tower is scheduled. T-Mobile will present their proposal before the Virginia Beach Planning Commission on **Wednesday, March 14th at 12:00 noon**. If the proposal is approved by the planning commission, then it would next go before the Virginia Beach City Council for approval. Any interested parties are encouraged to attend this hearing. We will put an update in the April newsletter with the results of this hearing.

For further information, visit www.vbgov.com or call 757-385-4621.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 31st, @ 2:00 pm

Come join us at the neighborhood park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be plenty of eggs filled with goodies for the youngsters to hunt, and plenty of fresh air and good company for the young at heart. Shake off the winter blues and welcome the spring by coming out for the fun!

Donations of egg-fillers are still needed. If you can help, please call Vivian Hance at 477-3273.



THE POT LUCK DINNER

Our Dinner was not as well attended as some in the past, but the food more than made up for the shortfall in attendance. Our Vice President, Peggy Caverly, brought the meeting to order by introducing **Mayor Meyera Oberndorf** and her husband Roger. We had about 20 minutes of spontaneous conversation about the direction of the city, and her history with our civic league during the past years. The Mayor left for other commitments, and we headed for the desert table, by way of the casseroles, seafood, chicken, salads, vegetables and many other delightful dishes including the gracious gift from King Hua Restaurant. The 15 lbs of General T'sos chicken, and the dozens of Crabmeat Cheese Wontons were a major hit. You would think there would have been leftovers.

THE CHINESE CONNECTION: The King Hua Restaurant opened in 1997 by Leon Wu and his lovely wife Choy Chen. They both came from South East China in 93 and 92 respectively. We seldom see Leon anymore as he spends most of his time at their new store in Hampton. As you walk near their restaurant at Pembroke Meadows Shopping Center, stop in and say HI to these nice folks who have supported our Civic League Pot Luck Dinners for the past 10 years. The Chinese don't have a direct word for Hi but if we want to say, *how are you. It would be "Ni Hao Ma" or to us it might be spelled "knee how ma"*

Thanks to the Garden Club, Members of the Civic League and to King Hua, for making this the community it is. *Ni Hao Ma*

The Pembroke Meadows/Shores Garden Club ...

once again decorated the school cafetorium for the annual Civic League Pot Luck Dinner. Usually at this time of year Jeanette Willinbrink's camellias are in bloom, but nature didn't provide them in February this year. The Garden Club purchased red roses and decorated each table with a vase of roses, baby's breath and fern on a white doily. The cafetorium was transformed into a lovely dining room! Many thanks to our Garden Club for adding such beauty to the event!



MARCH CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The MARCH Civic League meeting will feature **Gwen Elmore, President of Fun Tours** who has been selected as one of Virginia's 2006 Business Women of the Year. Gwen is a cancer survivor and is captain of the Fun Tours team in the "Relay for Life" sponsored by the American Cancer Society. She's an inspiring lady. Gwen will present a fund-raising opportunity for our Civic League and Recreation Center while going to interesting and exciting places with Fun Tours. Getting there is part of the fun... games and prizes along the way help make each trip something to look forward to. Perhaps a spring or summer "getaway" with friends and neighbors might be just the right tonic to overcome that "cooped-up" feeling we know as the winter "blahs"!! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this interesting and entertaining presentation on Thursday, March 15th.

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria

See you there!

Kindergarten Registration is Approaching...

Will your child be FIVE YEARS OLD on or before September 30, 2007? If so, plan on attending Virginia Beach City Public Schools Kindergarten Open House and Registration...
Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 9:00 am
Pembroke Meadows Elementary School

Please bring the following to registration:

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| Proof of residence/home address | Certified birth certificate |
| Your child's social security number | Physical examination report |
| Current immunization records | Two emergency contact phone #s |

For more detailed information about the kindergarten program, please visit the website: **vbschools.com**

FERRY PLANTATION **EVENTS:**

MYSTERY TEA:

March 17th – 1p.m.- 3p.m.

A Shamrock twist-"Who killed the Darling Duke of Darjeeling"?
Tickets-\$25.00 **Reservations required.** Limited seating
Feel free to wear the green!

GALA ON THE GREEN

March 18th 1 – 5 p.m. For all ages

Musical Broadway Showcase put on by PAW/Theatrix Presents Music of Broadway shows including High School Musical: Les Mis: Shenandoah: and much more. ***Wine tasting by Cooper Vineyards.*** ***Food and fun at Ferry.*** **Tickets \$25.00** (children under 12 free with paying adult)

Contact KELLY @ 714-9258

Be prepared for a fun afternoon.

SUMMER CAMP AT FERRY- Children grades 1-6

Living in History Camp will be offered again this year. June and August. Check out the web site for pictures of previous Camps. Limited space. Sign up today. Call **Gerry Richter 497-5243** or **Belinda Nash 490-2504** for registration forms and information. More Information will follow in the April newsletter.

UPDATED WEB SITE FOR FERRY PLANTATION-

www.ferryplantation.org

Be sure to check out the picture gallery.....

Ladies' Luncheon

The Pembroke Meadows Ladies Lunch Group will meet at Knuckleheads at 401 N. Witchduck Road on Thursday, March 22nd at 12:00 noon. For more information, please call Jeanette Willenbrink at 497-0700.

BEWARE OF NEW STORM DOORS

The majority of storm door manufacturers have designed a new screening for storm doors. The screen simply rolls up into the frame much like a window shade. They are called by many names "roll away"; "retractable"; "hideaway"; "self storing"; etc. Unfortunately the screens have no framing on the sides.

Anyone coming to you door can simply put their hands thru the side of the screen and unlock your door.

This makes gaining entrance a snap. The screen can be rolled up and pulled down again to correct the obvious intrusion and no one would be aware that anyone has entered your home.

The new doors provide no security whatsoever.

With Sympathy...

Our sympathies go out to the family of Valerie Davis. Ms. Davis was a long time resident of Pembroke Meadows and, until her illness, active in many of the volunteer programs including the Garden Club, Civic League, and Civic League Directory ad campaign. Every October she guarded and served refreshments at our annual Halloween Walk. Valerie put on a long and difficult battle with ALS with optimism and a stern resolve to do all she could to remain active. Her daughter, Pam, and son-in-law Joseph took over her care when it became necessary due to the progression of the disease. Our thanks to her family, Pam, Patti, Thomas and Rodney for sharing her with us for so many years.

YOUR ANNUAL CIVIC LEAGUE DUES FOR 2007 ARE CURRENTLY DUE

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

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. Send to: Pembroke Meadows Civic League, PO Box 68052, Virginia Beach, VA 23471 .

Virginia Beach Neighborhood Institute Leadership and Development Class

The spring session of the City of Virginia Beach neighborhood institute Leadership and Development class will start April 5 through June 14, 2007. Civic League committee/board members or aspiring members would benefit from this experience.

Please contact Lorraine Nesmith-Thompson (City of VA Beach) at 385-8132 / 5734 if interested.

Important City Contacts

The **Environmental Crimes Task Force** has a 24-hour **Hotline number (385-5000)** that can be used to report the spill, discharge, or release of any hazardous materials which can include illegal dumping, sweeping of yard debris into storm drains or anything that warrants an environmental follow-up or investigation.

Virginia Beach citizens and visitors can **"Reach the Beach"** by dialing **3-1-1**. Virginia Beach 311 connects callers with a Public Information Specialist who can assist them with City information, services, news and events, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The new service works from landline telephones within City limits. Cell phone users and callers not within the city limits can dial 385-3111.

PLAN AHEAD... APRIL CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

Thursday, April 19th – 7:00 PM

at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria

GUEST SPEAKER: An attorney will be speaking to us about wills, estate planning and elder law. Please mark your calendars to attend this informative session!

<u>Committees</u>		
<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	<i>Travis Little (temp.)</i>	<i>671-7885</i>
<i>Entrance/Median</i>	<i>Jim Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>Electrical</i>	<i>George Watkins</i>	<i>497-2130</i>
<i>Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</i>
<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
<i>Block Security</i>		
<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Stephanie Neihart</i>	<i>456-5795</i>
<i>Shores</i>	<i>Bob/Marge Brotman</i>	<i>497-0565</i>
<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Barbara Willenbrink</i>	<i>554-0092</i>
<i>Programs Chairperson</i>	<i>Joe Avoli</i>	<i>497-7117</i>
<i>Directory Chairman</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
<i>Lakes/Waterways Chair: Jim Willenbrink</i>		
<i>Lake Pembroke</i>	<i>Jim Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>
<i>Lake Meadows</i>	<i>Charlie Russ</i>	<i>497-5298</i>
<i>Lynnhaven</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Kim & Roger Vaughan</i>	<i>499-6945</i>
<i>Newsletter Ad Coordinator</i>	<i>Kim & Roger Vaughan</i>	<i>499-6945</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>
<i>Social Committee</i>	<i>Vivian Hance</i>	<i>477-3273</i>
<i>Welcoming Committee Chair.....open</i>		
<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Donna Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>Shores</i>	<i>Lisa Dutko</i>	<i>473-1112</i>
<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Liz Hayes</i>	<i>472-0283</i>
<i>Pet Lost and Found/Pet Registry</i>		
<i>Shores</i>	<i>Belinda Nash</i>	<i>490-2504</i>
<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Jim Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>
<i>Pool Phone</i>		<i>963-2239</i>
 <i>If you are interested in the Welcoming Committee Chairperson position, please call Don Sanders at 499-7987.</i>		
 <i>For corrections or submissions to this newsletter, contact the editors via email at rogertvaughan@cox.net, or call 499-6945.</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 2007	VOLUNTEER
Thanks to:	Jeanette Willenbrink
Thanks to:	Travis Little
March 16-31	The Hayes
April 1-15	Sid Sward
April 16-30	Jeanne Blair
May 1- 15	Kim, Savannah & Casey Vaughan
May 16-31	Open- please call!
June 1-15	Open- please call!
June 16-30	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!	

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

If you can help...

The Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman Wes Denton is stepping down from his role. Travis Little will hold the position temporarily through June. Anyone interested in helping out in this much needed position, please contact Don Sanders at 499-7987.

In the meantime, please contact Travis at the number listed above with any Buildings/Grounds issues.

Thank you Wes for all your hard work!

EARTH DAY

The Earth Day Planning Committee started its meetings in December 2006 for this year's Earth Day event at Mt. Trashmore on May 6th from 11:00am to 5:00pm. We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Our meetings are held at the City's Parks & Recreation building at 4141 Dam Neck Road at 6:00pm. Presently, we are looking for volunteers for some of our committees as well as volunteers for the day of the event. Please contact Ruby Arredondo at 385-4104 for more information.

[CCC "Litter Bits" Newsletter, Feb. 2007]