

CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
And Pembroke Shores Townhomes



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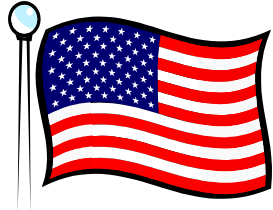
UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 27th, July 26th,
And August 22nd-
Ladies' Luncheons

July 10th-13th, 27th-
30th
Swim Lessons

August 7th- National
Night out

August- Summer
Children's Camp at
FPH



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 7th

Millions to Spend a "Night Out" Against Crime

On **Tuesday, August 7th**, citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses and local officials in over 11,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and military bases worldwide will join forces to mark the "**24th Annual National Night Out**" which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in partnership with The U.S. Dept of Justice and Target stores. Nationally over 35 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" this year.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals and vandals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

On the evening of August 7th, along with the traditional "lights on" and front porch vigils, there will be thousands of crime prevention block parties, cookouts, parades, neighborhood visits by police and sheriff's departments, flashlight walks, poster contests and neighborhood meetings. **Sponsored by the Pembroke Meadows Civic League and the Recreation Center our community will be participating with a FREE EVENING OF FOOD, FUN AND SWIMMING FOR ALL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AT OUR RECREATION CENTER !!! If you'd like to help make this event a success for the whole community please contact Joe Avoli at 497-7117.**

This is a night for neighborhoods nationwide to come out and stand united against crime. It is an extraordinary opportunity for citizens, community groups, law enforcement and local officials to get out, meet, greet and discuss local safety issues. A committee has been set up and plans are beginning to take shape. Watch for a special flyer about this event during the summer months.

Mark your calendar for the evening of August 7TH and plan to be there to "*Take a bite out of crime*" !!

May 17th Meeting Guests Provide a Wealth of Information

We were privileged to have at our meeting on May 17th, Bayside City Councilman and **Vice Mayor Louis R. Jones**. Mr. Jones brought with him **Jerold Banagan, Real Estate Assessor** and **Catheryn Whitesell, Budget Director**. There was a very enlightening discussion of many topics including the real estate assessment process and the budgeting process.

Mr. Banagan explained the process his office follows in determining the value of property/homes in Virginia Beach. The assessed value of homes in Virginia is largely controlled by the state which requires that homes be appraised at Fair Market Value. If home owners feel that their homes are unfairly appraised, they can appeal to his office and if an adjustment is denied, he will give the home owner the information needed for further appeal. There is a break for Senior Citizens 65 or older whose family income is less than \$62,000 with assets under \$350,000 excluding the value of their home. Disabled home owners can also receive a tax break. Assessments are determined by a number of things, but especially the sale price of similar homes in the area. When setting values they start with the smallest and work up to the larger homes. They assess lot size, shape, proximity to water etc. as part of their process.

The City Budget Director, Catheryn Whitesell, explained the process the city uses in making its budget. Approximately 30% of the city's revenue is from the Real Estate Tax. The city is required to have the same rate for businesses as for family homes.

Vice-Mayor Jones said that there is a plan for dredging Lakes and Ponds, but with funding as it is, it will take 15 years to do them. Rivers are under a different plan. The city has acquired Whitehurst Pit to use for the dredge material from the Lynnhaven River. It is also possible that the dredging of the River will have to be done with private funds.

In addition, other topics of interest were discussed including progress on the Town Center project and the plans to alleviate traffic congestion in that area. A pedestrian walkway over Virginia Beach Blvd. between Town Center and Pembroke Mall is still in the plan. However, funding is the issue at this time.

As you know, Vice Mayor Jones has supported the needs of our community and the issues related to it for many years. We look forward to continuing that positive relationship in the years ahead. We thank Vice Mayor Jones, Mr. Banagan, and Ms. Whitesell for taking their time to visit with us and address these issues with us.

PLAN AHEAD – SEPTEMBER CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

As you know, during the summer months the focus of our Civic League shifts to fun-time activities at the Recreation Center Pool... Civic League meetings are on vacation during June, July and August. **Meetings will resume Thursday, September 20th. Our guest speaker will be Master Police Officer Leta Krieger from the Third Precinct** who will present local crime statistics, ways that we can make our community crime-free and what the Police Department does to help keep our neighborhood a safe place to live for our families. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this important discussion.

LOCATION: Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007
TIME: 7:00 PM

Letter from our PMCL President:

As this is our last newsletter until September, the following are items of interest from our last meetings..

Please remind all your family members not to throw out trash along our streets. This makes our neighborhood look bad, and thus bring down our home values.

Be on the lookout for vandalism in the area. Several homes have been targeted on St. James. We have notified the police and they will be patrolling our neighborhood more often. If you see anyone who is suspicious in the area, it's better to call the information in to the police and let them come check it out.

There are several vacancies within the Civic League, they are:

- Second Vice President
- Newsletter Editor (Sept 2007)
- Newsletter Ad Coordinator
- Program Chairperson
- Social Committee
- Welcoming Committee Chairperson
- Community Directory-Advertising

Please call Don Sanders, 499-7987, if you have any interest.

Many thanks to Joe Avoli for the super job he did this year in securing our guest speakers.

Kim and Roger Vaughan are relinquishing the editorship of our monthly newsletter due to family and work commitments. We really appreciate the fine job they did with our newsletter.

This year I have been disappointed at the lack of interest at our civic league meetings. We have had great guest speakers, including the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, City Budget Manager and City Appraiser, to name a few. Our December meeting at Ferry Plantation was a great opportunity to socialize and meet your neighbors while enjoying delicious appetizers, yet the turnout was small. We need your participation and input into the activities of the civic league. If you have any suggestions or complaints, please talk with any of the board members. Your comments and ideas are certainly welcome.

Have a nice summer and see you August 7th at the pool for our National Night Out.

Best regards,
Don Sanders, President



Take An Extra Minute to "Play It Safe" This Summer...

"Kids die at a far greater rate in the summer from biking accidents, falls and drownings, in motor vehicles, and as pedestrians than during the year as a whole. In the time it takes to host a barbecue, at least one child 14 or under will die from an accidental injury, according to a new report by Safe Kids Worldwide. The Safe Kids U.S. Summer Ranking Report found that an average of 17 children a day, or 2,143 children in total, died of accidental injuries from May to August 2004, the most recent data available. That year, accidental injuries caused children to take 2.4 million trips to the emergency room, some resulting in paralysis and brain damage. Despite these sobering facts, many parents remain blissfully unaware of the deadly risks of summer. And that's a shame. Because while the death of any child is tragic, death from "accidental" injury is particularly heartbreaking since it almost certainly could have been prevented."

Excerpt from SafeKids Worldwide, Dr. Martin Eichelberger

[Please, kids, wear those helmets! Look both ways! Parents, never leave a child unattended while swimming. Be extra careful during non-routine gatherings, parties, etc. when there might be added distractions. Have a safe summer everyone.]



SUMMER IS HERE!

Our neighborhood is lovely. Let's all work together to keep it that way. Keep **entire sidewalk areas** clear of shrubs, branches, overgrown grass and parked cars. Believe it or not some thoughtless individuals throw or drop trash on sidewalks and toss it from vehicles into the streets and gutters. If you see any on your property kindly dispose of it. Small efforts keep your property neat in appearance.

OVERGROWN CORNER SHRUBS AND BUSHES CAN CAUSE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Cut back any overgrowth on your property if you live on a corner



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 newsletter, and reach over
 700 homes and businesses every month!*

*For further information, contact Roger and Kim Vaughan at
 499-6945 or rogertvaughan@cox.net.*



19th Annual Clean the Bay Day- Another Successful Event

Saturday, June 2nd was the 19th Annual Clean the Bay Day, and our community of Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, Hudgins Shores, and old Donation Farms participated commendably. Concentrating on cleaning the lakes, waterways, and drainage areas (including streets) in our own area, 63 volunteers picked up approximately 8,000 pounds of trash and debris. Much of this weight was due to heavy timbers and lumber. But the most numerous items were cigarette butts, paper bags and containers, plastic and glass bottles, aluminum cans, and various plastic bags and debris. Among the trash also were: a mattress, bicycle, tires, suitcase, shopping cart, various balls and toys... and the most unusual item— parts of an old, rusted railway carriage (probably used many years ago to launch boats, the rails are still in the water).

Special thanks to our six Area Coordinators for their memorable efforts:

Jim Hall, Bob Lukeman, Frank Mulcahy, Pam Sasser, Jim Willenbrink Jr., and Fred Willis

We also wish to thank the following volunteers for their help:

Joe & Ginger Avoli	The Beachum Family	Henry Dean & Family
Jack Dutko	Jimmy Eddings	Max Groneman
Jim & Clera Hall	Joe Lang	Earl Lee
The Lukeman Family	The Mulcahy Family	The Mike Moore Family
Kate Poncho	The Jim Price Family	Mike Rogans
Charlie & Betsy Russ	Don Sanders	John Sheadel
Ann & Don Smith	James & Lindsay Stewart	Sid Sward
Steve Todd	Walt Westhoff	Robert Westmont
Fred & Jean Willis	The Carlisle Wilson Family	
Barbara & Grace Willenbrink	Jim & Jeannette Willenbrink	
Jim, Angie & Madison Willenbrink	Two volunteers at the park who didn't sign in	
Ten members of the Old Donation Farms Homeowners Association		

Well done! The Clean Community Commission and Chesapeake Bay Foundation extend their sincere appreciation to all participants, and to all others who voluntarily help clean up our community throughout the year!

...Jim Willenbrink, Sr., Zone Captain

Remember... It's the Law! Clean out those gutters!

Keeping our streets and gutters clean is not only beneficial to the appearance of our community and the well-being of our environment, it's the LAW. Residents are legally responsible for cleaning trash and debris from the street gutters in front of their houses. It is illegal to rake, blow, or otherwise discard yard, lawn, or other debris or trash (including cigarette butts) in our city streets. Let's keep our neighborhood and our waterways beautiful!

Deed Restrictions

All residents should be aware of the Deed Restrictions which apply to all of our homes in Pembroke Meadows and Shores. There are 17 legal covenants to our property deeds, dealing with building structures, fencing and easements, etc. They are listed in our last Community Directory and are available online at www.pembrokemeadows.org (click on "About the Civic League", then "Property Restrictions"). Also, your realtor may have given you a copy. If you don't have a copy available, contact your Civic League Officers, using the directory and phone listing on the back page of this newsletter.

LOST PET PROGRAM

We have a **FREE** Lost Pet Program within our neighborhood. During summer thunderstorms many pets seem to escape and run away in fear. The program helps to restore pets with their owners. Contact **Gerry Richter @ 497-5243** for forms. In addition, we will put the information out to those signed up on our neighborhood notification email list.

Summer Swim Lessons Dates:

Swim Lessons for this summer at the PMRC will be **July 10th-13th and July 17th-20th**. The price is \$50 per child for members, \$60 per child for non-members. If you'd like to have private lessons, please speak with the guards at the concession desk at the pool, or see Kris Jackson, Pool Director.

SUMMER CAMP AT FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE-

Children grades 1-6

Living in History Camp will be offered again this year in 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.

Fantastic Time-Share Condo FOR SALE!

On a lake, sleeps 8, prime-time June week- 2 1/2 baths, full kitchen, immaculate condition. At Fairfield Harbour, the "Cadillac of Resorts". Many amenities include two 18-hole golf courses. Just 3 1/2 hrs by car from VA Beach.

Why selling? Our age and deteriorating vision. At \$1, 800 we're practically giving it away! Call **217-2230** for info, No obligation to buy.

Got some jobs around the house that you need help with ? Support our youth -hire a teen for those odd jobs!

- **Katie Sarazine** (14 years old) I am willing to do yard work and any other odd job for my neighbors. I work very hard and do not lolly gag.. My phone is 671-7484
- Jeremy Hamilton** (13 years old), willing to do babysitting (ages 4 to 11), yard work, vacuuming/dusting and is open to suggestion regarding other work needed. 497-0395 Thank you.
- Stephanie White** (16 years old) available for yard work and babysitting (taken babysitting course including infant and child CPR), can watch children at her family home if necessary due to allergy to cats. Contact her at her home phone : 363-2168

Submission to: Kim Vaughan 499-6945 / kgvaughan@cox.net * Parent's permission required, home addresses not listed for security reasons.

<u>Committees</u>		
Bldg/Grounds	Travis Little	671-7885
Entrance/Median	Jim Price	499-5115
Electrical	George Watkins	497-2130
Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897
Neighborhood Maint.	Robert Westmont	473-1024
Block Security		
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
Shores	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
Townhomes	Barbara Willenbrink	554-0092
Programs Chairpersonopen	
Directory Chairman	Robert Westmont	473-1024
Directory Advertisingopen	
Lakes/Waterways Chair: Jim Willenbrink		
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Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298
Lynnhaven	Robert Westmont	473-1024
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Newsletter Ad Coordinatoropen	
Webmaster	Clif Furedy	490-5792
Social Committeeopen	
Welcoming Committee Chair.....open		
Meadows	Donna Price	499-5115
Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
Townhomes	Liz Hayes	472-0283
Pet Lost and Found/Pet Registry		
Shores	Belinda Nash	490-2504
Meadows	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
Pool Phone		963-2239

If you are interested in the any of the open positions, 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.

<u>Officers, Civic League</u>		
President	Don Sanders	499-7987
First VP	Terri Hawley	473-1936
Second VP	open.....	
Corres. Sec.	Jeanne Blair	497-8844
Treasurer	Clera Hall	473-8258
Membership Chair	John Sheadel	499-0678
Co-Recording Sectys.	Teri Mikulka	497-5856
	Brian Rabe	456-0864
Pool Director	Kris Jackson	486-3696



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:	Dale & Carl Price
June 1-15	Travis Little
June 16-30	The Wilson Family
July 1-15	Margie and Bob Brotman
August 1-15	Peggy Caverly
August 16– August 31	Open– please call!
Sept 1—Sept 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!

Math Tutoring:
 Need help for summer school, or preparing for SOL's? VA licensed, certified secondary math, grades 6-12 (including Algebra). Call Kim at 499-6945.

LADIES' LUNCHEONS
 We welcome all ladies to join us for our upcoming ladies' luncheons:

- June 27th**, Wednesday at Francesca's Pizzeria, 717 Independence Blvd. (Giant Square Shopping Center)
 - July 26th**, Thursday at Reginella's, 4000 Virginia Beach Blvd. (Loehmann's Plaza Shopping Center)
 - Aug. 22nd**, Wednesday at Kelly's Tavern, 4586 Virginia Beach Blvd. (Pembroke Mall Shopping Center)
 - Sept. 27th**, Thursday at Applebee's, 4040 Virginia Beach Blvd. (Loehmann's Plaza Shopping Center)
- If someone should need to carpool, let the phone tree person know or call Jeanette Willenbrink at 497-0700.*