

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

## CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



October 2007

## PEMBROKE MEADOWS CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING DATES

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October 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm PMES  
Speaker: Chris Stolle, Republican Candidate for Delegate

November 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm FPH  
Holiday Party at Ferry Plantation House

No Meeting is scheduled for December

*Have You Been Boomed?*

### 2008 Membership Dues

#### **From the Membership Chairman:**

Just a friendly reminder to everyone, that the 2008 Civic League dues are now being accepted to support the upkeep of our neighborhood. We cannot do this without everyone's participation. Please do your part and show your support by contributing only \$10 for the year to your community (checks should be made out to the Civic League of Pembroke Meadows) and sent to:

Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc.

Attn: Clera Hall, Treasurer

P.O. Box 68052

Virginia Beach, VA 23471

If you would like to add a few extra dollars to your dues, the extra contributions will be used to continue funding the lighting cost of our entrance way into our neighborhood.

### Newsletter Editor Notes

Due to high printing costs, the Board has decided to print the Newsletter every other month. This issue is a special issue to promote the Halloween Walk that is such a success with the children of the neighborhood and to keep you informed about Bayside Hospital. November, January, March and May are the currently scheduled issue dates for the 2007 and 2008 term.

Any newsletter item may be submitted to me via e-mail at [jim.hal@cox.net](mailto:jim.hal@cox.net) or drop a copy by my house at 4301 St Martin Court. If we are not home just leave your article in the bench seat on the porch. Any color in pictures or print will be converted to black and white as color printing increases the cost on the newsletter production. Jim Hall

#### Officers, Civic League

<i>President</i>	<i>Don Sanders</i>	<i>499-7987</i>	
<i>First VP</i>	<i>Terri Hawley</i>	<i>473-1936</i>	
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>	
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clera Hall</i>	<i>473-8258</i>	
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>John Sheadel</i>	<i>499-0678</i>	
<i>Co-Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Terri Mikulka,</i>	<i>497-5856</i>	<i>Brian Rabe 456-0864</i>
<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>497-8844</i>	

### Coming Events!

- \* Ladies Luncheon
- \* Civic League Meeting, at 7pm on Oct 18
- \* Halloween Walk Oct 27
- \* Halloween Lantern Tour Oct 31

## 17 TH Annual Halloween Walk --- Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*\*\* **3 p.m. Sharp**\*\*\*\*\*

Time to start thinking about Halloween Costumes, community fun, and our **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Walk**. We will meet at the medical complex located on Whitechapel Drive to begin our walk at **3 p.m.** We will be following the Independence Middle School Band through the neighborhood and back to the park for refreshments and fellowship. Please leave bikes, skateboards and pets at home.

We still need volunteers to provide safety, check traffic and hold spacing during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Walk, Saturday October 27th. You will be walking along the route. All ages welcome. Those over 101 **MUST BE IN COSTUME**.

Donations of juice, cookies or cash for same will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Belinda Nash 490-2504 or Gerry Richter 497-5243 See insert for further details.

### **LADIES LUNCH**

October lunch on October 24, Wednesday at Val's in Pembroke Meadows Shopping Center.

Any further information, call Jeanette Willenbrink at 497-0700

### Committees

<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	Michael J. White	
<i>Entrance/Median</i>	Jim Price	499-5115
<i>Electrical</i>	George Watkins	497-2130
<i>Flag</i>	Joe Lang	497-2897
<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	Robert Westmont	473-1024
<i>Block Security</i>		
<i>Meadows</i>	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
<i>Shores</i>	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
<i>Townhomes</i>	Barbara Willenbrink	554-0092
<i>Directory Chairman</i>	Robert Westmont	473-1024
<i>Lakes/Waterways Chairman:</i>	Jim Willenbrink	
<i>Lake Pembroke</i>	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
<i>Lake Meadows</i>	Charlie Russ	497-5298
<i>Lynnhaven</i>	Robert Westmont	473-1024
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Jim Hall	473-8258
<i>Newsletter Ad Coordinator</i>	Clara Hall (Temp.)	473-8258
<i>Webmaster</i>	Clif Furedy	490-5792
<i>Social Committee</i>	Open	
<i>Welcoming Committee Chair:</i>	Open	
<i>Meadows</i>	Donna Price	499-5115
<i>Shores</i>	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
<i>Townhomes</i>	Liz Hayes	472-0238
<i>Pet Lost and Found/Pet Registry</i>		
<i>Shores</i>	Belinda Nash	490-2504
<i>Meadows</i>	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
<i>Pool Phone</i>		963-2239

### **T-MOBILE Cell Tower Update**

The City of Virginia Beach has approved the T-Mobile site plan. T-Mobile resubmitted a revised plan based on the 20 numbered comments included in the city's original disapproval letter and the city approved the revised site plan last week. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2008.

*Who's Been Boozed?*

**The goblins are out!!!**

*Could it be you?*

*Keep it Going!*

<i>Pembroke Meadows Civic League Median Strip Cleanup</i>	
<i>September</i>	<i>Mike and Mikael White</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Open</i>

### **TUESDAY MOVIE/SOCIAL CLUB**

Looking to form a movie/social club of maybe 5 or 6 people. We'd attend a daytime movie and lunch or coffee maybe once a month. Movies might be in local theaters or Imax or a DVD at someone's home -- whatever members wish, month by month. Carpooling will help those who do not wish to drive. Important: Club would be member-driven, i.e., each member would take a turn making the simple arrangements, so no one has to be "in charge." Interested? Call Loretta 497-2130."

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Thank you to the following Block Captains: Eileen Byman, Clera Hall, Chris Fertig, Bobby Furedy, Danielle Kreassig, Janice Lawrence, Pat & Ray Marion, Teri Mikulka, Daphne Sanders, Carole Scott, John Sheadel, Rose Marie Staggs and Ted Young, and residents of Pembroke Shores for their cooperation in helping update our Neighborhood Watch lists ensuring that we will keep our Neighborhood Watch signs.

Please remember to follow the rules of good crime prevention and engrave your valuables (TVs, stereos, computers, etc.) with your social security number preceded by USN, USAF, etc. if you are military, or VA if civilian, and continue to keep an eye out for, and report to the police, anything out of the ordinary in your neighborhood - strange cars, lights on at your neighbors when they shouldn't be, or any other suspicious activity.

Congratulations to the residents of the Townhouses, Pembroke Meadows and Pembroke Shores for keeping our neighborhood a safe place to live.

### **Bayside Hospital Likely To Close Inpatient Beds**

Your Civic League opposes Sentara's proposal and it's not too late for you to express your opinions. The Virginia State Board of Health is now considering a proposal by Sentara Healthcare to remove all 158 inpatient beds from Sentara Bayside Hospital and transfer those beds to a new hospital at their Princess Anne Complex. The final decision will be made by the State Health Commissioner.

The Civic League has formally opposed Sentara's proposal by letters to the various agencies involved in the evaluation and decision process. Please consider writing your own letter to let the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Robert B. Stroube, to let him know where you stand. His address is at the end of this article.

The Civic League board voted to oppose Sentara's plan based on several factors. They felt that although there is a need for healthcare facilities in the developing Southern part of Virginia Beach, it should not come at the expense of mature neighborhoods in the Northern section surrounding Bayside Hospital. Presently, Sentara Bayside Hospital is licensed for 158 inpatient beds. They only staff the hospital for 98 beds, claiming low demand. Sentara believes that the state would not grant them a license for additional inpatient beds in Virginia Beach while there are a high number of

unused beds in this region and this led to their strategy of transferring beds. The Civic League board believes there is no positive outcome for our area from this proposal.

In addition to the immediate loss of Bayside's inpatient capability, there would likely be other ramifications. There are many other medical offices in this area and many would choose to move to be closer to active hospitals. This would leave vacant professional office space in this area and a decline in general real estate values. Another consideration is that allowing Sentara to operate the new hospital in Princess Anne would cement their total monopoly on major healthcare facilities in Virginia Beach. Medical professionals would have no other option but to comply with Sentara's regulations and rates. In their opposition, the Civic League recommended that the state consider allowing some diversity of healthcare services in Virginia Beach.

In September the Eastern Virginia Health Systems Agency held a public hearing in Chesapeake and has now forwarded their recommendation for approval of a 120 bed hospital to their board. The board is expected to send this recommendation to the State Board of Health in mid-October.

If you disagree with Sentara Healthcare's proposal for Bayside Hospital, you may write directly to the commissioner:

Dr. Robert B. Stroube  
State Health Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Health  
P.O. Box 2448  
Richmond, VA 23218

If you want more information or want to download a draft letter that you can personalize and mail, visit our website at [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org).