

CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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- * Civic League Meeting, at 7pm, Nov 15
- * Civic League Open House at Ferry Plantation Nov 15

Presidents Notes

CONGRATULATIONS WE'RE A NATIONAL CHAMP



Our National Night Out Program in August has resulted in two special awards. First, Joe Avoli, Chairman of our National Night Out Committee, has been selected as CITIZEN OF THE YEAR by the Virginia Beach Crime Prevention Steering Committee for his efforts in preventing crime in Virginia Beach. He was presented a plaque by Mayor Oberndorf on Oct 18, 2007 at the 24th Annual Awards Ceremony.

Secondly, the Pembroke Meadows/Shores Civic League has been selected "Rookie of the Year" by the National Association of Town Watch for our participation in Nation Night Out. This year's event involved 34.4 million people and 11,310 communities. We were one of twelve communities across America chosen for this award.

Thanks to Joe's leadership and organizational skills we are proud to be chosen for this award. We thank all of our volunteers, sponsors and participants for making this a memorable night.

Don Sanders

PEMBROKE MEADOWS CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING DATES

November 15th 7:00 pm FPH
 Holiday Party at Ferry Plantation House

No Meeting is scheduled for December

17 TH Annual Halloween Walk ---

We could not have wanted for a better day. We have such wonderful neighbors in the Pembroke Meadows, Shores, Townhouse, Hudgins Shores, and Old Donation Farm.

Thank you to all of our businesses that gave to the October 27th Parade to the Park. Food Lion and McDonalds at Haygood provided the drinks for the band and our children. Ferry Plantation House purchased the pizza for the band. The pool and our Civic League gave candy for everyone, the parents gave apple juice and cookies.

The Independence Middle School Band directed by Leon Edwards was absolutely wonderful again this year. We always treat the band to pizza, sodas and candy afterwards and this year I, Belinda Nash, ordered a brick for the Grace Sherwood Statue in the name of the band The Marching Eagles, as I feel they deserve as a whole group to be remembered in stone or in brick as it may be.

I would like you to look back and remember 17 years ago, it was Loretta Watkins that started the Halloween Walk, with five band members in the lead the children marched along the sidewalks of Pembroke Shores. Each year the Halloween Walk grew and when I took over we had to march down the streets of the meadows as we became too large for the sidewalk. There are not too many neighborhoods that have the community support that we do. You all showed great spirit when the parade marched by your homes on Saturday. It poured rain in the morning but as the weather man knows, we never cancel anything if I am in charge. The parade has not been rained on in 17 years and I knew this was not the year to break tradition.

Thanks again to the pool for allowing us to use the area for the band members to eat their treats and the many helpers that made this happen. We are so lucky to have

such a wonderful neighborhood that has pitched in together again.

Don't forget this month the Civic League Meeting is at Ferry Plantation House, 4136 Cheswick Lane. You all live on the original plantation, you can see part of your properties history while back at the gathering. The last event for the year is the Caroling Hay Ride and Open House at Ferry Plantation, this has been a combined effort between your Civic League and the members of Ferry Plantation House to bring a part of the past to the Holliday Season. Catch the hayride at the Food Lion have refreshments and see costumed demonstrations on spinning and weaving or take your turn at churning butter. The cost is two dollars per person. Saturday December 15th 1pm to 4pm. Thank you everyone. It takes a Village and that we are.

Belinda Nash

<i>Pembroke Meadows Civic League Median Strip Cleanup</i>	
<i>October</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>
<i>November 4-17</i>	<i>Terri Hawley</i>
<i>November 18-30</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Open</i>

Neighborhood Distributors

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of our community who have done an outstanding job delivering our newsletters to your homes, many have been your Neighborhood Distributors for a long time.

We would like to thank Ginger Avoli, Susan Barnes, Eileen Byman, Pat Cook, The Eddings, Jake Froelich, Faye Fudala, Brenda Harris, Rita Horvatic, Phyllis Kurewski, David Long, Debbie McHattie, Belinda Nash, Brian & Stephanie Niehart, Herbert Poncho, Jim and Donna Price, Gerri Richter, John Shaedel, Paige Slayton, Tony & Bridgett South, Janie Travis, Loretta Watkins, Eleanor Weiler, Linda White, and Jim Willenbrink,

We would also like to express our appreciation to Paula Keys who, until recently, was a long time distributor.

Teri Mikulka

Editor's note: And a special thanks to Teri for distribution to the individual distributors.

Pool News

Despite the end of the summer season and fall crispness in the air, the pool is planning for next summer. Work has begun on improving the showers in the men's and women's bathrooms. There will be two shower sections with a changing area accessible in each bathroom. The diving board will be up and ready to spring when summer arrives. To help ensure swim ready water, be on the lookout for leaf cleanup in December!

This is a great time to start planning for next year. New this year, you can make payments toward your pool membership. For example, if you begin \$50 payments in November, by the end of March you will have paid \$250. A final payment of \$135 by the end of April will ensure your early bird pool membership will be paid before summer even begins! You can download the membership form from the Pembroke Meadows Civic League website. Payments can be given to Jeanne Blair (497-8844) or mailed to: Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc., P.O. Box 68052, Virginia Beach, VA 23471. Have a great fall!

Neighborhood Watch

Some Important Safety Tips

Make sure all doors have quality deadbolt locks and are kept locked while you are away.

- All windows should be locked while you are gone.
- Lighting should be adequate around all entrances to your residence, including your garage.
- Trim hedges and trees back away from windows and entrances to increase visibility.
- Be sure to have a record of all valuable property, including serial numbers, makes and models of electronic items. If you have valuable jewelry, consider videotaping or photographing it to better document its description.

Report any suspicious individual(s) or activity to the Police Non-emergency number (385-5000) immediately and report all crimes in progress immediately by calling 911. The dispatcher will need a good description of the individual(s) involved, what specifically was being done and where, and a direction of travel if the individual(s) left the scene before officers arrived.

(Source of this information is the VBPD Crime Prevention Unit) **Margie Brotman**

2008 Membership Dues

From the Membership Chairman:

Another friendly reminder to everyone, that the 2008 Civic League dues are now being accepted to support the upkeep of our neighborhood. Membership normally includes about half the number of homes in the neighborhood. We need everyone's participation even if you cannot attend the monthly meetings. Please do your part and show your support by contributing only \$10 for the year (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.

Happy Holidays

Since there will not be a December Newsletter, the Civic League Board would like to wish all our neighbors Happy Holidays. We need more participation and support for the Civic League in the coming year. We hope you will volunteer to become an officer or committee member of the Civic League activities. Our community is well known as one of the most active, safe, and desirable places to live within the city. We can sustain this reputation only with the active participation of our residents and their unselfish volunteer activities.. Again –Happy Holidays to All!!!

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>
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<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	<i>Michael J. White</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>Directory Chairman</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
<i>Lakes/Waterways</i>	<i>Chairman: Jim Willenbrink</i>	
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<i>Social Committee</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Welcoming Committee Chair: Open</i>		
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<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Liz Hayes</i>	<i>472-0238</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>

Newsletter Editor Notes

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 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

Keep Our Neighborhood Clean

As the leaves are now falling, it is important that we keep our streets, gutters, and waterways as clean as possible. Every time it rains, everything we leave in our streets, driveways and lawns washes untreated through our ditches and storm drains into our streams, lakes, rivers, bays and ocean. That's why it's up to everyone to play an active role in keeping pollutants out of storm drain systems.

- Keep leaves, grass clippings, dirt, soaps, litter, pet poop and harmful chemicals from streets, ditches and storm drains. These materials clog drainage systems and contribute to flooding, and the added nutrients and toxins those products feed into our waterways contribute to harmful algae blooms and fish kills.
- If you choose to use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, use them sparingly and follow label directions carefully.
- Chemicals aren't the only way to control pests and grow a nice lawn. Contact the local extension office at 385-8156 for advice.
- Recycle or properly dispose of used motor oil and hazardous waste. Call SPSA at 468-3382 or 491-2265 for more information.

It is the property owner's responsibility to keep their own street gutters reasonably clean of accumulated debris or plant growth. Do not use the street drains for disposal of unwanted material as it will end up in our lakes and waterways.

Animal Control Questions

When do animals need licenses, and where can I get one?

City code 5-50. All dogs and cats over the age of four months need a rabies vaccination and a city pet license. The rabies vaccination is to be given by a veterinarian. An animal license may be purchased at any branch of the City Treasurer's Office (Haygood Shopping Center, 19th St. & Arctic Ave., Courthouse and Kempsville), the Virginia Beach SPCA and the Bureau of Animal Control. Remember, a lost pet cannot call home; their tag is their ticket home!

To purchase an animal license, you must present a current rabies certificate for that animal. If the animal has been spayed or neutered you must also present written proof in order to get your license at a reduced rate. The price for a tag is \$10.00 for an unaltered animal; \$2.00 if proof is presented showing the animal is altered.

Anyone bringing a dog or cat into the city has 30 days to purchase a city pet license. Animal licenses must be renewed yearly.

How many animals can I own?

Section 111 Kennels, residential. You are permitted to have up to four (4) adult dogs (more than 6 mos. old) at one residence. This number is governed by a zoning ordinance. Depending on where you live in the city, you may qualify for a kennel license to keep more dogs. A kennel license may be obtained through the Zoning Department (385-8074).

There is no limit on the number of cats that can be kept at a residence. If there are up to four cats, each must have a pet tag.

Does the city have a "pooper-scooper" ordinance?

City code 5-16. Yes, there is an ordinance that prohibits any owner or person in control of a dog to allow the dog to urinate or defecate on public or private property. It does not constitute a violation on public property if the owner or custodian immediately removes the material defecated and disposes of it in a safe and sanitary manner.

I've been bitten by an animal - what should I do?

City code 5-89. All animal bites must be reported, and failure to do so could result in a summons being issued. This is a matter of public health. Enforcement of these regulations

is the responsibility of the Bureau of Animal Control and the Virginia Beach Health Department. Any animal that bites someone must be placed in quarantine for a 10-day period and cannot be removed from the city unless permission is granted by the Virginia Beach Health Department.

Any person bitten should seek medical attention. Animal bites must be reported within 24 hours. To do this, call Communications at 385-4444. An Animal Control Officer will respond to complete an Animal Exposure Report. The responsibility of reporting animal bites applies to attending physicians, veterinarians, owners of the biting animals and persons bitten and any other persons who may have knowledge of such fact.

Every attempt should be made to identify the animal so the owner can be contacted and the necessary paperwork completed. If a wild animal is involved and cannot be located, you will be advised by the Department what treatment is necessary.

My animal has bitten someone - what do I do?

City code 5-89. As outlined previously, the bite should be reported by calling Communications at 385-4444. The animal must be placed in quarantine for a period of 10 days. This quarantine is required even if the animal has been vaccinated for rabies. The animal can be kept at your home if a suitable quarantine can be maintained. If you don't have a place to quarantine the animal, you can either board the animal in a private kennel or have it quarantined at the Bureau of Animal Control. Boarding fees at private kennels vary and are the responsibility of the animal owner. The fee for boarding an animal at the Bureau of Animal Control is \$10.00 per day and is also the responsibility of the animal owner.

After the animal exposure report is completed, a copy is forwarded to the [Health Department](#). The Health Department will observe the animal and release it from quarantine at the end of the quarantine period.