

CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events!

- * Pot Luck Dinner 6:30
- * Primary Election Feb 12
- * Civic League Meeting 7:00 March 13
- * Easter Egg Hunt March 15
- * Save the Bay Day June 7

President's Corner

The T-Mobile cell tower project continues to move forward. T-Mobile exercised the 2nd year option and paid the Civic League \$2000.00. Hopefully, actual construction will start soon.

The March Civic League meeting will be held one week early due to conflict with school activities. Please change the meeting date to Thursday March 13 on your calendar.

The February meeting will be our annual pot-luck dinner. It starts at 6:30 PM on Thursday 2/21/2008. Please come and meet your neighbors.

Best Regards
Don Sanders

Y'ALL COME

The Annual Civic League Pot Luck Dinner is Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Cafeteria. If you have never been, you don't know what you have missed! The food is outstanding, the company is great and a good time is always had by all. We will have a vote to name the "best tasting dish" and the winner will receive a gift that will brighten your entire year! There will not be a speaker, just good food and good fun. So, bring a dish, bring your family and bring a neighbor!

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE PARK!!!!!!

Easter is a little over a month away, which means the egg hunt is coming. We are asking for donations of pre-filled eggs or goodies to fill them. This event has been successful in the past and lots of fun! All we need are parents and fellow neighbors to help. Mark your calendar: March 15 at 2 o'clock at the park. Call Vivian at 477-3273 for more information.

Neighborhood Directory

One of the many services provided by your civic league is the neighborhood directory. Distributed only to residents of Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores and Pembroke Townhomes, it was a useful reference for addresses and phone numbers of your friends and neighbors. The existing printed directory is now over six years old and there have been many changes during that period. Information was gathered a year ago to print a new directory, but printing costs are high. Advertising revenue is necessary to offset the printing costs, but we lack a volunteer to coordinate the directory advertising. If you have the time to help and a friendly nature, this is an excellent opportunity to benefit your civic league. Call Don Sanders at 499-7987 if you can help or even if you just want to assist.

A limited neighborhood directory is available on the civic league website:
www.pembrokemeadows.org.

You can look up entries by last name or by street address. If you aren't listed or wish to make a change to your present listing, the website has a form you can email or print and send by regular mail.

WOULD IT HELP IF WE BEGGED?

Hey, this is our second request.

Some of us want to start a combination book discussion and casual tea club - once a month, rotating houses in the neighborhood, just chatting about books we have enjoyed and exchanging titles - about two hours long, and lots of friendly chatter! If you are interested in joining the three of us, give me a call - we need to know if you prefer morning or afternoon or either.
Loretta 497-2130

The next Ladies Lunch Group will be on Wednesday, February 27 at Francesca's in the Giant Square shopping Center. The date for March is Thursday, March 27th, but the place is undecided.

Federal do-not-call registry

There are two simple ways to place your phone number on the **Federal do-not-call registry**. Call 1-888-382-1222 or visit the website ftc.gov/donotcall. If you visit the website, you can register up to three phone numbers at once.

You may place your personal **cell phone number** on the National Do Not Call Registry. The registry has accepted cell phone numbers since it opened for registrations in June 2003. There is no deadline to register a home or cell phone number on the Registry.

You may have received an email telling you that your cell phone is about to be assaulted by telemarketing calls as a result of a new cell phone number database; however, that is not the case. Federal Communications Commission regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers.

Your registration will not expire. The Federal Trade Commission will not drop any telephone numbers from the National Do Not Call Registry based on a five-year expiration period pending final Congressional or agency action on whether to make registration permanent. Read more about it at ftc.gov/opa/2007/10/dnctestimony.shtm.

<i>Pembroke Meadows Civic League Median Strip Cleanup</i>	
<i>Feb 3- 9</i>	<i>Jim Hall</i>
<i>Feb 10-16</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Feb 17-23</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Feb 24- Mar 1</i>	<i>Open</i>

Neighborhood Watch

According to Third Precinct crime statistics for the month of December 2007, larcenies from motor vehicles tops the list of reported crimes. Please remember, and remind your family and neighbors, to lock up vehicles, never leave any valuables in vehicles, and always report suspicious activity and individuals to the Police Non-Emergency Number (385-5000).

Margie Brotman

PUT YOUR KEYS BY YOUR BEDSIDE AT NIGHT

John Sheadel

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar / rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there..... Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, or a fall where you can't reach a phone.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

KEMPSVILLE AARP SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Kempsville Chapter of AARP is open to any and all AARP members no matter where they live. The fee is modest (\$5 for one year and \$9 for two years.) This chapter has as its biggest advantage that the meetings are held during the day rather than in the evening as most are. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Kempsville Recreation Center (lots of good parking) at 10 AM (9:30 if you want your blood pressure taken) and last until about 11:30 or noon. There is a good speaker about things of interest to our age group. Light refreshments are served. There is a birthday party/ auction in June and a Christmas luncheon in December. Some members participate in Meals on Wheels and other charitable efforts. The group supports Samaritan House with donations of clothing, and with Easter Hams. There are occasional trips, too, reasonably priced. Last month we went to dinner at the historic Boxwood Inn in Newport News. Tell your senior parents, grandparents, etc. Ask Loretta 497-2130.

K CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS

The Kempsville Senior Citizens Club welcomes new members, too. It is a local group, primarily for socializing. Meets one morning a month at the Kempsville Library (good parking and you can get in a visit to the library with no extra driving.) Small fundraisers may be held. Refreshments are offered. Occasional trips, too. A good way to meet other seniors. Ask Loretta 497-2130.

Thanks for your help at Clean the Bay Day 2007

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has extended its thanks to our community for again supporting **Clean the Bay Day** last June. This was a record event in Virginia, with over **6,380** volunteers helping to retrieve over **212 thousand pounds** of debris from **336 miles** of waterways throughout the state. Our community picked up approximately **8,015 pounds** with **63 volunteers**. We cleaned up about **17 miles** of waterfront and drainage areas in our neighborhood. **Clean the Bay Day 2008 will be on Saturday June 7**. Plan to volunteer again this year.

FOUND -- wallet with no identification and some cash found at corner of Cardiff Road & Sheffield Drive in November. Please call 497-6659 to identify wallet.

LOWES has purchased the commercial property at the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Pembroke Blvd in Virginia Beach and will be constructing a store in 2008. This is the Giant Square Area that was recently vacated by Farm Fresh. The store is planned to open in the third quarter of 2009

2008 Membership Dues

From the Membership Chairman:

The 2008 Civic League dues are now being accepted.. 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 of our entrance into our neighborhood.

2008 ANNUAL CIVIC LEAGUE DUES INVOICE

Amount due: \$10.00

Name _____ **e-mail** _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Cell#** _____

The information above may be used in the on-line directory Yes _____ No _____

I would like to become a volunteer _____

I would like to register a pet on the Lost Pet Program (free) _____

I would like more information regarding Pool Membership. _____

I would like more information about becoming a member of the Garden Club _____

What can we do to improve the Civic League Organization.

What can we do to improve our community.

Civic League meetings are held the 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School (unless otherwise noted in newsletter.

I am including additional funds for:

Plantings _____

Flag maintenance/replacement _____

Median electricity _____

However best needed _____

Make checks payable to:

Civic League of Pembroke Meadows, Inc

Mail to:

P. O. Box 68052

Virginia Beach, Va. 23471

Pool News

Pool news - We have two wonderful fundraisers that need your support!

With cold weather keeping you inside now is the perfect time to log onto Food Lion for their Lion Shop and Share. You may either register your MVP card or update your card to link to Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center. In less than five minutes of your time you can help donate money each time you buy groceries at Food Lion. Just log on to www.foodlion.com. Scroll down on the left hand side and find, In The Community. Click on Lion Shop and Share. You may now click on Register MVP cards or click on Change Your Organization - you will need your card handy for the MVP numbers. Just type in your MVP numbers and link your card to Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center. It is that easy!

Also, the Norfolk Florist Cards are back! The cards are \$25 and are good for one year. Every month you can go to any Norfolk Florist and pick up a beautiful bouquet of flowers *AND* receive discounts on purchased flowers. It is the gift that keeps on giving! If interested, ask any board member or call Jeanne at 497-8844 or email her at jbbbtbbb@cox.net

Another fun way to pass the winter doldrums is to log on to The Pembroke Meadows Civic League Website – www.pembrokemeadows.org. You will find the new Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center **2008 Pool Membership Application and the Marlin Swim Team Application**. If you do not have a computer, the pool application will be delivered in the March Newsletter. We are also encouraging members to spread the news and invite friends to join. There is a rebate to you if a NEW member joins and cites you as referring them. Remember you can begin payments now and last year's early bird rate still applies!

Be on the lookout for the T-Mobile trucks. With spring around the corner, T-Mobile should be starting to work on the cell tower this month. Let's hope for fair weather!

February 12, Dual Primary Information

When you go to vote you will be asked which party (Democrat or Republican) you want to vote. You will not be asked which party you are registered, but which party you wish to vote.

The reason for this is because it's a dual primary (VA is an open state). This is to ensure people only vote in one election since it's actually two elections taking place at the same time.

Your voter access card will be coded for that party only. It is the only ballot that will be available to select from on your voting machine.

Please understand this is the official regulation of the Commonwealth and not that of the election officials:-)

Just thought a kind word ahead of time may help soften the way for all involved.

Cheryl Douglas

Newsletter Editor Notes

This will be my last edition as the Newsletter editor. Ciera and I have been doing the newsletter for many years with a brief break last year when Kim and Roger Vaughan accepted the position for a year. It is time for new direction and Bruce Blair has agreed to accept the task. Please give him your full support by providing input to the Newsletter in a timely manner and report any event which you think may be of interest to our community.

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>Teri Mikulka,</i>	<i>497-5856</i>
	<i>Brian Rabe</i>	<i>456-0864</i>
<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>497-8844</i>

Committees

<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>
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<i>Lakes/Waterways</i>	<i>Chairman: 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>Jim Hall</i>	
<i>473.8258</i>		
<i>Newsletter Ads</i>	<i>Clera Hall (Temp.)</i>	<i>473-8258</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

<i>Social Committee</i>	<i>Open</i>	
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<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>472-0238</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>
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