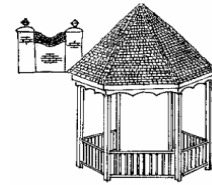


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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Civic League President Leaves

Dear Families of Pembroke Meadows and Pembroke Shores, it is with deep regret that we say good bye to one of our own as they prepare to leave our neighborhood and move into a house that they have dreamt about and have finally built. Don Sanders has turned in his letter of resignation as President of our Pembroke Meadows and Shores Civic League. Don, over the last few years, has led us with a quiet dignity and a demonstrated concern for all of those that live within our neighborhood and our city. I want to thank Don for the hours of service, his commitment to our neighborhood and his friendship as a fellow neighbor. You will be missed.

Terri Hawley

First Vice –President of the Pembroke Meadows/Shores Civic League

Another Successful Clean the Bay Day

Once again our community has been commended for our participation in the 20th Annual Clean the Bay Day. Our civic league has participated in all 20. This year 51 volunteers of our local waterways, including Lakes Pembroke (East & West), Lake Meadows, Old Donation Creek & Cove, and parts of Thurston Creek & the Lynnhaven River. Despite the stifling heat that day, we collectively picked up about 2,900 pounds of trash from our local waterways. Thanks & well done to all participants. Particular thanks to our 6 area coordinators: Jim Hall, Bob Lukeman, Frank Mulcahy, Pam Sasser, Jim Willenbrink Jr and Fred Willis.

Jim Willenbrink Sr

Zone Captain

PS: Thanks to Cinema Café for supporting this effort by donating free movie tickets to all participants. (If you participated and did not receive your ticket(s) or a Certificate of Appreciation call me @ 497-0700).

Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (Pool)

As we close another great season at the pool, the PMRC pool board wants to thank members for their support. We have grown a little and hope to see new members next year. We are currently contracting with a company to install a new pool interior. This will help reduce all the "pool toes" we suffered with this year. Our funds will be severely depleted by this, so we will need your support as we plan fundraising activities to help alleviate the financial struggle.

A few members have come forward offering their help in planning next season's youth activities. It is wonderful how members support the pool. We thank Danielle Kreassig for her great service this year in organizing the pool activities/socials. In the recent pool elections, she lost her seat to Erin Strasburger, who now takes her turn at helping the pool organize activities and socials. Welcome Erin. We welcome ideas to improve the pool grounds, service, and activities. If you have an idea that would help improve the pool, or a fundraising idea that will make "lots" of money, let us know. We are always looking. Thanks again from your Pool Board, Jeanne Blair, Roger Vaughan, Tammy Haddock, Cheryl Wolfred, Bob Barry, Tom Hronek, Mike Moore, Jim Willenbrink Jr, and Danielle Kreassig.

Many thanks to all those pool members who showed up at the Pembroke Meadows Civic League mtg. It was gratifying to have your support. The first part of the evening was a presentation by AAA Pools on the method they recommend to resurface the pool. Then the Pembroke Meadows Civic League unanimously approved PMRC to contract and spend up to \$40,000 for this project. As some of you know, PMRC (Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center) is a part of the Pembroke Meadows Civic League.

AAA Pool's bid is about \$33,000 and we have a margin for unforeseen expenses/repairs. The Pembroke Meadows Civic League also voted to pay for the replacement of the water line tiles, up to a cost of \$15,000. The money will come from the first year contract funds received from the T-Mobile contract. We will, in essence, have received 100% of the T-Mobile funds for use on Pool repairs.

Many thanks to the Pembroke Meadows Civic League for their support in pool matters. The vote was unanimous to fund this.

We had hoped to start work shortly. Due to money strategies, the company will complete the work, barring hidden pool damage, in the spring and maintain the pool until opening, thus giving us a much needed break in the massive spring pool opening. This is a change in our initial plan of having the work done this fall.

As you can see, the expense is large and will utilize much of our resources. To that end we will be organizing fundraisers to return our pool acct to a safe level. Of course, that means you are needed to help organize and participate in those fundraisers. If you have an idea or have seen a really good event, please contact one of our board members. We would love to hear from you.

We announce the resignation of Tammy Haddock as our Treasurer. She has filled a hard job and deserves our thanks for the many hours she has put in.

But that leaves an unexpected opening. If you are a current pool member and would be willing to step up to this position, please let us know. We have a couple of leads, but no definites. The Treasurer position handles guard payroll, bills, membership dues, and reimbursements for expenses. It takes a bit of time, a knowledge of computers (Quick book program) and it would be helpful to have an accounting background, but not essential. The compensation is great - no money, and we work long hours, donate time from families, and give up the occasional holiday. But it is all worth it when we enjoy the time at the pool and know we have been a big part of making it all happen.

As the kids' popular movie song says "We're all in this together", so let's make it fun and grow our pool.

*Jeanne
PMRC*

Flag Pole

I do not know if this is too late, but please ask people to refrain from defacing the flagpole with homemade signs. There is one there right now for a yard sale. It is disrespectful to the flag as well as to the residents who worked so hard for over a year to get the flagpole approved, placed, and paid for. I do not think people really mean to be disrespectful, but it is not a proper place for an advertisement. Thank you for your consideration.

The Watkins Family

PEMBROKE MEADOWS/SHORES LADIES LUNCH GROUP

*O*ctober 22nd, Wednesday at noon at Harold's on Virginia Beach Blvd just next door to Barnes and Noble. If you know that you will be able to come, please let me know so that a count can be given to Harold's so they can set up the tables in advance. We do appreciate your cooperation on this so very much and hope to see you at the luncheons. E-mail or call at 497-0700.

*P*lease let us know if you are able to attend as space is a bit tight there and they need to have a count. Either e-mail me or call me at 497-0700.

Just a reminder, we do not have the luncheons in November or December.

*Thanks,
Jeanette*

The Ferryman's Wake

Oct 3 and Oct. 24, 8:00 pm & 9:30 pm

A 45 min. interactive comedy about the customs and superstitions surrounding death and marriage from the 1800's till now. The evening starts with stories being told by Al Chewing, local historian, author and owner of History and Haunts of Virginia Beach. Several stops later, you may be the one selected to help prepare the young ferryman for his everlasting reward. Also in attendance will be world famous Belinda Nash, author, house curator and advocate for Grace Sherwood, "the Witch of Pungo". This is a pleasant intelligent change from the blood and gore attractions so common in the season. Fun and educational, with a slight chill, this event is good for all but the very sensitive. The cost of this event is \$15.00 and all of the money goes toward the maintenance and restoration of this house.

LOST PET PROGRAM CHANGES NEW REGISTRATION FORM

*T*he *FREE Lost Pet Program* will continue to be offered to members of our community. However, our current information is outdated and lacking in current contact information. Many of the pets that are registered no longer exist. New pets have been acquired or added.

*O*ld forms & information will be deleted as of January 2009.

Therefore it is important to register your pets and attach a current picture so that we can be assured of any new information. Complete one form per pet.

The program reunited over 75 pets to date this year alone.

*N*otification via email is sent whenever a pet has been reported missing or found to all those on the "neighborhood notification list". This is a great way to let many know what is going on in the community whether it is a lost pet, vandalism, or other important event. Come to the Civic League Meeting and sign up to be included in the Neighborhood Notification List.

*P*et Registration Forms will be available on our *W*ebpage. www.pembrokemeadows.org

*M*ail completed forms to:

Gerry Dashiell-Richter
613 Abbey Drive

*F*or Lost or Found Pets contact Gerry at 497-5243

18th Annual Halloween Walk Volunteers and Donations Needed

*I*f you would like to contribute cookies, juice, or cash to purchase these items for our 18th Annual Halloween Walk please contact Gerry Richter at 497-5243. Volunteers are needed to help with providing safety along the route and for serving refreshments at the park. Give Gerry a call if you can help out.

Spirit Tours

Oct. 10 and 24, 8:00 pm.

Follow along as you are led from room to room, all three floors, and listen to the real stories of the true sightings in this beautiful house. Then, spend until midnight in the house doing your own investigations. A member of Ghost FIRE Haunts will be on hand to answer questions about ghost hunting. This attraction is a tax deductible \$25. Prepayment is a must and spaces are filled on a first pay basis.

Halloween Night -- Stroll of the Lost Souls

13 Costumed Docents in 10 rooms of the hauntingly historic Ferry Plantation House. Tales told of hauntings of the house and surrounding area, history of the séance performed, psychic readings and spirit happenings - \$10.00 per person. From 8:00 pm to Midnight, \$25.00 for overnight guests (approved reservations required).

Civic League Groups

The following civic groups have reported the scheduling of the candidate forums. Thalia Civic League has changed the date of its forum as previously announced because of a conflict with a City Council meeting. Please direct questions or requests for additional information to the individuals indicated for each announcement.

The Thalia Civic League will be sponsoring a moderated candidate forum for VA Beach City Council Candidates on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30 pm in the Princess Anne High School Auditorium. Mike Gooding will serve as the moderator for the evening. Contact Sidney Rader, sarader1@cox.net, 463-2819.

The Stratford Chase Civic League will sponsor a candidates' forum on Wed., October 15, at 7 P.M. in the Kempsville Conservative Synagogue on Indian Lakes Blvd. near Providence Rd. All interested are welcome to attend. Contact Diann Nickelsburg, tutorlatin@verizon.net.

Independence Middle School Band

For many years the Independence Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Leon Edwards has proudly lead our **Annual Halloween Walk**. Proceeds gathered at the park pay for pizza (*we no longer get them donated*) and drinks for the young band members. The balance goes to the school band program. The funds gathered, along with a \$50.00 donation from the Civic league, are used to refurbish, restring and replace music sheets, etc. Many of you have or have had children in the band; with cost cutting, this is the only event they can participate in.

A donation of \$1.00 per family will help this worthy youth program.

Gerry Dashiell-Richter

Dear Marlins Families and PMRC families:

On Thursday, 9/18/08, the Civic League representing Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores (and the townhouses) and Hudgins Shores met. Among the topics was a presentation by a local pool repair company about resurfacing and retiling our beloved Pembroke Meadows Pool.

Thanks to the efforts of many pool boards from the early 1990's to present, the PMRC had indeed saved the funds for the resurfacing of the large pool. As many of you know, the pool was last resurfaced in 1992 with a marcite compound. This resurfacing has lasted us 16 seasons! During all of those years, it was a goal of each pool board to save money to add to certificates of deposit for the resurfacing fund.

Also a big thank you for the efforts of Mike Moore who has talked with numerous pool companies in various states these past few summers, gathered several different bids, researched surface compounds, etc. As many of you know, many of our pool members have worked hard during the past off seasons doing much of the pool's maintenance work. This volunteer maintenance work has also saved the pool untold dollars. Mike and Carol presented several options related to the resurfacing and retiling to the Civic League last night.

As necessary by both the pool/civic league bylaws, the CL voted to approve the pool's major expenditure of funds for resurfacing. Additionally, the Civic League voted to provide the almost \$14,000 necessary for replacing the water line tiles present all around the large pool.

I am happy to report the meeting last night was one of cooperation and consideration for the needs of the Rec Center. Though many of the Civic League members present are not, and in some cases never have been, pool members, the votes for money expenditures were without opposition.

So please take the time to thank your current and past pool boards, current civic league board and others active in the PM/PS/HS civic league for their support of our community's pool.

I am again humbled and honored to be a member of the neighborhood civic league, the PMRC and a parent of former (sniff, sniff) Marlins.

Thank you, Donna

Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Terri Hawley (Acting)</i>	<i>499-7987</i>
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<i>Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</i>
<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
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Editor Notes:

I want to apologize for not getting the September Newsletter out.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions.

I need the input for November no later than October 21st.

Have a scary Halloween!