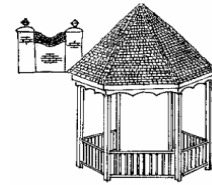


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



July 2009

POOL NEWS

Inside:

Correction to
May, 2009
“A Home was
set on fire.”

Hellooo everyone. The water is fine. The setting is gorgeous. The pool repairs are done and everyone agrees - NO MORE POOL TOES. Our pool patrons have been enjoying wonderful weather but we would love to see more of you more often. We have been ever vigilant in repairing, creating, and designing new features to improve the pool experience. One of the favorites of the little people is the flow of water from the pirate ship in the wading pool. Both young and older members enjoy the spray.

Ladies Lunch
Group

Pool members enjoyed a very relaxing Father's Day Ice Cream Float night. I enjoyed sitting around the pool just chatting. Our next evening social is “Christmas in July” on July 26th. Join us as we sample everyone’s favorite Christmas treats.

Median
Cleanup

The annual 4th of July celebration is just around the corner so come join us for the cookout starting at 11:30 am till the food is gone on the 4th. Bring a potluck dish to share, hot dogs and hamburgers will be for sale. It’s a great way to spend the day celebrating the GREATEST COUNTRY ON EARTH!

Clean the Bay
Day Results

Swim lessons are available July 7-10 and July 14-17. The Pool Member discounted rate is \$50.00 for the 2 week session. The Non-member rate is \$60.00. Everyone who lives this close to water needs to be able to swim and your neighborhood pool is a convenient location with reasonable rates. What could be easier?!!

Box Turtles

Appreciation

Not a member yet? You can join after July 15th for either the ½ season rate of \$212.50 or, if you are a first time member, you can join for the full season rate of \$425 that is good for membership for the rest of this season and for 2010.

Congratulation
& Best Wishes

Come for a tour of our “new” pool. It’s still one of the most economical ways to entertain the family for the whole summer while getting the kids away from the video games and getting a little exercise to boot! Parents can relax after work too, the pool is open until 9 PM most days!! Join us at the pool. Join us **in** the pool.

Community
Calendar

President’s
Ponderings

---Jeanne Blair
Director, Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center

Marlins Swim
Team

GRACE SHERWOOD DAY

A reenactment of the “Ducking of Grace Sherwood” aka “The Witch of Pungo” will be held on Saturday, July 11th. There will be 3 boat trips offered from 11:30 a.m. til 2:30 p.m. Boats leave from the Pier at Old Donation Farms. Cost is \$35.00 and includes the following: History of the Lynnhaven River as we watch Grace’s wedding held on shore with Scottish Piper playing. We will view from the boat. Trial by Water – The Ducking of the Witch. Tour of Ferry Plantation House & Roasted Oysters upon return of boat. Make your reservations now -- 473-5182. House only tours are \$5.00

Points of
Contact

A HOME WAS SET ON FIRE IN PEMBROKE MEADOWS

Correction: Jim Hall received additional information related to the alleged "arson" fire in our neighborhood last month. A homeowner reported that the fire was found to be accidental upon further investigation.

Donna

Ladies Lunch Group

The schedule for the next few months is as follows:

Thursday July 23, Federico's on Independence Blvd, across from Pembroke Mall, 12 noon

Wednesday, August 26, Coastal Catering, at Willis Wayside complex, 12 noon

Thursday, September 24, Red Lobster on Independence Blvd. 11:45 AM

The Ladies Lunch Group is open to all our residents and we always welcome newcomers. We also have a few former residents who attend when able. We have a telephone call list as well as e-mail contact.

If you are planning to attend any of the lunches, please contact the coordinator so she can give a count to the restaurant for that month. Hope to see many more of you at some of these fun events.

For any questions or making your reservations, call Jeanette at 497-0700

Median Cleanup

June 16 – June 30	Marge & Bob Brotman
July 1- July 15	Robert Westmount

Newsletter Ad Rates

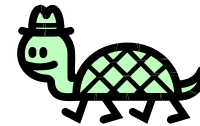
- \$ 30 One time – Business Card
- \$135 One year (9 issues) – Business Card
- \$100 Insert (Advertiser provides the insert)
- \$ 60 One time – ¼ Page

Clean the Bay Day, June 6

Once again our community has been commended for our participation in the 21st Annual Clean the Bay Day. Our civic league has participated in all 21 annual events. This year 49 volunteers cleaned 12 miles of our local waterways, including Lakes Pembroke (East & West), Lake Meadows, Old Donation Creek & Cove, and parts of Thurston Creek & the Lynnhaven River. We collectively removed about 2,500 pounds of trash from our local waterways. Thanks & well done to all participants. Particular thanks to our 7 area coordinators: Jim Hall, Bob Lukeman, Frank Mulcahy, Pam Sasser, Fred Willis, Jim Willenbrink Sr and Jeff Brown. Lastly, a special thanks to Girl Scout Troop 301.

Jeff Brown, Co-zone Captain

BOX TURTLE RESCUE



If you find **BOX TURTLES** roaming around and don't know what to do with them take them to Jerry Richter's house at 613 Abbey Drive. She has a backyard habitat for Box turtles only – please no water turtles.

YIKES! SCHOOL IS OUT!

What do we do with the kids?

Parents, it is ok to take a peek at this "For kids' eyes only" article. This is a fun camp full of history. I am talking about OLD. Stuff that happened even before your time or you parents' time. Past camps show that our kids find this absolutely fascinating and enjoyable. They find it hard to even imagine living as folks in the past lived. Check out the pictures on the web site to see just what goes on at History Camp (www.ferryplantation.org). However, keep in mind that **YOU ARE TOO OLD TO ATTEND**. It's just for kids grades 1 – 6. Call the Ferry Plantation House at 473-5182 for the exciting details.

Appreciation

The Civic League Board would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Bruce Blair for his hard work and dedication over the past several months as the newsletter editor. Bruce kept our neighborhood newsletter correspondents on track with grace and humor.

The Board is also thankful for those who have served in this capacity over the past several years – Karen Hamilton, Carol Gurioli, Jim and Clera Hall (several tours of duty each), and Roger Vaughan to name just a few. The next time you see Bruce, Clera, Jim, Karen or Carol (and anyone else we may have forgotten), please say thank you.

A large number of our Neighborhood Distributors have been doing so for a long time and we appreciate their dedication to our Community:

Ginger Avoli, Susan Barnes, Eileen Byman, Pat Cook, The Eddings Family, Jake Froelich, Faye Fudala, Brenda Harris, Rita Horvatic, Phyllis Kurewski, David Long, Debbie McHattie, Belinda Nash, Brian Niehart, Hubert Poncho, Jim Price, Paige Slayton, Jerry Richter, John Shaedel, Tony & Bridget South, Janie Travis, Loretta Watkins, Eleanor Weiler, Linda White, Carlisle Wilson and Jim Willenbrink.

Friday Friends

Friday Friends gatherings are on hold. I may start them up again in the fall if there is enough interest. Remember, the purpose is to give seniors who do not get out very much a chance to socialize close to home.
Loretta 497-2130

THE STREET WALKER UPDATE

(Peggy Caverly) The street walker with the little red wagon collected \$60 in checks and 122 pounds of food for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia since the last report. She has completed Cambria Street, Cambria

Circle, Cavandish and Bishop Drives. Due to summer visitors, rain and heat, the streetwalking is somewhat sporadic, but she vows to finish the job. Thanks for all your help in this endeavor.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Caverly has collected \$580 in monetary donations and 747 pounds of food donations thus far. Please let's all rally round to thank Peggy for her efforts and to support her when she arrives with her "little red wagon" at our doorsteps.

LOST/FOUND PETS:



Please register your pets in our neighborhood's FREE Pet Lost/Found Registry. Forms and details may be found at www.pembrokemeadows.org

LOST & FOUND PET REPORT

13 pets were either lost or found this past month. 10 were returned to owners, 2 picked up by animal control and 1 was killed by traffic on Independence Blvd. Unless your pet has some form of identification or can be identified by a Lost Pet Form with picture we have no way of locating the owner.

You can purchase Cat and Dog collars online from several sites that have the pet's name and your phone number embroidered right on the collar. These collars are safer than tags since the pet's nails do not get caught in the "S" hook. (I prefer those from luckypet.com). Holidays where fireworks are set off and thunderstorms seem to scare dogs. They have an instinct to run.

Our neighborhood **LOST PET PROGRAM IS FREE!!!**

Ferry Plantation House History Camp

Would you like to spend a week or two having fun? Would you like to live for a week like your great grandparents lived? Care to dig in an authentic archeological site for treasures and trash from the past on Mondays thru Thursdays? It is just for a week but it is a barrel of laughs and lots of adventure.

Help make a rug on a centuries old wooden loom, or carve soap with wooden dowels, wash laundry outside on an antique scrub board, learn how soap was made, bake bread in an outside oven, pump water from the well with old hand pump, make crafts, learn about dendrochronology, participate in the School of the Sailor with members of the Coast Guard, make jerky from scratch, get dirty? Any of these sound interesting?

Basic Camp: August 17-21st

In Advance Camp you can become a Confederate Soldier if you pass the physical and instructions. Eat lunch with the Confederate soldiers and ask them about the Civil War at "School of the Soldier". Of course you will have to make a haversack, roll bandages for the wounded, and learn about making hardtack. You will make salve for the wounds from herbs in our gardens and make cords for your haversack. Also, you will be assigned parts for a play about "**The First Landing in 1607**". Learn about hides and their uses. Wash laundry outside on antique scrub boards with homemade soaps. You will dye wool, learn about flax and spinning, crafts and an archeological dig on Mondays thru Thursdays.

**Advance Camp
August 24th -28th**

If this sounds like a lot of fun to you talk with Mom or Dad, Grandma or favorite Aunts and Uncles about sending you To Ferry Plantation History Camp -- 473-5182 or on line at www.ferryplantation.org

Check out the pictures from previous camps.

- Jerry Dashiell-Richter

NEIGHBORHOOD CONGRATULATIONS GO TO

Caitlin Matulenas - Caitlin received the President's Award for Educational Excellence along with a letter from the President of the United States. She also received a Certificate of Achievement For Academic Excellence at Independence Middle School where she is an Honor Student. She will be attending Princess Anne High School in the fall.

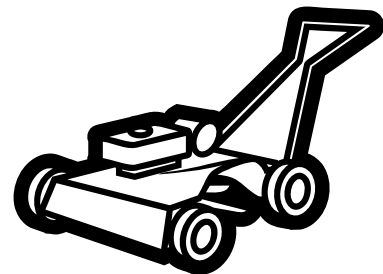
Median Strip Update

We are waiting for 3 contractors to give us estimates for the gazebo project. One contractor has given us a partial quote and we have asked for a full quote. Right now, it seems like a waiting game.

The median is being maintained by a company every 18 days for \$60 per visit. They are mowing, trimming/edging, and picking up the trash. They are leaving the grass a little longer than the city does so it can grow and turn green. So far, I think it is going well.

-Bill Hawley

REMINDER: Keep your sidewalks free of grass and branches so those who stroll may do so safely!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 11 – Swim Meet – 7:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

July 11 – Ducking of Grace Sherwood
11:30 – 2:30 p.m.

July 18 – Swim Meet – 7:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

July 26 – Christmas in July @ the Pool
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sept 17 – Civic League Meeting @ PMES
7:00 in Multi-purpose Room

President's Ponderings

I hope you enjoy our special June / July edition of the neighborhood newsletter. There are so many good things happening in our neighborhood we just had to get the word out. The resurfaced community swimming pool tops the list. The smooth bottom is much more "kid feet friendly" and families are playing and staying longer. If you haven't tried it out, stop by for a tour. If you are stressed from work stop by and unwind with us. Our goal is to attract more members and thereby lower the cost for community families. There are special half summer membership options available to help you beat-the-heat.

Your Civic League has taken an active role in keeping the Pembroke Boulevard entry tidy; contracting lawn mowing services to cover the gaps in the city's mowing schedule. Planning is underway to rebuild our distinctive entry Gazebo; I expect Bill Hawley to present options at our Fall Civic league meetings. We have a new newsletter editor, Donna Price. Although we were rushed on this issue, please send Donna your questions, comments, and items of community interest we might want to publish in the future (donna.price@cox.net). I especially want to thank Bruce Blair for all the work he did publishing our newsletter this past year.

For the latest news, check us out on the web at www.pembrokemeadows.org

Mike Moore

FRAUD ALERT!

From the Virginia Beach Consumer Affairs Program

What You Need to Know About Sweepstakes

- ✓ **Don't Pay to Win**
Buying magazines and other products does not increase your chances of winning. Never pay taxes or fees to receive your winnings.
- ✓ **Participating in Prize Promotions Will Put Your Name on Lists**
Con artists buy and sell leads on people who play sweepstakes. If you play, your name may appear on "sucker" or "mooch" lists and you'll be targeted for fraud. To reduce your risk for fraud, stop playing sweepstakes and don't talk to telemarketers – it's that simple!
- ✓ **Reduce Sweepstakes and Other Junk Mail/E-mail**
Send a letter to: Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512, or register online at: www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html.
- ✓ **Don't Play Canadian and Out-of-State Lotteries**
It's illegal under federal law to sell and purchase foreign lotteries in the U.S. It is also illegal to sell and purchase lottery products over state lines.
- ✓ **Don't Fall for Mailings or Callers That Appear Official**
Promoters use mailings with pseudo government logos and official looking statements to persuade you that the promotions are legitimate. Telemarketers will lie and claim to be a government official or attorney as well.
- ✓ **Keep Credit Card, Bank and Personal Information to Yourself**
Never give your credit card number, bank account information, or social security number to anyone who calls or e-mails you, especially if it is to verify your eligibility or to "deposit" your winnings into your account.

For assistance call the Virginia Beach Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Consumer Affairs Program at: 385-6373

POINTS OF CONTACT

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<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>497-8844</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5796</i>

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<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>

Block Security

<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>Lake Meadows</i>	<i>Charlie Russ</i>	<i>497-5298</i>
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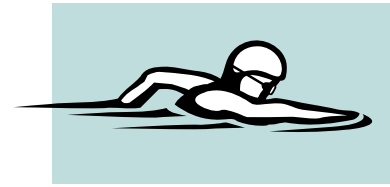
<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
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<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Jim Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>

<i>PMRC Pool Phone</i>	<i>963-2239</i>
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The Pembroke Meadows Marlins Swim Team will host two home meets this season. The dates for these meets are July 11, and July 18. Please be aware that on these dates many vehicles will line the sides of Pembroke Boulevard and other side streets. It is quite a task to safely park two sets of swimmers, parents, grandparents and other interested parties. Please look out for the younger swimmers walking to and from the pool.

Just as they have for the past 30 years, the team greatly appreciates the neighborhood's support and understanding. The Marlins recognize that hearing the swim announcements, the timing system buzzer and many other aspects of the team create a little neighborhood chaos.

SENSELESS VANDALISM, PART TWO:

As many of you are already aware, both our neighborhood recreation center (pool) and offices in an adjacent office park suffered extensive vandalism in the spring. The Virginia Beach Police Department, 3rd precinct, continues to hold both of these cases as active investigations. Please talk to your children and neighbors and report any potential leads to the Virginia Beach Crime Line at 1-888-LockU-Up. Tips are anonymous and rewards are paid for tips that lead to a conviction.

Neighborhood Children's Swim Lessons

**Tuesday through Friday
July 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th
July 14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th
11am-12 noon each day**

\$50 for PMRC Members

\$60 for Non-Members Call or visit the pool to sign up!!!

Classified Ads:

In-home Computer Troubleshooting, reasonable rates, call David Moore, 613-1609

Classified ads are "3 free per year" to Civic League members – E-mail the editor / donna.price@cox.net