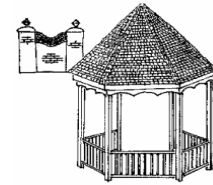


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Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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19th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WALK

Saturday, October 31st 3 p.m.

It is hard to believe that we have been enjoying this neighborhood festivity for 19 years, yet it is true. The 19th Annual Halloween Walk will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 3 p.m. It is not too early to begin thinking costumes, treats, and fun!

We need volunteers.....

Volunteers are needed to help with safety along the route, spacing while the costumers march, as well as to help out at the park serving food & drinks and decorating the park for the event. **We also need donations of cookies, juice, and/or cash to purchase same.** If you or any members of your family are willing to help in any way, please contact Gerry Richter ---jrich36729@aol.com or call any evening 497-5243. Juice & cookies can be dropped off at her house also. Please call for the address and other information.

"A STROLL FOR LOST SOULS" at Ferry Plantation House

October 31st, 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Come see and learn the history of the séance. Tarot card readings and tea readings will be held throughout the evening. Learn the history of the historical Ferry Plantation House and of the souls that dwell therein. You may even experience the souls as you stroll through the house. Travel to the water's edge to hear the history of the shipwreck of 1810 with no survivors as the men drag the Lynnhaven Bay for lost souls.

Children under 16 MUST be under adult supervision at all times.

\$10.00 donation per person. The authors of "Ghosts, Witches, and Weird Tales of Virginia Beach" will be present for book signings, (copies of the book are available for sale at the Ferry Plantation House). For further details, please call 473-5182.

BAYSIDE AREA LIBRARY PRESENTS

TUESDAYS @ 2 SERIES

Each Tuesday from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. adults gather in the meeting room of the Bayside Area Library for a program. The Tuesdays @ 2 series began last year and featured programs about gardening, crafts, local history, psychology, classic movies, and more. The programs are free. They are drop-in events. No registration is required.

Sept 15 - Personality and You

Sept 22 - Lighting the Way in Colonial Virginia

Sept. 29 - Tuesdays@2 at the Movies: Classic Films of 1939

Oct 6 – The Way We Were: A Look Back to Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Old Princess Anne County

Oct 13 - Haunting the Night. Nocturnal Animals around Virginia Beach

Oct 20 - Cool Weather Container Gardening

Oct 27 – Witch! Superstitions of Colonial Virginia

Call 385-2680 for more information.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 @ PEMBROKE MEADOWS E. S.
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Ladies Lunch Group

On Thursday, September 24, we will lunch at Red Lobster on Independence Blvd. and the time is 11:45 as they do not take reservations. Try to be prompt so we can be seated at a reasonable time.

In October, we plan to go to Bubba's on Shore Drive. The time is 12 noon and the date is Wednesday, October 28th, and please wear your Witch's Hat. We will look forward to a fun day.

We take a break after October due to the November and December holidays, however, Loretta has graciously invited us back again for a POTLUCK at her home on December 10th which is a Thursday. She will provide the beverages and dessert. Please bring a small dish to share.

If you have not been able to attend in the past, come on out and join us as we always welcome new faces as well as those faithful attendees. Take an afternoon off and have some fun with us.

Hope to see many of you for these planned events this fall-----Jeanette 497-0700

Median Cleanup

October 1-15	Jim and Donna Price
October 16 - 31	Your name or group's name would fit here



Appreciation

As many of you know, Mrs. Belinda Nash has been responsible for coordinating the annual Halloween walk for our community, children, and adults for many years. Due to personal reasons and increasingly more demanding requirements in the operation of the historic Ferry Plantation House, Belinda has been forced to resign many of her precious involvements.

The Annual Parade is one of the events she is no longer able to march in or coordinate. Our entire community has made and enjoyed lifelong memories associated

with marching in our annual walk thanks to Belinda and her family (and the Watkins family prior to the Nash family). Families that grew up here and moved away often return from all parts of the country to have their children participate in our walk along with catching up with old friends and neighbors.

It has indeed been a privilege to have worked with Belinda and her family in assisting with the event. Please, as you see Belinda, stop and give her thanks for a wonderful job over the years. She certainly deserves it. **Thanks again, Belinda!**
--Gerry Richter

DO YOU KNOW?

The Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (pool) will accept payments all through the off season? This lay-away type plan is available. Please contact Jeanne Blair, jbbbtbbb@verizon.net for more information.

THE STREET WALKER UPDATE

The response has been terrific! The staff at the Foodbank are all smiles and cheers when they see me with another round of checks and trunk full of food. On August 31st, I turned over another \$135.00 in checks and 75 pounds of food. This brings our neighborhood total to \$810.00 and 746 pounds of food.

One wonderfully generous family gave a \$100.00 check! You know who you are – thank you! Many already give on a weekly basis at their church foodbank and that's great too. We live in a generous neighborhood, and I continue to be grateful.

Only a couple more weekends and I will have completed my street walking with my little red wagon (but I just might start over again for 2010).

The streets I plan to cover next will be Sheffield and Cardiff and then finishing the next weekend with a final run of Hudgins Drive and Whitechapel courts.

Remember there are no boundaries in giving, every little grain counts. "A little, and a little, collected together become a great deal; the heap in the barn consists of single grains, and a drop and a drop make the inundation." Saadi

It's never too late. If I have missed you, call me at 490-0925 and I'll pick up your donation. Or, call to make sure I'm home and you can drop by with your contributions. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

---Peggy Caverly



PET LOST & FOUND

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

Over the summer, especially during the thunderstorms, several dogs escaped. This is not unusual for dogs and we were able to return 12 pets. One dog was returned 4 times. At least 3 pets went to Animal Control. Several area residents held on to additional pets while I tried to locate the owners. **I have only about a dozen completed Lost Pet Forms.** With so many pets in the area and so little identification information, it is harder to locate owners. Pet owners can find the form on our web site or contact Gerry Dashiell-Richter at 497-5243 for a form.

CAT PROBLEM

Roaming cats are everywhere and there is no way to know if the cat is lost or the owners simply let the cat out. The neighborhood Lost Pet Program is designed to help find owners of Lost Pets only. It does NOT handle roaming cat complaints. If you know the cat's owners, please speak with them regarding their stray cat. We do have leash laws in Virginia Beach.

Editor's Note: Over the summer, several requests were received for this publication to remind our readers of the City of Virginia Beach's laws regarding unleashed dogs and roaming cats and dogs. If you would like code citations for reference, please contact donnaprice@cox.net – we want to keep a child friendly, walker friendly and biker friendly neighborhood AND encourage everyone to be a responsible pet owner.

Ferry Plantation House History Camp

My 9-year old twin niece and nephew attended the Ferry Plantation House History Camp during one of the August sessions. They reported that there were more boys than girls in attendance. Each day was filled with activities and learning.

Their mother reported to me that she had difficulty in convincing them it was time to leave each afternoon. "Difficult?" I questioned, "Why, we had some of the hottest days all summer during this week." Apparently the heat did not matter one bit compared to the enjoyment of learning with Mrs. Nash and her volunteers.

Thank you to Belinda Nash and her group of dedicated volunteers in rehabilitating our neighborhood landmark and offering so many different opportunities to learn of our heritage.

PROPERTY VALUES

Although retired from an active role in the real estate world, I try to "stay on top of" our neighborhood property sales transactions. Recently I asked Realtor Bob Schultz, my former partner and close friend, to comment on the current situation in Pembroke Meadows/Shores/Townhouses.

Bob pointed out that for the period from August 2007 to August 2008, four homes and four townhomes in the local Multiple Listing System sold. Sales prices ranged from \$191,500 to \$203,000 for townhouses and \$235,500 to \$347,900 for detached dwellings. Market times ranged from 15 to 181 days, with a median of approximately 65 days.

In the past 12 months, August 2008 to August 2009, twenty homes and four townhomes have been actively marketed. Eleven homes and 3 townhomes have sold or were "under contract" as of this writing. Six properties are still available. Townhome sales prices ranged from \$173,500 to \$192,000. Sales prices for single family dwellings ranged from \$233,000 to \$325,000. Market times ranged from 3 days to almost 10 months, with a median of approximately 50 days.

Bob indicated that this reflects the South Hampton Roads market in general, lower prices and shorter market times. Although foreclosed property (bank owned) sales and short sales are having an impact now, their growing numbers will become an even more important factor in the big picture.

If you would like more specific information, please don't hesitate to call Bob Schultz directly. His cell phone number is (757) 407-5511.

--Jake Froehlich

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REMINDER: Only water should be running into our storm drains. Please do not put your yard clippings into these drains as drain lines run to our neighborhood waterways.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Sept 17 – Civic League Meeting @ PMES, 7:00 in Multi-purpose Room - Speaker: Pamela Brown – Bayside Library
- Mid-Oct – Pool Yard Sale
- Oct 15 – Civic League Meeting @ PMES
- Oct 31 – Annual Halloween Walk 3:00 p.m. See *Flyer insert for details*
- Oct 31 – Stroll w/ the Souls – Ferry Plantation House, 8:00 p.m. – 12 midnight
- Nov 19– Civic League Meeting @ 7 p.m. Ferry Plantation House, Annual Wine & Cheese Event

President's Ponderings

After a great summer at our renovated pool, it's time again for Civic League meetings and activities. First of all, welcome to all of our new neighbors who moved in over the summer. I would like to extend a personal invitation to join our Civic League and get to know other great people in our neighborhood. This monthly newsletter is free and distributed by volunteers, but it is our nominal civic league dues of \$10 per year that help defray our costs. We also have an active Neighborhood Watch program and you should soon be contacted to update our records by a Block Captain. Please go to the Pembroke Meadows website for the latest news and to contact the Block Security person for your area.

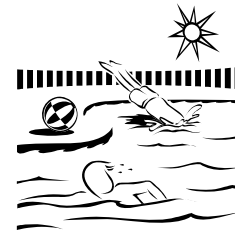
This fall, I would like us all to focus on being good neighbors. This can be the simple act of slowing down and watching out for the kids returning to school or volunteering to help a neighbor who is unable to care for their yard, home or vehicle. Don't be a litterbug or dispose of anything down the storm drains as these empty directly to our lakes. We always need people to sign up for a turn to clean the median strip; this simple contribution would take an hour or so of your time. Pembroke Meadows and Shores has a loyal core group of volunteers who keep our programs going, but we always need more people to get involved. Just an hour a month to attend the Civic League meetings is a great way to find out what's going on and where you might want to step in. Our program director works hard to arrange for interesting topics or speakers at each of our meetings, so it is well worth attending. I would also like to encourage everyone to patronize our local businesses. Many are active supporters of our civic league newsletter and pool fundraisers.

As I begin my second year as Civic League President and my 13th year as a resident, I am continually impressed by the sense of community and dedication found in Pembroke Meadows. I look forward to our new

year and hope to meet more and more of my neighbors as the year progresses.

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

Mike Moore



POOL NEWS

We've had a great season at the pool this year. Though we lost a few members, many new friends and families were in the water enjoying the pool. There were some REALLY HOT and REALLY COLD temperatures throughout the season. My thanks to all for helping make it great. Not a single complaint of "pool toes" was heard following the pool repairs completed in our off season. Many compliments were offered for the fiberglass and tile work.

As always, volunteers keep our pool running and looking fabulous. Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts remained involved this summer with Steven Moore completing his Eagle Project at the pool. We have 2 new wooden picnic tables and a tree seat around the central tree in the new grass area adjacent to the baby pool. Jenna Baraki worked on her Silver Award by providing children's games on the deck in the baby pool area. Thanks to both for their contributions.

Annual elections for the pool board were held in August and I'd like to thank all involved. The election process was made easy by the Nominating Committee led by Carol Moore. The pool and board are sorry to see Jim Willenbrink, Jr. step down from the board, but the Navy has him in an ironclad contract that keeps him busy. The membership voted Erin Strasburger in as our new Assistant Director, Lori Hines as our new treasurer and we added Larry Rios and Denise Hahn to our at-large positions.

We would like to recognize and thank Roger Vaughan for his two years of hard work as our departing Assistant Director and Dan Wiard for his treasurer duties this past season. Please pass on your appreciation when you see them as both of these positions require a great deal of time and energy at the pool and away from their families.

As we move into the "down time" of the pool, the Board has many activities planned. We have a community yard sale scheduled in October as a fundraiser for our pool. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact a member of the pool board, (see current board member listing following this article). Ceal Hilliker has

taken the lead in planning. Ceal has made arrangements for storage of some items but cannot store everything. Please keep your donations in a safe place and keep a watch for the notice to bring them to the collection point.

We'd appreciate our neighborhood gardeners helping out with this yard sale also. Please consider re-potting a plant or two that is a favorite in your yard for us to sell. Interested plant purchasers will appreciate a small card attached with the plant name and care instructions.

By popular request, the Board has agreed to again offer the Norfolk Florist Cards for sale in October. The cards will be for flowers from "November 2009 thru October 2010". If you already have a card, another card can make your arrangements fuller. We have been told that teachers, bus drivers, coaches, group leaders, etc. have all enjoyed receiving these cards for gifts.

The Pool Board is very grateful for the volunteers who have worked hard during the past season to plan and host socials, Thursday night dinners, games, etc. at the pool. Your willingness to take on these tasks is seen and appreciated.

If you're new to the neighborhood and have never visited our pool, please be on the lookout in this publication for our "free days" to come and visit. We all enjoy showing off our new renovations and inviting pool. Please encourage your neighbors and local friends to visit us on these days also.

As always, members can make incremental membership payments for the next season. Please contact any board member for more information on the "payment plan".

Many thanks from,
Pembroke Meadows Pool Board

2009 Pembroke Meadows Pool Board

Director	Jeanne Blair	497-8844
Asst Dir	Roger Vaughan	499-6945
Treasurer	Dan Wiard	518-2314
Secretary	Cheryl Wolfred	473-1096
At-large	Bob Barry	
	Jim Willenbrink Jr	671-8486
	Tom Hronek	473-9733
	Ceal Hilliker	963-8559
	Erin Strasburger	499-5478

FRAUD ALERT!

The U.S. Justice Department announced charges in what it said is its biggest ID Theft case ever. Hackers stole credit and debit card information from more than 130 million accounts. In most cases, the hackers either used personal credit card numbers to make fraudulent purchases or they used debit card numbers to drain individuals' bank accounts.

The good news is that in Colorado, and 44 other states, the law requires that customers be notified when their identity has been compromised. In addition, almost every bank and credit card company takes responsibility when there are fraudulent charges on an account. If something goes wrong, consumers are protected by the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act. While it is virtually impossible for an individual to prevent this type of massive data breach, steps to minimize risk and mitigate losses are easy to take:

- Monitor your credit card and bank accounts closely – reporting any charges or activity that you do not recognize.
- Request a free copy of your credit report once a year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies at www.annualcreditreport.com or 1-877-322-8228.
- Shop only on secure internet sites. For more information go to <http://www.idtheftcenter.org>.
- Don't give any part of your Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers over the phone or Internet, unless you have made the contact to a company or financial institution with which you are familiar.

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

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETINGS

The Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores and Townhomes Civic League meets regularly at the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Our meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., include a guest speaker of interest to our community, light refreshments and neighborhood news/concerns updates.

Your Civic League Board, in an effort to encouragement both civic league membership and pool membership, has agreed to purchase a 2010 family pool membership. We will again allow adult household members, with current paid civic league dues, to place an entry to win this membership in April 2010. You must attend the civic league meeting to be allowed to place your entry into the contest. You do not need to be present to win.

The winning family may transfer their membership to another neighborhood member with paid civic league dues if desired.

POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>First VP</i>	<i>Brian Rabe</i>	<i>456-0864</i>
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Bill Hawley</i>	<i>473-1936</i>
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	<i>490-0925</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clara Hall</i>	<i>473-8258</i>
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>John Sheadel</i>	<i>499-0678</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Teri Mikulka,</i>	<i>497-5856</i>
<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>497-8844</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

2010 U.S. CENSUS

Committees

Bldg/Grounds	Michael J. White	
Entrance/Median	Jim Price	499-5115
Electrical	George Watkins	497-2130
Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897
Neighborhood Maint.	Robert Westmont	473-1024
Block Security		
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
Shores	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
Townhomes	Barbara Willenbrink	554-0092
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Lakes/Waterways Chairman: Jim Willenbrink		
Lake Pembroke	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298
Lynnhaven	Robert Westmont	473-1024
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Meadows	Jim Price	499-5115
Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
Townhomes	Liz Hayes	472-0238
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Newsletter Ads	Clera Hall (Temp.)	473-8258
Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry		
Shores	Gary Dashiell-Richter	497-5243
Meadows	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
PMRC Pool Phone		963-2239

MEETING SUGGESTIONS?

What keeps you from attending our monthly civic league meetings? We'd like to hear from YOU. Please email either Donna Price, donnaprice@cox.net, or Mike Moore, formoores@verizon.net, and let us know what speakers you would like to hear, what community topics interest you.

Your civic league needs new faces to continue to thrive. We have relocated our meetings from the school cafeteria to the school's multipurpose room. The move allows for a smaller setting and promotes a sense of togetherness. Please join us in September.



For years, the Better Business Bureau has educated consumers about not giving out personal information over the telephone or to anyone who shows up at their front door. With the U.S. Census process beginning, the BBB advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

"Most people are rightfully cautious and won't give out personal information to unsolicited phone callers or visitors, however, the Census is an exception to the rule," said Steve Cox, BBB spokesperson.

"Unfortunately, scammers know the public is more than willing to share personal data when taking part in the Census and they have an opportunity to ply their trade by posing as a government employee and soliciting sensitive information." The Census data will be used to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds every year, as well as determine a State's number of Congressional representatives.

Households are actually required by law to respond to the Census Bureau's request for information. During the U.S. Census, households will be contacted by mail, telephone, or visited by a U.S. Census worker who will inquire about the number of people living in the house. Unfortunately, people may also be contacted by scammers who are impersonating Census workers in order to gain access to sensitive financial information such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. Law enforcement in several states have issued warnings that scammers are already posing as Census Bureau employees and knocking on doors asking for donations and Social Security numbers.

The big question is – how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist?

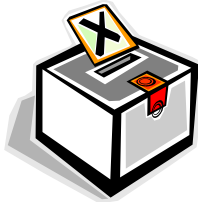
The BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you do not know into your home. Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your *Social Security number, credit card or banking information* to anyone, even if they claim it is for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau may ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security,

bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by email, so be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the U.S. Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

(The above article was copied from the [Lake Smith Ripples](#).)



NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

From the City of Virginia Beach Registrar website:

You may register to vote if you are a United States citizen, a resident of Virginia, will be 18 years of age by the day of the next General Election, have had your voting rights restored if you have ever been convicted of a felony and have had your capacity restored if you have been declared mentally incapacitated in a Circuit Court.

Registration is closed 29 days before an election as required by Commonwealth law. Residents must register in the precinct in which they reside. Absentee Ballot Applications are available upon request.

It's simple to register to vote by downloading a Voter Registration Application or to Absentee Ballot by downloading an Absentee Ballot Application from the Registrar's website.

The Voter Registrar web pages may be accessed by using the City's home web page at: www.vbgov.com and typing Voter Registrar into the search window.

The Registrar's web page has a listing of current candidates, a Virginia Beach voter's guide, a listing of polling places, etc.

MARLINS SWIM TEAM



The Pembroke Meadows Marlins Swim Team had yet another good season. Though our official record of 2-2 shows two losses, it does not reflect how close the meets were or how well our swimmers performed. Returning coaches Paul Brown, Emily Quinn, Austin Baraki, and Evan Wrenn were assisted by volunteer coaching provided by both Jake Fenter and Matt Vaughan. A record number of Marlins qualified to swim at the Virginia Beach Swim League's All Star meet held in August.

The team representatives for this season and next are again Tara Orem Hoover, Jane Orem, and Trisha and Brian Rogerson.

Of the swimmers going "over the hill" only Daniel Gordon hails from Pembroke Meadows/Shores. Daniel had been on the swim team for many years and agreed to swim again this past summer though he'd already completed one year of college. Daniel will be continuing his studies in architecture this fall at Tidewater Community College and plans to attend Virginia Tech to finish his degree studies. Next time you see Daniel in the neighborhood, please take time to congratulate him on his many years of Marlins swimming, as well as consistently qualifying to swim in the divisional and All-Stars meets each season.

Please watch the neighborhood civic league website in the late winter, early spring for swim team registration announcements. The Marlins continues to be a popular team with a high number of participants. (We'd like to again thank our neighbors for their understanding and patience during practice times and those early Saturday morning swim meets!)

GAZEBO UPDATE

Please watch for a gazebo update in next month's newsletter. A subcommittee of our neighbors is working together to solicit bids, review materials, etc. to replace our gazebo. Further information about this important entryway improvement will be provided at the September and October civic league meetings, on our web site and via this newsletter.