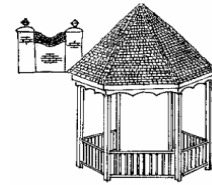


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



**CIVIC
LEAGUE
MEETING**
11/19/09
7:00 pm

**November
2009**

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WINE & CHEESE CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The Pembroke Meadows and Shores civic league will hold our annual November Wine & Cheese meeting at the Ferry Plantation House on Thursday, November 19, 2009. As always, this will be a meeting for fun and fellowship. Please come and get to know your Civic League Board and your neighbors.

"New" adult members in attendance will be offered a no-cost opportunity to win a gift basket of different wines. If the new member was invited to the meeting or brought to the meeting by a current civic league member/attendee, this adult member will receive a bottle of wine. (Editor's note: These wine offerings are donated and will not be purchased with civic league funds.)

Current members with paid dues will be offered an opportunity to add their names to the basket for a family pool membership drawing. This drawing will be held at the April, 2010 meeting.

CHARLES DICKENS HOLIDAY TEA

December 5th & 6th 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Make your reservations early to enjoy this lovely event. The Ferry Plantation House will be decorated in the Charles Dickens Christmas theme throughout. A leisurely holiday full tea will be served along with the famous traditional "*Figgie Pudding*" served with rum sauce. Hear the humor of Dr. Benjamin Franklin as he tells of his life experiences. The proceeds will help fund the much needed shutters on the exterior of the historic house. This event has limited seating and sells out quickly so reserve your space now. Tickets may be purchased for \$25.00/ticket. The ticket price is tax deductible. Reservations – 473-5172

8th Annual Ferry Plantation House Caroling Hay Wagon Ride and Holiday Open House

**December 12, 2009
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Participants will meet at the Food Lion parking lot adjacent to Pembroke Blvd to ride on the wagon in the old time tradition while caroling through the neighborhood and back to Ferry Plantation House. Upon your arrival at the Ferry Plantation House, you will be greeted by costumed docents of the 1830's and enjoy refreshments, friendship and history. Children can make an edible decoration and hang it on a tree for our animal friends to enjoy. You may even get to visit with Kris Kringle! What a great way to slow down and enjoy the delightful holiday. You may even wish to include your guests and family friends. Everyone is invited to this beloved neighborhood tradition. *Bundle up as it may be cold. Gift shop will be open for last minute shopping.*

Cost -- \$2.50 per person. Reservations required in advance – 473-5182

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

Ladies Lunch Group

We take a break after October due to the November and December holidays, however, Loretta Watkins has graciously invited us back again for a POTLUCK at her home (4405 Drury Circle) on Friday, December 4th. She will provide the beverages and dessert. Please bring a small dish to share. Grown-ups only, please.

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

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| October 16-31 | Tony & Bridgette South |
| November 1 – 15 | Peggy Caverly |
| November 16 – 30 | Your name here? |
| December 1 – 15 | Strasberger Family |



Appreciation

Your civic league board and neighbors would like to take this time to extend our thanks to Gerry Richter for all of her hard work and dedication. Gerry worked tirelessly to ensure that our neighborhood children were able to experience yet another Halloween walk. Having worked this event for many years with Belinda Nash, Gerry took on the solo directorship this year. A wonderful time was had by all.

CONDOLENCES

As editor of the newsletter, I often receive articles, questions, suggestions, and occasional complaints. This month, I received several emails notifying me of the passing of Mrs. Kathleen Brickley (formerly of Drury Circle, wife of Jim, and mother of Pat, Tim and Bryan).

Kathleen was very active in our neighborhood's Cub Scout Pack. Many of us had young sons who benefited from Kathleen's (and Jim's) tireless and selfless dedication to Cub Pack 475. The pack met then, as it does now, at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Please keep Jim and the boys in your thoughts during this time.

The Civic League Board also offers condolences for our neighbors Ann and David Long on Drury Circle for the recent passing of Ann's father.

Donna



BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Many women in our own neighborhood have battled breast cancer, are currently in treatment, facing treatment, or have won the long fight against this dreaded disease. There has been discussion regarding starting a support group among those interested in helping others as they travel along the road to recovery, offering support, sharing experiences, offering helpful tips as women go through the various stages toward being cancer free. If you are interested in participating please contact **Michelle Browning at 497-1684.**

**Worried about your health?
Heart Disease? Cancer? Neuropathy?
You can reverse disease & the aging process!
And you will actually feel good again.
Folks with cancer are now cancer free.
This will change your life - Call Today!**

**Carol Tietjen 227-9580
Enagic USA**



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

Five pets were reunited with their owners during the month of October. One pet did not successfully cross Independence Boulevard. NONE of these pets were registered with our lost and found program; however, they were reunited via the Neighborhood Email Notification List thanks to Jim & Clera Hall.

--Gerry Richter

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.)

Two homes changed ownership since Bob Schultz, my former real estate partner and advertiser in this newsletter, and I reviewed market activity in Pembroke Meadows and Shores in September.

A 1718 square foot, 3 bedroom ranch sold for \$296,100. A second property listed at \$242,300 is "pending".

Currently one town home is being marketed at \$192,000. The sellers of two 4-bedroom single family homes are asking \$299,000 and \$315,000 respectively. Wonder what the winter months will bring?

--Jake Froehlich

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PAY A LITTLE EACH MONTH GET A SUMMER OF COOL FUN

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



HALLOWEEN WALK RE-CAP

Gerry Richter could not have ordered better weather – a little cool, a little overcast and perfect for parading through our neighborhood. Though no exact count was made, observers pondered that the marching attendance (costumed children, parents and non-costumed) surely numbered in the 250-300 range. Our neighborhood park had been decorated prior to the arrival of the Halloween guests.

There were many laughs, snacks and fun shared among the gathered crowd. As we have for the past 18 years, the "watchers" and "marchers" enjoyed the music provided by the Independence Middle School band.

For some of us, it was fun to see our peers attending with grandchildren (and even some grandchildren-to-be). Others found ourselves wondering where the years went since our youngsters were costumed participants.

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for collecting items to share, purchasing items, arranging for pick up and drop off of band instruments (even loaning a vehicle for this errand), traffic control, decorating (and un-decorating), serving the attendees, etc. You are all terrific and exemplify exactly what it means to live in this neighborhood.

Clif Furedy took several photographs of the festivities and they may be viewed at:

<http://www.pembrokemeadows.org/main/photos/photos091031>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Nov 19– Civic League Meeting @ 7 p.m. Ferry Plantation House, Annual Wine & Cheese Event
- Dec 5 & 6 – Charles Dickens Holiday Tea Ferry Plantation House
- Dec 12 – Holiday Hayride Caroling



POOL NEWS

President's Ponderings

What a GREAT Halloween Walk!!!! There was a fantastic turnout, I would estimate between 200 and 300 people, all in good spirits (pun intended) and dressed to celebrate the day. A special thank you, once again, to Gerry Richter for organizing it all and to all who donated juice, cookies and candy, ran games and helped protect our marchers from vehicles along the way. Thanks also to Independence Middle School Band for their role in making our walk special and to those who helped us help them with your generous donations. I believe the spirit of the day carried to the evening as we had many more trick or treaters at our home than we have had in several years. What a great neighborhood to live in.

We also had a good turnout at the October Civic League meeting where there was lively discussion about the gazebo. In the end, the membership voted to replace the gazebo with one that is closer in style to the original using low maintenance materials. The gazebo committee is diligently pursuing the most cost efficient way to implement this plan.

Of course, Fall also means it's leaf raking time. Please do your best to keep the leaves out of our lakes by raking and bagging often. It also seems to be home improvement time as I've seen several new driveways and a roof or two. Good home maintenance always contributes to keeping our neighborhood looking great.

It's also the 20th anniversary of our Neighborhood Watch program. Thank you to all who volunteer as Block Security Chairs and Block Captains and to each and every one of you who help keep our neighborhood safe by looking out for your neighbor.

I hope to see you at the November wine and cheese meeting, but if you can't make it please take a few minutes to count your blessings, be grateful and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mike Moore

The Community Yard Sale was a success thanks to everyone who donated goods and/or moved items or helped during the day. We had anticipated a weather front moving in, but it waited until after our event. Thanks to everyone that participated - I hope you were able to clean out some of your excess (making room for new excess). After expenses, we netted about \$550.00 for the pool. Again, thanks to all who donated, volunteered, and made purchases.

We now move into the season of preparing for next year. Hopefully it will bring new members to our pool family. If you have an idea to advertise the pool and its wonderful environment, please contact one of the board members. We are looking for ideas to increase community awareness of the pool's availability.

By popular request we have brought back the Norfolk Florist Card fundraiser. For \$25 you can get free flowers from "November 2009 thru October 2010". If you already have a card, adding another card can make your arrangements fuller. These make great appreciation gifts for teachers, bus drivers, coaches, group leaders, etc. Contact Jeanne or a pool board member and we will deliver your cards!

Jeanne Blair, Pool Director

ATTEND A MEETING; WIN A SUMMER OF FUN!

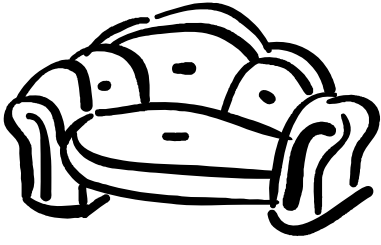
Your Civic League Board, in an effort to encourage both civic league membership and pool membership, has agreed to purchase a 2010 family pool membership. Adult household members, with current paid civic league dues, may place an entry to win this membership at every civic league meeting they attend. You must attend the meeting to place your entry into the contest. The winner will be selected at the April 2010 meeting. 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.

STREET WALKERS?

Do you ever wonder why so many of your neighbors often walk in the street instead of using the sidewalk? Here are some of the reasons: Shrubbery crowding on to the sidewalk (barbed holly bushes at eye level. YIKES!), low hanging tree branches (think crepe myrtle), the parked vehicles that habitually straddle the sidewalk. And don't forget the occasional active irrigation system.

Jake Froehlich



BULKY TRASH PICKUP

Bulky item collection service for normal household discards is provided, free of charge, for residents who receive waste collection service from the City of Virginia Beach. Most of our household discards will be collected. The following will not be collected curbside: remodeling and building materials, carpet, doors, cabinets, sinks, rocks, dirt, concrete, vehicle parts, glass or hazardous materials.

Residents should request bulky item pickup service no later than 5 p.m. the workday before the regular trash collection day. Requests for the pickup of bulky items can be placed by calling 385-4650, by visiting VBgov.com, or by e-mailing astemgt@VBgov.com.

In order to process your request, a list of discarded items must be provided. Please mention in your request if you have a freon-containing appliance, as these items require special handling. Be sure to include your email address and phone number in case the City needs to contact you. Items should be placed at the curb by 7am on your regular collection day. Items should not be placed at the curb until the evening prior to pickup.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

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| <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>Clera 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>319-3366</i> |
| <i>Webmaster</i> | <i>Clif Furedy</i> | <i>490-5796</i> |

Committees

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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> |

Block Security

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| <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> |

Directory Chairman

Robert Westmont 473-1024

Lakes/Waterways Chairman: Jim Willenbrink

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| <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> |

Welcoming Committee Chair: Open

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| <i>Meadows</i> | <i>Jim 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> |

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Donna Price 499-5115

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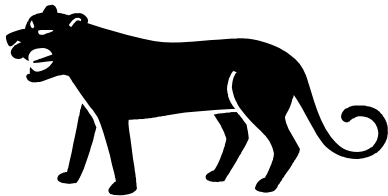
Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

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| <i>Shores</i> | <i>Gary Dashiell-Richter</i> | <i>497-5243</i> |
| <i>Meadows</i> | <i>Jim Willenbrink</i> | <i>497-0700</i> |

Recreation Center (pool)

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| <i>Director</i> | <i>Jeanne Blair</i> | <i>319-3366</i> |
| <i>Asst Director</i> | <i>Erin Strasburger</i> | <i>499-5478</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Lori Hines</i> | |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Cheryl Wolfred</i> | <i>473-1096</i> |
| <i>PMRC Pool Phone</i> | <i>(in season only)</i> | <i>963-2239</i> |

PMES PANTHER NEWS



The 2009-2010 school year at Pembroke Meadows is off to a fantastic start! Our PTA membership drive is in full swing and we are fast approaching the deadline for 100 percent!! Please help us meet our goal by joining today! How do I join you ask? Stop by Pembroke Meadows Office and they will be happy to assist you. We also hosted our annual fall carnival in October – Mother Nature didn't keep the fun away as we moved the festivities inside due to rain.

The PTA has just completed their fall fundraiser with Cherrydale Farms. Thank you to everyone who helped to support this event! Also, the PTA has completed the Annual Original Artworks fundraiser which is a way to forever enjoy your child's art work on a variety of items including, but not limited to: sweatshirts, mouse pads, t-shirts, and mugs. What a great keepsake!

We have recently had to say farewell to our assistant principal, Mrs. Cedo. We wish her well and she will be missed! With Mrs. Cedo's departure, we have the privilege of welcoming a new assistant principal to Pembroke Meadows. Her name is Catherine Pullar, and she comes to us from Fairfax County. We are excited to have her as part of our school family. Stop in and say hello when you have a chance! ☺

In other exciting news, our SCA held its annual United Way fundraiser this month. The students brought in change to help those that are in need—we raised \$1,459.51! The SCA Family Costume Dance was wonderful and fun was had by all!

Our annual "Turkey of the Year" contest is coming soon! Which staff member will collect the most canned goods for the Food Bank? Whichever staff member wins will dress up like a turkey during lunch on the 25th of November. Community members are more than welcome to donate to this great cause! Just bring your non-perishable food items to the school office at anytime during the school day.

December marks the beginning of our "Presents for Pets" to help the Virginia Beach SPCA! Bring in something for the "Fidos" or "Fluffies" of the SPCA who don't have someone to love them... YET!! ☺

Remember, at Pembroke Meadows we are more than a school: we are a FAMILY. Thanks for being part of the family!

--Arla Shindelar, Data Support Specialist (DSS),
Pembroke Meadows Elementary, (757)-648-3390

(Editor's Note: Many of us here in the neighborhood, with PMES "graduates", will remember Ms. Shindelar for her cheerful greetings and uncanny ability to remember ALL the students' names and match them with parents and grandparents.)