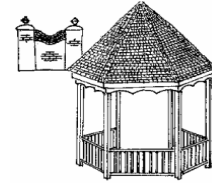


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Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



May 2010

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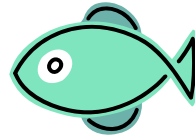
Community
Calendar

Next Civic League Meeting

Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Multi-purpose Room

May 20 - 7 pm

This month's civic league meeting will feature a representative from the City's Master Gardener Speakers' Bureau. Mimi Caswell will discuss Backyard Habitats. The presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting.



CLEAN THE BAY DAY – JUNE 5, 2010

As we have done for the past 21 years, our Civic League, along with neighboring communities, will participate in this year's Clean the Bay Day on Saturday, 5 June. Our volunteer commitment will be (as it has been in past years) to clean up trash from our neighborhood lakes and waterways and their adjacent shores and drains (e.g. gutters).

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this statewide effort to improve the cleanliness and quality of the Bay's waters and tributaries. TIME: 0900-1200, June 5; however, if you can't make it that Saturday but can help earlier that week please contact one of the Co-zone captains: Jim Willenbrink, 497-0700 or Jeff Brown, 464-0183.

You may also contact one of our Area Coordinators below if you prefer to help in a specific area:

Bob Lukeman 497-2841; Lake Pembroke @ Independence Blvd

Frank Mulcahy, 499-6699; Lake Pembroke East (@ spillway)

Fred Willis, 490-3002; Lake Pembroke West (West of Independence)

Jim Hall, 473-8258, Old Donation Creek and Cove

Pam Sasser, 518-9935; Lynnhaven River, Western Branch, (@ Old Donation Farms)

Jeff Brown, 464-0183; Pembroke Meadows Park and Thurston Creek

NOTE: After noon on the 5th, a post CTBD picnic will be held at a local park, also each volunteer can receive a free Cinema Cafe ticket and a certificate of participation (to qualify for "community service")

(Editor's note: I hear that one of our co-zone captains has reported catching a nice sized fish down in Lake Meadows recently. Let's all work together on this important event to ensure we keep healthy lakes and waterways here in our neighborhood.)

POOL NEWS & THANK YOUS!



There were so many helpers at the pool during Spring Fling it would be hard to individually recognize them. John Shaedel, David Hiliker, and Mike Moore all had a good time tearing down walls in the pool office areas. These walls had been breakfast, lunch, and dinner to termites. They had to go (both the walls and the termites)!

We had volunteers helping everywhere, from gardening, to pruning, to blowing off the deck and finally removing the pool cover. There was a bit of debris in the pool. Brian Miller's hard work at leaf removal was immediately appreciated.

These are just a couple of stories from our spring cleanup. I don't want to minimize anyone's contribution. Everyone spent many hours working and it made a huge difference. We all thank you!

Many pool and civic league members are helping us to get ready for Opening Day at the pool. I would like to recognize Mike Moore. He might as well move a cot and radio down there. I'm sure Carol thinks he has taken up residence at our pool these past few weeks.

I did find the two of them rather close together at the pool recently - both on ladders, both with paint rollers in hand! I guess Carol decided, "If you can't beat them, join them". In all seriousness, we appreciate the Moore family and their hard work at the pool - from Steven helping rake leaves in the off season, to Mike and Carol and their endless hours of dedication in the current pre-season.

MEMORIAL DAY COOK OUT

On Memorial Day, we invite all current pool members to join us at the pool for fun and food. We will have a cook out around 11:00 am-1:30 pm with hot dogs and hamburgers for sale. Bring a side dish to share. This is a great time to enjoy friends and family at the pool. Thanks to our 2010 Civic League Stimulus plan, there will be many new and returning families from our neighborhood at the pool this year. Please join us for some fun in the sun!

Pre-Memorial Day Dinner at the Pool

We will have our annual pre-Memorial Day dinner at the pool on May 27 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. This year's event will be catered by Mobile Pig-nicing.

The menu offers 1/2 BBQ chicken, pulled pork, 3 sides, rolls, dessert and beverage for adults at \$12/ticket.

The child's plate will sell for \$8/ticket. These plates offer a choice of either the chicken or the pork. All of the pool board members have tickets to sell. Come join us as we kick off a great new year at the pool. Bring your swimsuits. The water should be fine!

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD SWIM AT THE POOL! May 29th

As we have done the past two years, we invite everyone to join us on May 29 at the pool for a free day of swim. Bring your friends and enjoy a Saturday playing in the pool. Try us - like us - then join us!

LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

Reasonably priced swim lessons will be available to both member and non-member neighborhood children in July. Check our calendar for details

Civic League Stimulus 2010

There is still time to take advantage of the Pembroke Meadows Civic League Stimulus 2010 Plan. Even though you missed the early bird discount, you can still join the pool for less than last year's early bird price when applying the stimulus discount.

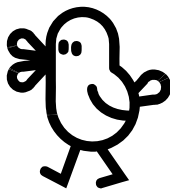
As always, I will be happy to receive your emails at jjbttbbb@verizon.net or your phone calls to me at 319-3366. I am willing to discuss pool matters, help you determine which membership type will work for your family or sell you tickets to our pre-season dinner.

- Jeanne Blair

GREAT TURNOUT FOR SPRING FLING

Please accept this SHOUT OUT of thanks to all the hard working people that participated in our annual Spring Fling on April 17th. John Shaedel was out cleaning debris from our entryway median strip at 7:30 a.m. His wife asked "John, what are you doing? And he replied, "The Spring Fling, remember?" Pat reminded John that the event did not start until 9:00 a.m. Many other dedicated neighbors joined together to clean the median, park and pool. Enthusiastic volunteering was present throughout the day

ATTENTION! BIRD LOVERS



A Pembroke Meadows resident has a nesting bluebird in her front yard. This opportunity required a proper bird box (purchased at Virginia Beach Feed & Seed) secured to a post buried in her yard.

The post should be 5 to 5-1/2 feet above ground level. Place the bird box away from the bushes and trees. Be on the lookout for a bird of about 9 to 9-1/2" in length. The bird will be bright blue in both the upper body and wing areas. The upper breast area will be orange and the lower breast area will be white.



Good luck! Enjoy your bird watching!

(Editor's note: Jeanne Blair has shared that we have osprey nesting on the cell tower down by the pool. Jim & I have noted both bald eagles and hawks flying above Lake Pembroke as well as our usual blue herons and egrets. What birds have you seen?)



BOX TURTLES

Watch out for **Box turtles** while mowing or digging in your yards. If you don't know how to care for them either leave them alone in a safe location or take them to Gerry Richter at **613 Abbey Drive**. She has a natural habitat for them.

2010 RECREATION CENTER (POOL) STIMULUS PLAN STILL ON



Civic league members who are current with 2010 dues and qualify for full-voting privileges in the civic league (residents of Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, the townhomes, and Hudgins Shores), will receive a \$100 credit towards the purchase a 2010 season pool membership. Your family can enjoy a Summer of Fun for only \$325. Please contact Jeanne Blair, pool director, for additional details at jbbbtbbb@verizon.net.

GRACE SHERWOOD DAY

GRACE SHERWOOD DAY AT FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE

On July 10th at 10:00 a.m., you are invited to come to the Ferry Plantation House to hear the history of Grace (aka "The Witch of Pungo". You will also be able to witness a re-enactment of her trial by water. Please mark your calendars now to attend the 304th anniversary of this historic event.

You may park your car at the Food Lion parking lot—Pembroke Boulevard side and hop aboard the wagon for a ride to and from the historic Ferry Plantation House. The wagon will make round trips beginning at 10 a.m. ending with the final return trip at 2 p.m. Wagon ride cost will be \$2.50 per person.

Be sure plan time to watch filming of a documentary down at the Ferry House. A select number of guests may be chosen to be put in costume of the period and participate in the filming.

-Gerri Richter



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

MEDIAN CLEANUP

To add your name here call Bill Hawley at 473-1936



PET LOST & FOUND

Five dogs were re-united with owners from mid-March thru April. Sadly, another pet was found dead. If you do have a pet be sure to sign up to be on the Neighborhood Notification list.

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

Embroidered collars with the pet's name and your phone # including the area code are available online from many companies. I prefer the Luckypet.com product for small pets. These collars are a great and safe way to identify a lost pet.

Gerri Richter

Keeping the Directory Up To Date

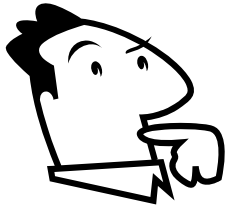
One of the many functions of your civic league is furnishing you with a Neighborhood Directory. This directory is published on the civic league website, www.pembrokemeadows.org. The directory includes every address in Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores and Pembroke Townhomes. Several years ago, the entire neighborhood was canvassed by volunteers to update this information. If you gave permission then, your name and phone number are also included in the directory. Since the survey, we rely on residents to let us know of additions, modifications or deletions. Take a look at the directory entry for your address and let us know if it's correct, needs to be changed or, if it's not there, if you want it listed now. You may send corrections by email to Robert Westmont at odcwa@ncdesigns.net.

MARLINS SWIM TEAM NEWS

Swim team practices will begin after Memorial Day. If you have not registered your swimmer, please do so now by accessing the neighborhood website at www.pembrokemeadows.org and using the left click box for the Marlins Swim Team.

Completed applications should be mailed to: Trish Rogerson at 2304 Trelawney Road Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

A complete calendar of practices and events is located at the team's website for your planning needs.



President's Ponderings

Sorry we are late with the newsletter; I was busy working at your pool! Yes the pool is a crown gem of the neighborhood and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it open every year and still keep prices low. Did you know we are non-profit? The more members we get the lower the cost can be - that was the idea behind our stimulus plan and I think it is working, so far we have 73 members and 42 families who have taken advantage of the plan. Join the pool, put on sun screen and bring your kids and their friends. Get away from the world with a book or connect with free Wi-Fi. Cool off with adult swim and feed your kids concessions.

But back to volunteers, Jeanne mentioned I have been there a lot – it works for me because I'm retired and have a flexible schedule plus I enjoy the solitude of being by the water. What amazes me is the help I get from folks who work full weeks and still find the energy to give. Notable hard workers: Tom Hronek alternately dabbled in muriatic acid and epoxy fumes as he painted all our office and bathroom floors. Jeff Brown donated use of a Bobcat and then teamed up with Wes Denton to move 180 Tons of gravel around the parking lot – that took a lot of bone jarring hours. Will Hamilton saved me by doing some carpentry in the office (what he does in hours would take me days). Someone had to keep the leaves and dirt out of the pool once the cover is off, and Jeanne Blair and her family have taken this task on. Jeanette Willenbrink and Carol have donated plants and worked our gardens. Tina and Mark Ridgeway brought their 123 Green Clean company truck-mounted pressure washer down and just “blew away” our chair dirt.

The real fun starts when the pool opens. Check our calendars for child and adult events you can attend. Updates are posted online or at the pool. If you have an idea, bring it to Jeanne or Erin. The BBQ's are always fun and you can't beat a free swim day.

Next months newsletter is the last for awhile (We skip July & Aug and enjoy our Summer) but the neighborhood goes on. Some volunteers will be working on replacing the gazebo, cleaning the bay, raising funds for charity, donating blood, keeping the median clean, or just “chillin” at the pool.

As always, please contact me with any suggestions or concerns, 557-0328 or formoores@verizon.net.

KNOW YOUR CITY CODE...

BLIND CORNERS

I frequently get asked what can be done about dangerous “blind” intersections in our neighborhood. There are clear standards in article 2, section 201 of the VB City Zoning Ordinance.

Visibility at the intersection of driveways and streets can NOT be blocked by any hedge or structure **higher than 30 inches**. This applies to a triangle area 20 feet from any intersection or 10 feet from a driveway,

If you are concerned about an Intersection, first check if fences or shrubs in the “visibility triangle” violate the 30 inch rule. If they do, please bring it to the attention of the property owner - you will be doing them a favor, since VERY few people are aware of this rule. If the owner is unable to trim or remove the hazard, you might volunteer to help them. If the owner is unwilling to do anything, you could report it to the VB City Public Works department.

Property owners; please check your corners and help us prevent any tragic vehicle / pedestrian accidents in the neighborhood.

For the complete code go to www.vbgov.com select the planning department, and look for code on the left hand side.



(Editor's Note: The preceding article was composed by Mike Moore, our Civic League President. Please continue to send your questions and concerns to Mike at formoores@verizon.net or to me at donnaprice@cox.net and we'll try to get them answered and addressed in this forum.)

VB KIDS WITH DISABILITIES GET AN ACCESSIBLE BEACH PARK AT 1ST ST

Grand Opening of Grommet Island

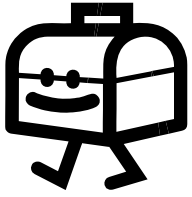
May 22, 2010 • 1:30 PM - 1st Street at the Oceanfront.

Plenty of food and beverage vendors on hand, inflatables for the kids and much more!

JT's Grommet Island Beach Park and Playground for Everybody will be the first of its kind in America. The idea was born when Josh Thompson's family wanted to go to the beach, but he stayed behind because of the difficulty of getting his wheelchair to the beach, across the sand and down to the surf. They wondered how many more people never got to the beach for the same reason. The park idea was born. Bruce Thompson, Josh's dad, took the idea of a 100% handicap accessible oceanfront park to the city of Virginia Beach where it was embraced with enthusiasm. Check out details at <http://www.grommetisland.org>

HISTORY CAMP

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp for your children or grandchildren. The Ferry Plantation House volunteers will again offer the Basic and Advanced camps. Back by popular demand, the campers will spend the camp week imitating the life of a child of the 1700 & 1800 period. Campers will perform the tasks, skills and activities necessary to sustain life on a plantation. An authentic archeological dig will be held Monday thru Thursday. Camps fill quickly and are limited to 20 children per session. The cost per camp is \$130/week and fees are **tax deductible**. A 5% discount is available if paid by May 31st. **Call 473-5182 for further details, dates and sign up.** Basic Camp starts June 21st.



LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

Not only has spring arrived, but it appears that summer is here as well.

This is an invitation to the ladies of our community to come out and have an enjoyable lunch with us. We do have a good time. Consider this an opportunity to meet neighbors that you might never meet otherwise.

Here is the list of the restaurants where we will dine in the coming months, so save the list and mark your calendars.

Schedule for May through October 2010-----

May 27, Thursday----Coastal Catering, 4216 Virginia Beach Blvd. (in the Willis Wayside complex)

June 23, Wednesday---Bubba's, on Shore Drive near the Lesner Bridge

July 22, Thursday----Chef's Table, 550 Independence Blvd.

August 25, Wednesday----Coastal Catering, 4216 Virginia Beach Blvd. (in the Willis Wayside complex)

September 23, Thursday----Bubba's on Shore Drive near the Lesner Bridge

October 27, Wednesday----Coastal Catering, 4216 Virginia Beach Blvd. (in the Willis Wayside complex)

The lunch time is 12 noon for each of the above dates and we do appreciate a call or e-mail response for those on the e-mail notification list. Looking forward to seeing you at these future events.

Jeanette Willenbrink ph# 497-0700

FRAUD ALERT!

From the Virginia Beach Consumer Affairs Program

DON'T WAIT ANOTHER DECADE! FREEZE YOUR CREDIT FILE IN 2010

Perhaps you intended to put a freeze on your credit files, but somehow the decade just got away from you. Well, do it now, while you are thinking about it.

A freeze prevents the 3 credit agencies from sharing your credit information with potential creditors which can help prevent ID theft. If your credit files are frozen, a crook or anyone else who has your Social Security number will be unable to get credit in your name. The freeze does not affect your current credit relationships – only new relationships.

Placing a security freeze:

Requests must be in writing and sent by certified mail to each of the three major consumer credit reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze, P. O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348 www.equifax.com

Experian Security Freeze, P. O. Box 9554, Allen, Texas 75013 www.experian.com

TransUnion Security Freeze, P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834-6790 www.transunion.com

You must include:

Full name; Social Security number; Date of birth; Current address and previous addresses for the past two years; Copy of a government issued ID; & Copy of a utility bill or recent billing statement that displays your name, current mailing address, and date of issue. When you freeze your files, you will receive a unique PIN from each of the agencies as well as instructions on how to temporarily or permanently lift the freeze. Each agency will charge you \$10.00 to lift the freeze.

BILLBOARDS

I think that I shall never see
A billboard as lovely as a tree.

Its hulking face glares down at me,
Nature's beauty I wish to see.

It advertises things each day,
Begging all to pay, pay, pay.

And now those boards wish to wear,
Bright lights, more ads to fill the air.

Las Vegas, Times Square we are not,
Take those lighted boards to another spot.

I only wish a safe drive home,
I wish those billboards would leave us alone.

On May 25th the vote will be seen,
Your presence is needed to keep VB serene.

So if billboards really make you groan,
Call or write your City Council and make it known!

ctycncl@vbgov.com

Apologies to Joyce Kilmer..by Nancy K. Parker

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Several of you have contacted me this past month with suggestions and ideas for this community newsletter. Thank you.

For your article planning purposes, please submit articles to me no later than the 5th of the month. If we have the space and the article fits the criteria provided to me as a guideline, I'll try to fit it in the newsletter. If I receive it after the 5th, I make no guarantees regarding publication.

I may be reached at donnaprice@cox.net or by calling 499-5115. We do not have an answering machine.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
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<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

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<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	

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Donna Price 499-5115

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<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>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **May 20** – Civic League Meeting
- **May 27** – Pre-Memorial Day Pool Dinner
- **May 29** – Pool Opens for 2010 Season
- **June 5** - Clean the Bay Day
- **June 12** – Marlins swim team practice meet at neighborhood pool *
- **June 19** – Marlins swim meet @ pool *
- **July 3** – Marlins swim team meet @ pool *
- **July 17** – Marlins swim team meet @ pool *

* **Note**; On days of home swim meets there will be early morning traffic congestion at the park. The pool opens to general membership at 2:00 p.m. that day.