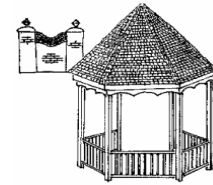


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



September
2010

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Next Civic League Meeting

Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Multi-purpose Room

September 16 - 7 pm

September will feature a representative from the City's Master Gardener Speakers' Bureau. Mimi Caswell will discuss Backyard Habitats. (For those of you that missed the May meeting, we had computer issues and Mimi agreed to offer her talk to us in September.) The presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting.

THREE MORE WEEKS OF SUMMER!!

In response to great weather, large new-member turnouts, and "popular demand", our community pool season will be extended to the end of September. The pool will be open weekends from 12 – 6 PM on the 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th of September. Come join us!



YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!

November is the time for civic league elections. Our officers are elected annually and no officer is allowed to hold a position more than 2 consecutive years. The positions of President, 2nd VP for buildings & grounds, and Membership Secretary must be filled with a new person this year. A new volunteer may be elected to any position if interested. Won't you please consider volunteering? We'd love to have YOU join in our fun. These responsibilities only require the attendance of a monthly board meeting and attendance at a monthly civic league meeting. Only two evenings a month can make a lot of difference for our community. You'll get to meet your neighbors and have a voice in planning ideas for your neighborhood.

Please contact members of our nominating committee (Jeanne Blair 319-3366 or Clera Hall 473-8258) to get involved. They will present a proposed slate at the October meeting and we will vote at the November meeting.

POOL NEWS



We had a great summer and reached 150 members - the highest pool membership in many years. Many of these families are new to the neighborhood.

Our new pool surface is working great, and we were able to keep our chemical costs down while maintaining excellent water quality. The free WiFi is seeing good use. Our commercial partners have done a fantastic job improving the pool experience this year. *123 Green Clean* made our pool deck look great, *The Mosquito Squad* monthly treatments greatly reduced mosquitoes, biting gnats & horseflies. Finally, Turf Master took over lawn care in mid-summer and everyone noted a great improvement in appearance.

A General Membership Election meeting was held on Aug 29th at the pool. The Pool Board 2010/2011 is:
Director - Jeanne Blair
Asst Dir - Erin Strasburger (filling 2 yr post)
Secretary - Cheryl Wolfred
Treasurer - Lori Hines (filling 2 yr post)

At-Large Members: Tom Hronek, Tina Ridgeway, Denise Hahn, Erin Rabe, & Jason Nixon



PET LOST & FOUND

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

Over the summer months we had 23 lost/found pets. Six (6) met their demise on Independence Blvd. Invisible fence type tags need working batteries. They do not prevent other animals from coming into your yard and injuring your pet.

If a pet does not have identification of some type we can only hope that the owner is on the **Neighborhood Registry email list**. Contact Jim Hall to be added to the list. Every pet owner should be on the notification list. Otherwise the only option is to turn over the pet to Animal Control. If you don't like hanging tags, order a collar with embroidered pet name & phone # with area code.

Gerri Richter

HALLOWEEN WALK

Start making your plans to attend our 20th Annual Neighborhood Halloween Walk to be held on Saturday October 30th at 3:00 PM. We will need volunteers for the following:

- **Serving refreshments at the park**
- **Decorating the park prior to festivities**
- **Corner safety monitors**
- **Walking in parade to provide spacing & safety**
- **Help out at pool for band members**
- **Donations of cash, cookies, and juice**

This is a great time to meet your fellow neighbors, have fun and show off your costumes. Ages 0 -101 welcome.

Contact- Gerry Richter -497-5243

(Mark the event on your calendar NOW, there will be a reminder flyer in next months newsletter)

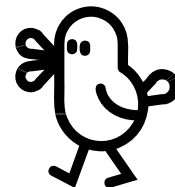


GOOSE GOSSIP

In the past months, it seems many of our neighbors have found the Canada geese to be the major avian presence in our yards and streets.

I have been asked to remind all of our neighbors to please not feed the geese. Doing so changes their migratory habits and is keeping them in southeast Virginia for longer periods of time than expected.

(If someone wants to head a committee to research legal methods to get rid of the geese, let your board know)



STAYING INFORMED DURING AN EMERGENCY AND BAD WEATHER.

Our City has a number of ways to keep you informed. One way will be through the local media, another will be through <http://vbgov.com>. The city is also on Twitter and Facebook and these sites will be used. Citizens can phone 311 from a home phone or 385-3111 from a cell phone to reach the Citizen Services Office. The city might use VBalert (reverse 9-1-1). For more info visit VBGov.com and click on the "3-1-1" tab.

STREET LIGHTS AND STORM DRAINS

Jeff Brown asked that I pass on the following letter from the City of Virginia Beach as well as the request to let him know if you note a storm drain without a marker. He has a supply of the new markers and is happy to affix them as appropriate.

The City of Virginia Beach's Highway Operations Customer Service personnel receives and reports traffic related defects which include street light outages, pot holes, damaged traffic signs, broken curbs and sidewalks - their phone number is 385-1470. They are all very pleasant and helpful.

When reporting streetlight outages, please have citizens include the pole number, address and if the light is totally out or if it is going on and off. This information really helps the Dominion Virginia Power service persons in finding and fixing the lights.

Last year a number of street lights were upgraded in Pembroke Meadows on Hudgins Drive and some of the surrounding streets and this year 20 street lights are being upgraded on St. Martin Dr., St. Martin Ct., St. Mark Rd., St. Mark Ct., St. James Dr., St. James Ct., St. Clements Rd., St. Albans St., St. Luke St., and Temple Ct.

These upgrades involve Dominion Virginia Power changing the streetlight fixture from the older Mercury Vapor fixture (white light) to a High Pressure Sodium Vapor fixture (amber color light). The amber color lights actually throw a further spread of light than the white light. The new fixtures have flat lens refractors so light does not come into resident's windows. These lighting improvements are authorized to satisfy requests for more lighting in these areas, that were put on our back log list by residents in Pembroke Meadows.

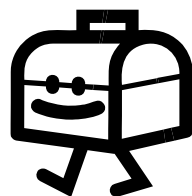
Since your lighting is fed underground it is much more cost effective to do these upgrades than to add 1 new light and pole.

It is a real pleasure to work with Civic Leagues to help keep our neighborhoods looking their best.
Dorothy Zeller, Engineering Technician

Median Cleanup

September 16 - 30	Your name
October 1 - 15	or group's name
October 16 - 31	would fit here

Please call Donna Price to sign-up



LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

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.

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

Survivor Rock Again

CANCER is a big word; it can be scary and just plain awful to hear! But...

SURVIVOR is an even bigger word!

I believe and live by that word. I had my own type of cancer and realized my type is no less frightening than someone else's. It is for this reason that I am reaching out to all who have been touched by this crazy thing, Cancer.

We have only just begun and first meeting was a great success on the stormiest night of the summer!

Our next date for "Survivor Rock" will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, October 7th at my home at 605 Cavendish Drive.
R.S.V.P. at 497-1684 or email irunusurf@msn.com

If you are interested in this gathering or if you are unsure, give me a call so that we may talk. Survivor Rockers, we are!

- Michelle Browning

President's Ponderings



Well, school has started and summer is winding down. Its' time to start thinking about hurricanes and national elections.

If you moved in over the Summer – WELCOME. I hope you made it up to the park and pool to meet your neighbors. We had a nice turnout August 8th for Neighbor Night at the pool and I think we should continue this on an annual basis. If you have any feedback or would like to help to make next year's celebration better let us know. If you did not meet your neighbors there are still a few opportunities; the pool is open for another 3 weekends and you can participate in our famous Halloween Walk. You can also attend a monthly Civic League meeting at the Elementary School - we try to focus on the social and information aspects and keep the business portion short.

I had a great summer at the pool. I'm thankful for all the families that took advantage of the stimulus plan and joined this year. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will come back next year. Remember, this is YOUR non-profit community pool, so if there is something we can improve on let us know. Better yet, volunteer to help us do it right.

Speaking of volunteers... I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Bill & Terri Hawley before they move out of the neighborhood. Terri was the immediate past president of the civic league and Bill was our 2nd VP for buildings and maintenance. They have given many hours of hard work to improving our community and will be missed

If you look at our newsletter you see articles submitted by neighbors helping neighbors. Some articles help you avoid snakes, avoid scams, or find pets. Other neighbors are organizing meetings or meals out with folks of similar interests. Still others are helping charitable causes. Some volunteer to run a monthly meeting or compile a newsletter

Our neighborhood works because folks volunteer, help, care, or just keep an eye out for their neighbors. Thanks and keep up the good work.

BUDDY WALK

Our local Down Syndrome Association will be sponsoring a "Buddy Walk" this fall in Virginia Beach. Please take a moment to visit their website and plan to participate as a "buddy". A few hours of your time will really enhance this experience for another person.

October 2, 2010
Mt. Trashmore

Registration begins 9:00, Walk Begins 11:00
Information: www.dsahr.org

SNAKES

A concerned Lake Meadows neighbor writes:

I am relatively new to the neighborhood (this is my first summer here) and people might not think twice about snakes but just in case it is a big deal...

Today what I believe to be a water moccasin about 2+ feet long came up out of the lake with a 1 foot eel and proceeded to have lunch in my back yard. I just wanted to send out a reminder to the boaters and swimmers on Lake Meadow that there are water moccasin's in the lake that are pretty good size and given that they are such aggressive snakes, people might want to think twice about swimming in the lake. (Yes I've seen people taking dips in the lake... yuck!)

Just thought I would let someone know.

PHONE SCAM

Forwarded from Officer Dolly Deans, VBPD:

FYI. I received a call from a reverse mortgage representative with Wells Fargo Bank to make us aware of a local scam. A contractor is making visits to elderly people who need home repairs, he promises he will obtain financing for them through the bank, and has them sign a contract. Then when the senior is turned down for the loan and wants to back out the contractor is taking them to court for breach of contract. She said the scam is occurring at numerous locations through Hampton Roads and that the contractor is operating under a number of different company names.

The bank employee has made a report to APS, the police, and the FBI fraud unit.

ELECTION CALENDAR

Last day to register to vote; Tues. Oct 12
Deadline to apply for absentee ballot; by mail is Oct. 26th. In person is Oct. 30th.
Election; Nov. 2nd.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **September 16** – Civic League Meeting
- **September 23** – Ladies Lunch Group
- **September 25** – Pool closes for season
- **October 2** – DSAHR Buddy Walk
- **October 30** – Halloween Walk

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

President	Mike Moore	557-0328
First VP	Brian Rabe	456-0864
Second VP	Vacant	
Corres. Sec.	Peggy Caverly	490-0925
Treasurer	Jim Hall	473-8258
Memb. Chrman	John Sheadel	499-0678
Recording Sec.	Barbara Amos	499-6111
Pool Director	Jeanne Blair	319-3366
Webmaster	Clif Furedy	490-5792

Committees

Bldg/Grounds	Michael White	
Entrance/Median	Jim Price	499-5115
Electrical	George Watkins	
Flag	Joe Lang	
Neighborhood Maint.	Robert Westmont	

Block Security		
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
Shores	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
Townhomes	Barbara Willenbrink	554-0092

Directory Chairman	Robert Westmont	473-1024
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Lakes/Waterways Chairman:	Jim Willenbrink	
Lake Pembroke	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298
Lynnhaven	Jeff Brown	464-0183

Welcoming Committee Chair:	Open	
Meadows	Jim Price	499-5115
Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
Townhomes	Liz Hayes	472-0283

Newsletter Editor	Donna Price	499-5115
Newsletter Ads	Clera Hall (Temp.)	473-8258

Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry		
Shores	Gerry Dashiell-Richter	497-5243
Meadows	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700

Recreation Center (pool)		
Director	Jeanne Blair	319-3366
Asst Director	Erin Strasburger	499-5478
Treasurer	Lori Hines	
Secretary	Cheryl Wolfred	473-1096
PMRC Pool Phone	(in season only)	963-2239

COMING SOON: A New Gazebo

Construction should begin in October.



The Fabulous Marching Cavaliers of Princess Anne High School are proud to bring you their 2010 Field Production:

Quartet

Directed by John Boyd
Visual by Bobby Jones
Music by Bryan Maurer
Color Guard by Ronald J. Collins, Jr.
Percussion by Bryan Maurer and Steve Roberts

2010 FMC Competitive Performance Tour:

September 18, 2010

Princess Anne High School "Cavalier Preview Showcase of Bands"

September 25, 2010

Neptune Parade

October 2, 2010

Kempsville High School "Kempsville Classic"

Oscar Smith High School "Tiger Marching Band Invitational" Chesapeake, VA

October 9, 2010

Bands of America Regional

Paul Snow Stadium in Jacksonville, AL

October 16, 2010

Cavalier Classic: The 2010 United States Scholastic Band Association Southeast Virginia Regional Sportsplex in Virginia Beach, VA

October 23, 2010

Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional

Johnny Unitas Stadium in Towson, MD

October 30, 2010

Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Marching Festival Warhill High School in Williamsburg, VA

United States Scholastic Band Association "Virginia State Championships" Glen Allen, VA

November 6, 2010

Kecoughtan High School "Warrior Classic" Darling Stadium in Hampton, VA

November 7, 2010

United States Scholastic Band Association "National Championships" Navy/Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, MD

For more information about the Fabulous Marching Cavaliers and this year's schedule of competitions, go to their website at <http://www.fabulousmarchingcavaliers.org/>

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