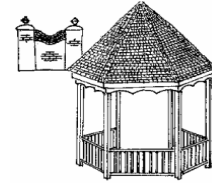


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



October 2010

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Next Civic League Meeting

Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Multi-purpose Room

October 21 - 7 pm

This month's civic league meeting will feature ASK YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE session. Have you ever wondered who owns the median strip, the pool, the dam, etc.? Do you ever wonder how your civic league dues are spent each year? Who is spearheading the gazebo replacement? Where does the money for the cell tower go each year?

Well, come to our October civic league meeting and find out. Come and meet our usual attendees and enjoy light refreshments and fellowship at our monthly meeting. We hope you will become a regular at our meetings. Our small, but active, group would very much like to meet our neighbors!

We will also present a slate of volunteers to fill all 2011 Civic League Board positions. If you have not talked with Jeanne Blair, 319-3366 yet, and still want to participate you should come to the meeting and be nominated from the floor. Your willingness to serve will be very much appreciated and you will find working with your neighbors rewarding.

The actual election will be at the November meeting.

A copy of the bylaws is posted on our website.

20TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WALK

Saturday, October 30, 2010

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

See Halloween walk flyer in this newsletter for complete details for the 20th annual, civic league sponsored, Halloween walk. Bring the kids, grandkids, and join in this very popular yearly event.

Our little goblins and ghosts march through several of our neighborhood streets up to our neighborhood park where they receive treats and goodies with the opportunity to play fun games and meet friends.

Volunteers are needed for park decorating, serving of food and drink items and clean up. Donations of cookies, juice, etc. always accepted. Call Gerri Richter, our walk coordinator, for volunteer opportunities or to donate! Gerri may be reached by dialing 497-5243.

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

Sep 15 – 30	Mr. Thorpe
October 1 – 31	Mr. Thorpe

To add your name here call Jim Price at 499-5115.



APPRECIATION

A NEIGHBORLY THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to Mr. Thorpe. New to the neighborhood, he phoned and volunteered to handle median strip duties for SIX weeks. Woohoo. We can't wait to meet Mr. Thorpe at one of our civic league meetings and personally thank him.

Thank you to Peggy Caverly for continuing to coordinate our neighborhood welcome wagon teams. New to the Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, Townhomes, or Hudgins Shores? Call your welcome wagon member in our Points of Contact list to receive your welcome gift.

Notice that many of the posters in the median bulletin board on Pembroke Blvd. have been printed professionally. They are made of sturdy vinyl and will last us for years.

Thank you, Caron Sanson of Pembroke Shores for offering to make these.

(We need someone to take over the changing of the posters in the median.
Is there anyone out there willing to volunteer?

Come to the next Civic League Meeting and offer your services.)

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

With November elections just a few short weeks away, please remember that you may access official information regarding polling places and the candidates at www.sbe.virginia.gov



PET LOST & FOUND

I have had some unusual lost pets but this past month I returned one floppy ear bunny, and unfortunately had to turn over one beautiful Parrot due to no response from owner.

Three dogs were re-united with their owners. Two cats found their own way home.

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

Another way we are able to reunite your beloved pets with you is via our neighborhood email. If you want your name on the list, please contact Jim Hall at 473-8258. Jim maintains our emails in a confidential manner and takes great care to send alerts with all our email addresses hidden from view.

GARDENING TIPS

The month of October is the time to replace your summer flowers with your winter pansies. Yes, it is difficult to take out those summer flowers while they may still be looking good, but if you wait too late, the pansies won't have time to enjoy this beautiful warm weather and fill out before the cold hits our area. Add a bit of plant fertilizer when you put them in the ground with some mulch on top and they should be well-established before the first cold snap arrives.

Also, the leaves have begun to fall and it is important to keep them off the lawns to prevent killing the grass and out of the flower beds where they can harbor harmful insects and disease. In between raking, we hope you enjoy our beautiful Autumn weather ☺.

POOL NEWS

The pool had a wonderful summer and I hope you did too. We met many new neighbors and made lots of new friends. The pool was even able to stay open thru September on weekends) due to good weather and support from members. Many thanks to everyone who helped open and close the pool. The extra hands made it easy to accomplish a big job. We also want to thank those who volunteered during the pool season at different activities. Everyone offered to help, even the young ladies ages 9-11 (you know who you are). They were a great help setting up during Thursday Night dinners and cookouts.

Mike Moore is due a great big hug and slap on the back for another great pool season. HE IS THE BEST! If you didn't know, Mike has volunteered to handle/coordinate repairs at the pool. He does most of the work himself but enjoys the company when people want to help on projects.

Bob Barry has retired (not really) from active Pool Board participation. He says 20 yrs of service should get a retirement. But he said that he would still be on call for us as he doesn't think retirement will be all its cracked up to be. (Don't be surprised if you see him manning the snow cone machine again next summer).

Erin Strasburger and Cheryl Wolfred were our pool manager and assistant manager this summer. They were great training our new staff. Most of the guards were new to the work force and, in addition to learning life guarding, they were learning the work ethic. Many thanks to them for the good job they did and getting to know the members and their needs.

We have 3 new board members to introduce for the 2011 season. Tina Ridgeway volunteered during the summer to fill an opening on the board. She and her husband run the Steam Cleaning Company that cleaned the deck and pool chairs. We also had Erin Rabe and Jason Nixon step up to serve on the board for the coming year. Jason is already working on cell tower contacts to try and interest companies to contract for the empty slot on the tower. He is a ball of energy!

What I'm trying to say in my clumsy way, is that we couldn't do this without you and your support. Many thanks to you all for your warm handshakes and smiles when we meet up at the pool. Hope to see you there again next summer.

PMRC
Jeanne

STROLL FOR THE LOST SOULS

The Fall season is here, Come and visit your own neighborhood Haunted House. On Saturday October 30th and Sunday the 31st, we will be open to the public for the "Stroll of Lost Souls" .

You can step into the past and be lead through the ten rooms of the Plantation House to hear the stories from the past as they have been told to us by relatives that once lived here. You will see the use of dousing rods, use of crystals as they answer questions that you ask. Tea leaf and Taro card readings.

Hear the story of the 1810 ship wreck that happened in the bay with no survivors. The Best Parlor has many stories to tell, bring your camera.

Your \$10.00 donation at the door will let you view the house from 8pm until midnight .Many things happen on "All Hallows Eve" .

Come and join us at Ferry Plantation House 4136 Cheswick Lane , Virginia Beach.

We're easy to reach from any home here in our neighborhood. Perhaps you have heard the strange sounds so often heard in the darkness. The spirits are waiting on you.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Belinda Nash

For more information visit www.ferryplantation.org



LEAF REMINDER:

As we approach leaf raking/blowing time, please do NOT put your leaves, grass clippings or other yard debris down the storm drains. These drains are a direct route to our neighborhood's waterways.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

I have been your Civic League president for the past two years. It is an enjoyable job, not too difficult or time consuming, and it gives me a chance to meet great neighbors. But our bylaws only allow two successive terms in the same elected office so it is time to shuffle the board and find some new volunteers. Every organization can benefit from new energy - if you want to help us call Jeanne Blair ASAP or come to the October meeting when we approve the 2011 slate. We will conduct our election at the regular meeting November 18th. As always, please contact me with any suggestions or concerns, 557-0328 or formoores@verizon.net .

LOWES VS TARGET?

Clif Furedy

Just in case you are interested, I did some research on the vacant land where Giant Square and Farm Fresh used to be. As you recall at the last civic league meeting, it was suggested that Target was possibly going to build a store there.

There is nothing in the Virginia Beach Real Estate Records to support this story:

In December 2007, the plot occupied by Farm Fresh was registered to the following address:

PO BOX 1111
NORTH WILKESBORO NC 28656-0001

The VAB records do not name the owner, but a Google search shows this is the address of Lowes company offices.

There are no records on file to support a sale or transfer from Lowes to Target. Target Corporation is a Minneapolis-based company.

Since the VAB records do not reflect a change of ownership from Lowes to anyone, we must conclude that speculation about a Target store is an unsubstantiated rumor.

Other tid-bits of information:

The entire Giant Square/Farm Fresh parcel was purchased in 1985 for \$3,419,735.00. Lowes purchased it in 2007 for \$13,500,000.00. This encompasses what was once Avalon Cleaners all the way to C&M Cafeteria, the parking lot and all land where the strip of small shops were on the South side.

The site of the old gas station on the Northeast corner apparently is not part of the Lowes parcel and is registered to Realty Advisory Group Incorporated, 1213 Laskin Rd, VAB. The status of this plot is uncertain, but we can probably assume that Realty Advisory Group is a holding company for various commercial business properties. In general, corner parcels are not part of a typical Lowes development and are often occupied by fast-food restaurants, quick-stops or equivalent.

The site of the Dunkin Donuts shop turned Mexican restaurant is part of the Lowes purchase.

The Bank of Hampton Roads sits on land that is part of the Lowes purchase. Apparently, the bank continues to lease this location from Lowes.

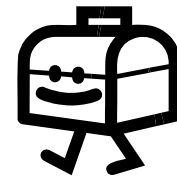
Red Lobster restaurant is not included in the Lowes purchase and is registered to a PO Box in Orlando, FL. Not surprisingly, Orlando, FL is the corporate home of Darden Restaurants, which owns all Red Lobster restaurants.

The property where the Yukon Restaurant once stood, belongs to Lowes, but is registered under a different Lowes address, so probably was purchased separately from the Giant Square acquisition.

The Independence Veterinary Clinic (originally Twin-B Auto Supply) is registered to a Chesapeake address for the Independence Veterinary Hospital, so is not included in the Lowes property.

Finally, the status of the Hardee's fast-food restaurant is uncertain. It is registered to Pembroke Commercial Realty Corporation, Virginia Beach. Most likely they are a holding company for various properties leased to businesses of this type. As a corner property and a plot geographically separated from the main Lowes parcel, it is probably safe to assume it is not being considered as part of the overall plan.

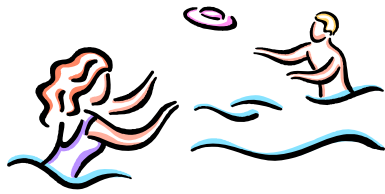
And now you know the rest of the story.



LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

Please call if you have any questions.
Jeanette 497-0700

PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM



The Princess Anne Swim and Dive Team is gearing up for another season with our returning vets and a slew of promising Freshman. Many of our Pembroke Meadow Marlins swim for PA, too. As we prepare with conditioning and organizing, we are also making plans for replacing equipment and for our Outer Banks Training Trip. To that end, the team is again selling Entertainment Books. They are \$25 with new extra Bonus Cards for an additional \$30 in savings attached. If you would like to purchase one or know someone who does, please contact Carol Moore at 557-0328 and she will deliver one to you. We will also have them available at the next Civic League meeting. Thanks for your support!

Crime Prevention Help

Did you know that the VBPD Crime Prevention Unit will, after a security assessment of your home; install a larger view peephole in your door, 3" long screws in the striker plate of your front and back doors, and place a 911 Flash Light in to the front porch light? And this is all for free! All you need to be is **over 50** and reside in Virginia Beach. For info visit www.vbgov.com and search for "operation lookout expanded", or call 385-4377.

Pool Lay-a-way for 2011

The Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (pool) will accept payments all through the off season. Please contact Jeanne Blair for more information.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

President	Mike Moore	557-0328
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Treasurer	Lori Hines	
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