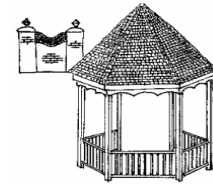


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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Next Civic League Meeting Ferry Plantation House November 18 - 7 pm

This month's civic league meeting will be our annual Wine & Cheese Social held at the Ferry Plantation House. Again this year, there will be a drawing for a gift wine basket for a neighbor who attends our meeting for the first time, or the first time since last November's meeting! Come on out and join in the fun and meet your neighbors. Belinda Nash and her cadre of volunteers always have the Ferry House looking spectacular at this time of year.

The election of civic league officers will be held at this November meeting also.

CHARLES DICKENS HOLIDAY TEA November 13, 14th, 27th & 28th

Make your reservations early to enjoy this lovely annual event. The Ferry Plantation House will be decorated with a Charles Dickens Christmas theme throughout. A leisurely holiday, full tea will be served along with the famous traditional "Figgie Pudding" served with rum sauce. The event has limited seating and sells out quickly so reserve your space NOW. Tickets may be purchased for \$25.00. The ticket price is **tax deductible**.

Reservations - 473-5182. What a wonderful Holiday gift or treat.

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

December 11th, ---- 11:30- 3:00 p.m.

Be sure to make this a family tradition. Meet at the Food Lion Parking Lot adjacent to Pembroke Blvd for a ride on the Hay Wagon through the neighborhood and back to Historic Ferry Plantation House. Once there, 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 old Kris Kringle. What a great way to slow down and enjoy the delightful holiday. You may bring friends and guests for this memorable occasion.

Bundle up as it may be cold. Gift shop will be open for any last minute shopping.

Cost is \$2.50 per person. Reservations for large groups required. Wagon will run continuously until 3:00 p.m. 473-5182

Median Cleanup

November 1 - 15	Gazebo Construction
November 16 - 30	The Price family

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

CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTIONS

Over the past few months our Nominating Committee was able to round up volunteers to lead the Civic League in 2011. This slate of officers was presented and approved at our October meeting. There were no nominations from the floor and all candidates are running unopposed.

The proposed 2011 Slate of Civic League Board officers is:

- President – Jim Price
- First VP – Kristine Martin
- Second VP – Brian Miller
- Treasurer – Mike Moore
- Membership Chairman – Cheryl Douglas
- Recording Secretary – Barbara Amos

I am particularly happy to see new names on the list and new neighbor involvement. Thanks to Jeanne Blair and Clera Hall for their hard work!

Our one quick item of business at the November meeting will be the election of officers for 2011. The election of officers shall be by secret ballot unless a motion is passed to elect the slate by acclamation. We need 20 members to constitute a quorum, so please stop by at 7 PM.

If you can't make the meeting but still want to vote you may consider an absentee ballot. Per our bylaws, these should be submitted prior to 17 November.

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ARTICLE VI - ABSENTEE OR PROXY BALLOTS

"Any member who is unable to vote at the designated polling place may, upon written application to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee up to one day prior to election, submit his or her vote, in absentia by delivering the ballot or proxy designation to a member of the Nominating Committee which will authenticate said vote."

If you would like to submit an absentee ballot please contact Jeanne Blair or Clera Hall.

A complete copy of our bylaws is posted on our website.



PET LOST & FOUND

Recently, one of our neighbors found an abandoned dog. It appeared that the dog had been dropped off at the neighborhood park and left to fend for itself.

The dog had been subjected to inhumane care for quite some time. Evidence of improper treatment included an eye injury that left the fur matted and the eyelid unable to open. The matted fur had left an (untreated) ulcer on the eye. Additionally, the animal's malnourishment and poor care had left the dog unable to stand for any length of time.

Our neighbor finding this dog called our Lost Pet Program and stood by until we could respond. Several hours of bathing and fur detangling ensued.

The dog was taken to the Independence Veterinary Clinic on the following Monday. Dr. Hastings and staff offered their services, medications and care at greatly reduced prices. We hope this pet will be able to see from the affected eye eventually. Thank you so much to all of our neighbors and the Independence Vet Clinic who have helped rehabilitate this dog. I appreciate you a great deal.

GARDENING TIPS

Hopefully you have any new trees or shrubs planted by now, but there is still time to get those spring bulbs in the ground. Frank Heutte's Gardening in the Temperate Zone recommends planting with organic fertilizers such as bone meal, cottonseed meal, bloodmeal and fertilizers derived from fish and manure in the Fall. Save the chemical fertilizers for spring and summer. Don't forget to mulch those new plantings to protect them from the winter cold.

LAKE REMINDER:

We can't say this one often enough – please be very attentive to yard maintenance during these autumn months. We know as the leaves fall, the yard work increases, the blisters appear and the backs ache that debris in gutters may be easy to ignore. 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.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

After a summer hiatus, it's time for a property values update. I spent some time with my former partner and active realtor, Bob Schultz, analyzing sales data for the last 6 months for Pembroke Meadows/Shores/Town homes.

ALL IS NOT DOOM & GLOOM! Since mid-May, 6 single family homes have sold (including a waterfront home in the Shores which sold for \$465,000). The other 5 single family homes that sold included 4 different models and prices ranged from \$245,000 to \$284,000 with condition and terms playing a factor in each sale. One townhome sale is "pending".

Remaining on the market are 2 single family homes in the Meadows and one waterfront home in the Shores (@ \$599,000!). One currently priced at @ \$285,000 was purchased at foreclosure auction for \$179,000 and rehabbed. Three townhomes are still being actively marketed in the \$179,000-200,000 range.

Jake Froehlich

Editor's note: Thank you to Jake Froehlich and Bob Schultz. This is a popular column and was missed (according to a few emails received by yours truly).



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- \$135 One year (9 issues) – Business Card
- \$100 Insert (Advertiser provides the insert)
- \$ 60 One time – ¼ Page

POOL NEWS

The pool is quiet these days but it won't be long before the sounds return of children enjoying the water play. Now is the time to think about joining the pool for next summer. If members wish, they may make monthly payments towards next year's membership dues. Just \$50.00 a month will make joining much easier in April 2011. Call any of the pool board members and they will be able to answer questions about this plan. I am at most of the Civic League meetings and will be able to accept any pool questions and payments towards memberships.

This past season we welcomed so many new and returning members to the pool. It was wonderful seeing and meeting so many of our neighbors.

We have new pool board members that are excited about planning new activities at the pool. If you have a suggestion for a social or activity, please let us know and we can look into the feasibility of it.

Thanks for all your support,

Jeanne

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Cub Scouts Pack 475, chartered by the Pembroke Meadows Civic League, will be conducting a formal Flag Retirement Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 19th. The ceremony will be held at the pool parking lot at 6 PM. If you have any flags that are badly worn and need to be retired with dignity and respect, please contact Chris Straddeck at 493-0332 or drop them off at her house at 600 Leeds Lane prior to the 19th.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS NEIGHBORS !!

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

It is the season for thanks, so I'd like to give a shout out to those all the unsung volunteers in this neighborhood who are not on the board so you don't see their names each month, but they help make this all work.

Gerry Richter who organized another perfect Halloween walk. I posted a few pictures in this issue, but there were many more smiling faces.

Jake Froehlich who let me know about Faith Works Coalition (FWC). This great group of volunteers gives their time to help eliminate substandard living conditions in the Virginia Beach community by repairing homes for the elderly, disadvantaged and disabled low income families. If you have time to volunteer contact Jake.

Jeanne Blair and **Clera Hall** who were able to find volunteers to fill all the civic league board positions.

The new gazebo is up, and the finishing touches should be complete in a few weeks. Thanks to **Clif Furedy** for the design and drawings, **Christine Martin** for evaluating bids and getting permits and **Mike White** for lining up bids.

Lori Hines sorts 700 newsletters into 26 piles and stuffs the inserts. **Teri Mikulka** delivers the piles to the deliverers. And our 26 deliverers: **Janie Travis, James & Donna Price, Jim Willenbrink, Tony & Bridget South, Rita Horvatic, Faye Fudala, Eleanor Weiler, Jimmy & Nancy Eddings, Paige Slayton, Gerri Richter, Jake Froelich, Brenda Harris, Debbie McHattie, Linda White, Brian Niehart, Hubert Poncho, David Long, Loretta Watkins, Phyllis Kurewski, Belinda Nash, John Shaedel, Susan Barnes, Eileen Byman, Pat Cook, Ginger Avoli, and Carlisle Wilson.**

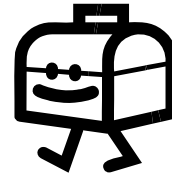
Jim & Jeanette Willenbrink who call the city to get things done like remove the tree from Lake Meadows and shrubs from around the gazebo.

All of the 40 or so **Neighborhood Watch Block Captains** who help keep watch and spread the word to keep our community safe.

I hope to see you at the November social meeting, but if you can't make it please take a few minutes to count your blessings, be grateful, and have a very happy holiday season

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.



LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

The Ladies Lunch group will have a special potluck luncheon on **Friday, December 10** at Loretta Watkins' home at 4405 Drury Circle.

Please bring a dish to share and Loretta will provide the dessert and beverage.

Kindly let either Loretta or me know if you will be able to attend so she will know how many to plan for.

Note the above date as it has been changed.
Also, Polyanna gifts optional

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Phone for Loretta is 497-2130
or Jeanette is 497-0700

BOY SCOUT TROOP 375

On Thursday, November 4, 2010, Boy Scout Troop 375 recognized and thanked A. J. Vasta for 26 loyal years of dedicated service as the Troop's Scoutmaster.

As the parent of two Eagle Scouts from this troop, I was honored to sit in the audience and watch as A.J. was praised by Assistant Scoutmasters, Matt Lee and Tim Rarick as well as the parent committee chairman, Patty Kelly.

The troop currently maintains a website at:

<http://www.troop375.com>

If your son was a Boy Scout in Troop 375 in the past 2-1/2 decades, please be sure to let them know that A.J. is taking a well deserved break but can still be found at meetings. He has agreed to accept a position as an assistant scoutmaster with the troop. Tim Rarick is stepping into the Scoutmaster role (so the troop is in very good hands!)

Newsletter Deliverer Needed

To cover 701 to 737 Bishop Drive.

Call Mike Moore at 557-0328

PMCL 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>Vacant</i>	
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	<i>490-0925</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Jim Hall</i>	<i>473-8258</i>
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>John Sheadel</i>	<i>499-0678</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Barbara Amos</i>	<i>499-6111</i>
<i>Pool Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>319-3366</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

Committees

<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>497-22897</i>
<i>Neighborhood Maint.</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>

Block Security

<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

<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>Jeff Brown</i>	<i>464-0183</i>

Welcoming Committee Chair: Open

<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>

Newsletter Editor *Donna Price* *499-5115*
Newsletter Ads *Mike Moore* *557-0328*

Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

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

Recreation Center (pool)

<i>Director</i>	<i>Jeanne Blair</i>	<i>319-3366</i>
<i>Asst Director</i>	<i>Erin Strasburger</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>

2010 PMCL Halloween Walk



Happy Holiday Season

Since we traditionally take a month off from writing newsletters in December, the Civic League Board and Pool Board would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and best wishes for a safe and healthy New Year.

