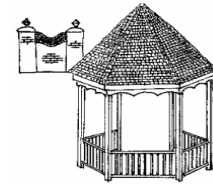


CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



January 2011

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Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School January 20 - 7 pm

Guest Speaker: MPO Dolly Deans

Topic: TRIAD/Senior Citizens Programs

Triad is a three-pronged approach between law enforcement, senior citizens, and service providers to address crime prevention for seniors

This month's Civic League meeting will also find us installing our 2011 Civic League officers: President – Jim Price, , First Vice Present – Kristine Martin, Second Vice President – Brian Miller, Treasurer – Mike Moore, Membership Chairman – Cheryl Douglas, and Recording Secretary – Barbara Amos.

Come enjoy a relaxed meeting and a few refreshments with neighbors and friends.

2011 Civic League Dues

We have included a pre-addressed envelope with your January Newsletter to make it easier to pay your 2011 dues. Won't you please consider taking a few minutes to write a check to Pembroke Meadows Civic League for \$10? The stated objective of our civic league is to "provide an organized forum for the discussion and expression of matters of community interest, to encourage civic activity by all residents, and coordinate community action." The Civic League also supports the recreation center/pool, the garden club, the local schools, Cub Scout Pack 475, Ferry Plantation House, Halloween walk, Easter Egg hunt, the gazebo, entrance flag and lights and median cleanup and maintenance. Residents get a lot for \$10!

PEMBROKE MEADOWS REC CENTER FAMILY DINNER FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, FEBURARY 27, 2011, 5-7 PM

Old Donation Episcopal Church
SPAGHETTI DINNER

The annual winter fundraiser for the Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center, aka: "the pool", will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at the Old Donation Episcopal Church. Tickets may be purchased from any pool board member or by calling Jeannie Blair at 319-3366 or emailing her at jbbtbbb@verizon.net. Adult tickets may be purchased for \$ 8 and child tickets (ages 6-12) may be purchased for \$ 5. As in years past, there will be a raffle, silent auction, and door prizes.

This great event allows us to spend time with our "pool friends" and dream of the warmer days to come.

APPRECIATION

The elves that placed the decorations for the entranceway at Christmas are members of our community that should be thanked. None are garden club members but have helped in this way for a number of years and we depend on them.

The Civic League and Garden Club members and all of our neighbors thank Michelle Browning and family who decorated the Gazebo so artistically and Nancy and Jimmy Eddings who hung the four wreaths on the brick wall. Many, many thanks to these elves.

Additional notes of thanks received:

We LOVE the new gazebo and the pride it instills in us regarding our entranceway. It looks so pretty gently lit at night, and the Christmas decorations were an elegant touch. Truly, we want to thank all those involved in design and delivery!

Loretta and George Watkins, Drury Circle”.



PET LOST & FOUND

We have certainly had a busy holiday season and lots of lost pets. Eleven dogs were lost and found since Thanksgiving.

Numerous cats have been reported wandering the neighborhood in the cold by concerned neighbors.

The small abused dog that was highlighted in our November newsletter has found a loving home and has adjusted amazingly well.

Please register your pets. It makes returns so much easier for all. It's FREE.

Gerry Richter

NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL

Just in case you are not aware, our neighborhood has an “e-mail alert list.” This service tries to keep the neighborhood aware of happenings as they occur. It provides pet lost and found information as well as reports of vandalism and burglary information. It also reminds neighbors of upcoming events in the neighborhood. This list is maintained by Jim and Clera Hall and we are very protective of email addresses. Messages are addressed to James Hall with blind copies to all of the addressees. This ensures the privacy of your own individual address. If you are not on this list, but would like to be, email your request to Jim at jim.hal@cox.net. You DO NOT have to join the Civic League to be on the list.

Median Cleanup

February 1 -14	Jim & Donna Price
February 15 – 28	Please volunteer

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

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

A couple of months have passed since my realtor, and former partner (and advertiser in this newsletter), Bob Schultz and I discussed real estate sales data for Pembroke Meadows/Shores/Townhomes.

In the last 60 days, there has not been much real estate activity, but the holiday season is historically slow. One 1470 sq foot townhome for sale at \$159,900 was “pending” in our last report and sold for \$145,000. Another townhome was on the market for \$164,000 was “under contract” as of December 14. Three townhomes remain for sale from \$178,500 to \$199,900.

Of the three single family homes on the market in November, one has been taken off the market and rented. Another, initially priced at \$285,000 has been reduced to \$279,900. Nothing new has entered the inventory.

We haven't mentioned rental before, but there are 2 townhomes available now for \$1095 and \$1295/month. Another has rented for \$1195/month.

Jake Froelich

YOU'RE OLD, NOT DEAD

Are you old, kiddo? Do you have cabin fever? No matter your color or religious persuasion, your ethnic history or job history, you need to be in the company of others who have memories and interests similar to yours. It is vital to your mental health. But nobody's gonna come a-knockin' at your door, darlin'. You must take the first step to seek out the socializing you crave.

There are a few groups in VA Beach that are perfect for seniors who wish to have a pleasant chat, listen to a speaker, go on an occasional trip, etc.

The largest local chapter (#4212) of the AARP meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Kempsville Recreation Center. They offer speakers, light refreshments, an annual birthday party, an annual auction and flea market type sale, a day trip or two, and this year we had a fabulous Holiday dinner with entertainment. The jokes are corny, the company friendly, so try it; you'll like it. And I am the official door greeter so you'll receive a big welcome.

A similar but smaller group called the Kempsville Senior Citizens Group meets at the Central Library on the first Wednesday of the month. In January we had soup day – several of us brought in homemade soups --- yum. We have an annual picnic at Mt. Trashmore, a Spring low-brow tea party, a bingo once in a while, an occasional speaker on a topic of interest to seniors, and other entertainment. Two or three times a year we go on a Saturday day trip on a comfortable bus. One of my favorite meetings was the day the speaker didn't show up and our president asked us to take turns telling a funny story from our lives. From these stories I learned how strong my club-friends are, to have lived their lives with such determination and focus in the face of adversity. And we laughed so hard we want to do it again someday.

With a different focus, a group called the Tidewater Antiques and Arts Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Central Library. I do not collect antiques – the oldest things in my house are George and me – but I have loved

hearing about the riches of Virginia each month and where to find them. At one meeting, I actually held a miniature book once owned by a founding father but I was so nervous I have forgotten which one! And the refreshments are especially good.

There is an offshoot group of the AARP for recent (you need to join within 2 years I think) widows and widowers. They share a special support that only those who have lost a spouse can understand.

There is a senior group that sings – they practice weekly – they have fun.

There is the Sentara Living Group that meets at the Bayside Presbyterian Church – I see several of you there – it is well worth the effort to go.

And don't forget our own Nan Norton's; "Nan's Knitting and Crochet group" that meets a few streets away on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

So if you are sitting around moaning and groaning that you feel lonely because your loved ones and friends have moved away or died, (or if you have a parent, grandparent, etc. who might need to find a group) then get out and try one of these groups. What do you have to lose?

And if you don't want to drive then call around and get two or three other "crinklies" (British term for us oldsters) to come over for tea or coffee, maybe cards or checkers too. Let's make the most of the time we have left, kiddos! As my ex-sister-in-law Carol Ann says, "Wake up and do something. You'll have plenty of time to sleep when you die." (Tact was never her strong point.)

Call me for more info if you'd like.

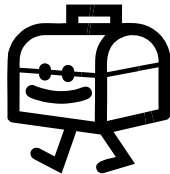
Loretta Watkins 497-2130

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS NEIGHBORS !!

FLAG APPRECIATION



As parents of an active duty Air Force pilot, Jim and I find ourselves appreciating our entryway flag more and more each day. We ask that you take a moment to thank Joe Long for his daily dedication ensuring our flag is flying, in good repair and at the appropriate flag height. Please also find an opportunity to thank George Watkins for his work at ensuring the light bulbs are all burning brightly and the electrical needs are addressed.
- Jim & Donna Price



LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

Happy New Year to all ladies residing in and around the Pembroke Meadows neighborhood. If you have never attended one of our luncheons, why not start 2011 with joining us for lunch.

On Thursday January 27th we will lunch at Chef's Table just a few blocks toward Town Center (on the left) at 550 Independence Blvd.

Lunch starts at 12 noon and if possible please call and let us know if you plan to attend,. The restaurant really appreciates receiving the count in advance.

Following is the information for the luncheons for February and March with date, time and location:

February 25th, Wednesday at Federico's, at noon, 357 Independence Blvd. (across from Sears)

March 24th, Thursday at Tripp's, at noon, 101 South Independence Blvd. (a few blocks past Virginia Beach Blvd. on the right)

Please call if you plan to attend a luncheon. Looking forward to seeing you.

Jeanette
497-0700 or e-mail jwillen@aol.com

GAZEBO REPORT

In December our entry gazebo was completely rebuilt by Tad Helms Enterprises. Tad constructed the new gazebo with many long life and low maintenance features. We are just waiting for the weather to warm up so we can put the finishing touches on it.

Newsletter Deliverer Needed

To cover 701 to 737 Bishop Drive.

Call Mike Moore at 557-0328

POOL NEWS

The PMRC Pool Board has been meeting regularly to plan for our 2011 pool season. As always, we find ourselves struggling, as you do, to balance our needs and wants against our income. To that end, we are planning fundraisers in the next few months to help bolster the pool coffers. The first is the Norfolk Florist Card. It will be available by the time this edition of the PMCL newsletter is published. The florist cards entitle the bearer to a different floral package each month for a year. The price of the card is \$25.00. We have had great success in past years with this fundraiser, so if you are interested or want more info, call Jeanne Blair 319-3366 and I will answer questions or get a card to you. We also are having the Spaghetti Dinner in February for the 3rd year in a row. We always have a good time and great food. We will also have a silent auction at the dinner. Many local business are donating services and goods to help with the silent auction. Come spend an evening of fun and help the pool financially get ready for the new season.

As for events at the pool, we have added at least one activity that will get your attention. For those of you that have played in corn hole competitions, you will get to do it at the pool this summer. We have planned an adult event with a corn hole competition during the summer. If you have ideas for other adult socials, please share them with us. We are always on the lookout for fun ideas. We have recently completed our yearly audit and are happy to say it went fine. One of our board is a professional auditor and she was able to point out ways to improve our record keeping.

We have an opening on the board "At-large" members, so if you would like to get involved, call me and we can talk. Thanks to everyone that joined us at the pool this past summer. It was so nice to visit with neighbors and make new friends. We hope to see you all at the pool again this summer.

PMRC Jeanne Blair

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Jim Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>First VP</i>	<i>Kristine Martin</i>	
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Brian Miller</i>	
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	<i>490-0925</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>Cheryl Douglas</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>Brian Miller</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>

<i>Directory Chairman</i>	<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
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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>

<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Donna Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>Newsletter Ads</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>

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>

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Happy New Year!

I hope to see you all at this month's meeting as we install our new officers. We also have a very good speaker who will address Senior interest issues.

I've enjoyed my time as president, but our bylaws require a fresh viewpoint every two years. I'm happy to be turning over to our good neighbor, Jim Price.

Last month I thanked the many volunteers who get things done in this neighborhood. It is a great sign that new faces keep stepping up to volunteer for board and committee positions. In a time of declining budgets and city services, your civic league can help.

I feel it has been a successful two years. The Civic League funded a complete refinishing of the pool surface and replacement of the gazebo – two items that increase the value of our neighborhood. We have also participated in waterways protection, crime prevention and city planning issues.

Start planning for one of our favorite community events, the February 17th NEIGHBORHOOD POT LUCK DINNER.

Lots of snow, wind and below freezing temps already, but despite the cold weather I can't help but get a warm-fuzzy feeling living in Pembroke Meadows.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Need some Extra Money? I need someone to rake leaves in my yard. Call 497-8455

