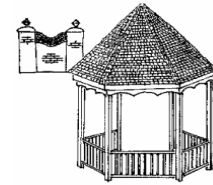


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February 2011

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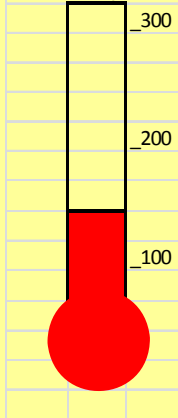
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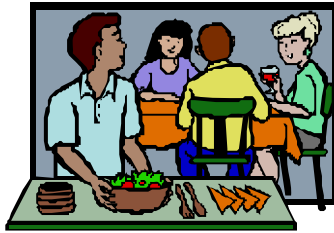
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Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School February 17 - 6 pm



POT LUCK DINNER

Come join us at the annual civic league pot luck dinner. For this favorite civic league event, **we begin at 6:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria of the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Your civic league will provide the plates, plastic flatware, napkins, sodas and neighbors! We ask that you bring a food dish to share with us. Our usual motto for this evening is "all eating – no meeting", but we have one short business item – a vote on the proposed 2011 pool membership stimulus plan. We looking forward to seeing you again or meeting you.

2011 PMCL membership reaches 157


WOW! What a great group of punctual neighbors. I checked our usually empty civic league mailbox the week after the January newsletter and it was almost bursting at the seams. So far 157 families have paid \$10 and voluntarily joined the civic league. We have 650 houses in our neighborhood and usually average 225 members. We are over halfway to our goal. Please consider joining those who support our neighborhood. Mike Moore – Treasurer

Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center Family Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, February 27, 2011, 5-7 PM



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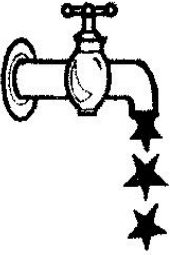
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PET LOST & FOUND

Median Cleanup

February 1 -14	Jim & Donna Price
February 15 – 28	Brian Miller Family
March 1 – 15	Sid Sward
March 16 – 31	Jeff & Beth Brown
April 1 – 15	Peggy Caverly

To add your name here, call Brian Miller at 499-0039

CIVIC LEAGUE APPRECIATION

The 2011 Civic League Board would like to thank the outgoing members of the 2010 Board for their hard work and dedication to our neighborhood. Your outgoing board planned and ensured the construction of our newly renovated gazebo, replacement of the entryway brick wall (damaged in an auto accident), approved and presented to our membership the highly successful stimulus plan for the pool's past season all while working hard behind the scenes to ensure that flags and light bulbs were replaced, notices were updated in our median bulletin board, etc.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL

Some articles are valuable enough to repeat – the following is one I feel should be repeated.

Just in case you are not aware, our neighborhood has an “e-mail list.” This service tries to keep the neighborhood aware of happenings as they happen. 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.

We only had three dogs lost this past month. All were returned to owners via our email notification program or phone calls. PLEASE, PLEASE put a collar with contact information on you pet as well as filling out a form. Be sure to sign up for the email neighborhood notification program. It makes returning pets so much easier on all of us and on your pet.

Gerry Richter

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

This information came from the data Realtor Bob Schultz provided for the neighborhood real estate activity in January.

The sole sale of the month was a townhome that changed owners for \$164,000 with seller financing.

The single family home bought at foreclosure, rehabbed, and initially marketed at \$285,000 is currently priced at \$269,900. As of this writing, it is the only single family home for sale in the neighborhood.

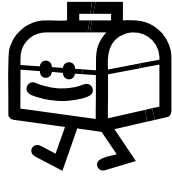
There are three townhomes on the market, with sellers asking \$132,000, \$178,500 and \$199,900.

Rents for 4 townhome rentals range from \$1095 to \$1295 per month.

Jake Froelich



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LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

Ladies of the Pembroke Meadows/Shores neighborhood and surrounding area: If you have never attended one of our luncheons, come join us in February!

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.

February 23th, 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 / e-mail jlwillen@aol.com

FERRY HOUSE

FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE has reopened

You can tour the historic house now on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This is a special house and well worth visiting. Best of all, it's right here in our neighborhood and you will love the stories you will hear while there!

Ferry Plantation House Upcoming Teas

St. Patrick's Day Tea-Thursday March 17th

Ladies this will be a "light tea" from 1-3 pm. Be sure to wear your green. \$15 per person.

May Day Tea-Saturday May 7th 1-3 p.m.

Enjoy a lovely afternoon with family, friends & neighbors. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Make reservations now- **473-5182**

Aluminum Wire Hazards

Aluminum electrical wire was popular when many of our homes were built around 1970. Unfortunately, it has proven to be a potential fire hazard and is no longer accepted for new installations. Whenever possible, aluminum wire should be replaced with copper. But for most of us, total replacement is out of the question so we have to find ways to live with aluminum wire. Here are a few suggestions:

- Always remind any electricians or handymen working on your home projects that you may have aluminum wire and they must use appropriate methods and devices when they connect anything to the existing aluminum wire.
- Always use connectors and devices approved for CU/ALR (Copper-Aluminum Revised) when replacing switches, receptacles and joining wires. Standard wirenuts are not approved for splicing aluminum wire. Only one connector is recommended, UL Listed and easily available: the "AlumiConn". (See: www.AICopStore.com). Ideal Purple 65 twist-on connectors sold at HomeDepot are not recommended.
- Always discard older CU/AL switches and receptacles and replace them with new CU/ALR devices.
- Always use a short solid copper "pig-tail" when splicing aluminum wire to stranded copper wire. Stranded copper wire should never be joined directly to aluminum wire.
- Always use "No Ox", "Ox-Guard" or another suitable electrical oxide prevention grease when joining any aluminum wire conductors. This reduces the risk but isn't as good as replacing the aluminum wire with copper.
- Always be alert for flickering lights or receptacles/switches that are warm or show discoloration. This could signal a faulty connection that should be repaired.

For more information about aluminum wire, this web site is a good start:

www.inspectapedia.com/aluminum/aluminum.htm
You can also Google "aluminum wire hazard".

STREET WALKER WITH THE LITTLE RED WAGON UPDATE

Most of you will remember in 2009 when the Street Walker (AKA: Peggy Caverly) made the rounds of our community with the little red wagon collecting non-perishable foods for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. The results were terrific! Over 630 pounds of food and \$625 was donated by you, my neighbors.

Our results were so greatly needed and appreciated that I promised to repeat the efforts. Therefore, be on notice that in the coming months, I will be knocking at your door either on a Saturday or Sunday. Remember, my legs are even older than in 2009, so I will be several months on the streets. However, I will try to keep you updated as to when I anticipate being on your street.

I plan to start in the townhouses on or about February 12th, then the following weekend be on St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. Albans (weather permitting). If I miss you on my rounds, you are welcome to drop your donations by my home at 4501 St. John Street.

I will accept non-perishable foods (no glass containers), or checks payable to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, but no cash.

Thanks wagon and wagon loads!

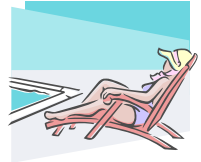
Peggy

BOOK DRIVE

We have been contacted by an ODU nursing student who is working with senior citizens. They just rebuilt their library in their apartment complex, but it lacks books. If you have any books for adult readers that you would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated. This student can only pick up on weekends due to her busy schedule, so to make it easier for her, the Moores are volunteering to collect books at their home so that the student can just stop by one home on the weekends rather than trying to make appointments with multiple families. Books can be brought to 4449 Hudgins Drive, the phone is 557-0328. If you are physically unable to bring them to the Moores, give them a call and we will arrange to pick them up. Please make sure the books are in decent shape and appropriate for older readers. Book drive ends on March 1, 2011.

POOL NEWS

Now is the time to start the planning for summer fun. Just thinking of the hot summer days and splashing in the pool makes these very cold days a little more bearable. Join the pool and pay by April 30 for the early bird membership fee of \$385.00. After April 30, the price is \$425.00. I know it sounds like a lot but it is surely worth it. It can be a bit easier to handle if you want to make monthly payments. Somehow it doesn't seem as hard to pay \$130 a month for 3 months (Feb, Mar, Apr).



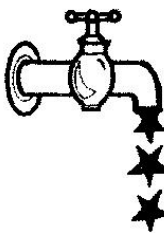
We have lots of activities in the planning stage for kids and adults alike. So come on down and enjoy the sun and fun.

Right now we are working on fundraisers for the pool. We have the spaghetti dinner at Old Donation Episcopal Church on Feb 27 from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 6-12, under 6 free. We have been getting great support from neighboring businesses for a silent auction, so you may be able to get some really good deals that night. So spread the word and get in touch with Erin Rabe erin-rabe@cox.net for tickets.

We also have Norfolk Florist cards ready for delivery. \$25.00 for each card allows you to pick up a different floral offering, at any Norfolk Florist location, each month for a year. There is a different offering each month. So please check it out. You can get the Norfolk Florist cards from Jeanne Blair (319-3366 or jbbbtbbb@verizon.net). I sure hope we see you at the pool this summer. It's not as much fun without you.

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

My wife and four year-old moved into this neighborhood 21 years ago. Since then, we've seen the birth of another son, participated in numerous Halloween Walks, Spring Flings, swim meets, and Pot Luck dinners. Our boys were both Cub Scouts in the Pack sponsored by the neighborhood. This is a great community for raising a family. Our neighbors became our friends and quasi-parents to our kids.

Speaking of the Pot Luck, please join your neighbors, make friends and renew acquaintances, enjoy some good food and share your favorite dish. This year's civic league pot luck dinner is Thursday, February 17th at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Pembroke Meadows Elementary.

As the newly selected Civic League President, I also invite you to attend our regular meetings. They are the third Thursday of each month (excluding summer). The March 17th (7 p.m.) meeting will feature Master Police Officer Dolly Deans sharing some crime prevention information.

And speaking of preventing crime, the police are currently seeking the usual driver of a blue windowless GMC van, sometimes displaying a Virginia tag on the rear only, with ladder racks on top. This van is associated with larcenies, especially of tools from unlocked sheds and garages. So, let's lock them up (double meaning intended).

Other than the Pot Lucks, my wife and I rarely attended Civic League meetings when our sons were younger. We just had so much else going on. So I understand why the meeting room at the elementary school isn't busting at the seams. I've always thought that poorly attended meetings were an indication that folks were pretty happy with the way things were being run. I hope that continues with the new Civic League Board; the happy part, not the poorly attended meetings.

Please feel free to join us, though. Or feel free to volunteer for median strip clean up. Or Spring Fling. Or join the pool. Or swim team. This neighborhood has a lot to offer. Please take advantage of it.

Jim (forprices@verizon.net)

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Happy PMCL board members being sworn in at Jan meeting