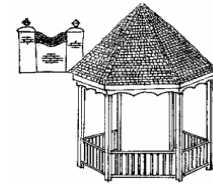


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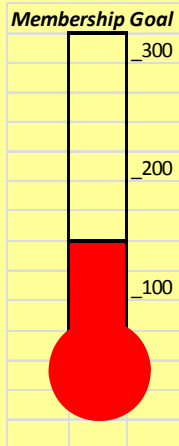
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Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School March 17 - 7 pm

Come join us for our March, St. Patrick's Day civic league meeting. Many of you came out in January to hear Officer Dolly Dean speak about home safety, crime prevention and senior safety. She was ill and unable to join at that meeting. Given the numbers present specifically for Officer Deans, we have rescheduled her for our March meeting.

2011 PMCL membership reaches 176

Fantastic news! Our numbers of paid civic league members continue to climb. Thank you. We appreciate your support of our civic league. For those of you who have not joined, please read the Stimulus Plan article related to our neighborhood pool. Hopefully, we'll be able to pull in a few more civic league (and pool) members for 2011.

Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center Exciting STIMULUS PLAN News




Please read Jeanne Blair's POOL NEWS article inside this issue for up to date information regarding the 2011 pool stimulus plan approved by your fellow civic league member's at the February pot luck dinner.

MAY DAY TEA AT FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE

MAY 7th 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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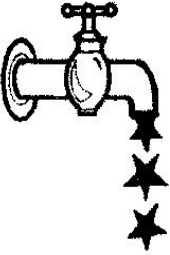
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Median Cleanup

March 1 – 15	Sid Sward
March 16 – 31	The Brown Family
April 1 – 15	Peggy Caverly
April 16 – 30	The Joseph Family
May 1 – 15	Available

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

CIVIC LEAGUE APPRECIATION

The 2011 Civic League Board would like to thank Loretta Watkins for her many years of attention and care to the bulletin board located at our entry way. Loretta has shared that she wouldn't mind passing this duty on to an interested individual who is willing to update the posters/information as needed each month.

Thank you to Jake Froehlich for his attention each month in placing, and then removing, the civic league meeting notice signs in the median strip entryway.

POOL NEWS

Many thanks to all the current, paid civic league dues members present at the February Pot Luck Dinner who supported renewing the Stimulus Plan for the neighborhood recreation center (pool) for 2011. If you aren't familiar with this extraordinary deal, please allow me to explain.

Our Civic League receives monies from the T-Mobile cell tower on civic league property. The civic league members present at the February meeting voted to support every civic league member's (in good standing) 2011 pool membership.

So if you are current with your 2011 civic league dues (cost is only \$10.00 a year), you are eligible to receive a credit of \$100.00 on your annual 2011 pool membership.

Your recreation center board for the past THREE years has not raised membership rates. Our family

membership is \$425.00 (\$385.00 if paid in full by April 30). With the stimulus plan in effect again this year, that brings the membership rate down to \$325.00 (\$285.00 if paid by April 30). It sounds like a lot of money but truly it is a deal for all the fun and sun you receive. Plans are underway for the season's activities, and we want you there with us.

Many thanks to all those who supported the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. We had fun, ate a great meal and raised approximately \$1000.00 for our pool's needs. We couldn't do this without you. The Norfolk Florist cards also brought in about \$500.00 this year.

Spring Fling is the annual clean up of the neighborhood median, park, waterways, and pool grounds to get us looking good for the summer. This year the Spring Fling is scheduled to be held on May 14 (rain date May 15). We need everyone to come out and help tidy up and take off the cover of the pool. Free cookout at 11:30 for all the hands that help. We start at 8:00am for those early birds that want to "GET IT DONE".

The Pool Membership Application is enclosed in this issue of our community newsletter. Please consider joining us at the pool this summer.

Jeanne



PET LOST & FOUND

It has been a good month for pets to stay at home. Only 4 pets were lost this month and all were reunited. Two pets were reported to have been unable to cross Independence Blvd.

Hint: The bags that contain your morning newspaper make the **BEST** pooper picker-uppers for all but the largest dogs. (Many grocery bags (Food Lion) have air holes for vents in the bottom of the bag resulting in yucky fingers.)

Slip your hand all the way into the bag. Pick up the droppings, slide hand out and tie just above contents. Now you are ready for another load if necessary. If you don't get the newspaper, I am sure your neighbors will be glad to save and supply you with them. They fold up small and fit in your pocket. Recycle.

Animal feces contain huge amounts of bacteria, perhaps worms, and other contaminants. It's your pet and it's your responsibility to clean up after it.

Warm weather is right around the corner so be sure to register your pets and put identification on their collars.

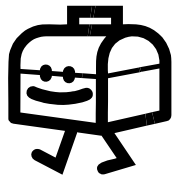
REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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

The sole single family home for sale that has been most recently priced at \$269,900 is still showing "active" in the Real Estate Information Network (REIN), but activity around the property – multiple vehicles coming and going, a visit from a home inspector, a flurry of repairs – tell me that it is probably "under contract".

Two of the four townhomes for rent last month have been rented. Two at \$1295/month are still available.

Jake Froehlich



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 March!

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.

Thursday, March 24th, 12 noon, at Tripp's, 101 South Independence Blvd. (a few blocks past Virginia Beach Blvd. on the right)

Please call if you plan to attend a luncheon. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Jeanette 497-0700 / e-mail jlwillen@aol.com

FERRY HOUSE

FERRY PLANTATION HOUSE has reopened

You can now tour the historic house 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**

STREET WALKER WITH THE LITTLE RED WAGON UPDATE

Wow! The response for the food for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia has been "supercalifragilistic"! Here is the report to date:

The townhomes contributed 129 pounds and \$80.00 in checks. St. Albans, St. Marks and St. Luke streets donated 172 pounds and \$50.00. St. Martin and St. James donated 101 pounds and \$25.00.

The total is 410 pounds of non-perishable food and \$150.00 in monetary donations. I have two streets

yet to canvass in the Shores and will then begin in the Meadows. The 2009 grand total for our community was 630 pounds of food and I was elated to collect that amount! Before the end of March, we will have doubled our 2009 contribution and the Street Walker will have only just begun in the Meadows. Do you understand why I say supercalifragilistic?

On March 12 or 13, (weather permitting), I will be on St. Clement and Temple Court. So watch for the Street Walker with the little red wagon. The following weekend I'll be on Abbey Arch, Bishop Drive, the east end of Cambria and Bishop back to Pembroke Boulevard.

Remember if I miss you when I am on your street, you are welcome to drop your donations at 4501 St. John Court. I will accept non-perishable goods (NO glass containers) or checks made payable to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia but not cash.

More wagon loads of thanks!

Peggy Caverly



DO YOU KNOW?

That the posted speed limit on our neighborhood streets, including Pembroke Boulevard, is **25 MPH**?

That a call to the Virginia Beach Public Works Dept at 385-1470 can get the repair cycle started on your heaving, broken and dangerous public sidewalk?

That to arrange a Bulky item trash pickup, you must call 385-4650?

(Editor's note: While we're thinking "Bulky" items for pickup, please be aware that it is the homeowner's/renter's responsibility to properly

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THINK LIKE A BURGLAR

Most of us don't think like a thief so we leave ourselves exposed. Here are some suggestions to minimize the impact if a burglar should break into your home.

Burglar: "Oh look at that nice row of keys hanging by the door. The cars, shed, spare house keys. I'll grab them now and come back later!" Suggestion: Put keys in a secure place or at least out of sight. Having locks re-keyed is a pain.

Burglar: "Aha! A fireproof lock-box. Bet it's got some valuables in it. I'll grab it now and check inside later." Suggestion: If you must use a portable lock-box, bolt it to the floor or chain it to something so it can't be hauled away. Don't count on hiding your lock box, better to use a safe deposit box.

Burglar: "All these rich folks have some guns. I can get a mess of drugs for a gun! I'll just dump all the drawers until I find one!" Suggestion: Always keep firearms locked in a secure place, such as a gun safe. Convicted felons pay big bucks for a gun on the street.

Burglar: "Last night there were two cars in front of this house, now they're both gone. I can take my time going through this place!" Suggestion: If your house is left unoccupied regularly, such as when everyone leaves for work and school, consider an alarm system. And make sure they put an obvious sign in front of your house to warn potential burglars.

Shift gears. Think like a burglar. Then take a few minutes to make some changes around your house.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS



As I take on this new civic challenge, I find myself wondering “How does this (insert various neighborhood tasks that just happen) get done?” When I ask those who’ve been active on our Civic League Boards, I hear, “Well, Jake puts out those signs each month”, “Loretta updates the board with notices when we ask”, “George changes the bulbs by the flagpole”, “Joe follows the flag protocol and raises/lowers as required”. Thank you to each and every one of you who take on these tasks and complete them with efficiency as required. I hope I get to know you in the coming months and am able to thank you personally.

For those of you who do not typically attend our civic league general membership meetings, please consider coming to our March meeting. I have known Officer Deans for many years now and will even take a moment to share of how we first met. Officer Deans was recently recognize for her tireless efforts by our City’s Commonwealth’s Attorney. I can assure you all that Dolly will have timely and important information to share with all of us!

As we enjoy our first warm days of this year, I find myself eager to swim and enjoy a few warm days (and nights) at the neighborhood pool. If you have never experienced the delight of an evening swim (or float around the pool), join the pool and come on down! Last summer, the Price and Miller families found ourselves enjoying an almost private pool. I think I speak for Brian and Tammie (and know that I do for Donna), there is plenty of pool to share and we’d love to meet you all and share a neighborhood story or two.

My work schedule will have changed by the time the annual neighborhood Spring Fling rolls around this year and I likely won’t be present. It’s an event that my family has attended, worked and enjoyed for many years. We have such fond memories of our early participation with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Davis manning the grill, Mrs. Willenbrink and the Garden Club providing plant weeding advice and our boys eagerly talking of the pool days looming in the near future.

Jim (forprices@verizon.net)

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