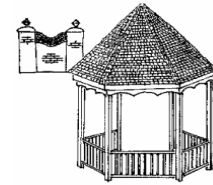


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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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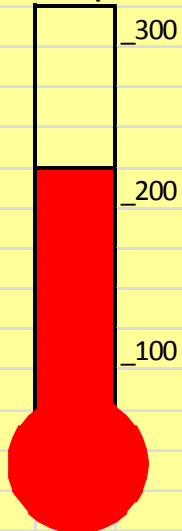
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Membership Goal



215 Members
as of 1 May

Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School May 19 - 7 pm

Our guest speaker will be Christina Dewey of the Norfolk Tides.

Please join us for a presentation by our neighborhood's own Christina Dewey as she talks to us about our local minor league baseball team, Norfolk Tides. Christina has agreed to talk with us about our region's Triple A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, their role in our community and how we may support the team. There will be a door prize drawing



ANNUAL PRE-MEMORIAL DAY "POOL" FUNDRAISER MAY 26, 2011 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

The Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center's 2011 season kicks off with a poolside BBQ catered by TANGOS TAVERN. Adult tickets are **\$10.00** (chicken, bbq, sides, dessert, beverage). The child's ticket is **\$5.00** (hot dog, sides, dessert, beverage). Children can also consider splitting adult plates.

REMEMBER: This event is NOT exclusive to pool members. Historically, the pre-Memorial Day event has been supported by neighborhood residents and swim team families. Come on out and join us for a yummy meal, raise money for our pool, and enjoy fellowship with your neighbors! Please contact Jeanne Blair or other pool board members for tickets. Jeanne's contact number is 319-3366 or jbbtbbb@verizon.net. Don't forget the date to save is May 26, 5:30pm-7pm.

POOL OPENING DAY – SATURDAY, MAY 28 – 11 A.M. FREE NEIGHBORHOOD SWIM AT THE POOL!

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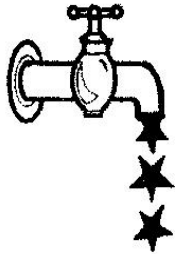
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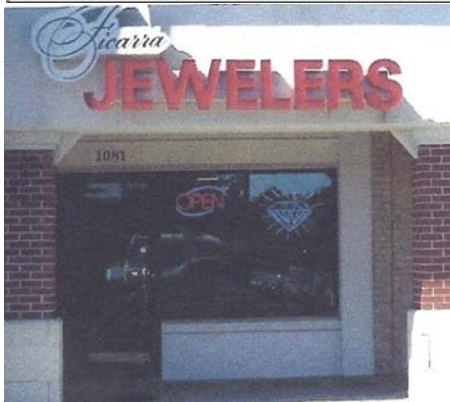
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Median Cleanup

May 1 – 15	Jeanne & Bruce Blair & Sons
May 16 – 31	Barbara & Robert Amos
June 1 – 15	Brian & Tammie Miller & Sons

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

POOL NEWS

Time is passing quickly with the OPENING day scheduled for SATURDAY, May 28th.

With the 2011 Civic League Pool Stimulus, joining the pool is a sound investment for summer fun! Back by popular demand will be dinner nights, activities for young and old(er), a Parents' Night Out, evening socials, etc.

Each household with a paid Pembroke Meadows Civic League Membership qualifies for \$100.00 off the price of the Pool Membership. Go to www.pembrokemeadows.org to review the membership rates and get a copy of the application.

MEMORIAL DAY COOK OUT

On Monday May 30th we invite all current pool members to join us for fun and food. We will have a cook out around 11:00 am-1:30 pm with hot dogs and hamburgers for sale. Bring a side dish to share. This is a great time to enjoy friends and family at the pool. Thanks to our 2011 Civic League Stimulus plan, there will be many new and returning families from our neighborhood at the pool this year. Please join us for some fun in the sun!

LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

Reasonably priced swim lessons will be available to both member and non-member neighborhood children in July.

If you are undecided about a 2011 season membership, please call and talk about options and possibilities with the Pool Director, Jeanne Blair, at 319-3366. Jeanne has the most up-to-date season's activities information as well as being well versed in the various membership options.

PET LOST & FOUND

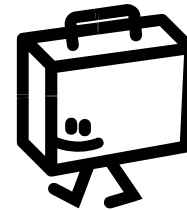
Good news! Only 5 pets were lost and all were returned to their owners this past month.

TURTLES

Turtles are coming out of winter hibernation now. Keep a close eye out as you mow and weed whack the yard. **BOX** turtles can be taken to Gerry Richter at 613 Abbey Drive or call her at 497-5243. She has the perfect safe habitat - No water turtles please.



LADIES' LUNCH GROUP



May, we will be going to Max & Erma's, 4512 Virginia Beach Blvd (Pembroke Mall side). The date is Thursday, May 26th, 12 noon is the time.

For the month of **June**, we will be going to Keagan's, 244 Market Street (in Town Center). The date is Wednesday, June 22, 12 Noon is the time. For parking at Town Center I recommend the parking lot where the Beacon Bldg used to be or the parking garages that are available.

Come out and join with us. We do have fun and some great door prizes too.

If you have questions, please call or e-mail. Jeanette 497-0700 or jlwillen@aol.com

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June 5: Clean the Bay Day – This is an annual area wide effort to clean the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and its estuaries, including Lakes Pembroke and Meadows. As usual, our neighbors Jim Willenbrink and Jeff Brown, are the point men for Pembroke Meadows efforts.

As mentioned in last month's issue, Gerry Richter has volunteered to be the point person on collating new data for the neighborhood directory. It will likely be on-line only and information submission is strictly voluntary. Please find the form in this month's newsletter. However, if you would like to add or update information (name, email address, phone number, occupation, household members, or only some of that information) for the directory now, you can send it to Gerry at virginiabeach00@aol.com.

Jim (forprices@verizon.net)

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

May 21: Bayside History Day Bicycle Tour – This 11 mile family friendly trek begins at 9:15 from the Bayside Library. Bikers will visit Ferry Plantation House, Old Donation Church and Thoroughgood House. A delicious boxed lunch will be enjoyed at Church Point. The cost per rider is \$20. Finish time is estimated at 2:30. Register with Helen at (757) 962-5398 or via email at hkuhns@lynnhaven2007.com.

May 26: Dinner at the pool. This year, dinner begins at 5:30. There will be plenty of good food and company, hope to see you there.

May 28: Opening day for the pool. That five lane, 25 meter hole in the ground at the end of Pembroke Boulevard is a terrific asset for our corner of the Earth. Pay your civic league dues and receive a subsidy to join.

May 31: Marlins Swim Team practice begins. Another benefit of living here is the swim team. Summer swimming as part of the Virginia Beach Swim League is a fun way for our kids (ages 5 to 18) to get their exercise, develop swimming skills and cultivate friendships. There is more information on the website or contact the team representatives, Trish and Brian Rogerson at 460-2023 or email rogerson6@verizon.net

ANOTHER PLEA... Neighborhood Heros Needed

This month, we have three civic league volunteers who are seeking replacement in their (sometimes long held) positions.

We have openings and need for:

Newsletter delivery route for Sheffield Drive – including Sheffield Court and Leeds Lane.

Median Display Board – poster and announcement placements as necessary.

Newsletter editor – yours truly has accepted new employment and will not have the extra time needed for this publication. Though I enjoy this opportunity, I am having trouble balancing the extra work duties (and eventual travel) with the time needed to produce a quality publication for our neighbors. Mike & Carol Moore have dedicated countless hours in the past several months to keep this newsletter looking nice and being published.

CLEAN THE BAY DAY

As we have done for the past 22 years, our civic league, along with neighboring communities will participate in this year's Clean the Bay Day, on Saturday June 4th. Our volunteer commitment will be to clean up trash from our neighborhood lakes and their adjacent shores and drains (e.g., gutters).

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this statewide effort to improve the cleanliness and quality of the Bay's waters and tributaries. The time for this event is 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon; however, if you cannot make it that Saturday but can help earlier that week, please contact one of the co-zone captains, Jim Willenbrink (497-0700) or Jeff Brown (464-0183).

You may also contact one of our area coordinators below if you prefer to help in a specific area:

Bob Lukeman, 497-2841: Lake Pembroke North (@ Independence Blvd)
Frank Mulcahy, 499-6699: Lake Pembroke East (@ spillway)
Fred Willis, 490-3002: Lake Pembroke West (west of Independence)
Jim Hall, 473-8258: Old Donation Creek and Cove
Jeff Brown, 464-0183: Pembroke Meadows Park and Thurston Creek

Note: After noon on the 4th, a post CTBD picnic will be held at a local park. Also each volunteer can receive a free Cinema Cafe Ticket and a certificate of participation (to qualify for "community service")

Thanks again to Cinema Cafe. For years, Cinema Cafe has donated free movie tickets for our various volunteer efforts.



Treasure Hunt for Old Newsletters

Mike Moore has combed through our civic league records in an attempt to compile a historical collection of Civic League Newsletters. He is about 75 percent complete in documenting our 37 years of existence, but we are missing a few large chunks of time. Specifically we need newsletters from 1974-1975, 1984-1988, 1995-1997, and 2004. If anyone has collected these newsletters or happens across any in spare rooms, garages or attics, please let Mike know.

Mike – formoores@verizon.net

Occasionally, it is necessary to repeat a previously published article. With the return of spring, many of our neighbors have noted a growth in hedges in yards. The civic league board has received expressions of concern and opted to re-run this article from last year:

KNOW YOUR CITY CODE...

BLIND CORNERS

I frequently get asked what can be done about dangerous "blind" intersections in our neighborhood. There are clear standards in article 2, section 201 of the VB City Zoning Ordinance.

Visibility at the intersection of driveways and streets can NOT be blocked by any hedge or structure higher than 30 inches. This applies to a triangle area 20 feet from any intersection or 10 feet from a driveway,

If you are concerned about an intersection, first check if fences or shrubs in the "visibility triangle" violate the 30 inch rule. If they do, please bring it to the attention of the property owner - you will be doing them a favor, since very few people are aware of this rule. If the owner is unable to trim or remove the hazard, you might volunteer to help them. If the owner is unwilling to do anything, you could report it to the VB City Public Works department.

Property owners, please check your corners and help us prevent any tragic vehicle / pedestrian accidents in the neighborhood.

For the complete code go to www.vbgov.com, select the planning department, and look for code on the left hand side.

- Mike Moore





Remodelers, share your good ideas.

Our neighborhood originally consisted of six basic detached home and three townhome designs. Over the years many homeowners have added rooms and removed walls or moved doors to modernize their house. I was recently asked for ideas on modifying the MBR closet/bathroom in a 3BR ranch (the one with the gable over the front door). I have to think that someone in this neighborhood has probably already tackled the project and are proud of the results. I would like to run an article in the next few newsletters that highlight changes to the different designs. If you want to share your ideas or some sketches contact Mike Moore at formoores@verizon.net.



Just found my favorite music WHRO HD 90.3-3

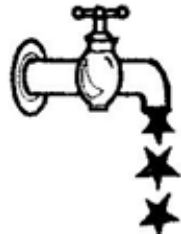
Please tell our readers about this fabulous radio station, to which one can listen (free - no subscription needed) on the computer or on an HD radio. The station which carries music from the 20's, 30's, and 40's is a treasure, designed to preserve this slice of our American musical heritage. The station plays 24/7, too! Wow! What a trip down memory lane for our older citizens, and what a treat for all of us who love the "Big Band " sound.



Armchair Travelers

More Netflix: Two documentaries for those of us who travel without leaving the comfort of home: Over Alaska and Wild China: Heart of the Dragon. And two more movies to recommend: The King's Speech and Never Let Her Go. And if you do not mind following the life of a "flawed hero," Nurse Jackie is available, series 1 and 2.

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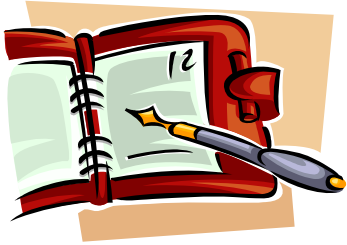
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NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY



This issue of our community newsletter contains a neighbor information form. Completion is desired but, of course, entirely voluntarily. In years, and decades past, our community solicited volunteers to knock on doors and reach out to each neighbor for this information. The information was then collated, again by volunteers, and a printed neighborhood directory was then provided to civic league dues paying residents and new neighbors.

Many of us still have our directories from years past (and, some of us, still use them).

With the advent of computers and easy, ready access, your civic league board is supporting an effort to again collect this data.

Gerry Richter has volunteered to collate all the data and pass it on to our neighborhood website editor, Clif Furedy. Clif will load the data appropriately into our website directory.

Please consider participating in this data collection, by filling out and mailing the enclosed form, or by submitting online (see form). If you have questions, please feel free to contact Gerry Richter at 497-5243.

THE READING BUS



Virginia Beach City Public Schools is delighted to introduce the new Reading Bus to our community. The Reading Bus is an exciting and safe place for children, ages 2 – 5 years and their parents to participate in a wide selection of interactive reading activities. The Reading bus will be at Pembroke Meadows ES at 0930 on the first and third Thursday of each month. (May 12, May 26, June 9, Jun 23, and July 21st 2011)

EASTER EGG HUNT RE-CAP

Lots of Eggs for Small Group Attending the Annual Civic League Easter Egg Hunt

Threats of wind and showers didn't keep away a small but eager crowd of Pembroke neighborhood children who scampered like bunnies to find the Easter Eggs at the April 16th event in the Pembroke Meadows Wayside Park.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored annually by the Pembroke Meadows, Shores and Townhomes Civic League and organized by Vivian Hance, with help from her family and local students, plus an appearance by her husband Merrill Hance dressed as the Easter Bunny.

Activities started with face painting, temporary tattoos, stickers and time to play on the swings and slides in the park. Parents with cameras had plenty of photo-ops of their children with the Easter Bunny. Then the big event: Hunting for plastic Easter Eggs with candy treats inside. This was divided by age into three groups. Toddlers had one area where the eggs were in plain sight; pre-school children had to look a bit harder in their designated area; and finally, the older boys and girls had to look under leaves and behind logs to find their eggs. Because of the smaller numbers than in some years, everyone found plenty of eggs. One lucky hunter in each group found a special prize in their egg.

Photos of the Easter Egg Hunt are on the Pembroke Meadows website in the Photo Albums folder or type this link into your browser:

www.pembrokemeadows.org/main/photos/egg hunt110416



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

Welcome to your new neighborhood. We have a lot to offer you and your family.

Our schools are top rated, shopping is close by, and medical facilities, 3rd precinct police station, Davis Corner Fire and Rescue Departments are mere minutes from your door.

At the end of Pembroke Blvd. you will find a **small city park** with swings, slides, playground equipment along with picnic tables and a lovely peaceful view.

The **Pembroke Meadows Recreations Center** pool is also at the end of Pembroke Blvd. and you and your family are welcome to join the pool in time for summer fun.

Our **CIVIC LEAGUE** meets in the media room on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School on Cathedral Drive. We do not meet in the summer or in December.

Our Annual Civic League Dues per household is \$10.00. Your dues cover the printing costs of our monthly neighborhood newsletter, meeting expenses, plantings along the entrance median, flag replacements as needed, electrical expense for median lighting, upkeep and replacement of our Gazebo at the entrance, Easter Egg Hunt for children, Halloween Walk and refreshments for all ages, along with support for Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Garden Club, and other expenses necessary to our community. There are no paid employees and we depend solely on neighborhood volunteers to accomplish our programs. So be sure to mail in your dues promptly.

Lost Pet Program. We have a free lost and found pet program open to our residents.

Simply complete a form and attach a picture of your pet then mail the form to the address on the form. Make sure your pet has some form of identification or tag. Be sure to also sign up for the Neighborhood Notification List. Lost Pet Forms are available on our web site www.pembrokemeadows.org. Be sure to contact Jim Hall about getting on the email notification list. This is very important if you have pets.

Neighborhood Email Notification List - This program, once you have asked to be included by contacting Jim Hall at 473-8258, will enable you to receive email information regarding upcoming Civic League Meetings or cancellations, events occurring in the community and announcements of Lost or Found pets. It will also serve to inform you of events or incidents that may occur that you should be made aware of in the event of emergencies.

Garbage & Recycle Days- Garbage is picked up every **WEDNESDAY**. Recycles are picked up every other Wednesday. Just look for blue cans that have been put out by your neighbors. Yard waste is picked up weekly on Wednesday. (Please remember though if the city refuse departments do not retrieve your yard waste, YOU are responsible for removing it from the curb and proper disposal.)

OUR WEB SITE- WWW.PEMBROKEMEADOWS.ORG
You will find information about the neighborhood, events, pictures, history, directory, newsletters, etc. Just click around.

Remember we can always use volunteers. We hope you will get involved.

In October, we host a HALLOWEEN WALK. You and your children can enjoy this family activity. This event began over 20 years ago. Parade step off begins at 3:00 p.m. at the medical buildings on Whitechapel Drive. The march continues down to the park where refreshments are served.

November civic league membership meetings are conducted as a wine/cheese event at our neighborhood's historic Ferry House.

In December, the Ferry House hosts a Caroling Hay Wagon Ride that travels through the neighborhood and back to Historic Ferry Plantation House. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

There are many other family events provided during the year.

Welcome, I hope you love living here as much as I do.

Gerry Dashiell-Richter
497-5243

