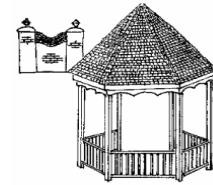


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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

Sept 2011

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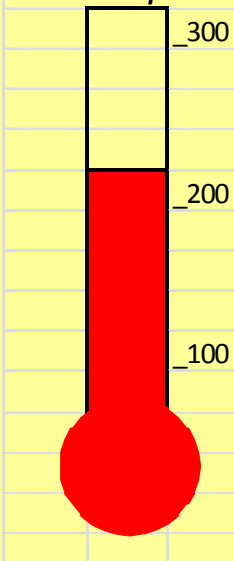
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Membership Goal



230 Members
as of 1 July

Next Civic League Meeting

Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Multi-purpose Room
September 15 - 7 pm

September will feature a representative from the TIDE, Norfolk's new light-rail system. The presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting.

THREE MORE WEEKS OF SUMMER!!

Our community pool season will be extended to the end of September. The pool will be open weekends from 11 AM to 6 PM on the 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th of September. Come join us!

PEMBROKE MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALL CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 1st from 11am – 3pm.

This event is for children of all ages and will include Special Events Entertainment including a Tiki Island Rock climbing wall, a Toy Story bounce house, mini slide, circus train crawl, kiddiepillar, end zone obstacle course, wrecking ball joust, table games, face painting, balloon maker, cake walk, and other carnival games. Enjoy pizza, hot dogs, soda, chips, popcorn, snow cones and more! Fun and affordable wristband and individual tickets will be sold. Join us at 820 Cathedral Drive, Virginia Beach, VA for a fun-filled, exciting day!

HALLOWEEN WALK UPDATE

The 21st Annual Halloween Walk will be held Saturday, October 29th at 3:00 p.m. We need volunteers!! Folks willing to:

- **Decorate the park prior to festivities**
- **Be corner / intersection safety monitors**
- **Walk in parade to provide spacing & safety**
- **Serve refreshments at the park**
- **Donate juice, cookies, or cash**



This is a great time to meet your neighbors, have fun and show off your costumes. Ages 0 -101+ welcome. Contact- Gerry Richter -**497-5243**
(Mark this event on your calendar NOW, there will be more details and a reminder flyer in next month's newsletter)

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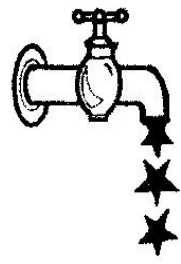
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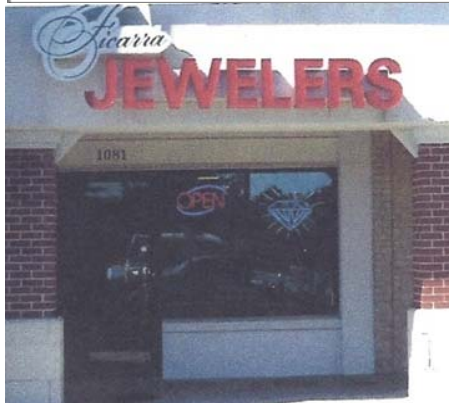
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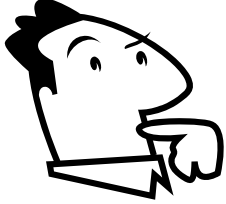
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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

It is amazing to me how quickly the summer has flown by. Another successful pool season has passed with even more improvements to the facility. The swim team won the divisional meet. A Labor Day cook out rounded out the summer.

This month marks 22 years keeping residence in our Pembroke Meadows hamlet. 22 years of raising children and building relationships with neighbors. I look back on our time here and realize how blessed we are to live in this neighborhood. Other subdivisions may have nicer homes, better views, be more convenient to shopping, or boast a more active/influential civic league. But it is not the size or quality of the structure that matters, or the view, or the shopping, or what a civic league can convince city government to do. What matters are the people who are your neighbors. We have found a little piece of heaven here in Pembroke Meadows. Neighbors have become friends whom we have shared meals with, confided in, celebrated accomplishments with, commiserated with, grieved losses with, and consoled in times of need. The difference between heaven and hell on Earth is in the relationships one has.

Now that the school year has commenced, a new cycle of civic league meetings begins: third Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May. Attendance is usually the same 20 or so folks out of 600+ households. I attribute that to folks being content with the status quo and having other priorities; I get that. It wasn't until my kids were out of the house that I regularly attended the meetings. However, if you have neighborhood concerns, a civic league meeting is a welcome forum to share that issue.

The civic league serves as point on several activities. Most recently, there was National Night Out with the pool open to all residents, serving hotdogs in the basketball area. Coming up on October 29 is the Halloween Walk. It is dedicated neighbors committing to labors of love that allow these events to blossom. Early this past summer, I received a phone call from Dorothy Zeller, with the city's Public Works, asking whether we still wanted upgrades to the lighting in the neighborhood, to include an additional light pole on Pembroke Boulevard at Saint Denis. My answer was yes, but I was curious as to who requested and when. It was ten years ago that civic league president, Travis Little, solicited the improvements. I'm not sure exactly when the installations will occur, but wanted to pass that update on. (Hopefully not another 10 years.) Not to be preachy (well, maybe a little), the neighborhood is what we make it.

Jim (forprices@verizon.net)



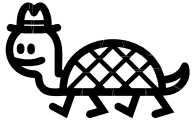
PET LOST & FOUND

Please register your pets in our neighborhood's FREE Pet Lost/Found Registry. Forms and details may be found at www.pembrokemeadows.org.

It seems with this summer's heat pets have remained home in air conditioned comfort. I have only had 7 dogs lost and all were returned to owners. Three pets did not make it across Independence Blvd.

- Gerri Richter





BOX TURTLES

The box turtles have enjoyed the spring and summer with plentiful food, baths, water and shade. At this point I only have to supply the daily watermelon ration as they can pick their own tomatoes and eat their fill. Cherry & grape tomatoes are planted so that they are growing along the ground easily within reach and always available. Neighborhood children love to feed and watch them crawling around.

Box turtles can be taken to 613 Abbey Drive.

- Gerri Richter

POOL NEWS



We've enjoyed a great summer at the pool, made new friends, and generally relaxed through another season. Now it is time to say adieu to the fun at the pool for a while. After being open for weekends this month, we will be closing the pool on September 25. We need help putting the cover on the pool at the end of the day on Sept 25, around 6:00pm.

Now we look forward to making plans for next summer. We will be sponsoring a few fundraisers during the off-season and will try to keep you informed about them as they are planned.

We want to thank everyone who worked so hard at the pool this summer, especially our staff of lifeguards, pool manager and asst mgr. They put in long hours to keep the pool running smoothly. If at times there was a communication problem between openings and closings, please forgive us. We try our best to think of everything but in crisis times, info sometimes slips.

Our new Pool Board as of the General Membership Meeting is as follows:

Director - Jeanne Blair

Asst Director - Erin Strasburger

Secretary - Cheryl Wolfred

Treasurer - Lori Hines

At-Large Members

Tom Hronek

Jason Nixon

Kim Best

Tina Ridgeway

Erin Rabe

Please give them your support and if you have ideas for a social or fundraiser, please pass it on. While we would like to implement all ideas, we must pick the ones we think have the best chance of making A LOT OF MONEY! (smiles are big after this statement) We will also have to consider the time required to pull off a fundraiser. We all have busy lives and sometimes a great idea is not possible with limited support. That is why we need your help to continue modernizing our pool while also keeping it safe and up to city codes.

Again, thanks for making the pool a great place to be this summer.

PMRC

Jeanne

YOUR CIVIC LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!

November is the time for civic league elections. Our officers are elected annually and no officer is allowed to hold a position more than 2 consecutive years. A new volunteer may be elected to any position if interested. Won't you please considering volunteering? We'd love to have YOU join in our fun. Your responsibilities only require attendance of a monthly board meeting and attendance at a monthly civic league meeting. Only two evenings a month can make a lot of difference for our community. You'll get to meet your neighbors and have a voice in planning ideas for your neighborhood. Please contact our civic league officers to get involved. We will present a proposed slate at the October meeting and we will vote at the November meeting.

NEWSLETTER HELP WANTED

Major praise to those who sent newsletter articles in by the advertised (in the newsletter) deadline. As noted in a previous issue, we are seeking a new volunteer newsletter editor.

For those interested in submitting articles for the October newsletter, please submit those suggested articles by October 1st to forprices@verizon.net.

HELP SAVE THE LYNNHAVEN RIVER!

Fall is just around the corner and so are the leaves. Our properties and street gutters feed into the lakes and Western Branch of the Lynnhaven River via the storm drain system. Only rain should go down the drain. Please keep leaves and debris out of the street and gutter. You will be doing your part in saving the environment and our river and bay.

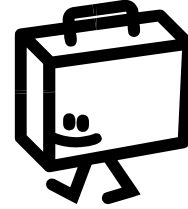
Calvary Baptist Church of Virginia Beach

Will be celebrating 50 years of ministry in this community on Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th. They would like to invite our community to join them in their celebration

LIVE OAK RESCUE SOCIETY

Actually, it's Friends of Live Oaks, a newly formed organization to "plant, protect, preserve and promote live oaks here in Virginia Beach. Several scores of live oaks were rescued from a development off Shore Drive and the Friends are looking for good homes for these (now) two to four foot tall young trees. If interested, go to www.friendsofliveoaks.org and fill out an application.

LADIES' LUNCH GROUP



September 22, Thursday, Smokey Bones, 4590 Virginia Beach Blvd. (Pembroke Mall)

October 26, Wednesday, Cagney's Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor, 1108 East Little Creek Rd. (Norfolk). We will work with everyone on carpooling to this event in Norfolk

The lunch time is 12 noon each month. Look forward to seeing you. Have a great summer.

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 jwillen@aol.com

Hurricane Cleanup Temporary Service Change:

Routine bulky item collection has been temporarily suspended so that those trucks can assist with the cleanup of yard debris.

However, work orders for collection of appliances and furniture flooded by the storm are being accepted. Public notice will be provided once normal service can be resumed. We appreciate your patience during this time.

Please note that construction debris, such as lumber, siding, roofing, etc. must be handled by private contractor or resident and will not be collected by the City.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

President	Jim Price	499-5115
First VP	Kristine Martin	499-4356
Second VP	Brian Miller	499-0039
Corres. Sec.	Peggy Caverly	490-0925
Treasurer	Mike Moore	557-0328
Memb. Chrman	Cheryl Douglas	671-2241
Recording Sec.	Barbara Amos	499-6111
Pool Director	Jeanne Blair	319-3366
Webmaster	Clif Furedy	490-5792

Committees

Bldg/Grounds	John Seyar	497-8568
Entrance/Median	Brian Miller	499-0039
Electrical	George Watkins	497-2130
Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897
Neighborhood Maint.	Robert Westmont	473-1024

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Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795
Shores	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
Townhomes	Barbara Willenbrink	554-0092

Directory Chairman Robert Westmont 473-1024

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Lake Pembroke	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700
Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298
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Welcoming Committee Chair: Open

Meadows	Jim Price	499-5115
Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
Townhomes	Liz Hayes	472-0238

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

Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

Shores and	Gerry Dashiell-Richter	497-5243
Meadows	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700

Recreation Center (pool)

Director	Jeanne Blair	319-3366
Asst Director	Erin Strasburger	
Treasurer	Lori Hines	
Secretary	Cheryl Wolfred	473-1096
PMRC Pool Phone	(in season only)	963-2239

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Adult Learning Center

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*Placement tests give staff information related to what students need academically to be successful. Please bring a current government-issued, picture ID to the placement test.
www.adultlearning.vbschools.com

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