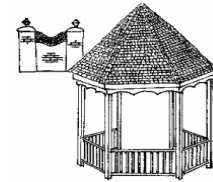


# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



April 2012

Inside:

President's  
Ponderings

Electronics  
Recycling  
Drive

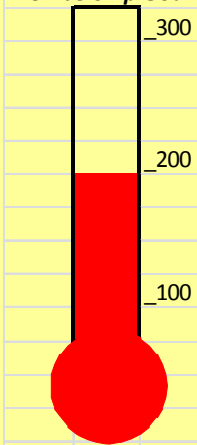
Ferry House  
Fun

Harris  
Scholarship

Easter Egg  
Hunt

Pool Deals

Membership Goal



205 Members  
as of 1 April

## Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School April 19th, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

Need some suggestions on where to take those out of town guests or wondering what's new in our fair city? Our guest speaker this month is Ms. Tiffany Twine with Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau. She will talk about tourist attractions in our city.

## SPRING FLING – Community Clean-up May 5th 8-11 a.m.

Spring Fling is the annual clean-up of the neighborhood median, park, waterways, and pool grounds to get us looking good for the summer. Mark your calendar to come help wake the pool from its winter slumber or help with park or median clean up. Many hands make light work and it's a great chance to meet and greet your neighbors as the outdoor season begins. There will be a free cook-out lunch at the pool afterwards.

## DO YOU KNOW THIS POS\* ??

\*Priority One Suspect

A thin, white male broke into our pool office at 1:08 AM on 17 Feb 2012. The video surveillance was shown on the local news but we have still not had any leads. This was not youthful vandalism, and this guy is probably behind other neighborhood break-ins. If you have knowledge that may assist with solving this crime, please call either Detective Mark Hall at 385-2703 with the Virginia Beach Police Department or the Hampton Roads Crime Line at 1-888-LOCKU-UP.



## Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center

10% membership discount if you join before April 30th.

Please read POOL NEWS article inside this issue for up to date information

# Montagna's SHOES

Comfort, Fashion and Orthopedic for Men and Women

**Luclan F. Montagna, Jr., C.Ped, O.S.T.**  
Board Certified Podiatrist

762 Independence Blvd.  
Pembroke Meadows Shop Ctr.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
Phone 490-2034  
(Across From Red Lobster)

# HONEY-DO'S

Residential Repairs  
No Job Too Small

Furniture  
Repairs

Installations

Plumbing

Porches

**JOHN FILIPIAK**

Bldg "C" Lic# 2705 037437

456-5023

Fax 497-3401

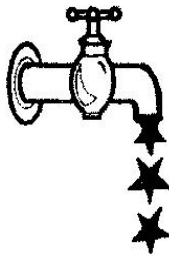
Electrical

Ceramic Tile

Wall/Ceiling  
Repairs

Woodwork

Railings



Insured

Licensed

## Tri Star Plumbing

"Your Complete Plumbing & Drain Service"

**Herbert Wynne**

497-7827 Va. Beach  
857-7827 Norfolk

Chesapeake 485-7827  
Portsmouth 397-3356  
Cell 404-4743

**Renee Rickrode**  
Financial Advisor

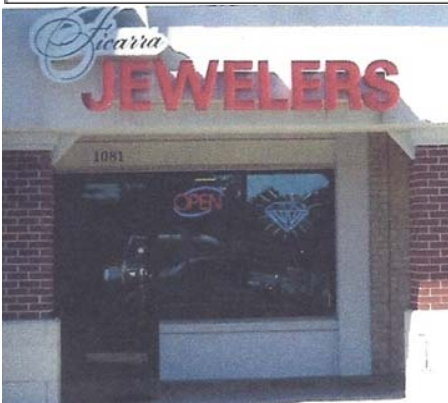
## Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



485 S Independence Blvd, Ste 113  
Larkspur Village  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
Bus. 757-493-7626  
Fax 800-259-3176  
renee.rickrode@edwardjones.com  
www.edwardjones.com

**Ficarra Jewelers**  
1081 Independence Blvd  
Haygood Shopping Center  
(757) 363-8771



[www.ficarrajewelers.com](http://www.ficarrajewelers.com)  
[joe@ficarrajewelers.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:joe@ficarrajewelers.hrcoxmail.com)  
[bess@ficarrajewelers.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:bess@ficarrajewelers.hrcoxmail.com)

Graduate  
Gemologist  
Appraisals

Fast Repairs  
(on Premises)

Cleaning and  
Inspection

Watch Batteries

Pearl Stringing

\*\* We Buy Gold \*\*

Your Friendly Neighborhood Veterinary Hospital  
COMPLETE HEALTHCARE, GROOMING, AND BOARDING



**Dr. Brian Hastings**      **Dr. David Smith**  
4608 Pembroke Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455

**473-8560**

[www.independencevethospital.vetsuite.com](http://www.independencevethospital.vetsuite.com)

## SHOPPING FOR A HOME EQUITY LOAN?

Since 1952, Bank @LANTEC has been providing exceptional consumer and business financial products and services to the Hampton Roads community.

CALL TODAY FOR  
MORE DETAILS!

RATES AS LOW AS  
**2.99% APR\***

\*Rates Subject to Change

Lower your  
payment  
and get out of  
debt sooner!



a community bank **BANK @LANTEC**  
FDIC [www.whereibank.com](http://www.whereibank.com)

757.671.7900

## Rates

\$ 30 One time – Business Card  
\$135 One year (9 issues) – Business Card  
\$100 Insert (Advertiser provides the insert)  
\$ 60 One time – ¼ Page

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS NEIGHBORS !!**

## Median Clean Up

April (yes, all month!)	The Joseph family
May (ditto)	Rebecca Barrio
June (hoot!)	Jeff Brown and family
July (too good to be true)	George Wilson

Please thank our volunteers!

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

## Electronics-Recycle and Paper-Shred Event

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 from 9 AM to 1 PM  
**Bayside Presbyterian Church**

E-cycle electronics such as computers, TVs and cell phones, recycle scrap metal, and have paper documents shredded.

This free drive-through event is a community event. Everyone is welcome to come to the Church parking lot during the hours of the event, enter at Ewell Road, drive through and drop off electronic and scrap metal items and papers for shredding.

The church youth group will also be holding a car wash on the church lot to raise funds for their mission trips.

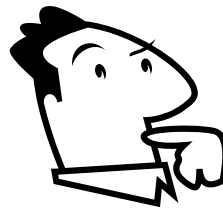


## Ladies Lunch Group

Our next luncheon is scheduled for **April 25** (Wed.) at **Tripp's**, 101 South Independence Blvd. Our meeting time is set for noon.

This is a very enjoyable lunch outing and we welcome all to join with us. Please call or email your reservation as we always call ahead with our numbers for the restaurant. You can call either Loretta Watkins 497-2130 or Jeanette 497-0700, or email Jeanette at [jlwillen@aol.com](mailto:jlwillen@aol.com).

We look forward to seeing you! Jeanette



## PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

The annual Spring Fling is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the day (starting between 8 and 9 a.m.) that neighbors meet down at the park and spruce up the park, dam path and pool grounds. There will be a delicious lunch provided, which you will have earned. This neighborhood tradition is one that I love and look forward to every year.

As summer is on the near horizon, swim season arrives with it. The Pembroke Meadows Pool is home to the Marlins, a charter member team of the Virginia Beach Swim League. Teams in the Virginia Beach Swim League participate in 5 regular season meets which culminate in a divisional meet and then an All Star meet in early August. Sign-ups for the swim team will be at the pool over a couple of weekends in May, including Spring Fling.

The last newsletter mentioned about our recreation center burglar. The photo is attached in this newsletter. Please come forward if you recognize this malcontent. We reside in a neighborhood that tis safe and quiet. Let's work to keep it that way.

## Ferry Plantation House

Our St. Patrick's day tea was a great success for all those that attended. It was a SOLD OUT event. There are still a few tickets left for our **MAY DAY TEA** on **Sunday, May 6th**. Hours are 1-3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and help us in restoring and maintaining this lovely home. It takes of lot of funds and volunteers to maintain her. You can help and have a great time and great food. Reservations 473-5182

## **GRACE SHERWOOD DAY- "THE WITCH OF PUNGO"**

Come to Ferry Plantation House on July 10th and learn about Grace, her trial, and ducking. Grace was the only woman tried by water in Virginia. A movie will be shown. Donation are \$5.00 per person. All ages are welcomed. The ducking begins at 10 a.m. but you may come throughout the day until 3 p.m.

## **SUMMER HISTORY CAMP – Grades 1-6**

June 25-29: Chesapeake Indians

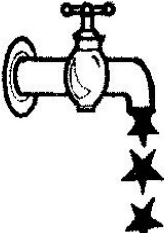
July 2-6: Pirates

This is a learning and fun camp.

Archeologists will be on hand to teach and supervise an actual archeological dig on Mondays - Thursdays.

Further information and sign up, call **473-5182**

insured Licensed



**Tri Star Plumbing**  
 "Your Complete Plumbing & Drain Service"  
**Herbert Wynne**

<b>497-7827 Va. Beach</b>	<b>Chesapeake</b>	<b>485-7827</b>
<b>857-7827 Norfolk</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>397-3356</b>
	<b>Cell</b>	<b>404-4743</b>



## SCOOP THE POOP, Part 2

Many of our neighbors have dogs. Last month we commented on those who did NOT clean up after their dogs, but what about being nice to those who do follow the rules?

To My Neighbors:

My name is Kris Hudson and our family has lived on Whitechapel Drive for almost 9 years. I have 2 large dogs- Charlie, a yellow lab, and Turner, a Catahoula Leopard Dog, and they get walked almost every day, even during hurricanes or snow. I'm sure you have seen either myself or my husband, Sam, out. If you look closely, you will NEVER see us without a bag to "scoop the poop". In fact, we usually carry 4 bags, because they are dogs and you can't predict when, where, or how much they are going to have the urge to go. Today I was yelled at while cleaning up my dog's poop, telling me to let my dog poop in my yard then walk him. Well, I'm sorry, you can't tell a dog to do that. It's called nature, and it will take its course, no matter what I want them to do. And I was doing the RIGHT thing, cleaning up. This "neighbor" continued to harass me, pointing out a pile of another dog's poop, which I then picked up as well. She then said she had the right to yell at me because I was trespassing (I was on the sidewalk- my dog pooped in the median between the sidewalk and the road). So, yes, I then yelled back that I had the right to walk my dogs whenever and wherever I wanted to. I am not proud of yelling back at my elder, but she pushed me too far.

While walking, I have had a Rottweiler crash through a fence at us; and multiple dogs in their front yards (unleashed) confront my dogs, and not once have I complained. I make every effort to switch sides of the street to avoid other dog walkers or if I see a loose dog. I was yelled at by another "neighbor" a few months ago

because my LEASHED, LICENSED and under control dogs barked at her dog while we were 2 houses down and on the other side of the sidewalk. She actually told me to stop walking!

And I agree with the runner (I am one of those as well) that it isn't fun dodging piles on the sidewalk. Yes, we even get dog poop in our front yard, too. But I can't believe how sad it is that I cannot enjoy a nice walk in my own neighborhood without harassment. My dogs may be big but they are on a leash with a harness collar that can't be slipped at all times and NEVER loose in the front yard. We pay our dues every year, and while we may not have the time to be very active, it is still our neighborhood, too. So please, if you EVER have an issue with us or our dogs, please come visit us at 645 Whitechapel Drive and voice your concerns in a calm polite manner. Otherwise, don't yell at me anymore, and let me enjoy walking my dogs in peace.

Sincerely,

Kris Hudson



## PET LOST & FOUND

Five dogs have been reunited this past month thanks to owners who put identification on their pets, registered them in the "Pet Lost and Found" program and, of course, our wonderful neighborhood notification list. Thanks to Jim and Clera Hall word gets put out fast.

Please register your pets in our neighborhood's FREE Pet Lost / Found Registry. Forms and details are on line at [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org).

- Gerry Richter



**If you are interested in receiving timely neighborhood updates – lost/found pets, our neighborhood watch news, found property notices, etc., please send an email to Jim and Clera Hall at [jimhal@cox.net](mailto:jimhal@cox.net) .**

**They will add your name to our email update list. Please be assured that the Halls protect your email address. It is not seen in electronic notices transmitted throughout our neighborhood nor is it provided to advertisers or others.**



## The Mark C. Harris Memorial Scholarship

The Legal Studies Academy at First Colonial High School has established a scholarship in honor of Mark C. Harris, an exceptional young man from our neighborhood and 2009 honor graduate of the Legal Academy at First Colonial HS. It will be awarded to an outstanding senior student at First Colonial HS, "who has demonstrated passion for the law, intellectual curiosity and originality of thought, exceptional use of critical and creative thinking in academic endeavors, respect and tolerance of others, a gift of self-expression, and a strong desire to advocate for others." If you would like to make a donation in Mark's name, please make a **check payable to "First Colonial High School"** and in the **memo area** be sure to put **"Mark C. Harris Memorial Scholarship."** Mail checks to First Colonial HS, 1272 Mill Dam Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

## Free Training

Tidewater Builders  
Building Trades Academy  
2117 Smith Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23320

The Building Trades Academy of Tidewater Builders Association is in the process of recruiting low-income men and women to participate in their upcoming class starting April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The program is FREE and includes classroom and hands-on training in building and facilities maintenance trades including carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and VDOT flaggers certification. Job placement is provided upon completion. The requirements are as follows:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have low-income
- Have a valid driver's license
- Not have any felonies

More information at [www.tbaonline.org](http://www.tbaonline.org) or call 757-420-2566.

## Roger Vaughan Memorial Bench

At the Pembroke Meadows Wayside Park

The Vaughan Family and Jody Ullmann, who helped organize the fundraising and installation of the bench, would like to thank our civic league and all the individuals who donated to this memorial project. It will provide a continuing comfort to the family and a reminder to our neighborhood of a life dedicated to family, church and community.



## BOX TURTLE UPDATE

Eastern box turtles will soon be coming out of their winter hibernation. Keep a watch out for them as you begin mowing and digging in the yard. You can help them along by offering (non filler) moist dog food or small bites of chicken as they require protein and water right away. You can also contact Gerry Richter at 497-5243 to drop them off in her backyard turtle habitat. These turtles do not live in the water.

## READING SUGGESTIONS

Maybe some avid mystery readers will like The Boy in the Suitcase by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnette Friis. Translated from the Danish into nine languages, it has been an international best seller and will hold you in your chair -- you won't want to put it down. Alert -- there is some sadness in it, touching on the reality of child abduction. And, since the heroine is a nurse, it might be of special interest to those in that profession.

Loretta Watkins

We have enough youth; how about a fountain of smart?



**Bob The Plumber**

Bob Santosusso  
Master Plumber

**(757) 770-8353**

Commercial - Residential  
Licenses-Insured-24 Hour Service



**Elder Care At Home**  
& The Caregivers

Professional Geriatric Care Management and Home Care

**THE BEST OF CAREGIVING SINCE 1990**

**757.464.4800**

4663 Haygood Road, Suite 206, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

[www.geriatriccaremanagement.net](http://www.geriatriccaremanagement.net)

## PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERINGS

### Online Genealogy Class

Part 1 of 2 Monday, April 23, 9 am-12 pm  
Central Library, 4100 VA Bch Blvd

This 2-part program is designed for adults who are beginning genealogical research or are new to family research using computers. Basic knowledge of computer use and the ability to use a mouse and keyboard are required. The second session is on April 30 at 9 AM. Stop in or call the library at 385-0150 to register.

### And for the Green Thumb!

Flowers are blooming and trees are sprouting! Get back into the swing of spring with lawn and garden books and DVDs from the library. General guides like *The Everything Lawn Care Book* and *Step-by-Step Garden Basics* give you a head start on the fundamentals of lawn and garden upkeep. Regional climate considerations factor into what makes plants thrive. So take a look at *The Virginia Gardener's Companion*, *Best Garden Plants for Virginia* and *Trees for the South* for tips and instructions specific to this area.

Want to try a fun and educational way to learn about your lawn and plants? Try the DVD "Garden Magic" for advice on lawn seeding, feeding and weeding as well as dealing with pesky "varmints" that besiege your yard. The DVD "Around the Garden" offers more ideas on battling weeds and choosing the right plants for your lawn.

As the weather improves and you head outside to enjoy the green of spring, remember the Virginia Beach Public Library can help you get your lawn and garden ready for the season!

### Reminder:

### Vision Loss Symposium

Saturday, April 28, 2012 2:00 – 4:15 PM.  
Central Library Auditorium

Details in last month's newsletter or contact the central library.

## POLICE TIPS

As part of our Neighborhood Watch we encourage residents to inventory their property in the event that it is stolen. In doing so, you'll be able to give an accurate description on the police report. Make your inventory today! Pictures or video are also a good idea. Not only will inventorying help possibly recover your property if it is stolen, it can be used for insurance purposes in the event of a fire or natural disaster. Keep a running list and add to it each time you purchase something. If you don't want to do a full inventory of everything, at least inventory the items most targeted by burglars. They include...any electronics (TV's, stereos, DVD players, VHS, computers, iPods, gaming systems, etc), jewelry and guns.

Insurance companies may have an inventory form/brochure in which you can record the information. Call them.

**Inventory:** Make, brand, model, serial number, model number, specific description, where bought, price paid and date purchased. Save receipts too. Again, having the receipt for that 40 inch plasma TV you bought 3 years ago or that brand new HP laptop with all the bells and whistles could help you when filing a claim with your insurance company.

Inventorying your property increases your chances of recovering your property in the event it is stolen.

B. Jeffrey Eaton  
Virginia Beach Police Dept.  
Crime Prevention Unit  
(757) 385-1066 Fax (757) 385-1064  
[bjeaton@vbgov.com](mailto:bjeaton@vbgov.com)



## 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 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/egghunt120331](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org/main/photos/egghunt120331)



# Pool News

We are busy making improvements to YOUR community swimming pool. We have resurfaced the wading pool, and will be installing a new shade shelter and fencing in that area. Opening day is Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway for the season's activities, and we want you there with us.

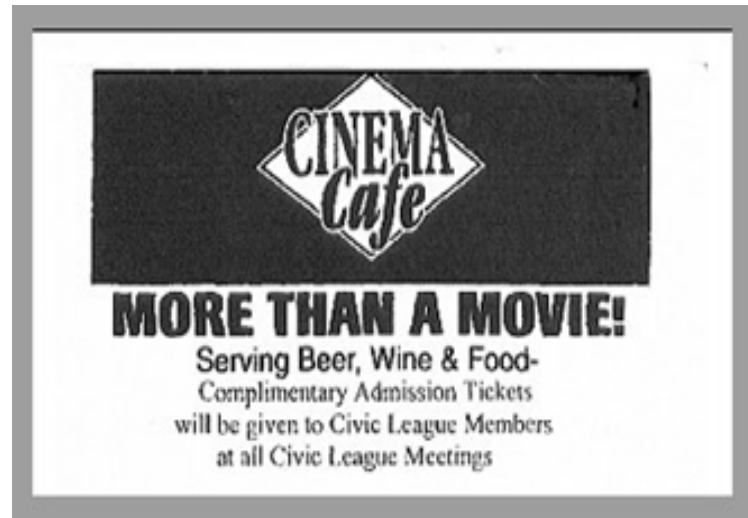
Don't delay, join the pool before April 30<sup>th</sup> and get our "early bird" 10% discount

Plus, current civic league members are eligible for a credit of up to \$150.00 toward their annual pool membership.

Let me do the math for you...

Our family membership is \$425.00 (\$385.00 if paid in full by April 30). The Civic League credit brings the membership rate down to \$235.00 if paid by April 30. Quite a deal for all the fun and sun you receive, and a bargain when you consider all the gas you will save this summer. Application forms are on the web, or you can call Jeanne at 319-3366

To make this all happen, the pool depends on volunteers to keep our facilities up and prices down. Please come to the Spring Fling on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and help us pull off the pool cover and clean up the grounds.



## 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>499-4356</i>
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Brian Miller</i>	<i>499-0039</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>671-2241</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Loretta Watkins</i>	<i>497-2130</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>John Seyar</i>	<i>497-8568</i>
<i>Entrance/Median</i>	<i>Brian Miller</i>	<i>499-0039</i>
<i>Electrical</i>	<i>George Watkins</i>	<i>497-2130</i>
<i>Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</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>
---------------------------	------------------------	-----------------

### 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>472-0283</i>

### Newsletter Editor

<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Carol Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Newsletter Ads</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>

### Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

<i>Shores and Meadows</i>	<i>Gerry Dashiell-Richter</i>	<i>497-5243</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>Kim Best</i>	<i>671-1810</i>
<i>PMRC Pool Phone</i>	<i>(in season only)</i>	<i>963-2239</i>



Pembroke Meadows Shopping Center  
750 Independence Blvd. Suite 4564

**25% OFF**  
**for you and a loved one!**

Just bring this Ad with you