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Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Aug 2012

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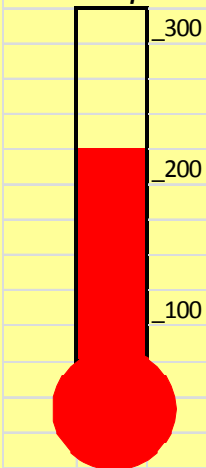
Pool News

Slow Down!

Consider
Scouting

Yogurt
coupon

Membership Goal



225 Members
as of 1 May



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (Pool) August 7th, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Come join us as we celebrate the annual National Night Out Event

Your civic league will host a National Night Out event at our neighborhood pool. There is no charge for attendance. The civic league will be serving free hot dogs and sodas between 6 p.m. and when we run out. Please bring a side dish, your towel and a desire for some evening pool fun and fellowship.



BEAT THE HEAT!

It is not too late to enjoy our pool. "Beat the Heat" memberships allow new members pool usage for August 2012 AND the entire 2013 summer season at the regular 1 year membership price of \$425. And the PMCL stimulus rebate is still available! Consider cooling off by the pool and getting a great deal at the same time. Visit the pool for membership applications or call anyone on the pool board for more info.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH The Perfect Cure for the Common Crime (See more details inside this special Summer edition...)

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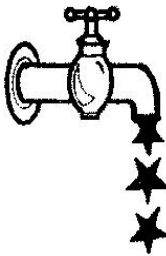
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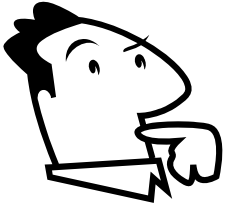
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PRESIDENTIAL Ponderings

There has been a rash of burglaries in our neighborhood recently. Two were in the townhouses (July 7 and 16) and one on Hudgins Drive (July 13). The targeted homes gave the appearance that no one was home; most burglars do not want a confrontation with the home owner. One on St. Denis was thwarted by conscientious neighbors who observed something amiss and confronted the miscreants. That is something we should do as good neighbors. If something looks suspicious, don't turn a blind eye. You may have misinterpreted the suspicious person's intentions, but if you speak to that potential burglar so that he (or they) know you have taken notice, then any nefarious intent will likely be suppressed.

The Hudgins Drive break-in was preceded by the thief ringing the door bell of a home that had no car in the driveway. The resident, although home, did not answer the door. The burglars then went to the backyard and forced open a dining room window. They were scared away when they realized someone was home, ran across the street, through another backyard, to a car (later reported stolen) parked on Bristol Drive. A chase ensued and the car was abandoned on Minute Men Road; property stolen from another break-in was recovered in that car.

There are several things we can do to make our neighborhood undesirable to burglars and thieves. Mainly, these malcontents do not want to be caught. So anyone suspicious should be looked at and spoken to. If you see someone ringing your neighbor's doorbell and no one answers, ask that visitor whether you can help him/her/them.

In determining whether someone belongs or not, it helps to know your neighbors. If you see someone you don't know, say "Hi." Make it known you have seen them. Note their body language; are they trying to be surreptitious? Don't be afraid to call the police with your suspicions. Note descriptions, including any associated vehicle (and hopefully a license plate).

There are other suggestions from the VBPD Crime Prevention Unit:

- *keep landscaping trimmed to allow a view of your property by others
- *lock your doors; car doors too
- *lock/pin windows

*keep an inventory of your property, including serial numbers and credit card numbers

*if you leave town, have your neighbors look out for your home

When I was a kid, there was another kid in my neighborhood who stole multiple items from our and nearby neighborhoods. Among the items he illegally acquired were several bicycles, tools and a canoe. His widowed mother never asked about these items and was always satisfied with his explanation that friends had given them to him. My point is that we have to be vigilant about not just suspicious strangers, but keep a check on anything amiss within our own homes.

Our monthly civic league meetings will recommence September 20th at 7 p.m. at Pembroke Meadows Elementary. That meeting will feature information about crime in our friendly hamlet.

Median Clean Up

August 1-15	???
August 16-31	???
September 1-15	???
September 16-30	???

To add your name here, call Brian Miller at 499-0039 or email at BTSEN5@cox.net

Volunteers for median clean-up are always appreciated. Sure, it's hot right now, but our main entrance road needs cleaning year-around. Pick a slot on the clean-up list that fits into your schedule and call Brian to lend a hand when you can.



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 jjmhal@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.



LOST PET REPORT

Pets have stayed home for the most part so far this summer.

We have returned 7 dogs (6 had identification) 1 had to be turned over to Animal Control. Placing identification on your pet makes it so much easier in reuniting the pet with the owner.

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

- Gerry Richter



Ladies Lunch Group

AUGUST

Ladies Luncheon group will be lunching at the C. P Shuckers Cafe and Raw Bar, 3232 Shore Drive on August 22 (Wed) at 12 noon.

SEPTEMBER

The Ladies Luncheon group will be going to The English Rose Tea Room (Rose Hall Shoppes) 3101 Virginia Beach Blvd. on Sept. 27 (Thur) at 12 noon.

Please call Loretta at 497-2130 or Jeanette at 497-0700 if you plan to attend.



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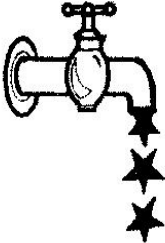
Box Turtle Update

The box turtles are thriving and loving the attention and habitat. Three have us trained. They come right up to the door and await food and bathing water. The others simply know where the water and food stations are located. They can even pick their own tomatoes now

that tomatoes are growing in abundance along the ground level.

Found Box Turtles can be dropped off at Gerry Richter's home at 613 Abbey Drive-497-5243.

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Sign Up For Neighborhood Watch Today !

It is very easy to get on the list for the Neighborhood Watch Program. Just submit your email address, with name, street address and phone #'s to one of three area coordinators:

Pembroke Meadows –
Princesslollipop81@yahoo.com

Pembroke Shores Townhomes –
Wilnbrnk@aol.com

Pembroke Shores - (The Brotmans report 100% participation. Congratulations !)

We need 80% of homes to participate in the program but the city is willing to accept 50% for right now. So everybody sign up ASAP.

Your E-mail will not be sold or exchanged for any reason, it is just the way the city has to count participants. Each participant simply agrees to mark their valuables and report suspicious and/or illegal activities to police. You can even report online to VBgov.com and click on ePRO or call VB Police Non-Emergency # 385-5000. (In an Emergency call 911).

Ferry Plantation House

www.ferryplantation.org

There are still spaces available for .

SUMMER HISTORY CAMP – Grades 1-6

Aug 13-17: Civil War

Aug 20-24: The First Landing

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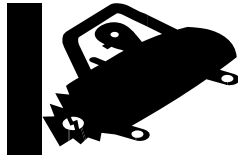
Continued Complaints...

SPEEDING

Although we ran this article last month, we continue to receive complaints about speeding cars in the neighborhood. The Speed limit on ALL streets is 25mph. This includes Pembroke Blvd from the Gazebo to the Park and Rec Center. It does not mean you have to drive that speed but it does mean that you cannot exceed that limit.

Whitechapel Drive and Bishop Drive in particular have become a danger zone for children and adults.

Slow down folks, protect our children and residents. It takes far longer to fill out accident reports, hire a lawyer, go to court and say you are sorry to a grieving family than that extra minute or two you save getting home. We won't even mention the lifelong guilt...




PARKING ON SIDEWALKS

It is not only illegal to block any portion of the public sidewalk but a severe hazard to those using the sidewalk. Please park all vehicles either fully in the driveway or in the street if any portion of the sidewalk is being blocked by your vehicle.

POOL NEWS

The Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center held its annual Membership Meeting on Jul 22 at the pool. Although attendance was light, we discussed everything from "the thieving crow" to an idea of a new pool slide. We enjoy a great location and fun every day at the pool. Please consider visiting us and sharing in that fun. Learn more about the pool at www.pembrokemeadows.org. We are always on the lookout for new board members and new ideas.

If you have an interest in helping the pool thrive, please call Jeanne Blair (497-8844) and find out how you can help us grow.



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Electric Bill Scam Reported

Dominion Virginia Power cautioned customers not to divulge personal information such as a Social Security number or banking information to anyone offering to help them pay their utility bills through a federal program.

According to the Better Business Bureau (BBB), there is no federal program to pay household bills, and providing personal information could lead to identity theft and credit issues.

“Scams are always troubling, especially in these difficult economic times when people are taking advantage of those who may already be struggling to pay their bills,” said Gianna Clark, vice president of customer service operations. “We hope this warning will be heeded and shared so that other customers can avoid traps like this.”

According to the BBB, victims in states across the country have been contacted by phone, text message, social media and in person. They were asked to “register” their Social Security number and banking information and to make payments using what turns out to be a fake account number.

Dominion encourages anyone who is contacted about a government program proposing to pay utility bills to contact the BBB and local law enforcement officials. Dominion also cautions customers to ask to see an official Dominion ID from anyone who comes to their residence and claims to be from the company.

Obituary

Helen Vasta, a long time resident of Pembroke Meadows passed away July 20th. Our sympathies go out to the Vasta family.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for an organization that can provide your child with fun activities while teaching values, leadership, self-reliance and citizenship? We have active Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in our community. Our Civic League sponsors cub Scout Pack 475 at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. There are also several Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops nearby.

For Cub Scout and Boy Scout information go to www.TidewaterBSA.com.

For Girl Scouts go to www.gsccc.org.

Neighborhood Watch Reminder

As a participant in the Neighborhood Watch Program, one of the commitments you make is to take an inventory of your household belongings. It is a tremendous help when you need to list stolen items for an insurance investigator. Otherwise you will surely "forget" to list some items. Use whatever method works for you: a written list, photographs, or a video recording. If you break down the job into easy segments (for example, one room a day) it is easier to manage. Don't forget to open drawers and closet doors when taking photos.



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>

Directory Chairman

<i>Robert Westmont</i>	<i>473-1024</i>
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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>Carol Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
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Newsletter Ads

<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
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Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

<i>Shores and</i>	<i>Gerry Dashiell-Richter</i>	<i>497-5243</i>
<i>Meadows</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>
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