

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,  
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Feb 2013

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## Next Civic League Meeting ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER Pembroke Meadows Elementary School February 21, 2013 @ 6 pm

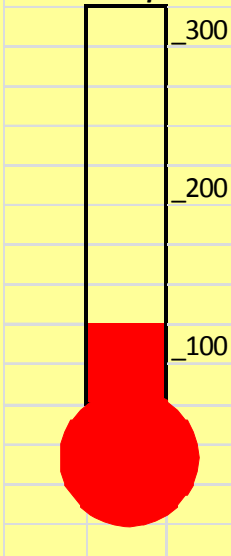
Come join us at the annual civic league pot luck dinner. For this favorite civic league event, **we begin at 6:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria of the Pembroke Meadows Elementary School. Your civic league will provide the plates, plastic flatware, napkins, sodas and neighbors! We ask that you bring a food dish to share with us. Our usual motto for this evening is "all eating – no meeting", but we have one short business item – a vote on the proposed 2013 pool membership stimulus plan. We looking forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time.

NEW THIS YEAR - \$100 raffle \*\*details inside\*\*

## 2013 PMCL membership reaches 135

WOW! What a great group of punctual neighbors. This past month 135 families paid \$10 and voluntarily joined the civic league. We have 650 houses in our neighborhood and usually average 230 members. We are over halfway to our goal. Please consider joining to support our neighborhood.  
Carol Moore – Treasurer

Membership Goal



## Townhome Residents....

### A special call for help.

There are 90 townhomes, comprising 15% of our neighborhood. 19 Townhome residents are members of the civic league, yet there is only one newsletter delivery person and no neighborhood watch volunteers.

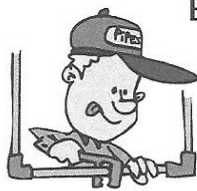
We are in desperate need of some volunteers from Cathedral Drive, St Johns Court, St Dennis Court and Notre Dame Court to help with newsletter delivery 9 times a year and/or serve as block captains, also a very easy, non-time consuming position. Please let us know if you can lend a hand.

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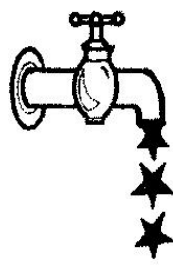
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## Median Cleanup

Feb 16 – 31	Available
Mar 1 – 15	Available
Mar 16 – 31	Available



To add your name here, call Mike Moore at 557-0328

Volunteers keep our entryway clean and nice looking, won't you please call him to add your name?



## PET LOST & FOUND

A big **THANKS** to all that sent in your pet forms. Your pets will thank you too if they get out.

Between December and January 9 pets were returned to their owners. Most had identification on their collars.

You can order embroidered identification collars on line from [www.luckypet.com](http://www.luckypet.com). Since people that find dogs are often afraid of getting too close to an unknown dog, the collars are far easier to read from behind the animals head. Plus there is no danger of getting dew claws torn off or entangled.

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- Gerry Richter

## Ferry Plantation House

The house will be closed for tours during January and February for interior renovations and repairs.

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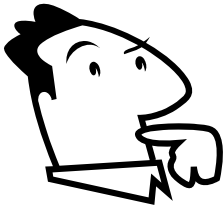
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## PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

I am honored to be your Civic League president for the upcoming year. I hope you will make an opportunity to reach out and let me know how you would like to become involved in our community. Jim's and my email address is [forprices@verizon.net](mailto:forprices@verizon.net). Our home phone number is 499-5115 (though please be forewarned that we do not use an answering machine).

The current Civic League Board consists of several neighbors who have volunteered many times for positions and who, even when not on the Board, continue to assist us where and when needed. We are desperate for both a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the current term. In a neighborhood with almost 700 homes, I am disappointed that we have not found someone to dedicate a few hours a month. Please consider this request; talk with your families and contact me to step up and give us a hand. My first official Board meeting ran a tad long at almost 2 hours but I promise to keep them shorter from here on out.

Many of you may have noted the missing flag at our entryway. Our last windy storm event caused a bit of damage to the pole. Thank you to Joe Lang for his many years of flag raising and lowering and dedicated attention to replacing the flags in a timely fashion. I would also like to recognize George Watkins for ensuring our flags stay lit as protocol requires (and for turning off the electricity while we wait for repair completion). Fortunately, and thanks to the cell tower, the Civic League does have the funds to restore our 10-year old flagpole to new.

As warm weather approaches, please remember that we do have the benefit of the Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (POOL) in our community. Once again, your Board will recommend to the membership at our upcoming meeting to dedicate a portion of the cell tower revenue to offset the annual membership fees for current civic league members.

Our February 21, 2013 meeting is the Annual Pot Luck dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. I know Jim and I have said it before but this was always a favorite for our family. Our boys would start talking about favorite foods, favorite neighbors, and funny recollections, etc. in the weeks before the meeting. I hope you will take the time to gather up your family,

prepare an item to share and join us for a quick business meeting followed by food and fellowship.  
- Donna Price

## PMCL Garden Club

### Tree Talks

Saturday, March 2, 2013  
8:30 am – 12:15 pm



Hampton Roads Agricultural Extension Center,,  
1444 Diamond Springs Rd.

Come learn about Tree & Shrub care, Planting, Soil, Pruning, Tools and more!

This event is free and open to the public.  
Space is limited so please pre-register.  
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## SPRING CELEBRATION

### Art, Crafts and Plant Sale

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**  
**10am to 2pm**

- - - Seasonal Plants for Sale
- - - Dozens of Artisans and Crafters
- - - Come and Taste TGC's "Dressing by the Bay"
- - - Learn about local Environmental Groups

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## Neighborhood Classifieds:

### HELP WANTED

Local Civic League in Pembroke area is looking for part time help. Serving your community is easy and looks good on a resume or college application.

### Classifieds -

#### Family Room Furniture

3 Cushion couch and chair set. Good condition. \$75 obo. 499-9020

## Ladies Lunch Group

The Lunch Group has made their selections of restaurants for the year and here is the list for the next three months.

The February choice is for Keagan's, 244 Market Street (Town Center) the time is 12 noon on Thur. Feb. 28.

In March we will be going to Max & Erma's, 4512 Virginia Beach Blvd. (Pembroke Mall) the time is 12 noon on Wed. March 27.

In April we will be headed to Tripp's, 101 South Independence Blvd., the time is 12 noon on Thur. Apr. 25.

Please try to have your reservation made with us by Monday of the week of the luncheon.

You can call either Loretta at 497-2130, Joy at 473-9284 or Jeanette 497-0700 or email. [jlwillen@aol.com](mailto:jlwillen@aol.com)

## ***Our Real Estate Market...***

Locally, the housing inventory is the lowest it's been in six years, interest rates are at an all-time low and demand is high. As home prices begin to inch up, as do rents, buyers are being compelled to buy NOW! Buyers are out there looking AND buying!

What's new in Pembroke Meadows? There are currently 5 homes for sale in Pembroke Meadows, 2 of which are townhomes. At this time, there is 1 home at 4457 Hudgins Dr. under contract and a home located at 601 Bishop Ct. recently sold and closed at \$275,000.

~Sue Lentini~

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## **\$\$ POTLUCK PRIZE \$\$**

TWO \$50 cash prizes will be raffled off at the pot luck supper on Thursday, February 21st. To receive a raffle ticket, you must have paid your 2012 Civic League dues (still a mere \$10 and payable at the door) and participate in the pot luck by bringing a dish to share. Even if you don't win, you and your family will be all the richer for having spent time getting to know your neighbors. Plus you'll have the opportunity to sample some great culinary creations.

We hope to see you there!

## In the Neighborhood?

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### Civic League Officers

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<i>First VP</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	<i>490-0925</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Carol Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Memb. Chrman</i>	<i>Cheryl Douglas</i>	<i>671-2241</i>
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	<i>Barbara Amos</i>	
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

### Committees

<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Entrance/Median</i>	<i>Vacant</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>Vacant</i>	

### Directory Chairman

*Robert Westmont* *473-1024*

### 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: Vacant

<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

*Carol Moore* *557-0328*

### Newsletter Ads

*Mike Moore* *557-0328*

### 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>Tom Hronek</i>	<i>473-9733</i>
<i>Asst Director</i>	<i>Erin Strasburger</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Lori Hines</i>	<i>557-0101</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>

## POOL (PMRC) NEWS

A 2013 pool membership application is included in this newsletter. It can also be found at the Civic League Website [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org). Scroll to Pool News on the left. Prices are unchanged from 2012. Different rates apply for different family situations and early birds get the best discount.

Thanks again for all your support.  
PMRC – Tom Hronek

**Treasurers Note:** The **pool stimulus program** must be voted on each year by a quorum of civic league members. If you would like to see this program continue please attend the February Civic League meeting to have your vote count. .



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# Scam Alerts

# Treasurers Report

Please take a moment to look over our proposed budget for 2013. Note that the rather large difference from 2012 in income and expenditures is largely because we have not yet received from the pool board a specific request for funds that are most often withdrawn from the money market fund.

## Proposed PMCL 2013 Budget

	2012	2013
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	450	500
Dues	2420	2400
Newsletter Advertising	1755	1700
T-Mobile contract	16089	16100
Interest	14	7
Withdraw from Money Mkt	6388	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27116</b>	<b>20707</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Christmas Party	171	160
Beautification Comm	30	30
Cub Scout Pack	150	150
Easter Egg Hunt	77	100
Ferry Membership	50	50
Flag Replacements	345	350
Gazebo Improvement	181	200
Halloween Walk	80	300
Insurance	0	200
PMGC Support	83	100
Lynnhaven River Now	100	100
Median Upkeep	338	500
Median Utilities	562	600
NNO Pool Party	196	200
Newsletter Printing	1294	1300
PA Operation Graduation	100	100
Pool Improvements	15000	0
Postal Box Rental	58	58
Pot Luck Dinner	100	150
Spring Fling/Cleanup	51	100
Supplies (office)	0	50
State Corp. Comm.	25	25
Pool Membership Stimulus	8050	9000
VBCCO	25	25
Deposit to Money Market	0	6859
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>27116</b>	<b>20707</b>

Account balance as of 31 January: \$17,012.

Last month we mentioned that *Bubbas Tree Service* had ripped off one of our residents. We have also passed along email alerts of Medicare scammers who are trying to get personal financial information.

Here are FIVE things that will safeguard yourself, your property and your money

1. Always, ask for references
2. Always, ask to see business license/contractor license, etc.
3. NEVER pay money up front. If they insist, get another person or company to do the job
4. Check the Better Business Bureau for any complaints, Googling the company/person may turn up some information as well.
5. Ask about any other people coming onto your property to do the job, who they are, how many, how long they have worked for the company, etc.

## Please help Keep Our Streets And Waterways Clean

### Know your city ordinance: Section 33-13

All owners or occupants of real property shall maintain the sidewalks and curbs and the right-of-way up to the edge of the pavement of any public street abutting such property in a clean and litter-free condition. This is for naturally occurring debris; leaves, twigs & dirt. When debris is deliberately placed in the City right of way Code Enforcement will issue notices of violation.

## And what has our City done for us this month?

Early in January, an intoxicated driver ran through the gate at the end of Pembroke Boulevard. His car was towed at police request and the gate promptly repaired by city.

- Jim Price