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Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Mar 2013

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Next Civic League Meeting

Pembroke Meadows Elementary School

March 21, 2013 @ 7 pm

City of Virginia Beach's Curbside Recycling and Other Services

Confused about what can and cannot go in the recycling bin?

Do you have arguments about what is allowed?

Come to the March meeting and get the definitive answers!

This presentation is rescheduled from January due to weather. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Tanya Wilson, a Recycling Administrative Technician for the Waste Management Division of Public Works. She will be presenting "City of Virginia Beach's Curbside Recycling and Other Services" which includes information about the dos and don'ts of recycling, the City Landfill and other recycling drop-off locations, Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission, and ways residents can volunteer.

This month's civic league meeting will also include approval of the 2013 PMCL budget. We need a quorum to approve the budget, so come enjoy fresh cookies, refreshments and get FREE Cinema Café tickets.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 23rd @ 11:00 a.m.

Face painting, tattoos and the Easter bunny.

All Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores and Pembroke Townhomes children are welcome
Volunteers are needed for set up and high school students can earn community service hours.

If you would like to volunteer to fill eggs or for any of the day's fun activities, please call Vivian Hance at 477-3273.

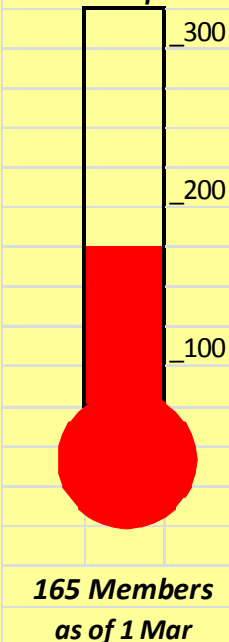
Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center

2013 Stimulus Plan Approved

Get up to a \$100 credit toward your pool membership.

Please read Presidents Ponderings and POOL NEWS articles inside this issue for information regarding the plan approved at the February pot luck dinner.

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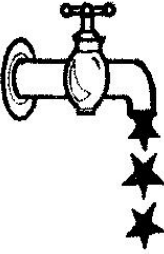
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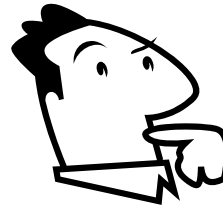
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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Mar 1 – 15	Peggy Caverly
Mar 16 – 31	Tyler Wilson
Apr 1 – 15	George Wilson
Apr 16 – 30	Tyler Wilson

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

I am happy to report that no dogs had to be turned over to animal control in the past two months. Folks, thanks for putting identification on your pets. Seven that I am aware of have been returned with this method just this month. Happy pets. Happy owners.

- Gerry Richter

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Neighborhood Yard Sale ?

Should we plan a neighborhood yard sale in May or June? If you are interested, please come to the CL Meeting where we will determine if there is enough participation and then discuss planning and advertising.

With these warmer days, I know spring is not far away! Though I enjoy the cold months, I am greatly looking forward to another fun season at our neighborhood pool. Please be certain to read Pool News elsewhere in this publication.

And speaking of the pool, your fellow civic league members again voted to route cell tower fund monies and provide a financial incentive to dues paying civic league members joining the pool for the 2013 season.

The Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center is located at the terminal point of Pembroke Boulevard across from our neighborhood park. Membership is not restricted to residents of Pembroke Meadows/Shores; ergo, if you have friends living close by, please tell them about this wonderful, underused amenity.

Membership rates have not been raised in several years thanks to the fund raising efforts of past pool boards.

I will admit that on swim team practice nights, the pool is crowded though it does not diminish my personal pleasure. I honestly enjoy seeing lots of children and adults using our pool. Jim and I have been PMRC (pool) members for 20 years. We have enjoyed years where membership was high and the pool enjoyed by many as well as years with lower membership numbers. It really is more exciting when the sounds of our children laughing and splashing fill the air!

Please come out to our March meeting. I would love to meet you and hear your compliments and concerns. You may reach me by calling 499-5115 or emailing forprices@verizon.net ,

See you at the monthly meeting!

- Donna Price

Flower Card Fundraiser



Many of you are familiar with the Norfolk Florist flower cards. These cards allow you to get a free bouquet of flowers every month for one year for only \$30. These cards make excellent gifts and they raise funds for the PMRC Pool. The first flowers will be available in APRIL. If you would like some cards contact any board or pool board member or Mike Moore at 557-0328 or formoores@verizon.net.

Our Real Estate Market...

Q: What is a Short Sale?

A short sale is a real estate sale in which the sale proceeds are less than what is owed on the property. What is owed may be only 1 mortgage, or it may be a combination of liens including mortgages, equity lines, IRS tax liens, etc. Unlike a foreclosure where the bank has taken back legal and equitable title to the property, a home going through a short sale is still owned by the homeowner. For a short sale to be approved, the lienholders must agree to release the liens on the property and accept less than the amount owed on the debt.

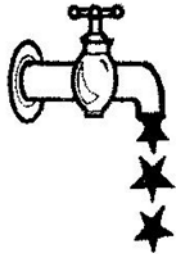
What's happening in the neighborhood?

There are currently 3 homes/townhomes for sale:
819 Saint Denis Ct.
4401 Hudgins Dr.
4425 Saint Mark

We have 3 homes under contract:
720 Abbey
629 Whitechapel Dr.
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~Sue Lentini~

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Ladies Lunch Group

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.

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70 attend Annual Pot Luck Dinner!

Wow, another successful Civic League pot luck dinner eaten and enjoyed by members of our community. While I have not attended every annual dinner, I believe we had the highest number of participants than we have seen in many years.

The food was delicious and the company lively. I'd like to thank the Garden Club for the lovely floral table centerpieces, Carol Moore and Grace Willenbrink for table set up, organizing and overall preparations.

King Hua again donated entrees for our enjoyment. Please be certain to thank them the next time you are in picking up your family's Chinese meal.

Diners were able to enjoy the musical talents of our neighborhood's own Katie Pancho. Katie, a senior at Salem High School and student in the Visual and Performing Arts Academy, entertained us by providing flute music before and during the meal.

Before we began our meal, the Civic League welcomed Officers Eichas and Rouley from the Virginia Beach Police Department, 3rd precinct. These officers are assigned to our neighborhood area as part of their patrol responsibilities. Officer Eichas has composed a survey, included in this newsletter, as a result of concerns and questions brought to them during the meeting. Please see the survey article for additional details.

Extra special thanks to the following individuals who stepped forward and volunteered to fill vacant Civic League Board positions at the February meeting:

Kate Nixon, 1st Vice President
Susan Frohwitter, 2nd Vice President
Beverly Wilson, Corresponding Secretary (with Joanne Wilson as her backup). These nominees will be voted on at the March civic league meeting.

- Donna Price

Retirement May Be Far Off, But the April 15 Deadline for IRA Contributions Isn't.

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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.

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.

Complaint Department:

In my short tenure as your Civic League president, I have received several complaints about various issues in our neighborhood. Some I have had success in resolving and some I have no control over beyond providing referral references.

I have spent a great deal of time pondering "The Golden Rule" and hoping/encouraging our neighbors to just *talk to your neighbor*. It may be that the issue is easily resolved without phoning Code Enforcement, the Police Department, or tears, anger, and other upset. I remember a few years ago working myself into a stew over a parking issue. When we spoke with our neighbor, he said, "Donna, why didn't you just say something?" It was never an issue again. Jim, and the Moores, will tell you that parking is my scratchy spot. At 52, I'm working on it but can't promise I won't get silly about it again.

A brief summary of recent issues follows:

- School bus parking – school buses can be legally parked on neighborhood streets. Issues related to safety and visibility can be addressed to the Virginia Beach City Schools Transportation Department. The transportation folks have been very helpful to me in explaining their policies and helping me to understand the variety of possible solutions.
- Trash and debris not being completely cleaned up by our City Waste Management Department employees on trash day - this complaint came in multiples both at the civic league meeting and in phone calls. All complaints received by me were from residents of the townhome area. Discussion revealed that this is debris and trash not in the city provided trash cans. Please be doubly certain that you take individual and personal responsibility for your items. If the City staff does not collect items you have left out, please pick them back up and dispose of them. Leaving these items out may create rodent issue above and beyond the unsightliness. Issues related to the actual collection of waste may be directed to Waste Management by calling direct: [\(757\) 385-1470](tel:7573851470) | or to email: pwclrks@vbgov.com .

- Medical waste left on the ground – I remain unclear if the syringes were items that spilled from a homeowner's trash bin or were just thrown on the ground. Again, personal responsibility in properly disposing of these items is requested.
- Parking , parking, parking – this is where the do unto others portion of my ponderings really comes into play. Consideration of your neighbors and their parking needs is appreciated. (And for your information, your civic league board does not tell your neighbors or local businesses to ignore complaints nor do we write anonymous letters.)
- Boats, trailers, and other vehicles parked illegally in driveways – my least favorite complaint to hear and the one I hate to address as we just don't seem to want to talk to our neighbors. Advice comes directly from the www.vbgov.com Code Enforcement FAQ's

- Donna Price

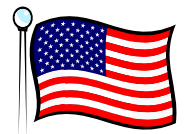
Scam Alert

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans.

This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way. VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

But what has our City done for us this month?



Flagpole repair. Strong winds recently broke our flag halyard and left it at the top of a 40 foot pole. While I tried to find a local company to answer my calls and repair the pole, Mr Jim Willenbrink contacted the city. Appealing to their patriotism and the fact the pole is on city property, he was able to get a traffic light repair bucket truck to make a quick 15 minute detour. Thank you Jim.

- Mike Moore

Serious Stuff

Know your city ordinance:

Parking on Sidewalks

It is **ILLEGAL** to park any vehicle on, across, or blocking any portion of the public sidewalk. If your vehicle does not fully fit in the driveway then park it legally in the street. It is only a few steps further for you and a safety hazard avoided for others. **Please help Keep Our Sidewalks Passable**

Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance (City Code 16-40) - Vehicles must be in operating condition and must have either a valid state license plate or a valid inspection sticker, and cannot be in a dismantled or wrecked condition.

Commercial Vehicles Parked in Residential or Apartment Districts (City Code 16-41.1) - Commercial vehicles parked in residential or apartment districts are subject to certain restrictions:

Parking and Storage of Recreational Equipment and Non-Commercial Trailers (City Code 16-41.2) – Major recreational equipment and non-commercial trailers parked or stored in residential areas are subject to the following limitations:

1. Major recreational vehicles and non-commercial trailers shall be parked or stored within an enclosed building or behind every plane of a structure that is substantially parallel to and facing the public right-of-way. **Such equipment may be parked in a driveway or approved parking area for a period not to exceed 24 hours for loading and unloading.**

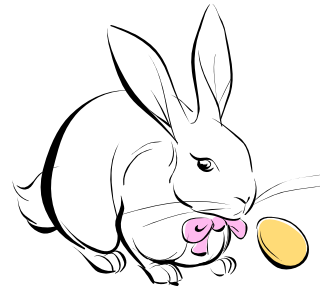
Through lots; such equipment must be parked or stored on the portion of the lot that is clearly and physically the rear of the lot provided that it is substantially screened from the public right-of-way with a six-foot solid fence or equivalent vegetation or landscaping.

2. Corner lots; such equipment may also be parked or stored on the portion of the lot that is clearly and physically the rear of the lot and

behind the plane of the house parallel and closest to the public right-of-way.

3. No recreational equipment shall be in any public street or public right-of-way for more than three hours.

4. No such equipment shall be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes except in locations lawfully established for such use.



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.

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POOL (PMRC) NEWS

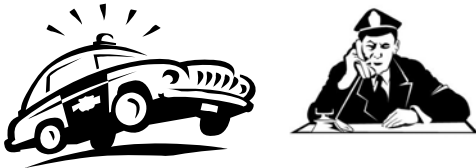
Many thanks to all the members present at the February Pot Luck Dinner who supported renewing the Pool Stimulus Plan for 2013. If you aren't familiar with this extraordinary deal, please allow me to explain. Our civic league receives rent from the T-Mobile cell tower on civic league property. We use this money to support neighborhood programs and pool improvements. This year we will use the surplus to lower the cost to our membership.

If you are current with your 2013 civic league dues (\$10.00 a year), you are eligible to receive a credit toward your 2013 pool membership.

- \$100.00 for Family or Family Grandparents
- > Family Single Parent or Grandparent
- > \$75.00 for Individual membership, Senior Couple
- > \$50.00 for Individual Senior Citizen

For example, family membership is \$425.00 (\$385.00 if paid in full by April 30). With the stimulus credit, the membership rate is only \$325.00 (\$285.00 if paid by April 30). It is a deal for all the fun and sun you receive without having to drive far or hassle with parking. Plans are underway for the season's activities, and we want you there with us.

Spring Fling is the annual clean up of the neighborhood median, park, waterways, and pool grounds to get us looking good for the summer. This is scheduled for May 4th from 8-12. Mark your calendar to come help wake the pool from its winter slumber or help with park or median clean up.



VB POLICE SURVEY ENCLOSED

This is your chance to address community concerns to the 3rd Precinct officers. Please complete the enclosed page with any comments you might have and either return it directly to the police or to your civic league. Instructions are on the form.

-Mike Moore

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Donna Price</i>	<i>499-5115</i>
<i>First VP</i>	<i>Kate Nixon</i>	<i>546-4004</i>
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Susan Frohwitter</i>	<i>460-4681</i>
<i>Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Beverly Wilson</i>	<i>499-0723</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>	

<i>Directory Chairman</i>	<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: 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


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

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>
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- Unsafe
- Very Unsafe

Please rank your primary concerns, 1 to 5, regarding NUISANCE activity in the neighborhood. (Using Number 1 as your highest concern)

- Traffic
- Parking
- Loud Parties
- Rundown Buildings
- Other

Where: _____

Please rank your primary concerns, 1 to 8, regarding CRIMINAL activity in the neighborhood. (Using Number 1 as your highest concern)

- Violent Crime Gangs
- Thefts Vandalism
- Narcotics Graffiti
- Juvenile Other

Where: _____

If you had to fix a problem in the neighborhood, what would that be? _____

List two recommendations for the Virginia Beach Police Department that would help improve effectiveness.

1: _____

2: _____

Name(Optional): _____

Address(Optional): _____

Phone Number(Optional): _____

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2. You can mail it to your Civic League (PO Box 68052, Virginia Beach, VA 23471) and we will deliver to VBPD
3. You can drop it off on Jim Prices doorstep (4461 Hudgins Drive) and he will deliver them to VBPD
4. You can drop it off at the **VBPD Third Precinct**, 926 Independence Blvd. Make sure it is marked Attn: Officer Eichas