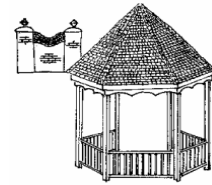


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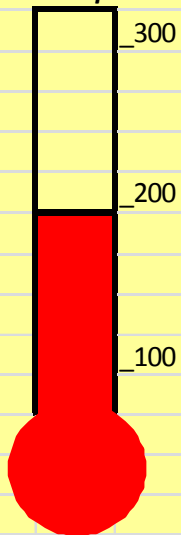
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191 Members
as of 1 April

Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School April 17th, 2014 @ 7 pm

Our guest speaker is Ms. Lynn Draper from the City's Department of Planning and Community Development. Come with your questions about zoning issues, businesses in residences, commercial equipment in residential areas, fences, landscape requirements, and illegal dwellings or out buildings. Find out what your obligations are.

Don't forget...

NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 12th @ 11:00 a.m.

Pembroke Meadows Lakeside Park

Kids welcome & Volunteers needed, if you can or help with any of the day's fun activities, please call Vivian Hance at 477-3273

SPRING FLING – Community Clean-up Saturday May 3rd - 9 am to 12 pm

Join our annual clean-up of the neighborhood median, park, waterways, and pool grounds to get us looking good for the summer. 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.

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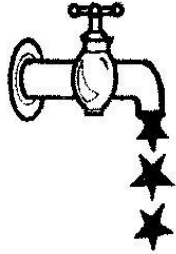
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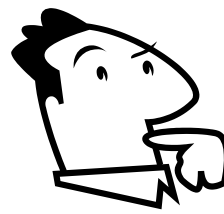
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Presidential Ponderings

Dear Neighbors:

We missed YOU at the March Civic League meeting. As you may have heard, we missed our planned speaker also. However, Lynn Draper tells me that she'll definitely be at our April meeting. Will YOU be there too? We'd sure love to see and meet each and every one of our neighbors.

As I type this article, the weather is finally showing making the turn toward warm and sunny. I have noted quite a few of us out walking and cycling. Remember to complete your application for the 2014 Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center (Pool) season. If you pay by April 30th then you are entitled to the Early Bird discount listed in the application.

At our Civic League Board meeting tonight, Beverly Wilson shared that she'd been informed of the death of our neighbor Martin Simmons. A quick peek at his obituary showed that he lived a pretty remarkable life having served in World War II, volunteered at our own Bayside Library for 25 years, married 65 years and enjoyed the love of his family.

The annual Spring Fling event at the neighborhood pool is set for Saturday, May 3rd. Those of us "long timers" in the neighborhood remember well the days of Earl Davis and Ashley Wilson manning the grill. We recall the extensive clean up of the median and painting of the gazebos. With additional volunteers for this event, we could certainly return to the times of making this Spring Fling about cleaning the park and the median strip. Please consider coming on out.

Happy Spring and I look forward to see you all out and about!

- Donna Price

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Neighborhood Yard Sale Scheduled for June 28th

At the March meeting, the civic league voted to sponsor a neighborhood yard sale and Cheryl Douglas kindly offered to coordinate. Cheryl will place ads in the newspaper, Craigslist and other electronic yard sale sites advertising a neighborhood wide yard sale. These type of group sales often bring in considerably more traffic given that everyone is in a concentrated area. The sales will be strictly at individual homes with no fees charged. If you would like to participate and/or have your address listed on the electronic sites, please contact Cheryl at puzllr@aol.com. She will also place signs at the gazebo and along Pembroke Blvd. on the day of the sale to get people into the neighborhood. You are welcome to add signs at your corners and other decorations, such as balloons, at your individual address to attract attention. Please contact Cheryl by May 6th.

Lost Pet Program Update

We are winning. 6 dogs (that I know of) were returned via **Identification on the pet collar**. Only 2 were located via our email notification program.

Q: Should I sign up for the email notification program?

Yes. We had a report of suspicious activity in the neighborhood. A notice and information was quickly put out via this FREE program to all those that signed up. Missing pets were reunited with owners, reminders of Civic League Meetings, Activities, events, and lost/found items are also posted here.

- Gerry Richter

Cooking for One?

I am an original townhome owner, Kathy Cheaney, and I would like to organize some "cooking for one" classes at my home. I worked in food service for many years, but when I found myself cooking for one, it was surprisingly challenging. I think there may be others in the neighborhood, who have also found themselves in this situation and I would like to share my ideas with you. Come learn easy, healthy recipes and skills in a relaxed setting and maybe even make some new friends in the neighborhood. There would be a nominal fee to cover costs and once we have a few interested folks, we can work out what day of the week and how often we meet. If you are interested or have questions, please call Kathy at (757)383-2396.

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Our Real Estate Market...

Are you hesitant about putting your house on the market? Concerned about where interest rates are headed and buyers qualifying for mortgages? If so, these are valid concerns. However, there are several reasons to sell your home sooner rather than later.

~Most serious buyers are out now before the hectic late Spring/Summer rush.

~There are fewer homes on the market now, thus less competition.

~The process will be quicker now. Banks are requiring more paperwork and as the market heats up, banks will be handling more loan applications, thus causing closing times to lengthen.

~There may never be a better time to move up to a larger, more expensive home as prices are projected to increase along with the interest rate.

What's new on the market here in Pembroke Meadows??

Currently for Sale

4504 Whitechapel Ct	3 BR	2 BA	325,000
616 Severn	3 BR	2 BA	225,900
4257 Cheswick	4 BR	3 BA	395,000
4169 Cheswick	4 BR	4 ½ BA	727,200

Homes Under Contract

740 Abbey Dr	4 BR	2 BA	250,000
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Homes Sold

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- Sue Lentini




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Ladies Lunch Group



At the March luncheon, the Ladies Lunch Group noted Jeanette Willenbrink's founding and leading of this group for approximately nine years. Jeanette recently turned leadership over to Joy Guthrie. Jeanette was surprised with cards, gifts and a gift card to the McDonald Nursery.

There was much conversation regarding new restaurants and businesses opening as well as the ones closing in our community.

The scheduled restaurants for 2014 were chosen by the membership as follows:

April lunch will be at Sweetwater Cuisine on Thursday April 24th at 12:00 Noon.

May lunch will be at Reginella's Thursday May 22nd at 12 Noon.

June lunch will be at the Leaping Lizard Thursday June 26th 12 Noon.

Members are encouraged to invite a neighbor and/or friend. We had a guest at the March meeting who talked about the pool program her family had attended in Pembroke Meadows and how they went on to become coaches and incorporated swimming into their lives and work.

Business for the next lunch will be discussion of exchanging gifts at each meeting and finding ways to have more participation with our neighbors. All are invited. Rides are available-just ASK. Please let Joy or Loretta Watkins (497-2130) know if you can attend so we can make reservations or do a call ahead. Look for coupons and/or remember to ask for senior discount.

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August 4-8 will feature the Civil War. Campers will be instructed and become soldiers. Camp hours are 9-3:30.

The cost is \$230 per child with a \$25. discount if paid before May 30th. **Fees are tax deductible. Sign up on line or by calling Ferry Plantation House 473-5182.**



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Cheryl Douglas on St. Albans St.

Jim Price and Kate Nixon to help with distributing to deliverers.

Independent Living: Your Way Workshop and Resource Fair

Saturday, April 26

The City of Virginia Beach and AARP/Virginia are hosting a free Independent Living: Your Way Workshop and Resource Fair, Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Registration and complementary refreshments beginning at 8 a.m.) at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street.

No products will be sold or promoted. Seating is limited, so registration is highly recommended. To register, call 1-877-926-8300 or visit: <http://aarp.cvent.com/VAILYW>.

Car Break-Ins

It was reported at last month's meeting that there have been several car break-ins in the neighborhood. In most cases, the cars were left unlocked. Please, please, please lock your cars, even if you are just running inside for a few minutes.

If you need to report a crime that is not an emergency, please call the police at 385-5000.

POOL (PMRC) NEWS

Opening day is Saturday, May 24th. Plans are underway for the season's activities, and we want you there with us.

Our family membership is only \$315.00 if paid in full by April 30th. 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. 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 3rd and help us pull off the pool cover and clean up the grounds.

PMRC membership is also open to those outside our neighborhood, applications are available online or you can call Kim Best at 671-1810

Talk it up with your friends and have an easy summer at our pool.

- Chris Pascuzzi



Outdoor Fireplaces/ Outdoor Burning Ban

The following is from the City of Virginia Beach:

A fairly new product called an outdoor fireplace is creating some confusion in the application of the Open Burning Ordinance. Based on the ordinance, the use of outdoor fireplaces will be treated as any other open burning such as recreational fires, cooking/grill fires and campfires. The use of this device should be in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

- 1. Any outdoor fireplace creating a smoke nuisance shall be extinguished.*
- 2. Only clean dry firewood shall be used as fuel.*
- 3. The outdoor fireplace must be not less than 25 ft. from any structure.*

4. Fire shall be constantly monitored until extinguished.

5. Fire extinguishing equipment shall be available.

Also, there is an outdoor burning ban of trash and debris until April 30th.

Last Meeting Refreshment Recipe

Several attendees asked for the recipe for the coffee cake served at last month's Civic League Meeting so we decided to publish it for everyone. Enjoy!

Cranberry Almond Coffee Cake

Cake:

¼ lb. butter

1 c. sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

2 c. flour

1 c. sour cream

1 tsp. almond flavoring

1 c. whole cranberry sauce(canned)

½ c. chopped walnuts

Beat butter, sugar and eggs in a bowl. In a separate bowl, combine flour, salt and soda. Combine all with sour cream and almond flavoring. In a greased bundt pan, alternate layers of batter with cranberry sauce, swirl sauce into batter. Add nuts on top. If preferred, some nuts can be placed in the bottom of the pan before adding batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes.

Drizzle:

¾ c. confectioners' sugar

½ tsp. almond flavoring

1 Tbs. warm water

Stir all ingredients together and drizzle over the top of the cake when cool.

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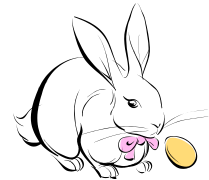
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