# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

**CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER** 



#### May-June 2014

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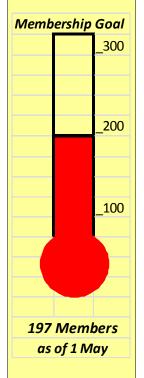
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# NEIGHBORHOOD SWIM! Sunday, May 25th – 11 A.M.

We invite everyone in our neighborhood to join us at the pool for one free day of swimming. Bring your friends and enjoy a relaxing Sunday by the pool. **Try us – like us – then join us!** 

# **CLEAN THE BAY DAY** Saturday, June 7th, 8-12 a.m.

Our civic league, along with neighboring communities will participate in this year's Clean the Bay Day. Our volunteer commitment is to remove trash from our neighborhood lakes and their adjacent shores and drains (e.g., gutters). If you missed helping with Spring Fling this is another chance to "give back". See details on page 4.

# NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE June 28th

Group sales often bring in considerably more traffic given that everyone is in a concentrated area. Your Civic League will place ads in the newspaper, Craigslist and other electronic yard sale sites advertising a neighborhood wide yard sale. See more details and POC's on page 4.





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### **Median Cleanup**

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To see 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?







Dear Neighbors:

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Thank you to all who attended our April civic league meeting. Lynn Draper from the City's Zoning Office spoke with those present about a variety of zoning rules and regulations. It seems that those of us who are "building" or "creating" on weekends without the benefit of a City permit may find ourselves moving sheds, fences, etc. Ms. Draper recommended that we call the Zoning office prior to beginning home improvement projects.

We were additionally reminded that placing signs – yard sale, estate sale, political, junk car sales, etc. – in and on public property is not permitted. Therefore, please do not place your advertisement signs in our neighborhood median, on our stop signs, or the gazebo. While few of us would remove your signage, there are penalties for doing so. Ms. Draper shared that she will remove these signs, contact the seller, homeowner, or advertiser about the legality of their placement and issue citations as needed/appropriate.

I would also like to thank Mike and Carol Moore for offering their home at the last minute for our meeting. It seems we did not realize that the meeting date fell on a date during the public school's spring break time. Mike and Carol graciously stepped forward, again, and allowed our capacity crowd to meet in their home. Thank you also to Clif Furedy for staying behind at PMES and directing meeting attendees to our changed location.

Please take a few moments to review your family's calendar and then let us know a time when you are willing to take on median strip clean up. Your civic league has again arranged to have the medians mowed during the off times from the City's regular mowing. We would all appreciate some additional assistance with trash pickup.

After our meeting this month, we will not meet again until September. I hope to see many, if not ALL, of you at our neighborhood pool this summer. My family plans to spend as much time as possible enjoying the cool waters, our neighbors and friends and, of course, sunshine!

- Donna Price

# Neighborhood Yard Sale Scheduled for June 28th

Group sales often bring in considerably more traffic given that everyone is in a concentrated area. Your Civic League will place ads in the newspaper, Craigslist and other electronic yard sale sites advertising a neighborhood wide yard sale. We will also place signs at the gazebo and along Pembroke Blvd. on the day of the sale to get people into the neighborhood. The sales will be strictly at individual homes with no fees charged. You are welcome to add signs at your corners and other decorations, such as balloons, at your individual address to attract attention. If you would like to participate and/or have your address listed on the electronic sites, please contact

Cheryl Douglas 671-2241 - home puzllr@aol.com.





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### **BOX Turtles**



As the ground warms up to about 50 degrees the Box turtles will be

emerging from their long winter hibernation deep in the ground. Please watch out for them as you mow, weed whack and dig. They will be hungry for protein and water. You can leave them where they are OR you can take them to Gerry Richter at 613 Abbey Drive where the perfect habitat and safety exists.

# **CLEAN THE BAY DAY**

As we have done for the past 25 years, our civic league, along with neighboring communities, will participate in this year's Clean the Bay Day, on Saturday June 7th).



Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this statewide effort to improve the cleanliness and quality of the Bay's waters and tributaries. The time for this event is 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon; however, if you cannot make it that Saturday but can help earlier that week, please contact our zone captain, Jeff Brown (464-0183) or his assistant Jim Willenbrink at 497-0700.

You may also contact one of our Area Coordinators below if you prefer to help in a specific area:

Bob Lukeman, 497-2841: Lake Pembroke North (@ Independence Blvd)

Frank Mulcahy, 499-6699: Lake Pembroke East (@ spillway)

Fred Willis, 490-3002: Lake Pembroke West (west of Independence)

Jim Hall, 473-8258: Old Donation Creek and Cove Jeff Brown, 464-0183: Pembroke Meadows Park and Thurston Creek Charley Russ, 497-5298: Lake Meadows

Each volunteer can receive a free Cinema Cafe Ticket and a certificate of participation (to qualify for "community service")

Thanks again to Cinema Cafe. For years, Cinema Cafe has donated free movie tickets for our various volunteer efforts.

#### Newsletter Volunteer Needed

We still have a route that needs to be filled:

37 homes on St. James Ct., St. James Cir.. and St. James Dr.

We publish our neighborhood newsletters nine times a year. If you can help with making these deliveries, or have questions, suggestions or concerns about the delivery of your newsletter, please call Mike Moore at 557-0328.

# Our Real Estate Market...

Tending your garden is a great way to enjoy your own backyard. Did you know Cucumbers are sweeter when planted near Sunflowers? Egg shells are rich in calcium carbonate and work as a great natural fertilizer? Watering plants with cooled chamomile tea will help ward off bacteria & fungal infections and will also help prevent young seedlings from damping off? Crocuses can be protected by planting lavender nearby? Birds are more attracted to the fragrant lavender and it will prevent them from pecking away at the blooming bulbs.

#### What's New With Our Real Estate Market?

Currently for Sale			
4520 St. John Ct.	3 BR	2 ½ BA	189,500
520 Cheswick Arch	4 BR	3 ½ BA	487,800
4169 Cheswick Ln.	4 BR	4 ½ BA	727,200
4113 Cheswick Ln.	5 BR	3 ½ BA	895,000

#### Homes Under Contract

4504 Whitechapel Ct.	3 BR	2 BA	325,000
616 Severn Dr.	3 BR	2 BA	225,900
740 Abbey Dr.	4 BR	2 BA	250,000

- Sue Lentini



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# FOR SALE

Nothing this month but this space is free for residents who want to sell / swap or give away belongings. Just send your notice to the newsletter editor before the  $1^{st}$  of the month.

### Ladies Lunch Group

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



All are invited and rides are available-just ASK. Please let me 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.

Joy Guthrie joycelyn7@juno.com

## Ferry Plantation Summer Camps

We will hold two camps for students in grades 1-6.

**July 7-11:** "Life in the 1600's" including Grace Sherwood and her life, along with Blackbeard the Pirate. Pirates will be visiting during this camp.

**August 4-8:** "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. www.ferryplantation.org

### Poison Ivy Spotted on the Dam Path!

Be careful, it has been reported there is considerable poison Ivy on the sides of the Lake Meadows pathway. If any members want to help eradicate this weed, your civic league will provide the round-up.

## **Phone Scam alert**

A reminder – if you ever receive a phone call from someone claiming to be with the courts or government and demanding that you transfer funds, DO NOT provide any information to the caller - simply hang up. The longer one stays on the phone with these scam-artists, the more likely they are to fall prey to them – they can be very convincing and even scary with their threats. If you are able to, make note of the number displayed on your Caller ID (often times the number will be "spoofed," that is, changed to reflect a fake phone number and sometimes even a business or government agency name to trick potential victims). If you have elderly relatives, talk to them in depth about these scams and remind them to never give out any of their information over the phone.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your local police. Take care, stay safe, and watch out for the scammers!

MPO Leta Krieger 1st & 4th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer VBPD Crime Prevention Unit (757) 385-1324 – direct Email: <u>krieger@vbgov.com</u>



# Thank our Volunteers!

Thanks to Pam & David Bowles for answering the call to protect Lake Meadows. They were able to clear the grating that controls the water level, thereby preventing flooding.

And Thanks to Vivian & Merril Hance and their family and friends who organized the Tenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the fun! See you next year!







#### PEMBROKE MARLINS SWIM TEAM

Summer swimming as part of the Virginia Beach Swim League is a fun way for our kids (ages 5 to 18) to get exercise, develop swimming skills and cultivate friendships. Our pool swim team - **The Marlins** - will start evening practices on May 27 at 5:30pm till closing on Mondays thru Thursdays, then morning practices (08-10) will begin once school is out. The pool is still open to members during the evening practices.

There is more information on the website or you may contact the team representatives, Tara Hoover (757) 672-8760 shoover8@gmail.com or Jane Orem (757) 285-0030 janeorem@cox.net

#### SWIM MEET PARKING JAMS

Saturday morning swim meets bring hundreds of area families to the pool, with cars trying to find the closest parking. There are only two home meets this year:

June 21st vs. Club Brittney July 19th vs. Little Neck Please be patient those two days; the meets start at 7 am and will end before 2 pm and our neighborhood will be quiet again.

And for your calendar... **National Night Out Against Crime** August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014



Join us for a PMCL sponsored neighborhood pool party. Mark the date now. We will put out more information in July.

### **Ferry Plantation House**

www.ferryplantation.org

#### "Friday Night Frights"

Evening Tours 8 p.m. to midnight \$10. at door FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH FRIDAY, JULY 18TH Bring your investigative tools or just bring a friend. Warning! These events are not for the faint of heart.

### **POOL NEWS & Schedule**

#### Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> Pool opens for the season!

Pool hours are 11:00am - 8:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Mid-week pool hours will be 4:00pm-8:00pm on Mondays thru Fridays until public school is out, then 11:00am – 8:00pm for the rest of the summer.

#### MEMORIAL DAY COOK OUT

We invite all current pool members to join us for fun and food on May 26<sup>th.</sup> Hot dogs, hamburgers and snow cones will be for sale during the cookout from 12 to 2pm, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come enjoy the official kick off to summer. We have a lot of fun and would love to see you there, too!

#### LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

Reasonably priced swim lessons will be available to both member and non-member neighborhood children in June. Look for signs by the gazebo or check at the pool as the date gets closer.

- Chris Pascuzzi

#### **Refreshments Help Needed**

Would someone be willing to take charge of refreshments for our Civic League Meeting starting in September? The Moores and Prices have been doing it for years and with all the other jobs they do, would like some help with this one. Please contact Carol Moore at 557-0328 for details.

#### PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers		
President	Donna Price	499-5115
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