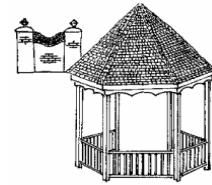


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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Nov/Dec 2014

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## Next Civic League Meeting Ferry Plantation House November 20th @ 7 pm

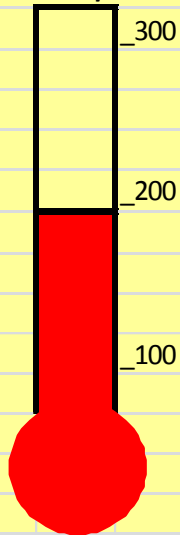
This month's civic league meeting will be our **Annual Wine & Cheese Social** held at the Ferry Plantation House. Come on out, join the fun and meet more neighbors as we begin the holiday season. The Ferry House always looks spectacular at this time of year, and we will have music. Delicious deserts and non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

A quick election of civic league officers will be held at this meeting.

Please note there is NO DECEMBER CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING or Newsletter.

### Thank you for making the 2014 Halloween Walk a big success. Details inside...

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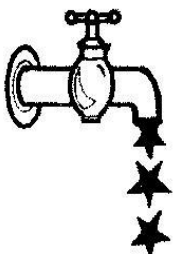
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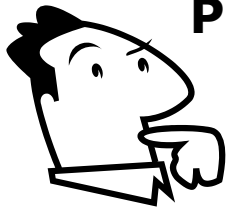
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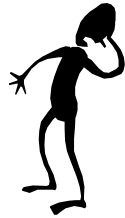
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## Presidential Farewell Address



Dear Neighbors:

As my 2-year term rapidly comes to an end, I want to thank you all for the support and willingness to volunteer each time you've been asked to do so. I'd like to take this opportunity to be a bit long winded but want to acknowledge a few of you.

Knowing I will surely forget someone, a heartfelt and deeply appreciative thank you to:

The 2013 and 2014 Civic League Board members – Kate Nixon, Susan Frohwiter, Beverly Wilson, Carol Moore, Cheryl Douglas, Barbara Amos. I cannot envision a better group of individuals to work alongside. Kate, Sue and Beverly all stepped up back in 2013 when I was short a few Board volunteers. Barbara Amos agreed to return for a second 2-year stint as the recording secretary. Clif and Cheryl agreed to stay on in their positions.

During my tenure, I only had an opportunity to call and talk with Joe Lang, our flag master one time. Bless him. I called to question why the flag had not been lowered only to learn that he'd been out of town with an ill parent. Mr. Lang, without fail, ensures our flag is in the correct position for the day and is replaced when tattered. Joe – thank you! Nothing made this old mom more proud of the flag than when one of my sons joined the Air Force and I could see our flag flying daily. Your attentiveness to the flag brings me great joy every time I see it.

Tim Roy assumed many roles for us – also a volunteer from the peanut gallery of a meeting – when we needed someone to take on Buildings and Grounds and the median strip. Some of his hard work is recognized regularly by the civic league but some is not. I want to recognize and thank him for both his professional and volunteer work to keep our entryway looking nice.

A quiet but hardworking group in our neighborhood are the Block Security volunteers. A big THANK YOU to Stephanie Niehart and Bob and Marge Brotman for continuing to support this program. I know they have all served for decades now as well as many of their block captains. I wish we'd been able to find a volunteer coordinator for the townhomes.

I know many of us are grateful for Jim and Clera Hall for maintaining our neighborhood email notification list. If you don't belong, and want to, please send them an email at [jim.hal@cox.net](mailto:jim.hal@cox.net) and you'll get added. Jim and Clera are very careful and respectful of your individual email addresses and will not share them in email form. All notifications are sent to Jim Hall with all of us "blind copied". It's a nice way to learn about missing/found pets, issues of concern, etc. They work hard to limit the numbers of emails and ensure they are truly for the business of the Civic League.

The Garden Club continues to work hard in trimming bushes at our entryway, coordinating with the City Landscape services about needed plantings and spraying, assisting during the annual Spring Fling at the pool, making table arrangements for the Feb pot luck dinner, and appropriate decorating at our gazebo. Thank you, Jeannette Willenbrink and Peggy Caverly.

This newsletter is created and assembled by Carol and Mike Moore each month. I hope you all enjoy their hard work as much as I. And Anna Schweitzer, my goodness. Thank you, Anna for taking on the bulletin board in the median. Loretta Watkins had tried for some time to get a replacement and then you stepped up and said, "I'll do it!" The Moores had been pinch-hitting for some months before Anna assumed responsibility. Now, I'm back to never thinking about and just driving by each day and appreciating whatever news or noteworthy item is displayed.

Geri Richter does so much that I hardly know where to begin. Geri spearheads our Pet Lost and Found, acts as our liaison with the Ferry House, coordinates/plans our annual Halloween Walk, takes in the box turtles, and has a tremendous sense of humor. Thank you, Geri.

(I am still trying to teach our dog to go straight to Geri's when she escapes. We hear the cuddles and snacks are the best!)

Though the pool membership is never as high as we'd like, thank you to all who have served on the Pool Board during these past 2 years. As I have often written in this forum, my family has used and loved the pool for many years now. It's the best entertainment deal in town. I often marvel at how few neighborhood residents join. With little exception it is never crowded and it's very clean and safe. Our current boards have the guard staff well trained (and they keep coming back). Thank you to Mike Moore for his hard work with maintaining the pool winter and summer.

I am so appreciative for Ed Hughes and Jim Willenbrink, Jr. (who had a great Halloween house, don't you agree?) for their work with our neighborhood sponsored Cub Scout pack. Our civic league has sponsored Pack 475 for over 30 years, I'm told. I know my sons and many others benefitted from the Pack and its close proximity to us. Thanks to you both for carrying on this tradition.

I am grateful for Jeff Brown and Jim Willenbrink and our many coordinators for the annual Clean the Bay Day. My goodness, we are able to fill so many orange bags. We couldn't do it without their leadership.

Thank you to Mrs. Hance for our Easter festivities at the neighborhood park. I love seeing the youngsters hunt for eggs and enjoy the bunny.

And Mr. Willenbrink, I did not forget you! I hardly know what to write. You are tireless in your efforts for our lakes and waterways. Your willingness to contact the City and keep contacting them is so appreciated. When I look around, I see so many areas that your efforts have touched and improved – your work with the State to correct issues with property taxes and the pool, your work with the City to repair damage to dam path and walkway (several times), your diligence in ensuring the park is safe and free from dangerous fallen objects, and your continued dedication to our two lakes'

quality and health. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I'd also like to thank Sid Sward and George Wilson for their musical accompaniment at our Nov wine & cheese party and annual pot luck.

Please take the time when you are out at the store, taking a walk or shopping and see one of our great volunteers to share your gratitude with these individuals.

Lastly, I am appreciative for each of you. Together we represent what makes Virginia Beach great – a relatively quiet, peaceful neighborhood with neighbors who genuinely care for one another and are willing to help when asked or needed. I hope you will all come out to the November Wine and Cheese event at the Ferry House so I may thank you personally.

- Donna Price



## Median Cleanup

Nov 16 - 30	Dale Price
Dec 1 - 15	Mike Moore
Dec 16 - 31	
Jan 1 - 15	Tyler Wilson
Jan 16 - 31	



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# Halloween Walk Thanks

Our 24th Annual Halloween Walk was a great success thanks to the weather and all the neighbors that volunteered their services. We were able to decorate the park thanks to the Willenbrink and Matulenas family members. They also undecorated the park. Our park babysitter kept things safely in place. Our servers, face painters, tattoo appliers made for an enjoyable day for the children and adults alike.

Mr. Willenbrink provided music throughout the parade and park party Thanks Jim. Hope everyone had a great time and will return next year.

- Gerry



*Our President hitting the Juice*



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## POOL News

We will be doing some significant repairs to the pool during the off season. This includes excavation of our main drain line in the woods to repair a crack, as well as replacement of portions of the cement pool deck to correct areas that were becoming trip hazards.

Even though the pool is closed for the season, it is not too early to start thinking about next year! You are welcome to pay for your membership for next year in installments - we do not charge extra for this. If you are interested in this type of plan please fill out an application (available on our website) and send to Kim Best along with your first payment. Use the 2014 application and just change the date.

We are still looking to fill 2 at-large board member positions, contact me if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

Chris Pascuzzi  
[sewscuzzi1@cox.net](mailto:sewscuzzi1@cox.net)

## Old Donation Church Oyster Roast

On November 22, 2014, Old Donation Episcopal Church will host its 80th Annual Oyster Roast from 10 AM - 2 PM on the Church grounds at the corner of Witchduck Road and Independence Boulevard in Virginia Beach.



## Free Holiday Music

## Toys for Tots Benefit Concert

**Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**  
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## Princess Anne High School Bands Winter Concert

**Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 PM**  
**Princess Anne auditorium**  
**Open to the public**



## Ladies Lunch Group

The **Pembroke Ladies Lunch Group** WILL NOT meet in November and December due to the holidays. We hope many of you will make a New Year resolution to start joining us in January on the 4th Thursday at 12:00 Noon. Please send me names of restaurants you'd like to go to in 2015!

Joy Guthrie  
473-9284  
[joycelyn7@juno.com](mailto:joycelyn7@juno.com)

## 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](http://www.TidewaterBSA.com) .

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## What a great neighborhood! Helping our Neighbors...

Many thanks to all those who reached out to Liz Hayes and Carlos Zayas last month.

Wayne Speelman is a young man that has grown up in our neighborhood and purchased a home in our neighborhood. He has been battling brain cancer for over 8 years. At this point he has had to give up his job due to the complications of his cancer. In order to help with the family finances he is now collecting metal to earn a living. You can help him and his medical costs by saving metal and aluminum for recycling. He will gladly pick these items up. You can reach him at 536-3267.  
- Geri

## Our Real Estate Market...

**Did You Know?** According to the NAR, 16% of recent home buyers were single females? Only 9% were single males. In addition, 19% of first time buyers and 15% of repeat buyers were single women. The newest survey also revealed that of those living alone and owning a home, 56% are women.

### What's New Here In Our Real Estate Market?

#### Currently for Sale

608 Cambria	4 BR	2 ½ BA	265,000
4400 Drury Cir	4 BR	2 ½ BA	219,900
849 Cathedral	3 BR	2 ½ BA	148,000
4436 Hudgins	5 BR	2 ½ BA	249,990
648 Bishop	4BR	2 ½ BA	279,750
800 St Denis	3 BR	2 ½ BA	169,900
741 Abbey Dr	4 BR	2 ½ BA	264,900
4129 Cheswick Ln	3 BR	2 ½ BA	819,000
4121 Cheswick Ln	4 BR	4 BA	873,000
4257 Cheswick Ln	3 BR	3 BA	459,000

#### Homes Under Contract

4321 Cambria	5 BR	3 BA	282,500
820 Saint Clement	3 BR	2 BA	255,000
665 Whitechapel Dr.	5 BR	3 BA	250,000
4520 St. John Ct.	3 BR	2 ½ BA	175,000

#### Homes Sold

~Sue Lentini

## 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>499-6111</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

### Committees

<i>Bldg/Grounds</i>	<i>Tim Roy</i>	<i>478-0580</i>
<i>Median Electrical</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Median Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</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: Clera Hall, Karen Roy, Jeanette Willenbrink

<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>

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

### Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

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