# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

**CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER** 



May 2015

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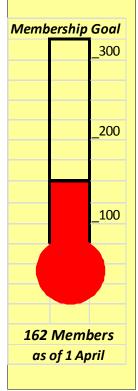
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# **NEIGHBORHOOD SWIM!** Sunday, May 24th – 11 A.M.

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 6th, 9-12 a.m.

Our civic league, along with neighboring communities will participate in the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 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 6.

# NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE June 13th

Group sales bring in considerably more traffic given that everyone is in a concentrated area. Your Civic League will place ads and distribute maps advertising a neighborhood wide yard sale. See more details and POC's on page 3.





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**Dr. Brian Hastings** 

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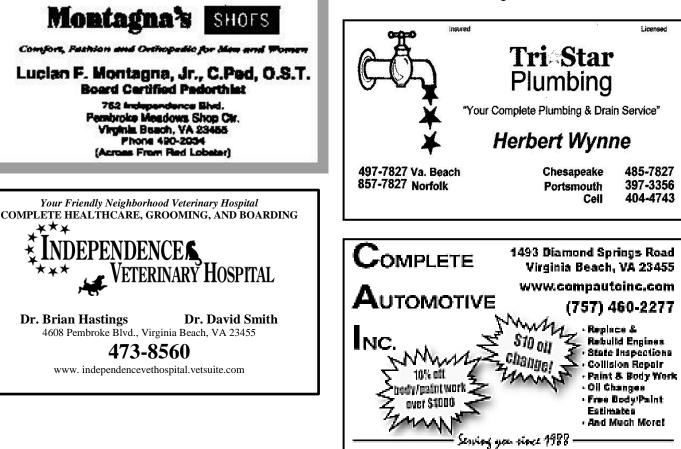
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\$ 30 One time – Business Card \$135 One year (9 issues) - Business Card \$100 Insert (Advertiser provides the insert) \$ 60 One time  $-\frac{1}{4}$  Page



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS NEIGHBORS !!

### **Median Cleanup**

May 16 – 30	
June 1 - 15	
June 16 - 30	

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

# Neighborhood Yard Sale Scheduled for June 13 <sup>th</sup>

Your civic league will sponsor a neighborhood yard sale and Cheryl Douglas has kindly offered to once again coordinate. Cheryl will place ads in the newspaper, Craigslist and other electronic yard sale sites advertising a neighborhood wide yard sale. These 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 and maps, 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. Maps will be provided for you to pass out to customers indicating all the participating homes. 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 as soon as possible. The drop dead date to be included on the map is tentatively set for May29th.



### **Pot-Luck Dinner Thanks**

The PM/PS Civic League would like to once again recognize and thank King Hua for the generous food donation. Each year, we solicit King Hua's support for the annual February pot luck dinner meeting. And every year, the owners say yes.

Please take a moment to stop by the King Hua location at the Pembroke Meadows Shopping

Center to say thank you. Order some food while you are there!!



Spring is in full bloom and summer is right round the corner. I would like to thank Linda White for her informative presentation on the Fall Proof program. Falls are a leading cause of injury around the home and can lead to further health problems. I would also like to thank those people that came out and helped unveil the pool at Spring Fling.

We are getting geared up for a fun summer in Pembroke Meadows! Opening day at the Pool and Recreation center is Memorial Weekend with free admission for the whole neighborhood on Sunday, May 24th. The Recreation Center has equipment for several fun outdoor activities including corn hole and volleyball. There is even a book sharing shelf with lots of fun summer reading. If you are not already a member please consider joining.

The neighborhood yard sale is fast approaching on June 13th. This has been a well attended yard sale the past few years and gives you a chance to make a little money (to spend at the pool snack bar). Look forward to National Night out at the pool, the civic league hosts a cookout/potluck and we enjoy seeing neighbors at this fun event.

Our last civic league meeting for the spring is May 21st. Please come and catch up on all the neighborhood news. We take the summer off from civic league meetings but we will see you at the pool!

- Kate Nixon



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# Edward Jones





# Our Real Estate Market...

#### **Curb Appeal**

According to the NAR, curb appeal sells more than half of all houses that go on the market. And a beautiful front door color can make would-be buyers take notice. Light and deep colors are more eye catching than medium shades. Light colors for doors are best when used as contrast with a dark color on the home's exterior. Light colored doors that match the siding can look bland and boring. Surveys show that homebuyers say they prefer doors that are white or red, with the next most popular colors being blue, green and brown. Happy Painting!!

#### What's New Here In OUR Real Estate Market? <u>Currently for Sale</u>

629 Cardiff	3 BR	2 BA	264,900		
4400 Drury	4BR	2 ½ BA	294,900		
4121 Cheswick	4BR	4 BA	845,000		
4400 Severn	5 BR	3 BA	299,000		
4428 Chelsea	5 BR	3 BA	289,500		
745 Abbey	5 BR	2 ½ BA	319,000		
847 Cathedral	3 BR	2 ½ BA	214,900		
Homes Under Contract					
508 Westbrook	4 BR	3 BA	424,000		
821 Cathedral	3 BR	1 ½ BA	174,500		
Homes Sold					
4129 Cheswick Ln	3 BR	2 ½ BA	780,000		
741 Abbey	4 BR	2 ½ BA	269,900		
645 Cavendish	3 BR	2 BA	213,500		
805 St. Mark	4 BR	2 ½ BA	263,000		

Sue Lentini~

### **From the VBPD** PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS WHEN YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT

• Stay alert - actively scan your surroundings and always know who is in front and behind you. Walk with purpose and make brief eye contact with people around you.

• Always trust your instincts! If someone or something makes you uncomfortable, leave and go to a safe location.

• If you see something suspicious, call the Police Non-Emergency number (757-385-5000) right away. Write down vehicle tag numbers and descriptions of suspects or suspicious individuals. If you can, take a picture with a cell phone or pocket camera.

• Avoid walking, jogging or biking alone at night unless absolutely necessary. Avoid headphones during these activities.

• Walk near the curb and away from alleyways and doorways. Face traffic when walking so you can see approaching vehicles.

• Try to use ATM's during the day time; avoid locations where people are "hanging out."

• Do not overburden yourself with packages and a bulky purse. Keep your cash, credit cards (carry a bare minimum) and ID in a front pocket.

• Have a cell phone handy at all times.

• The best protection for children is DIRECT ADULT SUPERVISION! Know where they are and who they are with at all times.

• If you are attacked, make noise (yell for help!) and run to the nearest residence or business. Call 911 immediately to report the crime.

• If someone tries to rob you - don't resist! Your property can be replaced - you can't!

• Secure your valuables (cameras, cell phones, wallets, etc.) while you are at the beach

### Ladies Lunch Group

The PM Ladies Lunch Group will meet at Jason's Deli, 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd. at 12 noon on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. In case you didn't know, Jason's is now in the old Max and Irma's building.

You must <u>reserve</u> and if you need a ride or directions please call.

Joy Guthrie 473-9284

## **Ferry Plantation House**

www.ferryplantation.org

#### TOURS:

Open for tours 10-3 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays10 - 3 p.m. (last tour 2 p.m.)

Visit the house and help support its renovation and upkeep. A great experience for guests and families.

#### SUMMER HISTORY CAMPS

July 6-10th Colonial Life, Pirates and Grace Sherwood.

August 3-7th The Civil War Years, becoming a soldier in the Civil War learning what was needed.

\$250. per week (\$20 off if paid by May 31st). Hours are 9 - 3:30 for children in grades 1-6. Phone 473-5182 for information

#### PARACON At Ferry

June 6th 10-6 p.m. A paranormal event for all ages. More information at <u>www.ferryplantation.org</u> click on EVENTS.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual CLEAN THE BAY DAY

### Saturday June 7th



Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this statewide effort to improve the cleanliness and guality 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.

# Nextdoor.com

Remember to join the new, free, web based Crime Prevention Program for Our Neighborhood

# Nextdoor.com

#### **Neighborhood Watch Thoughts**

With the arrival of warmer weather and longer hours of daylight, more people will be out and about (and not always with the best intentions). Please stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Be sure to remove all valuables when exiting your vehicle, and lock it up. Don't leave out bicycles, yard equipment, or other items that thieves may be tempted to take from your yard or driveway. Finally, if you see something or someone suspicious, trust your instincts and call the Police Non-Emergency number 757-385-5000

Our neighborhood children will be out of school shortly and playing outdoors. Please remind everyone in your family to drive SLOWLY throughout our streets and watch out for balls, bikes, scooters, skaters etc. Their life may depend on you. Kids just don't stop to think that running after that missed ball may become life threatening.

#### **BOX TURTLES**

They are finally out after a very cold winter. Take care when mowing and weed whacking around your yard. As long as they are in no danger leave them where they are found. If in dangerous area you can take them to Gerry Richter to be placed in a natural habitat. 497-5243

#### An Observation

As my neighbors and I enjoy our walking around the neighborhood we noticed, following a harsh winter, how lovely the yards look. Daffodils, tulips and azaleas in bloom, lush green grass, and delightful fragrances wafting in the air. No bare unkempt muddy areas as folks here seem to take pride in where they live. How very lucky we are to live here. Thanks neighbors.

- Gerry Richter



### 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 26 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 three home events this year:

June 13<sup>th</sup> Practice Meet (1/2 crowd) July 11th1st vs. Little Neck July 18th vs. Club Brittney

Please be patient those three days; the meets start at 7 am and will end before 2 pm and our neighborhood will be quiet again.



# **POOL NEWS & Schedule**

#### Saturday May 23<sup>rd</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 – 8:30pm for the rest of the summer.

#### MEMBERS ONLY MEMORIAL DAY COOK OUT

We invite all current pool members to join us for fun and food on Monday May 25<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.

### **POOL WORK**

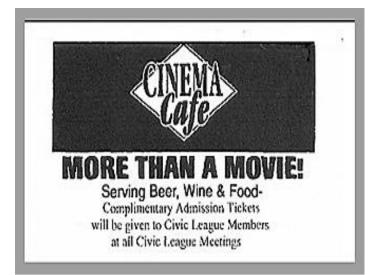
If you've walked by the pool lately, you may have noticed some devastation. Concrete surrounding about half the pool had sunk over an inch, creating a trip hazard. City regulations require we remedy this and so contractors are busy chipping up concrete, 9 inches thick in some places(what were they thinking!) and getting us up to code. We are also repairing the sewer line to the street, hopefully resulting in no more bathroom problems during swim meets!

See you at the pool!

- Chris Pascuzzi, Director

### POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers			
President	Kate Nixon	546-4004	
First VP	Donna Price	499-5115	
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Treasurer	Mike Moore	557-0328	
Memb. Chrman	Cheryl Douglas	671-2241	
Webmaster	Clif Furedy	490-5792	
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Bldg/Grounds	Tim Roy	478-0580	
Median Electrical	Mike Moore	557-0328	
Median Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897	
Block Security			
Meadows	Stephanie Neihart	456-5795	
Shores	Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565	
Townhomes	Vacant		
Directory Chairman	Robert Westmont	473-1024	
Lakes/Waterways Chairman	n: Jim Willenbrink		
Lake Pembroke	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700	
Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298	
Lynnhaven	Jeff Brown	464-0183	
Welcoming Committee Cha	ir: Clera Hall, Karen Roy, J	eanette Willenbrink	
Meadows	Jim Price	499-5115	
Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112	
Townhomes	Liz Hayes	472-0283	
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Shores and	Gerry Dashiell-Richter	497-5243	
Meadows	Jim Willenbrink	497-0700	
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Director	Chris Pascuzzi 671-1850		
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Treasurer	Lori Hines 557-0101		
Secretary	Kim Best	671-1810	
PMRC Pool Phone	(in season only)	963-2239	



#### **PMRC** Applications

As always,PMRC membership is also open to those outside our neighborhood. Applications are online at www.pembrokemeadows.org. Membership application

http://bcsthome.net/pembroke/main/pool/2015P oolApp.pdf

And for your calendar...

#### **National Night Out Against Crime** August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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

#### **Annual Civic League Dues**

It is not too late to join the Civic League and send in your Annual Dues. Its only TEN dollars per household. The address is at the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter.

#### FOR SALE

Maple King Size Headboard complete with metal side and foot rails. Very good condition \$50.00 Call Rosemary at (757)497-1240

Autumn colors loveseat, Good condition \$50.00 You pick-up /haul. Call (757) 575-9995.

#### FOR RENT

3 bedroom/ 2 bath ranch, Gloucester model 4500 Hudgins Dr. \$1550/month Contact Mike or Carol (757) 557-0328