CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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Next Civic League Meeting Pembroke Meadows Elementary School Multi-purpose Room Thursday, September 15th - 7 pm

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful summer and will join us for our new season of Civic League Meetings. We don't have a guest speaker this month, so it will be quick meeting where you can meet your neighbors and provide input on community issues.

OUR POOL IS STILL OPEN

The Pembroke Meadows Pool will be open for the next two weekends, weather permitting, from 12 noon to 6 PM.

But we need your help at 6:00 PM on Thursday 22 Sept to put the cover on!

HALLOWEEN WALK PLANS

Our 27th Annual Halloween Walk Saturday, October 29th at 3p.m.

Your Civic League will provide the juice and cookies, but we need volunteers!! Folks willing to:

- Decorate the park prior to festivities
- Be corner / intersection safety monitors
- Walk in parade to provide spacing & safety
- Serve refreshments at the park

This is a great time to meet your neighbors, have fun and show off your costumes. Contact- Gerry Richter at **497-5243**, or Angie Willenbrink at **671-8486** to offer your help. Ages 0 -101+ are welcome.

(Mark this event on your calendar NOW and start thinking about your costume, there will be more details and a reminder flyer in next month's newsletter)

CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

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Presidents Corner



Dear Neighbors:

We are wrapping up another

successful summer in Pembroke Meadows! We had a great time at our annual National Night out in August, lots of food, friends and Ryan the Balloon guy! He was a big hit! It was great to see so many familiar faces at the event. Our first Civic League meeting is right around the corner please come and participate as we plan for the remainder of 2016 and the BIG election this fall, civic league board member election that is. Participating on our neighborhood civic league is a great way to meet neighbors, learn about our history and pass along our civic heritage to the next generation. Thanks to the city's Parks and Recreation Department we have a wonderful new picnic shelter at our park. As always please watch for children while driving through the neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

- Kate Nixon

Pembroke Meadows



Recreation Center 2017 Pool Board

A General Membership Meeting was held at our pool on a beautiful Labor Day afternoon. The 2017 Board is:

Director: Chris Pascuzzi Assistant Director: Erin Strasburger Treasurer: Lori Hines Secretary: Kim Best At-large members: Jeanne Blair, Mike Moore,

Jeff Brown, Pam Davis, Cathy Mathias and Mandy Hammer

Remember you can pay for next year's membership on an installment plan.

We need many hands to put the cover on Sept. 22, 6 PM, for about an hour at the most, please come help.

Our Real Estate Market...

How Rising Prices Impact Home Equity

The results of the latest *Home Price Expectation Survey by Pulseconomics* revealed the prediction of home prices appreciating 3.5% per year on average, for the next 5 years. Using that appreciation rate, a buyer purchasing a \$250,000 home now could potentially have over \$45,000 in equity within 5 years. Now that's a great investment!!!

Currently for Sale

4133 Cheswick	5 BR	3 ½ BA	975,000		
517 Cheswick Arch	4 BR	3 ½ BA	579,000		
4421 Hudgins	4BR	2 1/2BA	327,280		
4413Hudgins	4BR	2 1/2BA	350,000		
Homes Under Contract					
4500 White Chapel	4 BR	2 ½ BA	207,000		
4312 Cambria Cir.	5 BR	3 BA	285,000		
805 Cathedral	3 BR	1 ½ BA	179,900		
4448 Hudgins	3BR	2 BA	239 <i>,</i> 900		
4148 Cheswick	4 BR	3 ½ BA	430,000		
4532 Hudgins	3BR	2BA	245,000		
609 Cardiff	4BR	2BA	284,900		
632 Whitechapel	4BR	2BA	289,900		
<u>Homes Sold</u>					
4404 Chelsea	5 BR	2 ½ BA	194,500		
4432 Hudgins	5BR	2 ½ BA	320,000		
4309 Hudgins	4 BR	3 BA	330,000		
4505 St. John	3 BR	1 ½ BA	178,000		
616 Bishop	5BR	3 BA	309,000		
4501 Whitechapel	3BR	2BA	265,525		

Sue Lentini~





Do you need to **buy**, **sell**, or need **Property Management** for your home? Look no further than your own neighbors Jim & Liz Abrams. They have the knowledge and experience to assist you with any real estate need. Give them a call today!

4624 Pembroke Blvd #102 Virginia Beach, VA 23455 **757-644-3800** www.SoldFastHamptonRoads.com

Lost Pet Program



Over the summer we reunited 8

pets including a parrot. (the parrot was not wearing identification). Putting ID on your pet and checking the Neighborhood email Program is the best way for your pet to find it's way home. **New pet owners**, please complete a Lost Pet form and attach a picture. Forms can be found on our web site.

Gerry Richter



Ferry Plantation House

Ferry will host a PARACON Event on

Saturday, September 17th beginning at 10 a.m. There will be several Paranormal Groups there with activities, items for sale, investigations, results, and information. The house and gift shop will be open for you to tour at your leisure. Simply visit with those in the tents as your stroll up the walk. Mark the date. More information--call Heather 676-2662

Stay The Night with the Spirits

You can. You and up to 10 guests can rent the use of Ferry Plantation House from 8 p.m. til? Spend the night with the eleven known spirits and 2 cats. Bring your sleeping bag and see what happens throughout the night. Will you feel anything? See anything? Hear them? This is a great way for friends and family to enjoy the happenings in the house. Contact Heather for more information at 676-2662.

National Night Out!

We had a wonderful turnout for National Night Out at the pool on Aug 2nd. Fun was had by all with a free night of swimming, free hot dogs and pizza and wide a wide array of delicious potluck dishes. Getting to know your neighbors is the best way to build a safe and happy neighborhood, it just naturally fosters people who look out for each other and what better kind of place is there to live!

2 New Neighborhood Ladies' Social Groups

Hello Pembroke Meadows area ladies! If you looking for a fun way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy some conversation among friends, there are 2 new groups that may be of interest to you.

Pembroke Ladies' Bunco Night (now forming) A monthly or quarterly (depending on interest) evening of friendship, appetizers, drinks, and some fun playing Bunco. 12 - 16 players are needed to run 3 or 4 tables for a lively game.

Pembroke Ladies' Book Club & Cocktail Hour (formed Spring 2016)

This club is a monthly Friday evening chat about a book over cocktails & appetizers. Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty and America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie were our first 2 selections.

Both of these events are designed to be friendly, fun, and relaxed ways to connect with neighbors and build community. Please contact Stephanie Spires via email at <u>booksnbunco@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in participating or learning more.

New Advertisers

We would like to introduce you to our two new newsletter advertisers, LaPines Computers and Software, and Cruise Planners.

LaPines Computers and Software

Bill and Cheryl LaPine, are the owners of LaPines Computers and Software, organized in 1992. Bill, is a United States Marines veteran, and a retired airline captain with USAir. Cheryl is a retired computer teacher from Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

LaPines Computers and Software provides government, commercial, and residential IT products and solutions to the greater Hampton Roads area. Our full service IT support includes: prompt onsite service, complete end-to-end troubleshooting, computer repair and tune-ups, printing problems, email Issues, virus/spyware removal/internet related issues, remote support, hardware troubleshooting and installs, software troubleshooting and installs, data recovery, and custom built computers.

They hope that you will give them the opportunity to demonstrate why thousands of satisfied customers have already chosen LaPines Computers and Software as their tech support company.



Please remember to support our local advertisers and businesses!

Cruise Planners

Tammy Miller is a long time member of the Pembroke and Aragona communities, now living in Pembroke Shores with her family. She recently joined Cruise Planners, an American Express travel representative, as an independently owned and operated franchise. Cruise Planners is the nation's largest homebased travel agency franchise network in the industry with a tremendous reputation for quality, service and value.

They are a full service travel representative working to fulfill your dream vacation by offering both sea and land vacations. She works with all the cruise lines specializing in both ocean sailings and river cruises around the world for a wide range of individuals and groups, including those with special needs. They also sell land vacations and packages such as all-inclusives, European vacations, Caribbean vacations and even African Safaris.

As an American Express travel representative, you can use your AMEX card to get extra card member benefits, pay with points, etc.

Tammy is happy to do all the heavy lifting to customize your next vacation while providing excellent customer service by seeking out the best value with your needs and desires in mind. She will provide that service through every aspect of the planning process, always striving to build a trusting relationship through active listening, diligent research and effective communication.



In Memory of Jim Willenbrink



1929-2016

Our community lost one of its most ardent advocates and supporters with the passing of Jim Willenbrink, Sr. on July 27th. Jim and Jeannette and their family moved to Pembroke Meadows in Dec. of 1970, just a few days before Christmas. He was a 1953 graduate of the Naval Academy and retired with the rank of Captain in 1974. As a Navy Oceanographer his natural affinity for the water led him to become our leader for all waterway issues and water quality supervision.

There is no way to list all of the things Jim did for Pembroke Meadows, but the highlights will lend an idea of what he accomplished. He successfully petitioned (read browbeat) the city to dredge Lake Pembroke, he fought to stop a roadway from being built from PM to King's Grant, he stopped the developer of Old Donation Farm from building a full blown road across the dam, and working with our representative, Leo Wardrup, Jim got a state law changed that unfairly taxed Civic Leagues with pools, but not Home Associations, benefitting Civic Leagues

everywhere. He also led the PM Civic League in fighting a tax levied on Cinema Café (ours was the original), saving the owner thousands of dollars and creating a business partner who is always happy to support our neighborhood. He had the foresight to have a group build a dock near the pool and document it so that if we ever want to build anything more substantial, it would be grandfathered. He served as our Civic League President several times and as the Director of The Council of Civic Organizations as well as serving on several city and regional commissions and committees. He was selected The Virginia State Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in 1996. Jim was involved with Clean the Bay Day from its inception as our neighborhood coordinator, was a committed pet advocate, started the neighborhood Fun Run, and years ago organized kids in the area into baseball teams in the Spring and was always making up games in his sunroom and yard. When we first moved into the house next door to the Willenbrinks, our boys were young and while outside playing one day, they all of a sudden heard "incoming!" and Jim was lobbing magnolia pods over the hedge towards them. Jim was often described as "just a big kid" and he loved this neighborhood and his little piece of waterfront.

You can see how his efforts, his leadership and motivation, have had such long term effects on the quality of our life in this little place we call home. We can learn the lesson of how important it is to be involved and how much impact one determined person can have, while also enjoying life to the fullest. Plans are currently under discussion for a permanent memorial in our community for our friend and neighbor, "Mr. Pembroke Meadows."

A memorial service was held on Aug. 14 and he will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. His obituary is available from The Virginian Pilot, July 31, 2016.

--Carol Moore

New Pavilion at Lake Meadows Park.



If you haven't been to the park lately, please take a moment to stop by and see the new pavilion. The city did a great job, providing us with a covered concrete area large enough for two picnic tables! They also added handicapped parking and a sidewalk to the pavilion.

POT LUCK NEEDS A NEW LOCATION

Your Civic League Board was recently informed that the Virginia Beach Schools have new regulations stating that no food is allowed to be brought in for a group function that is not prepared by a licensed caterer. The only other option is to pay for their kitchen staff to prepare our food. We know, we know, this seems ridiculous, but, in any event, we need a new place to hold our February Potluck. If anyone has a suggestion or connection somewhere, please let us know. The easiest option would be Old Donation Episcopal Church, so if anyone is a member there and would be willing to act as a liaison for us, please let us know. We may need to move the day of the week if we go there, so also let us know if you prefer Wednesdays or Fridays.

New Blood Needed

Elections are upon us and all positions on the board are open Our officers are elected annually and no officer is allowed to hold a position more than 2 consecutive years. We would love to see some new faces as we move into the new year. If you volunteer, you'll get to meet your neighbors and have a voice in planning ideas for your neighborhood. Please contact any board member to get involved. We will present a proposed slate at the October meeting and we will vote at the November meeting.

Newsletter Deliverer Needed

We need a new newsletter deliverer for 21 houses on Chelsea Street. Please contact Mike or Carol Moore at (757) 557-0328 if you can help.

LEAVES and GUTTERS

It won't be long before the leaves begin to fall. Please rake them out of the gutters in front of your home. They otherwise end up in the Lynnhaven River via the storm drains.

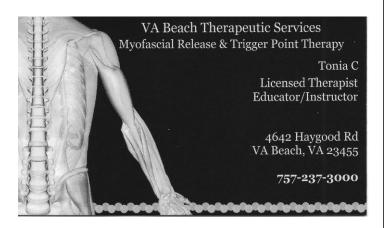
Classified Ads Residential/Personal Caretaker

I recently left my job working for a company as a residential/personal caretaker. I am currently looking for work in our area doing the same thing or as an assistant. I know we have about 700 homes with many elderly and disabled who may need some type of part-time or full time assistance with care and everyday miscellaneous assistance/chores. I am available and flexible and would like to spread the word.

Thanks so much, Elizabeth Hayes 801 Saint Denis Court 757-472-0283

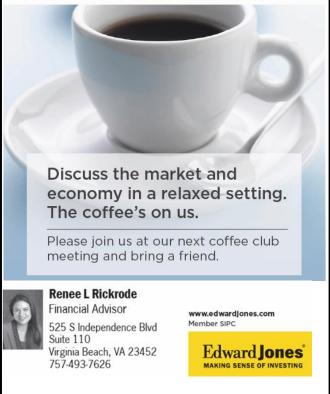
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Director	Chris Pascuzzi	671-1850
Asst Director	Erin Strasburger	
Treasurer	Lori Hines	557-0101
Secretary	Kim Best	671-1810
PMRC Pool Phone	(in season only)	963-2239











24/7 EMERGENCY CONTACTS



The following emergency numbers have been provided to assist you the next time you need help before, during or after an emergency.

Police/Fire/Rescue - EMERGENCIES ONLY	
Non-life threatening public safety services	
City Information NON-EMERGENCY	
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Hotline	
Office of Emergency Management	
Water & Sewer Service	
Emergency After Hours/Weekends/Holidays	
Waste and Debris Management	
NON-CITY SERVICES:	
American Red Cross www.redcross.org	
Cox Communications www.cox.com	
Dominion Virginia Power www.dom.com	1-888-667-3000

FEMA www.fema	1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
or www.ready.gov	TTY 1-800-462-7585
National Poison Center www.poison.org	
Verizon www.verizon.com	1-800-837-4966
Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management	
http://www.vaemergency.gov	1-804-897-6500
Virginia Dept. of Transportation www.virginiadot	t.org
	511 or 1-800-367-7623
Virginia Natural Gas virginianaturalgas.com	

Additional emergency preparedness information is available through the Virginia Beach Office of Emergency Management at (757) 385-8585, at your local public libraries and online at <u>www.VBgov.com/resident/emergency</u>.