

CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes

CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Nov 2020

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137 Members
as of
2 Nov 2020

Thank you for making the 2020 Halloween Walk a big success.

Photos of the Halloween Walk are available at this link:

<http://www.pembrokemeadows.org/main/photos/photos201024>

Once again, perfect weather! A good-sized crowd of ghosts and goblins came out for a fun walk through Pembroke Meadows. Neighbors tossed candy for the kids who scampered to catch or pick it up. Everyone enjoyed snacks and drinks when the walk was over.

Although most civic league activities have been put on hold or cancelled, visit our website for details, special events, monthly calendar, newsletters, info about Ferry Plantation House and lots of other interesting tidbits about this great area we live in: www.pembrokemeadows.org

CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

Normally a new board is proposed in October and voted on in November. Given that this has been a bit of a lost year and we haven't had to do much, we are asking the membership to just extend the current board for another year. Please make sure you are signed up for the neighborhood email alerts (send a request to PMCL@COX.NET) to receive your opportunity to vote.

**PMRC Holiday Market
December 5th 10 am -2pm**

See inside for details!

**Pembroke Meadows Neighborhood Caroling Event
December 12th, 5 PM**


Come safely join us in your front yard as we attempt to get the whole neighborhood singing together! See inside flyer for details!

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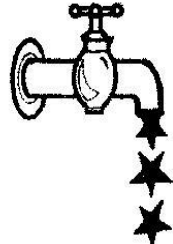
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Presidents Corner

The end of the year. For me, it is one of my favorite times of the year. With all the festivities that normally happen, it is a special time. It is unfortunate that with COVID-19 STILL being here, I find the season has a dampener on it somewhat. But we need to make the best of the situation. We had a successful modified Halloween walk this year. I want to thank Gerry Richter and Elizabeth Matulenas for their efforts to keep things as normal as possible in the planning. Thanks also goes out to all the volunteers who helped to keep everyone safe during the walk and handed out snacks afterwards.

You will notice that the entrance gazebo, neighborhood sign and flagpole have been cleaned up and replanted. Peggy Caverly and the Garden Club were able to work their magic with McDonalds Garden Center and the City Landscapers to make this happen after so many hurdles were put up in front of the process. We genuinely appreciate their tenacity and efforts to help make the neighborhood more welcoming! As we move forward, we will try to keep everything moving forward as best we can. Our November Wine and Cheese Party has been cancelled due to COVID-19; however, we are planning some fun events this season that can be done responsibly. One of those will be our Socially Distanced Caroling event coming in December. See the flier in the newsletter for more information. The Pool will also be putting on a Holiday Market. More information will be coming on that as well.

I will keep this update short and sweet. The Board and I wish you the best of health and happiness during this holiday season. Please remain safe and we look forward to serving your needs in the new year. Please let us know how we can help!

Dave



Come Join the
Adventure!



Cub Scout Pack 375, Boys K-5th grade

Sundays, 2pm

Boy Scout Troop 375, Boys 11-18

Thursdays, 6pm

Old Donation Episcopal Church

4449 N. Witchduck Rd. Virginia Beach, VA

For questions feel free to contact us

@ 757-478-1005

Ferry Plantation House

Ferry will remain closed until the city gives us permission to re-open. Date is unknown.

Fall Leaves and Your Gutters

Please make an extra effort to keep leaves out of the gutters as they travel down to the storm drains and on to our waterways. We can all do our part for the environment.

Lost Pet Report-

I have had to turn over dogs to Animal Control due to lack of identification. Please put your information on your pet's collar as it makes returning them to you so much easier and safer for the pet. Cold weather is coming and since I do not have a garage, I need another family willing to hold found pets until the owner can be located. They are held for the shortest possible time. If you can help call Gerry at 497-5243.

Medicare Open Enrollment runs

October 15 to December 7.

Did you know that Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia offers free, unbiased benefits counseling for Medicare-qualified individuals? *Call 757-222-4524 today to schedule an appointment.*

Monetary Assistance from Lynnhaven River Now

Because your home is located in the Lynnhaven River watershed, you are also eligible for monetary assistance with managing stormwater runoff on your property. You can either get a 125- gallon rain barrel installed on your property for only a \$100 copay (a \$400 value) or an individualized Pearl Lawn Plan created just for your yard. For a low copay of \$20.00 you will receive a plan customized to your lawn, based on soil samples taken and analyzed, suggesting how much and how best to fertilize each fall and spring with year-round advice on water-friendly turf management. Either you or your lawn care provider can easily implement the plan. Deadline for this program is November 30,2020 so don't dilly dally!

Read the details in this flyer from Lynnhaven River Now:

http://www.pembrokemeadows.org//main/documents/LRN_rain-barrel_201101.pdf

Apply now at www.LRNow.org or contact Barbara at pearlyard@lrnow.org

Become a LRNow Pearl Home and Support Clean Waters and Sustainable Living

Did you ever wonder what those Pearl Home flags mean that you have seen in your neighbor's yard?

Pearl Homes incorporate sustainable practices in their homes, yards and neighborhood. Our daily habits and decisions make a difference. Whether you have installed a rain barrel, made a pledge to "scoop the poop" or switched to a reusable water bottle and reusable grocery bags, you are helping to bring our waterways back to life, and we would like to recognize your efforts. We live in a beautiful place and it takes a community to restore and protect our waterways.

More information is in this flyer from Lynnhaven River Now:

http://www.pembrokemeadows.org//main/documents/PearlLawnPlanFlyer_201101.pdf

All types of homes are eligible, and you do not have to live on the water to qualify. Fill out this brief application and see if you qualify today for a Free Flag and Pole to recognize your efforts to our community!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pearlhome>

If Pembroke Meadows gets 30% of the homes to proudly display their Pearl Home flags and it completes a neighborhood project, we can be designated a Pearl Neighborhood, a recognition only achieved by eight neighborhoods in Virginia Beach so far.

Median Strip Improvement

COMPLETE!

After over a year of research, collecting bids, and negotiating with vendors and the city, the Garden Club and your board are happy to present our refurbished median! Finding low maintenance plants that can stand up to the fairly harsh environment and not become quickly overgrown has been a challenge, but the ladies of the Garden Club have done a wonderful job.

We are now pursuing a maintenance contract to keep it looking good. If you know of a business that would be interested, please have them contact a board member. The civic league has purchased a 25 gallon portable water tank to keep our new plants happy until they are established. If you would like to assist with this watering job, please contact Carol Moore at (757)557-0328.

Our Real Estate Market:

Should you renovate your house before selling?

In today's super competitive market, buyers are often willing to overlook minor repairs and cosmetic issues in order to win the bid for a home in their price range.

Homes are currently flying off the market because there are so few available. According to the NAR, 71% of homes sold in September were on the market less than a month and the average home sold had over 3 offers on it!! With so few homes available, you may be able to skip the bigger renovations previously desired by buyers.

What's New in OUR Real Estate Market?

Currently for Sale

4424 Chelsea	4 BR	2 ½ BA	399,900
4400 Drury	4 BR	2 ½ BA	340,000
825 Saint Martin Dr	5 BR	2 ½ BA	489,900
4109 Cheswick	4 BR	3 ½ BA	790,000

Homes Under Contract

648 Bishop	4 BR	2 ½ BA	369,900
812 St James Dr	5 BR	3 BA	375,000
4245 Cheswick	4 BR	3 BA	799,000
4313 Saint Albans	4BR	2 BA	359,900

Homes Sold

629 Cardiff	3 BR	2 BA	354,000
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~Sue Lentini~

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Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center



The PMRC pool was full with activity during the usual quiet months of September and October with Coastal Virginia Aquatic Club using our facilities for training of their young athletes. We were happy to be able to host this group as they awaited a permanent location for the cold, outdoor months.

Looking forward to the winter, we would love to keep the pool a community resource and a place for our neighbors to gather in safe, socially distanced ways. For this reason, we will be hosting an Inaugural Holiday Market on December 5th (let's hope for clear skies now!). This is a great opportunity for small businesses to share their goods, arts, and crafts with the community, as well as, allowing neighbors to shop for the holidays in an open and safe setting of the pool deck. Win-win! At this time, we have secured food trucks, local artists & crafters, small business owners like Pamperd Chef & Young Living, as well as some young entrepreneurs for the event. Please share with friends in other neighborhoods and come out to support. We would love to see you there!

If you would like more information, or have ideas for community events that we can host at the pool, please contact our Events Chair, Chrisalyn Amorese, at Chrisalyn21@gmail.com. Overall pool questions, please contact Karen Roy at PMRCdirector@gmail.com. We welcome the opportunity to chat with you about all things PMRC. :)



PMRC will be hosting an Inaugural Holiday Market on the pool deck on December 5th from 10 am - 2 pm. This is the perfect opportunity for our community to gather together in a socially distanced, safe, outdoor area while supporting local small businesses and grabbing some gifts for the people you love (that includes YOU, too!). We hope to see you there!



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The app was created with both public health and public trust in mind. It's easy to use. It ensures your privacy and it helps protect the health and safety of our communities. No location data or personally identifiable information is ever collected, stored or transmitted via this app.

I encourage all of us to download and use COVIDWISE. It is available from the App Store and Google Play Store. There is also a web page, [covidwise.org](https://www.covidwise.org), that provides lots of information about the app, including frequently asked questions and specifics about how the app works.

Please add your phones in the COVID fight!

- Mike Moore



Using the Cell Phone While Driving.

We cannot seem to wait to send that text message telling someone we are running late or on the way home. Or worse, using it to catch up socially or sending a superfluous emoji. Virginia code 46.2-1078.1 states it is illegal to drive and hold handheld communication devices. There is a \$125 fine for first offense. The National Safety Council says **1 out of 4 crashes are caused by texting**. Texting increases your crash risk by 2,300%. In the year 2018 there were 2,841 people killed by known distracted driving in the US. Is sending "LOL" or any text worth your life or limb? Most of us learned to put seat belts on in the 80s, now we have to learn to put the phones down too.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Dave Frohwitter</i>	<i>748-5091</i>
<i>First VP</i>	<i>Donna Price</i>	<i>408-4832</i>
<i>Second VP</i>	<i>Jackie Savage</i>	<i>672-2345</i>
<i>Recording & Corres. Sec.</i>	<i>Beverly Wilson</i>	<i>499-0723</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Clif Furedy</i>	<i>490-5792</i>

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<i>Median Electrical</i>	<i>Mike Moore</i>	<i>557-0328</i>
<i>Median Flag</i>	<i>Joe Lang</i>	<i>497-2897</i>

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<i>Lynnhaven</i>	<i>Jeff Brown</i>	<i>464-0183</i>

<i>Welcoming Committee Chair:</i>	<i>Clera Hall, Karen Roy, Jeanette Willenbrink</i>	
<i>Meadows</i>	<i>Jim Price</i>	<i>408-4832</i>
<i>Shores</i>	<i>Lisa Dutko</i>	<i>473-1112</i>
<i>Townhomes</i>	<i>Liz Hayes</i>	<i>472-0283</i>

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	<i>Jeanette Willenbrink</i>	<i>497-0700</i>

Recreation Center (pool)

<i>Director</i>	<i>Karen Roy</i>	<i>513-4183</i>
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Happy Holiday Season



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PEMBROKE MEADOWS CIVIC LEAGUE
Cordially Invites You to the

FIRST ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING EVENT

Date: Saturday, December 12th
Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Your Own Front Yard

Just walk outside at 5:00 PM, tune in to zoom and begin singing the first song. We will continue to carol as a neighborhood until we have finished all the songs. Feel free to enjoy your own refreshments in your own yard. Let's see if they can hear us all over the city.

1. Go to www.zoom.com
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4. Enter "Pembroke" for the meeting passcode
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Questions Contact any Board Member or

Jackie Savage, Point of Contact for Caroling Event 757-672-2345

