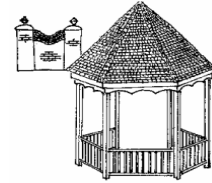


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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



Sept 2021

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HALLOWEEN WALK PLANS

Our 32nd Annual Halloween Walk
Saturday, October 30th at 3p.m.

Mark this event on your calendar NOW and start thinking about your costume! Please see inside for more details and volunteer to help make this another successful neighborhood event. The walk will begin at the medical complex on Whitechapel Drive. Follow the leader and music along the route. (Bring a bag as candy will be tossed to those participating) We will continue through the neighborhood and end up at the park.

Prepackaged refreshments and drinks will be served at the park. We will offer tattoos but no face painting this year. **PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR A MASK.**



CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

All positions are open for election this year with a slate to be published in the October newsletter. Please consider volunteering to help our neighborhood continue its activities and service. See inside for details.

Indoor Meetings still on hold...

Given the current covid status, we feel it is still too risky to hold indoor meetings, especially since many of the attendees are our older neighbors. We will reassess after the first of the year.

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Presidents Corner:

Welcome Fall! The smell of fire pits, crisp dry air and football have returned! Kids have gone back to school in their buildings, so I hope that you remember to look out for buses in the area. Some bus stops for Pembroke Meadows have changed, so don't be alarmed if you do or don't see kids, and the occasional parent hanging out in front of your home. And for those parents, I hope you are enjoying some peace and quiet in the house for a change! And while it's doubly important now with kids in school, we should all always obey the speed limits in the neighborhood! I know it's easy to speed on Pembroke Blvd, but there is no need to do 40 on that stretch, or any stretch of road around here for that matter.

In neighborhood news, we had a successful summer with our neighborhood yard sale, as well as National Night Out. While we had perfect weather for the former, I know that the rain held back some folks from attending NNO, but we appreciate seeing everyone who did come and visit. Thanks to the fine Civic League volunteers that helped to coordinate these events. Also thank you to the PMRC for hosting NNO as always. I also want to congratulate the PMRC on a successful season this year. After last year's struggles, it was a pleasant surprise to hear that the pool reached membership capacity for the season! Thanks to the Pool Board, Lifeguards and Members who came out to support the Pool.

As for upcoming events, we are working on finding a solution so that we can hold membership meetings. It's been too long that we have been able to see each other face to face. Also, we WILL be holding elections this year for the CL Board. If you are interested in serving your neighborhood, please consider volunteering for one of the positions. We are working hard on plans for the Halloween Walk this year as well as the Wine, Cheese and Beer Party in November. In other news around the hood, you should have noticed that the median improvements are in place, and ongoing, as we ensure that our new plants take root and continue to thrive. Thanks to the Gardening Club, as well as Carol and Mike Moore, for

ensuring that we make a great first impression to visitors.

Let me close with two reminders. First, when you are walking your dog, please make sure that they are on a secure leash. Too often, I'm hearing about neighbors being scared and worried about being bitten by an unleashed dog. As friendly as your dog may be, they are animals, and you never know how an unleashed dog will react to people or another animal. Also, it is a city ordinance that all dogs be on leashes while in public. I don't want to see neighborhood relationships and friendships ruined because we were not being considerate to others while walking our dogs. And remember, IT'S THE LAW. Secondly, with regards to parking, please remember that City Ordinance states that a parked car in a driveway cannot block the sidewalk and when parked on the street, it must be facing the legal direction of traffic for the side on which it is parked.

As always, your PMCL Board stands ready to serve you. If you any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us.

- Dave



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Now is also an ideal time to take advantage of the great low rates to move up or downsize.

What's New Here In OUR Neighborhood?

Currently for Sale

700 Whitechapel Dr	3 BR	2 BA	349,000
705 Abbey Arch	4 BR	2 BA	390,000

Homes Under Contract

616 Whitechapel Dr	4 BR	2 BA	370,000
4504 Whitechapel Ct	3 BR	2 BA	425,000
4305 Cambria Cir	4 BR	2 ½ BA	410,000

Homes Sold

4420 Drury Cir	3 BR	2 BA	354,900
4325 Cambria Cir	3 BR	2 BA	380,000
604 Cambria Ct	4 BR	2 BA	353,500

~Sue Lentini~

Lost Pet Program

We are doing great!! Be proud. Identification on your pet has returned 17 pets over the summer.

If you are a new pet owner, please register your pet with the Lost Pet Program. It is FREE. Forms are on our website and be sure to include a picture. -Gerry Richter.



Ferry Plantation House

We will be open by appointment on Thursdays and Saturdays. Since we are operated totally by volunteers it has been a difficult year for us. Some volunteers, due to Covid and businesses closing, had to find new employment and that occasionally interrupts our scheduling, others suffered personally from Covid.

We are doing our best..... You can help support us by becoming a member. \$25. annually makes a difference.

For those of you that wanted Witchballs and we were out of stock I am happy to report a new shipment just came in. Countries where the quality balls are made had closed down production and are just opening back up.

Community Yard Sale

We had about 35 houses sign up for the yard sale in July, plus many more who joined in on the day of to make this another successful event. Many thanks to Beverly and George Wilson and Cliff Furedy for doing the organizing and map making.

Neighborhood Nature-

Box turtles have thrived this year and Gerry reports they still come to feed at the back door daily. If you are an early riser, you can watch them if you give her a call.

Bluebirds have been busy this summer with 3 nests producing 13 new baby bluebirds in Gerry's back yard. This area has only been seeing this bird for about three years now.

Lucky us.

Goldfinches are still mating so keep feeders up for the young.

If you have been out walking or working in the yard and been caught up in the new aerobic exercise event--that just tells us the spiders are predicting an early fall this year.

-Gerry Richter

Civic Leadership Opportunity

Elections are upon us and all positions on the PMCL board are open. The five elected positions are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Our officers are elected annually, and no officer can hold a position more than 2 consecutive years. We would love to see some new faces as we move into the new year. Newsletter Editor is also available if you are interested. 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 in October and vote in November.

32nd Annual Halloween Walk

Our annual Halloween walk is just around the corner so mark your calendars for October 30th.

Route-Beginning at the medical complex continue on Whitechapel to Cambria turning left onto Cambria. Turn right at Abbey Drive and continue on Severn where it meets Abbey again. Turn Right and continue to Bishop. Following the leaders on to Pembroke Blvd to the park.
Restrooms will be open at the pool if needed.

Message to neighbors along the Halloween walk-- please feel free to toss out WRAPPED CANDY AND TREATS to the happy ghosts and goblins as they pass your house. Be sure to notice all the smiles on the faces of all ages participating this year.

Know Your Ballot

Flooding affects every citizen in Virginia Beach. We have the opportunity on November 2nd to take a critical step forward that will enable us to not only deal with many of our current flooding issues, but also help prepare our community for

the sea level rise and increased rain fall that are predicted in our future.

When you go to the polls on November 2nd, the last item on the ballot will be a referendum to allow the City of Virginia Beach to issue bonds totaling \$567.5 million for twenty-one specific flooding control projects throughout the city. This funding is critical to the resiliency of our communities. The specific projects will be listed on the ballot, but you are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to learn more about this important referendum before you vote. There are several ways that you can get more information.

- City staff have prepared an excellent 8 minute video that explains the scope of the referendum.
- If you prefer to read about the referendum, there is information available on the city's website.
- You can attend a public meeting and ask your questions: Thursday, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Municipal Center Bldg. 19.



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Fall & Winter at PMRC

Have ideas for fun events at the pool over the Fall & Winter months? We would love to hear them! Past events included Chili Cook Off and a Holiday Market. We have heard rumblings of interest for a Movie Night, S'mores Night, Football Watching, Wine Tasting, Women's Clubs, etc. At this time, we do not have any events planned. We would love to support what you would like to make happen, but will need outgoing members to help us out! Please contact Chrisalyn Amorese, Events Chair, at Chrisalyn21@gmail.com

Thank you to all of our members for a remarkable summer season! With the need to cap memberships for the first time, it was obvious that everyone was ready and excited for the pool to be back to "normal". But it was anything from ordinary! With the addition of many new loungers, pool volleyball net, tether ball, and a portable speaker, the pool was a common area for fun and joy. We appreciate all of you and your support. We are looking for another remarkable 2022 season!

BOARD ELECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who ran to be a part of the 2022 PMRC Board. We are so fortunate to have so many good and giving people in our community wanting to help. It was a very close race for At-Large members, and those with the most votes were: Chrisalyn Amorese, Chris Amorese, Meagan Engebretsen, Mandy Hammer & Alena Waskey. Returning for a second term are Lindsey McCarty as Assistant Director, and Kerri Denton as Treasurer.

We are loving that we have three new At-Large Board members but would be remiss if we did not thank those who have served over the years and have provided numerous hours of their time and talents! Thank you Pamela Davis, Leah Moore, and Chuck Palmer for all of your guidance through the years!

POOL CLOSURE

The last day of the 2021 season was Labor Day and concluded with a "Full Membership Meeting" at the pool. We will be spending the next couple of weeks cleaning, organizing, and prepping for the cold months. Please consider volunteering to help out even for one hour. We

Some Sad News

We are sorry to let our neighbors know that Herbert Wynne, a resident of Pembroke Meadows, passed away unexpectedly on July 6th. Herbert owned and operated TriStar Plumbing and had been a long time advertiser in our newsletter. Mrs. Wynne has asked us to please let everyone know that there will be no one carrying on the business and so she will not be able to respond to any business calls. We are sorry to say that TriStar will no longer be our "go to" plumber for the neighborhood. I know Herbert came to the pool's rescue several times, usually during swim meets, when we were in the midst of trying to solve its plumbing issues in past years. He will be very much missed.

Please keep Mrs. Wynne in your thoughts,
Carol Moore
Newsletter Editor

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The Commonwealth of Virginia has new tiered evacuation zones for coastal communities. Now, all you have to know is whether you're in A, B, C or D. Just visit www.KnowYourZoneVA.org and click on the link to the map.

For our neighborhood, most homes North of Pembroke Blvd are in Zone D and those South of the Blvd are Zone C. Be sure to keep an eye on news reports. When a serious storm is expected to impact Virginia's coastal region, City officials will use multiple tools to get the word out,

The more you do now to prepare and plan for tropical storms and hurricanes, the better you will weather the storm.

To learn more visit

www.vbgov.com/residents/emergency-preparedness

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www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Fishing Lines and Hooks at Lake Meadows.

One of our neighbors recently noticed a goose in distress and contacted wildlife rescue, They caught him and took him away to have fishing lines removed and get treated. The wildlife person cleaned up a huge mess of fishing lines and hooks from the park, but there are still more there.

Your Civic League hopes to put up some reminder signs at the park, but in the meantime can we all just remember to remove our fishing gear as to not harm the wildlife?

It's just sad to see innocent animals harmed because of our actions.



Wine and Cheese Social Ideas?

Your civic league board is looking for ideas to hold our November Social in a covid restrictions friendly manner. One idea is to hold it at the pool and possibly try and rent those restaurant type heaters. Anyone have any connections for those? Any other suggestions would also be greatly appreciated.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

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

Committees

Bldg/Grounds	<i>Tim Roy</i>	478-0580
Median Electrical	<i>Mike Moore</i>	557-0328
Median Flag	<i>Joe Lang</i>	497-2897

Block Security

Meadows	<i>Vacant</i>	
Shores	<i>Bob/Marge Brotman</i>	497-0565
Townhomes	<i>Vacant</i>	

Lakes/Waterways Chairman:	<i>Jeff Brown</i>	464-0183
Lake Pembroke	<i>Vacant</i>	
Lake Meadows	<i>Charlie Russ</i>	497-5298
Lynnhaven	<i>Jeff Brown</i>	464-0183

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

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

Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry		
Shores and Meadows	<i>Gerry Dashiell-Richter</i>	497-5243

Garden Club		
	<i>Peggy Caverly</i>	490-0925
	<i>Jeanette Willenbrink</i>	497-0700

Recreation Center (pool)

Director	<i>Karen Roy</i>	513-4183
Asst Director	<i>Lindsey McCarty</i>	477-1551
Treasurer	<i>Kerri Denton</i>	401-5562
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