



Posed by Pool Site

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Back, from left, Vicki Kalfus, Connie Shields, Elaine Kane, Celine Tolley and Pat Powell; front, Howard Harris, C. C. Taylor, Abe Kalfus, Ralph Carey and Douglas Cheesman. Absent, JoAnne Dreelin, Don Dreelin and Fred Pearce

# Meadows Makes Good

BAYSIDE — "Progress through participation," the motto of the new Pembroke Meadows Civic League describes what a league can do if started with a positive outlook.

Starting with 20 persons in the summer of 1967, it has grown to nearly 300 members.

Pembroke Meadows is an attractive, middle-income neighborhood bordering Independence Boulevard, north of Pembroke Mall.

Since its first official meeting in November 1968, the league has achieved goals at a whirlwind pace.

"Achievements and progress demonstrated by this league's accomplishments have far exceeded my own expectations," says C. C. Taylor, president. "It is clearly the result of a highly motivated and dedicated group of residents."

The most spectacular move

made by the league so far has been its project to build a recreational center consisting of a pool, boat ramps, club house and tennis courts.

"It was a real pleasure to see the ground-breaking for our swimming pool," Taylor says.

Now under construction on a 3½-acre site at the Meadows, the 35-by-82-foot swimming pool is phase one of the proposed recreational center.

Built to complement the city's efforts to provide recreational facilities for its residents, this project exemplifies the league's positive and cooperative ideals, Taylor says. The pool completion date is planned for July 4.

Here are some more of the league's accomplishments:

- Organization and sponsorship of Block Mothers program.

- Organization and support of Cub, Boy and Girl scouts and Cadets.

- Social functions for the community including a picnic and two dances.

- Conducting a voter registration drive.

- Joint sponsorship of a "green thumb" contest to award prizes for the most beautiful yard.

- Institute an annual "Policeman of the Year Award" to be presented each August.

A special project is the organization of a system of

"blocks" within the community, whereby all residents are divided into groups of 10 to 15 families with common interest in their particular area.

These block committees, according to Taylor, have enabled the league to communicate freely with residents and in turn enabled residents to present their problems.

The league also publishes its own newspaper and has special membership guards similar in appearance to credit cards.

The organization's structure includes seven elected officers and a board of directors, which includes six additional officers.

Other officers are Elaine Kane, first vice president; Howard Harris, second vice president; Vicki Kalfus, financial secretary; Celine Tolley, recording secretary; Ralph Carey, treasurer, and Jo Anne Dreelin, corresponding secretary.

Chairman of the standing committees, who also serve as board of directors members, are:

Connie Shields, social; Doug Cheesman, publicity; Pat Powell, program; Abe Kalfus, bylaws; Don Dreelin, building; and Fred Pearson, recreation.

The league is meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Old Donation Elementary School until Pembroke Meadows Elementary School is available.

## Civic League

### Accomplishments

- Groundbreaking for pool in proposed recreation center that will include tennis courts, boat ramps and club house.
- Organization of Block Mothers and Cub, Boy, Girl and Cadet scouts.
- Established liaison with city and school officials.
- Sponsorship of Green Thumb award for yard care and Policeman of the Year award.

### Goals

- To establish a close-knit, cooperative community dedicated to the improvement of the community as a whole.
- To maintain a progressive, positive attitude towards development of the area.
- To create an atmosphere of community awareness and in the cultural and governmental activities of the city.
- Provide a program and youth and adult activities that will instill a spirit of pride in the community.