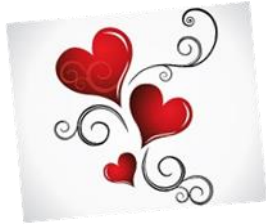


# It's...The Talk of the Town!

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*We Love You Pembroke!*



“Ain’t no love, like small town love”

## The Pembroke Love Story



We want to hear your local love stories! Every year the Downtown Development Authority awards couples who submit their story based on three categories.

**Longest Married City Residents:** This is the couple who lives in the city currently and has been married the longest.

**Longest Married at City Address:** This is the couple who has been married at the same address in the City the longest.

**Best Love Story:** This is the best written story that tells how the City of Pembroke brought two people together to live happily ever after. These are made anonymous and then judged by a secret panel.

Please submit your 1-3 page story by **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** to be entered for prizes to City Hall in person, faxed to (912) 653-4424 or email it to [betterhometown@pembrokega.net](mailto:betterhometown@pembrokega.net).

## City Administrator



The Mayor and City Council would like to invite the community to attend our next council meeting on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. We will be naming Mr. Alex Floyd as our new City Administrator. In his new role, Alex will continue looking for opportunities to increase the city’s economic growth as well as working with the Mayor, City Council and City Clerk in developing the annual budget, supervision of all city departments and employees, project planning, and the oversight of the daily operations of the city.

Alex obtained his Masters in Public Administration from Georgia Southern University in May of 2017. He has worked with the city since June of 2016 as Downtown Development Director.

Alex is the son of Bob and Debbie Floyd of Pembroke. He and his wife Kristen are expecting their first child later this year. Join us in welcoming Alex to his new role.

## Change in Base Water Rates

Regrettably, running a city (even a small one), gets more expensive every year. This year due to the impending necessity of replacing parts of our 50+ year old water and sewer system as well as expanding lines into new areas, we have no choice but to raise the base rate of our water service by \$1.00 per month. This means that Council voted in the necessary rate increase in January. Having nearly one thousand customers, this will increase Pembroke’s water revenues by \$12,000 per year. By contrast a new residential well can cost between \$3,000-\$7,000 depending on depth and conditions. Sewer rates and ‘tap fees’ will remain the same.

## Better your City, Plant a Tree!



Come by City Hall on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate Arbor Day. We’ll have a variety of tree saplings from the Georgia Forestry Flint River Nursery for only \$2. We’ll also have local experts on hand to help you select the best tree for your space, test your soil, and address any other questions. All proceeds from tree sales go to tree maintenance, care and related projects right here in the City.

## Comprehensive Planning



As we move into the new year, we're always making plans to make your city a better place. This year is especially important as we have to update our ten year plan by the end of June. Please look and listen out for upcoming meetings and hearings where we take your thoughts and turn them into strategies for our future. In the meantime, keep a pen and notepad handy and make note of things you'd like to see improved or implemented then come to City Council meetings to see what we're already working on. We want to make sure the city we leave our children is even better than the city we have today!

## United Way Food Distribution



United Way Food Distribution occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10:00 AM at the Pembroke Christian Church. Paperwork is available at City Hall for anyone needing assistance. Special thanks to Mrs. Kristi Cox of United Way/Second Harvest and the volunteers of Pembroke Advanced Communications. Assistance is also available at Bryan County Family Connections the following Wednesday.

## Questions, Thoughts, Concerns?



Hurricane Season is over but do you still have questions about flood insurance, emergency preparation or what to do in the event of a natural disaster? Please come see Mr. Dain Reams and/or Public Safety Director Bill Collins at City Hall between 8:30 and 5:00 with any concerns.

## Mayors' Day 2018



Staff and officials from over 100 cities participated in the Ga Municipal Association classes in Atlanta. As you can see, Pembroke and Richmond Hill were well represented by Alex Floyd, Councilmembers Tiffany Walraven and Diane Moore and Mayor Russ Carpenter.

Save the Date!

## 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30PM** – Downtown Development Authority at City Hall

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM** – Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission at City Hall

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**– City Council, Winners of Love Story Contest announced and recognized

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**– United Way Food Distribution at the Pembroke Christian Church

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**– Junior Police Academy at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

### MARCH EVENTS

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00PM** – Downtown Development Authority upstairs at Higgins' Place

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM** – Pembroke Planning and Zoning Commission at City Hall

## Are We Friends?



Over 1500 of your friends, family and neighbors know what's going on in Pembroke at the click of a button. Follow the Downtown Development Authority of Pembroke on Facebook for updates on meetings, events, trivia, highlights of people, places, buildings and businesses.

## CHIEF'S CORNER

Please visit and like our page!

[www.facebook.com/PembrokePoliceDept](http://www.facebook.com/PembrokePoliceDept)

The New Year came in with a chilly start and our city was blanketed in white. The children certainly loved it and although there were numerous accidents our officers and city officials were, as always, ready to help. The community came together with our citizens helping each other and making the most of the rare event of snow in our area. We would like to thank everyone for working together to keep Pembroke safe and our officers for the diligent performance of their duties in the freezing temperatures and ice.

