

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

March 2018 Issue



## Lucky to live in Pembroke!

Please help us Keep Pembroke Beautiful - if you see litter, pick it up. Show the beauty of our community!

### Thanks for Planting a Tree!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Arbor Day activity! With your help, over 200 trees were sold to our citizens to replace trees lost in the hurricanes. The DDA raised over \$400 to help fund the creation of our nature trail behind the Public Safety building site. Thanks also to our fire department for their hard work clearing the trail and improving the site for future use.

### Easter Egg Hunt



Come join the Bryan County Drug Free Coalition and our Public Safety Departments on March 31<sup>st</sup> for the Annual City of Pembroke Easter Eggstravanganza. This year's hunt will be held at the J. Dixie Harn Center around our newly expanded play areas. There will be two hunts going on simultaneously. Children under 5 can participate on the ball field, while ages 5-12 can hunt around the playground. There will be prizes, lemonade, a decorated basket contest and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

We need our churches and our community to donate prizes and 'egg stuffers'. This is a great way to get your name out to young families. Contact Bill Collins or Alex Floyd at City Hall, or check our DDA Facebook page for more information.

### *The Pembroke Love Story*

Congratulations to Raymond and Rose Oliver, winners of our Pembroke Love Story!

Thank you for your participation!



Left to Right: Noah Covington, Chairman, Bryan County Development Authority;; Tara Barniak, Richmond Hill City Council; Karen Krupp, Board of Education; Tiffany Walraven, Pembroke City Council; Mayor Judy Cook; Anna Chaffin, Bryan County Development Authority; Carol Ann Coleman, Bryan County Tax Commissioner; Alex Floyd, Pembroke City Administrator

The lovely elected ladies of Bryan County and their dashing gentleman tour guides stopped at City Hall on a tour of North Bryan County. Other stops included the Industrial Park, Lanier Primary School, Hendrix Park, Historic Downtown, Harn Community Center and a lunch at Lucy Belle Farm.

### 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. The new deposit fee is \$150.00 with a \$15.00 administrative fee.

## Comprehensive Planning Update



**Our 2018 plan will guide decision making for the next ten years. Be a part of it!**

**7:00 PM  
March 12th  
Pembroke City Hall**  
Following the City Council Meeting

Our first public hearing in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan process was very well attended. Over twenty stakeholders came to express their visions, concerns, goals and aspirations for the City of Pembroke as we strive to achieve our mission of a better life for all our citizens. Our next hearing will be held March 12th, following the 7:00PM City Council Meeting. We encourage people to attend both and see their government and staff in action. Special thanks to County Administrator Ben Taylor and District 1 Commissioner Noah Covington for attending to add Bryan County's perspective to our discussion.



## 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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 & Zoning Commission at City Hall

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**- City Council and 2<sup>nd</sup> Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

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

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

### APRIL EVENTS

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM** - Downtown Development Authority upstairs at Higgins' Place

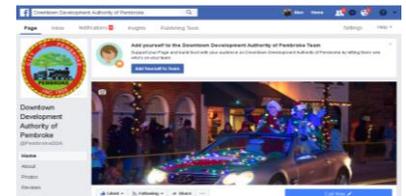
**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** - Pembroke Planning and Zoning Commission at City Hall

## 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.

## Are We Friends?



Over 1600 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)



As warmer weather approaches there will be more people enjoying outside activities. Please be aware and watchful for pedestrians. Drivers should pay extra close attention for children who may dart into the roadway on foot or bicycle. There have been complaints of speeding motorists in our school zones. Pembroke Police Department will have zero tolerance for anyone caught exceeding posted speed limits in school zones.

\*\*\* Remember to be alert and monitor your speed. \*\*\*

Do not drink and drive.

Do not be a distracted driver!

## LOCAL SADD CHAPTER VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C.



SADD sponsor Tracy Robinson and officers Julia Jackson and Kate Butler, along with Director Bill Collins recently had the distinct honor to travel to Washington D.C. and the office of Georgia Congressman Buddy Carter. While there, they had the opportunity to discuss drug prevention policy with members of Congressman Carter's staff.