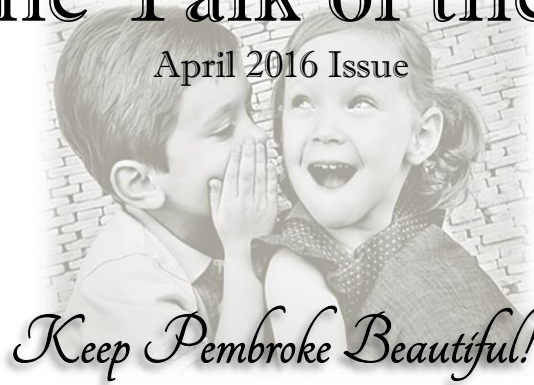


# It's...The Talk of the Town!

April 2016 Issue



*Keep Pembroke Beautiful!*

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



**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

The City of Pembroke, the Downtown Development Authority, and Keep Pembroke Beautiful will be celebrating Georgia Cities Week and the Great American Clean-Up.

Back by popular demand, we will be ending the week on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling event. KPB, along with the Downtown Development Authority, have joined together to bring you a "Shred It" day. Residents may bring up to 10 boxes of documents to be destroyed by the Shred-It Company. This includes paper, CDs, disks, and credit cards only. This event is for individuals only (no businesses) and will take place in the downtown parking area beginning at 9:00AM until 12:00 noon. Pembroke Advanced Communications will also be joining the effort by offering a bin that day at the same location for computers and electronics to be disposed of and destroyed properly. Please remember that the City does not pick up electronics! Non-hazardous items and yard debris such as large limbs may be arranged for pick up by calling City Hall. There is a fee for this service. If you have any questions, please contact Sharroll at 653-4413.



**April's highlight citizen: Mr. James Garrison**



James Garrison moved to Pembroke from Willie, GA at a very young age. As a child, he gained valuable experience assisting his father with the cotton and tobacco as well as the livestock. By the time he was a young man, Mr. Garrison was responsible for overseeing the crops on the farm.

Through the years, Mr. Garrison's father acquired a large tract of land where a meal factory was constructed. James oversaw the factory where residents living in and around Pembroke brought their corn to be ground into grits and cornmeal. Mr. Garrison graduated from Pembroke High School and then attended Savannah State College where he learned skills to become a brick mason. He became an entrepreneur, laying foundations for houses being built in the community. He would later teach these skills to others, enabling them to build and expand Pembroke.

Mr. Garrison attends Mount Moriah Baptist Church where he has been a strong religious leader. He has also served as Chair of Planning & Zoning for the city during the 1970's. Mr. Garrison is considered by many to be a pillar of the community and is thought of with great esteem. During a time when jobs were scarce, he provided jobs in cotton and tobacco. He taught brick masonry skills, shared the crops he grew and has never been afraid to speak out on issues to improve the quality of life in our community.



## **CITY OF PEMBROKE SCHEDULE**

**Regular office hours are Monday - Friday  
8:30AM - 5:00PM**



### SAFETY TIPS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- Keep household cleaning products and other chemicals in the containers they came in, and always store them away from food and out of the reach of children.
- Never use empty food containers to store left over chemicals. Never use empty chemical containers to store food.
- Read and follow directions for use and disposal of any cleaning compounds, pesticides, fertilizers or any other chemical product.



The American Legion is collecting tattered and worn American flags. If you have worn American flags that are no longer presentable, please drop them in the red-white-and-blue chest on the west porch of the American Legion building located at 1040 US HWY 280 West. These flags will then be disposed of properly at a joint American Legion - Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony to be announced at a later date. Thank you for your participation!



The Recreation Department is currently looking for **certified lifeguards** for the upcoming summer season.

If you are certified and interested, please contact Mandy Toole at 658-5953.




### 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL EVENTS

Thursday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM - Downtown Development Authority at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

Thursday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM - Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM - City Council

#### MAY EVENTS

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM - Downtown Development Authority at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM - Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM - City Council



#### CHIEF'S CORNER

The Pembroke Police Department now has a Facebook Page! Please visit us at [www.facebook.com/PembrokePoliceDept](http://www.facebook.com/PembrokePoliceDept) and like our page!

The Pembroke Police Department welcomes community feedback. Let us know how we're doing! We appreciate your continued support.

We have had numerous complaints about speeding on certain streets in the city. Please be aware the police department will be monitoring these streets and will have **zero tolerance** on violators!

Please report any street lights that are out in your neighborhood. Proper lighting helps us keep it safe!

Ever wanted to do a ride-along? We have recently implemented a new ride-along program for citizens over the age of 21. For more information, please call the police department at 912-653-4409. You will be required to sign a waiver and complete a pre-ride interview.