

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

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Love your City!

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



TREE CITY USA ARBOR DAY IN PEMBROKE

In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Pembroke will be conducting a tree planting ceremony in the City Municipal Park adjacent to the Harn Community Center on Friday, February 19th at 10:00 AM. Each year the State of Georgia designates the third Friday of February as the official day to observe Arbor Day throughout the state. Trees reduce erosion, lower our heating and cooling costs, clean the air, provide habitat for wildlife, increase property values, and beautify our community. The tree selected to be planted was chosen to provide shade for the playground area of the park. 2016 marks the 12th year that the City of Pembroke has been designated as a Tree City USA. Join us for the official tree planting ceremony followed with light refreshments as we celebrate Arbor Day in Pembroke.



Free Tax Preparation

Free Income Tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers is available to individuals or families in Bryan County with an income of \$62,000 or less. Tax preparation assistance is available online at www.myfreetaxes.com. You may also visit a VITA site. The location for Pembroke is:

Bryan County Family Connection Service Center
40 S. Industrial Blvd.
(formerly the Gateway Building)
Tuesdays & Thursdays 3PM - 7PM
Saturdays 10AM - 3PM
Assistance available January 26th - April 15th



This month we're highlighting one of Pembroke's oldest citizens. Meet Mozella Smith, 102 years young!



Mrs. Smith was born December 29, 1913 in Evans County, Georgia to Eddie & Clara Shellman. She later moved to Pembroke, where she's lived for most of her long life.

Mrs. Smith enjoys word searches and puzzles. Her favorite show is Walker Texas Ranger, and her favorite snack is orange marshmallow Circus Peanuts!



CITY OF PEMBROKE SCHEDULE

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

Planning and Zoning office hours are Monday - Friday
10:00AM - 2:00PM



Spring cleaning time is just around the corner!

Start looking through those boxed up items, old clothes, furniture and gadgets and get ready for

Pembroke's Community-Wide Yard Sale!

This event will be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00AM until 1:00PM in the downtown Pembroke parking lot. The cost is only \$5.00 per space! All spaces will be marked. You must pay for a space whether you are an individual or an organization. Absolutely no concessions will be allowed and no electricity will be available. Garage sale items only, big or small, must be hauled away after the sale is finished. You will be accountable for your own clean-up!

For space reservation, fee must be paid in advance. For more information contact Sharroll Fanslau at 653-4413 or stop by City Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30AM and 5:00PM.

Start now and plan to make some extra \$\$\$!



GARBAGE CAN SAFETY REMINDER

Please continue to have garbage cans placed at curbside by 7:00 AM on Wednesday for pick-up. Also make sure that cans are removed from the curbside on the same day, preferably before dark. The cans remaining on the curbside are particularly dangerous for drivers after dark since the cans do not have any reflective areas. They can also block a driver's vision of children, pets, or vehicles that may be on the roadside. Leaving your garbage can on the sidewalk is equally as dangerous as it causes a walker to enter into the street. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!



2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 4th at 1:30PM - Downtown Development Authority at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center - **CANCELLED**

Thursday, Feb. 4th at 6:30PM - Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, Feb. 8th at 7:00PM - City Council

MARCH EVENTS

Thursday, Mar. 3rd at 1:30PM - Downtown Development Authority at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

Thursday, Mar. 3rd at 6:30PM - Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, Mar. 14th at 7:00PM - City Council



CHIEF'S CORNER

Welcome! We hope you enjoy this new addition to the monthly newsletter in which you'll hear from our Chief of Police, Randy Alexander. Chief Alexander has been with the City of Pembroke since January of 2015, and has served in law enforcement for over 20 years.

Please take the time to complete our Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood survey enclosed with this newsletter. This information will help us to better serve our citizens. We are interested in learning about any problems or concerns you may have, as well as any praises you may want to extend to the department and our officers.

The Pembroke Police Department has set a list of goals we would like to see accomplished in 2016. They are:

- 1) Implement a Citizens Police Academy
- 2) Educate by offering classes on workplace violence and active shooter training to businesses in Pembroke.
- 3) Expand community policing to include Explorer and Junior police programs to work with an officer.