

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

December 2019 Issue



Merry Christmas!

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day / Their old familiar carols play / And wild and sweet, the words repeat / Of peace on earth, good-will to men." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Vendor booths, food trucks, marching bands, Santa Claus ... we will have it all at this year's Christmas Festival! Come to Downtown Pembroke on Saturday, December 14th for our annual festival and parade. The Christmas market along Railroad Street opens at 10AM this year and will close at 5:00PM. During that same time, you can catch live performances on the entertainment stage! The lighted Christmas parade will begin at 5:30PM. We have no doubt that this year's entries will be even more spectacular!



Join us as we deck the town for Christmas on December 3rd! This year, the tree lighting ceremony will be separate from the parade and festival. The Pembroke Christmas Tree Lighting Program will begin at 6PM. There will be performances by local church and school groups. Food trucks will be on site, so no need to worry about cooking! Wrap up the evening with hot chocolate, and by casting your vote for your favorite tree on display in the Christmas Tree Decorating contest. This will be a great community event and a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season in Pembroke.

## Santa Claus is Comin to Town...on a Firetruck



Jolly ol' St. Nick will be checking his list and making his rounds December 9th-12th on the Pembroke Firetruck. Check the Pembroke Fire Dept Facebook Page for the latest Santa sightings!

**City of Pembroke Business Hours**  
Monday – Friday 8:30AM to 5:00PM

**Closed for the Christmas Holiday**  
Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – closing at noon  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Closed for the New Year Holiday**  
Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – closing at noon  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

## Bryan County Children's Fund Empty Stocking Program



Bryan County Family Connections has collected many applications and has begun collecting toys and clothes for children 0-16 at their offices. Please consider a donation to help your local kids and families have a Merry Christmas. For more information contact the Family Connections staff at 912 653-3829 or visit their office behind Liberty Auction in the Harn Industrial Park.

Coming Soon.....

**To the site of the old Bryan County Elementary School**  
**Pembroke's Newest Senior Living Community**  
**Ash Branch Manor**



**A BRAND NEW AFFORDABLE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY!**

Enjoy life to its fullest at Ash Branch Manor - a desirable Pembroke location offering a carefree lifestyle that blends quality and service for residents 55 and older.



- Bright and open floor plans
- 24-hour emergency maintenance
- On-site laundry room
- Fully-equipped kitchens
- Community room
- Library and computer center
- On-site activities and events
- Pet-friendly
- Smoke-free living
- Wellness suite
- Service coordinator

**Coming in 2020**

For more information

**CALL 844-795-6423**



104 Ash Branch Road, Pembroke, GA 31321 • email: info@NationalChurchResidences.org



**2019 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM** – Junior Police Academy at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM** – Christmas Tree Lighting

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM** – Downtown Development Authority in City Hall Conference Room

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** – Pembroke Planning & Zoning in City Hall Conference Room

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** – City Council

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Market and Parade**  
**Market from 10:00AM – 5:00PM**  
**Parade – 5:30pm**

**JANUARY EVENTS**

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** – Junior Police Academy at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM** – Downtown Development Authority at Higgins Restaurant

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** – Pembroke Planning & Zoning in City Hall Conference Room

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** – City Council

**United Way: More than Just Food!**



**United Way**  
**of the Coastal Empire**

The UWCE North Bryan Office is located in Bryan County Family Connections at 40 S Industrial Blvd, Pembroke, GA,  
Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 2pm  
Phone: 912-651-7750

Please Contact us if you need assistance of any kind!

**The Next Food Drop is December 10<sup>th</sup>**

The mission of the United Way of the Coastal Empire (UWCE) is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community.



Please visit us at  
[www.facebook.com/PembrokePoliceDept](http://www.facebook.com/PembrokePoliceDept)  
and like our page!

**CHIEF'S CORNER**

With the added travelers on our roadways please remember to be safety-conscious.

**Tips for a safer holiday season:**

- Always wear your seat belt and lock your vehicle
- Whether you are hosting an event or attending, have a plan in place to prevent drinking and driving such as, taking the keys or designating a driver.
- Keep a watch on your personal belongings. Don't leave your purse unattended.
- Remember the new "Hands Free Law" - Drivers cannot have a phone in their hand or touching any part of their body while talking on their phone while driving.

Pembroke Police Department has forms at the station you may fill out requesting extra security checks for your home or business while you are out of town or even if you are only away for a few hours of shopping.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!**