

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

December 2017 Issue



## *It's Christmas Time in Pembroke!*

♪ It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you be of good cheer, It's the most wonderful time of the year!

### 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PEMBROKE CHRISTMAS Parade and FESTIVAL

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the City of Pembroke, along with the Downtown Development Association is pleased to present our first ever night parade and festival!

The **Christmas Market** will begin at 2:00PM on both sides of Railroad Street. This means our downtown parking lot will be open for parade viewing. Come visit vendors from all over the region as they bring food, homemade crafts and vendor items to Pembroke!

**Photos with Santa** can be made between 1:00 and 3:00PM at Carla's Furniture Gallery and Gifts on East Bacon Street. Live local talent will be performing all afternoon and into the evening on the stage located by the Pembroke Police Department. Enjoy our downtown light display centered around the caboose.

**At 5:30 PM, the big show begins!** Come watch Bryan County's biggest and best parade!

The **lighting of our city Christmas Tree** will follow the parade. Our Grand Marshals Mrs. Jeanne McCormick and Ms. Mary Anna Hite will do the honors. The tree is located behind the Pembroke Police Department, and facing Highway 280.

Our Christmas festivities get bigger and better every year and it's all because of people like you. Thank you for your continued support of this fine tradition.

### Mayors' Motorcade

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, representatives from the City of Pembroke will participate in the annual Mayors' Motorcade. This is a long-standing tradition where cities collect supplies and Christmas gifts for the patients at Georgia Regional Hospital. If you or your organization would like more information on how to donate to this need, please contact Alex Floyd at [betterhometown@pembrokega.net](mailto:betterhometown@pembrokega.net). All donations are tax deductible.



Join the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary at the Mikell Foxworth Rec. Center (old BCES Gym) from 6:00- 9:00PM, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for Cookies, Milk and a Christmas Story read by Santa and Mrs. Claus! Check their Facebook pages for more info.



### Bulbs, Bows and Bricks, Oh My!

Looking for a way to honor a loved one, or give a unique gift for that someone who has everything? We have several ways you can recognize a special someone during this Christmas season.

**Buy a Bulb:** Each year the City lights our annual Christmas tree through the "Buy a Bulb" sponsorship. For just \$5, your loved one's name will appear in the Art Center window during the month of December. Drop by City Hall or check out our Facebook page to participate.

**Buy a Bow:** For a \$20 donation, your loved one's name will appear on the rail of the Pembroke Welcome Center on a large red bow throughout the month of December. Come by City Hall or go to our Facebook page to participate.

**Buy a Brick:** The best deal in town! For the remainder of 2017, our \$50 engraved bricks are selling for ONLY \$35! Bricks will be set in the Railroad Street Memorial Walk forever! To purchase your brick(s), drop by City Hall to complete the form, or you may request one from Alex at [betterhometown@pembrokega.net](mailto:betterhometown@pembrokega.net).

## Give Today To Bryan County Children's Fund!

Now Accepting Donations  
For Our Local Families In Need!



Please Help Needy  
Children in Bryan County Have A  
Special Christmas By Donating NEW items!

### Item Wish List:

Action Figures and Toy Trucks  
Athletic Equipment (Balls, Bats, Gloves, Etc...)  
Clothing (Hoodies, Undies, Hats, Scarves, Socks)  
Personal Hygiene Items (Soaps, Bath Items, Etc...)  
Make Up and Nail Polish  
Age-Appropriate Books  
Board Games  
Jewelry, Purses and Bags  
Hair Items

Bryan County Children's Fund is a Collaborative Program of Bryan County Family Connection and Other Dedicated Community programs, Volunteers, and Contributors. For More Information, Please call 912.653.3824.

This program is led by Bryan County Family Connections. For more information, call Wendy Sims at 912-653-3824. Donations are also being collected at the Pembroke Advanced Communications maintenance shop.

## BRING ONE FOR THE CHIPPER!



This year the City of Pembroke will participate in the annual Treecycling program sponsored by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation. Beginning Wednesday, December 27 through Friday, January 5, 2017, bring your undecorated tree to our drop off location at the City Maintenance Shop located on Harn St. between 9:00AM and 4:00PM. Signs will be posted for drop off outside the fence area.

## A Special Thank You to our Street Department

Each year the City of Pembroke Street Department spends a week or more decorating our downtown for the holiday season with Christmas lights, garland, wreaths and of course, our big tree. If you see Larry and his crew (Dalton, Linwood, Eddie, Tony, or Justin), please take a minute to thank them for a job well done. Year after year we receive high praise from all over the region for our streetlights and displays. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

-Downtown Development Authority

Save the Date!

## 2017-2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00-9:00 PM - Cookies with Santa Claus at the Mikell Foxworth Rec. Center

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM - Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission at City Hall

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00-8:00 PM - Christmas Festival

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

Monday and Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Holiday - City Hall Closed

### JANUARY EVENTS

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day - City Hall Closed

Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM - Downtown Development Authority at City Hall

Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM - Pembroke Planning & Zoning Commission at City Hall

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM - City Council

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM - Junior Police at the J. Dixie Harn Community Center

## CHIEF'S CORNER

As another holiday season is upon us, that means travel for some. With added travelers on our roadways remember to be safety-conscious.

Tips for a safer holiday season:

- Always wear your seat belt.
- 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.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- If your Christmas tree is visible from the outside, consider not placing gifts under it until the last minute.
- Remember, it's not wise to advertise your travel plans on social medial such as Twitter and Facebook.

\*\*Pembroke Police Department has forms at the station you may fill out to request 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.

We here at the Pembroke Police Department would like to wish everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas!