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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Fall issue of the Pembroke Park Report and especially a "bienvenue" to our French-Canadian friends. The Fall season will be filled with many events of which we encourage you to take advantage. November 14th we will have our 2nd annual Health and Wellness Fair at the Oglesby Preserve diagonally across from Town Hall on 52nd Ave. The time will be from 1 to 5. The entire event including food, popcorn, games refreshments are all free and open to the public. There will be over 20 stations for you to discuss not only your health but your family's as well. There will be much information as well as individual tests performed to assess your health. This is the time to ask and find out any wellness thoughts you may have. Bring the whole family. There will be fun and games for all.

In addition, it is not too early to start talking about our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are interested in receiving any canned or packaged goods for our Thanksgiving Food Drive in which turkeys and all the fixings will be given out to those who are in need. If you are a Pembroke Park resident and you think you may not be able to have a full Thanksgiving dinner this year, please contact Joanie Greene at 954-966-4600 x218. If you live in Pembroke Park please let us know if you would like a full Thanksgiving dinner for you and your family. If you are able to donate towards this drive please bring your donation to Town Hall on SW 52 Ave. and it will be graciously accepted.

This Holiday season we will be handing out toys to the youngsters in the Community. We will have two sessions, one on the east side of Town and one on the west side of Town. Please see the announcement reprinted in this newsletter for further information. If you would like to donate an unwrapped toy for a youngster up to 11 years old, please bring it to Town Hall and see Joanie Greene. We will also be giving out some bicycles and other such toys to any family of the Town who feels that their Holiday would be more complete with this. Please let us know. If you are a resident of Pembroke Park and are in need of toys for your children, we will be happy to help provide them.

In addition to those programs, throughout the Fall season we will be having a "Picnique Musique" every Wednesday in conjunction with the Club Richelieu for the public as well as our French-Canadian snowbirds. If you hear the music, please stop by every Wednesday afternoon and enjoy Celtic music, Celtic arts and crafts, and petanque tournaments. Every Wednesday starting at 10am until 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

The above is just a small list of the services available to you as a resident of Pembroke Park. We also encourage you to take advantage of our businesses and restaurants that are in our community. Many of our businesses are open to the public and provide a wonderful shopping opportunity for you. We have some new restaurants as well, and are looking forward to more being available. In future issues we will be featuring some of our newer establishments in order for you to become familiar with them. Again, have a wonderful season. We look forward to working with you and being of service.

*Ashira Mohammed*  
Mayor





## County to Honor Lt. Colonel Michael Shoaff

Lt. Colonel Shoaff (Ret.) has had a very distinguished career in the military in service to us all. Broward County will be holding a special tribute to our veterans and other military personnel on October 24th at the Broward County Convention Center. Lt. Colonel Shoaff has been in active military placement in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and received many meritorious medals and awards for his outstanding military performance. He was born and raised in Pembroke Park and is the son of Commissioner Emma and Harvey Shoaff. We are all very proud of him for achieving this remarkable distinction.



### GFOA HONORS PEMBROKE PARK

We are very pleased to have received for the fourteenth year in a row, the Government Finance Officers' Award of Excellence in financial reporting. The GFOA reviews all financial records, including audits, record keeping and financial structure and awards its Certificate of Excellence to a very few outstanding communities for their financial reports. Congratulations to our Finance Director Georgina Rodriguez for this wonderful accomplishment.

The Town Budget for the new fiscal year, which began October 1st 2015 has been completed. For the thirteenth year in a row we have not increased our tax rate and we still do not charge a fire fee, as thirty other cities in Broward County do. This saves money on your federal taxes. As long as we have an all-inclusive tax rate without a separate fire fee, you can deduct that from your federal taxes. Whereas if we were to separate a fire fee, which in some cities is over \$300 per unit, you would not be able to deduct that money from your federal taxes. We believe that this makes our budget very business friendly as well as property-owner friendly and we hope to continue this policy for many years to come.



### Vice-Mayor Clark, Jr. Visits Canada

Our Vice-Mayor ("Ambassador" Howard P. Clark, Jr.) traveled to Repentigny, Quebec, Canada with his son Preston at his own expense. While there they honored Maurice and Micheline Lafond and Club Richelieu with a special Proclamation from the Town. Vice-Mayor Clark also presented a Commemorative Key, from the Town of Pembroke Park, to the Mayor of Repentigny, Chantal Deschamps. The city of Repentigny also commended the Lafonds for their community service to their Canadian hometown. The Mayor of Repentigny and the entire city government celebrated Vice-Mayor Clark and his son for two days of ceremony and entertainment. The City Council of Repentigny honored Vice-Mayor Clark by asking him to sign their Historical Record Book, which visiting dignitaries have signed for hundreds of years. Vice-Mayor Clark and his son were invited to the Mayor's home overlooking the Assumption River for dinner and they were honored at a concert put on by the local civic orchestra that evening. The cooperation between the Town of Pembroke Park and the City of Repentigny will continue in the years to come. It is a wonderful relationship that we hope to cultivate and to honor our French-Canadian snowbirds each and every year.

### Representatives of Pembroke Park Travel to Washington, D.C. to Receive Award

Vice-Mayor Clark, Clerk-Commissioner Wexler and Deputy Town Clerk Natasha Joseph were presented the Cultural Diversity award from the National League of Cities as selected by a committee of the Congressional Black Caucus. The award was for our Pique Musique festival held every Wednesday to honor our French-Canadian snowbird residents. This festival and any funds raised by the festival goes to the City of Hope specifically for residents of Pembroke Park. Club Richelieu is the French-Canadian civic club that has developed this program in conjunction with the Town.



### TOWN TO PROVIDE BOOK SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

The Town is proud to announce the continuation of its book scholarship program for students entering college. The students may be seniors in high school or adults deciding to continue their education. The Town will provide \$500 for your books. You may continue this throughout your college career by applying each year. For further information please contact Assistant Town Manager Tom Wilde at 954-966-4600 x220.

**The Town Commission continues to work diligently on the Town's Drainage System. In the past fifteen years more than fifteen million dollars in improvements have been completed, largely funded by state and federal grants. Further improvements are being scheduled to provide drainage to those areas that flood the most. The Town is currently working on three projects.**

**The first project** includes the installation of drainage improvements along South West 30th Avenue. The Town installed drainage in the Roadway for SW 30th Avenue during the past year and continues to work with the Florida Department of Transportation to improve the Drainage for this area. The Department of Transportation is currently designing additional improvements to convey the water south to the C-9 canal.

**The second project** is the drainage on John P. Lyons lane. The Town has completed the design for drainage on the first 2000 feet of John P. Lyons lane north of Hallandale Beach Boulevard and construction is scheduled to begin in November. The second phase of the project will complete the drainage system on John P. Lyons lane to Carolina Street and will include a pump station. The Town has been applying for funding for Phase II of this project.

**The third project** includes the SW 25th Street drainage. The Design work is underway to provide drainage on SW 25th street from Behan Park to east of Park Road. The project when completed will greatly improve the drainage to Park Road and Park lane which have historically had drainage problems. Construction of the first phase of this project is scheduled to begin in 2016.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

**October 2015 Newsletter** The Parks Department continues to make improvements to our facilities in order to meet the needs of our residents. Our fitness stations located at the Raymond P. Olszky Preserve, 3115 SW 52 Avenue, are so popular that the Commission directed staff to add four new stations (Patrick Behan Park located at 2901 SW 25 Street. A leg press, chest press, rowing machine, and ab strengthening machine were added to the park in August. Avoid the lines at the Preserve and get your workout in at Patrick Behan Park. A new sea wall was recently completed at the Howard P. Clark Wildlife Way. Over the years, heavy storms have damaged the banks of the walkway causing significant erosion. This seawall will secure the walking path and Rec Hall building for many years to come. Stop by and see! view our upgrades to the parks!

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**November 14, 2015** Pembroke Park Health Fair 1pm-5pm at the Raymond P. Olszky Preserve, 3115 SW 52 Avenue This event will showcase local health organizations that will educate and encourage the public to become more active and select healthy food alternatives. This event will feature: bounce houses, live music, free lunch, free health screenings, and numerous health organizations who can answer any of your health improvement questions.

**November 23, 2015** Pembroke Park/Stratton Home Charitable Foundation Food Drive and Distribution. The Town is collecting canned and dry food items for those in need during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Your donation can be dropped off at the Town Hall lobby collection bin. If you are in need and would like to register for goods, please visit Town Hall and complete a registration form. Proof of residency is required to register. Contact Joanie Greene at 954-966-4600x218.

**December 17, 2015** Pembroke Park/Stratton Home Charitable Foundation Holiday Toy Drive and Distribution  
The Town is collecting new unwrapped toys for the children in Pembroke Park. Our partnership with Stratton Home Charitable Foundation has ensured that every child in Pembroke Park who registers for the event goes home with a new toy, snacks, and a photo with Santa. This event is conducted at two different locations on December 17. Please contact Joanie Greene at 954-966-4600x218 to register. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please contact the Stratton Foundation's Evan Merkur at 954-966-7078.



*Congratulations  
to  
Mayor Ashira Mohammed  
who welcomed a new citizen of  
Pembroke Park by delivering  
a baby boy, Raynald, Jr.,  
on June 3rd. Mommy, Daddy,  
Grandma and baby are all doing fine.*





**TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK  
&  
STRATTON HOME  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A CHILD'S HOLIDAY BRIGHTER. WE WILL BE ACCEPTING UNWRAPPED TOYS IN THE DROP OFF BOXES LOCATED IN THE TOWN HALL LOBBY.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY !!!!**



Toy Drive

**THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK  
2ND ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2015  
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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## EXPLORERS IN ACTION! SEA SEPTEMBER 2015 DELEGATES COMPETITION

Congratulations to members of the Pembroke Park / West Park Explorer Post who recently participated in the 2015 September Delegates! The competition took place in St. Lucie County and our Explorers had an amazing time! The FSEA Delegates competition brings Explorer posts from across Florida together to compete in firearms competition, officer down, domestic violence and traffic stop scenarios. We are proud of our Explorers whose success in this statewide competition is a direct reflection of determination and training conducted on a weekly basis at BSO's South Broward district office. Currently, there are 18 active Explorers registered in our post. The Explorer program works with teens and young adults ages 14 to 21, and gives participants the opportunity to learn and experience law enforcement duties alongside BSO's deputies in training and community service projects. The program emphasizes responsibility, leadership, teamwork and self-reliance.

### HOW TO APPLY:

To qualify candidates must be at least 14 years of age and under 21; must achieve and maintain satisfactory school grades; and, must make a conscientious effort to stay out of trouble. Candidates under 18 years old must have the approval and cooperation of a parent or guardian.

Application forms may be picked up at the Broward Sheriff's Office, 3201 West Hallandale Beach Boulevard, Pembroke Park, FL 33023 or downloaded from the website at: [https://www.sheriff.org/about\\_bso/dle/explorers/](https://www.sheriff.org/about_bso/dle/explorers/)

If you have questions about the Explorer Program please contact Detective Martinez, BSO South Broward Post Advisor, at 954-985-1953 Ext. 225.

