

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

March 16, 2023

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Joyce Anne Koubaroulis, First Vice President, introduced our guest speaker, Jennifer Barritt, Mosquito Control Superintendent with the City of Virginia Beach, at 7:05 pm. Ms. Barritt gave out pamphlets with important facts. In the presentation, she stated that there are 350 species of mosquitoes in the world, 200 in the United States, and 55 different ones in Virginia. In Virginia Beach, there are 25 common species of mosquitoes and they all look different. The life cycle in these common varieties is egg, larvae, pupa, and adult with $\frac{3}{4}$ of their life spent in water. Ms. Barritt passed along examples of the different life stages. The most common mosquito here is the Asian Tiger which likes warmth and is prevalent in the warmer months. These mosquitoes only breed in artificial containers within a 200 ft. range. They are daytime biters and hide under shrubs, decks and shady areas. She suggested that getting rid of standing water areas such as clogged gutters, boats, bird baths (empty once a week and wipe down) the bottom of potted plants, wheel barrows, kiddie pools, rain barrels, buckets, tarps, watering cans and corrugated pipes on gutters to help eliminate breeding sites. Asian Tiger mosquitoes can breed in a teaspoon of water and it takes 6-7 days to go through the life cycle. Ms. Barritt answered questions from the membership such as putting a screen on the top and spout of a rain barrel and mosquitoes not being able to breed in moving water. Also mentioned was the use of mosquito dunks, bats not eating enough mosquitoes to control them, and that spraying should be done at dusk to avoid hurting pollinators.

Joyce Ann Koubaroulis thanked Jennifer Barritt for her presentation and called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Beverly Wilson, Secretary, gave the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2023 in Carol Moore's absence as follows:

Checking - \$28,625.50 Savings - \$70,732.10 Total - \$99,357.60

The largest expense in February was the Pot Luck Dinner which totaled around \$400.

Pool News – Spring Market at the pool on April 2 from 11 am to 2 pm with vendors, crafts for kids, etc. as well as a food truck and information about joining the pool (early bird membership through 4/30/23.) Also, the new diving board is under construction.

Pet Waste Station – Marge Wynn reported that we have two in place – one by the park and the other by one of the benches. She stated that we are running out of bags as we are emptying the stations every other week. We moved the one on Whitechapel and Hudgins because of a complaint. We discussed the different areas we could put additional ones.

Park Renovation – Cheryl Douglas reported that we have had weather delays but installation of the equipment should be underway soon. The installation was pushed back because it had to go before a board since we were donating the equipment to the city. It has been delivered and the area is roped off with yellow tape.

New Business and Events – Easter Egg Hunt, April 2 at 4 pm at the park. Vivian Hance needs volunteers to assist. Movie Night – April 20, Yard Sale – May 20, Tides Game - June 3, National Night Out – August 1 (we are seeking committee members for this.) The Halloween Walk is on October 28, Wine, Beer and Cheese Social – November 16, Caroling Cavalcade – December 9.

Adopt A Program/Adopt A Drain – We need a volunteer to lead Adopt A Program for our park and someone for the Adopt a Drain. Cheryl Douglas mentioned that the biggest issue at the park is fishing line. Also, if the park equipment is finished by the Easter Egg Hunt, we are hoping to have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

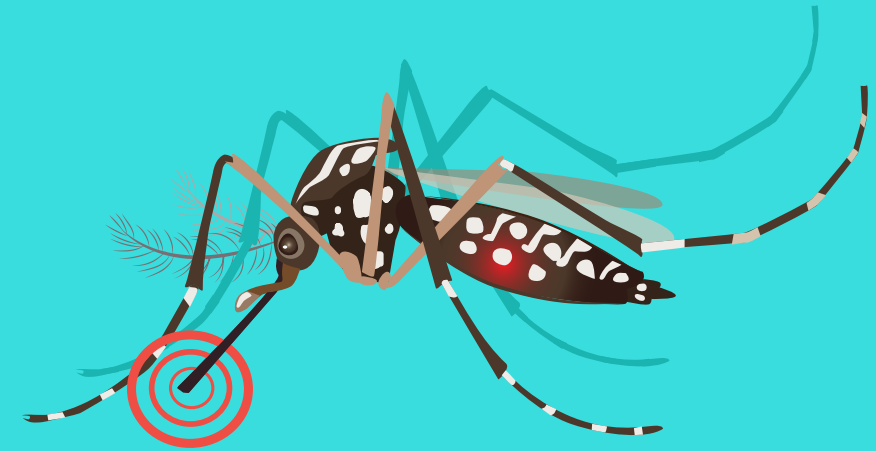
Our New Newsletter Editor – Clif Furedy introduced Joyce Anne Koubaroulis as our new newsletter editor.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Fight the Bite

Mosquitos can breed in just a teaspoon of standing water

Help stop mosquitos that spread diseases like Zika, dengue, chikungunya and other viruses by eliminating their breeding locations. Mosquitos only need one teaspoon of water to lay eggs. Tip and toss anything on your property that holds water.



PICK TWO DAYS A WEEK TO TIP AND TOSS STANDING WATER

- ⊙ Bird bath
- ⊙ Boat and/or cover
- ⊙ Buckets
- ⊙ Corrugated drain pipes
- ⊙ Fish pond

- ⊙ Flower pots and trays
- ⊙ Items behind your shed
- ⊙ Items under your deck
- ⊙ Pet food/water bowls
- ⊙ Rain gutters
- ⊙ Rain barrels and cisterns
- ⊙ Recycling bins
- ⊙ Wading pools
- ⊙ Tarps
- ⊙ Tires

- ⊙ Toys
- ⊙ Trash cans
- ⊙ Utility carts
- ⊙ Watering cans
- ⊙ Wheelbarrows
- ⊙ Anything that holds water

