

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

October 19, 2023

Donna Price, Second Vice President, introduced the first speaker, Vanessa Clement from the City of Virginia Beach Public Works Division at 7 pm.

First Guest Speaker - Vanessa Clement is the Project Manager for Phase 2A to replace water and sewer lines in the Pembroke Meadows side of the neighborhood. The project is estimated to begin in January 2024 and to end July 2025. Construction will take place from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and an inspector will be on site. Also noted was that there will be traffic pattern changes, noise from equipment and possible dirt and dust in the area during this time. Updates can be found on virginiabeach.gov/pu-projects and on www.nextdoor.com and contact names and phone numbers are Vanessa Clement (757)385-4910 and Jack Spruill, Project Inspector, (757)613-8841. After Ms. Clement provided us with very important information, she conducted a question and discussion session. Some areas of concern addressed were yard disturbance which will be restored, hydrant placement, water stoppages, sprinkler systems, etc. Letters will be sent out advising homeowners of things and a door hanger will be left notifying of temporary water shutoffs, brown water, etc. It was also noted that it is a good idea to make inspectors aware of sprinkler systems. Many questions were raised from residents who were in Phase 1 and there will be a final inspection on this and any issues (hydrants, etc) will be addressed.

Donna Price thanked Ms. Clement for her presentation and introduced our second guest speaker, Mike Mullins of Davis Corner Rescue Squad.

Second Guest Speaker – Mike Mullins presented information about how the largest volunteer-based EMS system in the United States works. He encouraged people to join the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad noting that all training is provided free of charge. The Rescue Squad is funded through donations in order to purchase equipment. He gave examples of some of their costs such as a new ambulance which is \$250,000 and the equipment needed for it is extra. Other requirements are things like a stretcher loader at \$45,000, a life pack machine \$35,000, a stair chair \$13,000 etc. Also, supplies cost several thousand dollars per month and he also mentioned that like everything else, the prices keep going up. There are ten Rescue Squads in Virginia Beach and they receive more than 53,000 calls a year. There is a fire truck on every priority one call. The hospital provides and bills the patient for any drugs used but they are not billed for the Rescue Squad services.

Civic League Meeting – Donna Price thanked Mike Mullins for the valuable information he shared with us and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – In Carol Moore's absence, Beverly Wilson, Secretary, gave the following Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2023:

Checking Account - \$41,558.64 Savings Account - \$60,803.80 Total - \$102,362.44

It was noted that the Pool had recently received their budgeted amount of \$40,000 and the total does not reflect this.

Community Garden Report – Celine Vanneste reported that they are working on obtaining a piece of land and will also ask Pembroke Meadows Elementary School about this. When they are able to procure the land, they could start building plant boxes. Celine Vanneste was asked to put together a budget.

Halloween Walk on October 28. Gerry Richter said that they need someone to babysit the park until the kids arrive there. The hours would be from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. Celine Vanneste said that she could help with this.

Wine, Beer and Cheese Social on November 16. Donna Price said that the location will depend on the weather and we will have the election of the Civic League officers at this time. The following are the candidates for 2024: President – Joseph Savage-Morrison, First Vice President – Anna Schweitzer, Second Vice President – Marge Wynne, Treasurer – Mike Moore, Secretary – Beverly Wilson

Caroling Cavalcade – Donna Price said we are in need of volunteers. Plans are for strolling and golf carts and the date will be determined at a later time.

Roller Skating Party – Donna Price said we also need volunteers to plan and coordinate this event for January 2024.

January Civic League Meeting on January 18, 2024 – The new Civic League officers will be sworn in at this time.

Pot Luck Dinner on February 16, 2024 – Donna Price noted that this is a great evening for all and paid Civic League members can win door prizes.

VBCCO (Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations) Jim Price reported that Jackie Savage is looking for people to represent our neighborhood. They have revised the by-laws and at this time, Steve Wynne is running to represent the neighborhood and they need a Second Vice President, a Secretary and two Directors. The meeting is at the Bow Creek Recreation Center on November 15 at 6:30 pm for elections. The organization's main emphasis is overseeing Civic League issues. They help inactive Civic Leagues try to become active. VBCCO will support and give ideas but cannot solve individual issues. They want to keep members involved but don't want to become political.

Pet Waste Stations – Mike Wynne reported they have received two more pet waste stations and are deciding on their locations – perhaps near the dialysis center and near the pump station.

Donna Price adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.