

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

January 16, 2025

Joseph Savage-Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and introduced Vanessa Clements, Engineer from Virginia Beach Public Utilities, who gave us an update on Pembroke Meadows Phase IIA of the water and sewer project in our neighborhood. She gave a presentation highlighting the following information: 1. Liverpool St. and Liverpool Ct. the water lines are being worked on right now. 2. Water lines at Pembroke Blvd. to the pump station on Bishop will take approximately 2 months when the weather is in the 50's. 3. Water lines from Abbey Arch, Cambria Circle and Bishop Dr. will take approximately 2 months. 4. The sewer line at Liverpool St. and Liverpool Ct. will take approximately 6 weeks. 5. The sewer line at Bishop Dr., Abbey Arch and Cambria Circle will take 3-4 weeks. Phase III is scheduled to begin in January 2026. Vanessa Clements provided her contact information for questions or comments – phone number – 757-385-4910 and email – vclement@vbgov.com. The project inspector is Jack Spruill at 757-613-8841.

Celine Vanneste was our next presenter. She gave us an update on the Community Garden which broke ground on November 2. There is now a shed, fence and garden beds. They are doing winter sowing and growing their own plants in milk jugs. There are more than fifty people working in the garden. The cast iron water pump is dug with a well next to it and an electric pump in the shed. They have had many donations. In the next two months they are planning a gazebo, a picnic bench and brick edging. Also an access path with wood chips, a mud kitchen, worm bin and a sand pit close to the mud kitchen. They plan to ask the Eagle Scouts to help them with projects. Celine Vanneste asked for donations of sprouting potatoes, coffee grounds, and toys such as kitchen, dinosaurs (for dinosaur garden) and cars for the sand pit.

Swearing in of new Civic League Board – Joseph Savage-Morrison introduced the Board Members for 2025 – President – Jackie Savage, First Vice President – Anna Schweitzer, Second Vice President – Marge Wynne, Treasurer – Mike Moore, Recording Secretary – Beverly Wilson, Corresponding Secretary – Cheryl Douglas. The oath was given and pictures taken.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Moore said that the Civic League closed out the year with \$50,722.56 and stayed within the budget. He mentioned that they are doing an audit next week. He said that to pay membership dues for 2025, you can provide a check, use the QR code on the back of the newsletter or pay on the website.

Old Business – Laura Alt made a correction of the date for the Garden Club meeting which will be on February 20th and not February 28th

New Business –Our Third Annual Fun Night at Haygood Skating Center from 5:30 to 9 on Wednesday, January 29 Civic League members will enjoy pizza, drinks and skating if you want. Adults can stay on the perimeter with small children who are skating.

Pot Luck - Friday, February 21 from 6 to 8 at the Old Donation Church Laura Alt said the Garden Club made a suggestion to have historical scrap book pictures at the Pot Luck. It was noted that all these pictures are on the website. Carol Moore said she needs assistance with drinks for the Pot Luck. Devin Abrams volunteered to bring water and soda. The Garden Club will take care of the centerpieces.

Report on Pet Waste Stations – Steve Wynne said they are checking them every 2 weeks and they have collected 450 gallons of waste. He asked to be advised of any other locations to put them on which has to be on public or community property. If a private homeowner wants one on their property, they need to apply for it.

Jackie Savage said congratulations to the winners of the Christmas decorators. She asked that they put their winner sign out in the yard or on the porch so Mike Savage could pick them up. Cheryl Douglas asked about the January newsletter not being in color and Jackie Savage said that it was supposed to be but there was a communication problem with the printer. Clif Furedy reported that issues of all newsletters are on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.