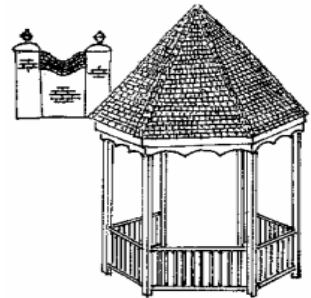


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Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores,
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March 2022

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**137 Members
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Next Civic League Meeting...

Old Donation Episcopal Church

March 17th, 7 PM

Our guest speaker will be Renee Rickrode with Edward Jones speaking about social security, taxes & inflation. Renee is one of our newsletter advertisers.

Mark Your April Calendar

Pool Plant Sale Swap

Sunday, April 3rd 11am-1pm



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 3rd 3 pm

at the park

Volunteers Needed!

Civic League Movie Night

Thursday, April 21st

Pembroke Meadows Cinema Cafe

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Presidents Corner:

March came in like a lamb and this weather has been gorgeous. I hope that you and your family were able to get out and enjoy some of these warmer days. What will the Ides of March bring us on March 15th. The **Ides of March** is the 74th day in the Roman Calendar. It was marked by several religious observances but in 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar. We welcome spring on March 20th. Spring and "**springtime**" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and regrowth.

Our first event held since COVID began 2 years ago was our neighborhood potluck dinner on Friday, February 18th at Old Donation Episcopal Church. It was a great success! Thank you to all the families that came out to share a dish with their neighbors. These are the things that make The Pembroke Meadows Community such a great place to live and raise a family.

Our next events are the **Civic League Meeting on Thursday, March 17th** at Old Donation Episcopal Church at 7:00 PM in the meeting room. Some items to be addressed on the agenda include the Pembroke Meadows Lake Park renovation and playground equipment update. Our guest speaker will be Renee Rickrode, CFP who will give us some wonderful financial information. For April, we are super busy with the Easter Egg Hunt at the park and Spring Market at the PMRC as well as movie night at the Cinema Cafe. Please look for further information in this newsletter and on the Pembroke Meadows website. Hope to see you all at one or more of these events!

Neighborhood Business:

- **Stopping at Stop Signs** - it has been brought to our attention that people are not coming to a complete stop at stop signs in the neighborhood. **Per Virginia Law: Drivers must stop at the stop line, crosswalk, or intersection, whichever they encounter first. The driver must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and approaching vehicles before proceeding. The driver should only proceed when it's safe to do so.**
- **Trash** - Trash day is Wednesday in our neighborhood. **Have containers and/or items for pickup at the street no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to your day of collection and before 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Please follow the guidelines per the City of Virginia Beach on their website at: <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/pw-waste-management/Pages/curbside-services.aspx>**

Reminders and information may be found at www.pembrokemeadows.org website or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PembrokeMeadowsCL> as we venture into this social media avenue of getting information out to our families.

See you on the 17th!

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FACT OR FICTION HOMEBUYER EDITION



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FICTION

I should wait for mortgage rates to drop.



FACT
Mortgage rates are hovering near historic lows, but experts say they're going to rise.

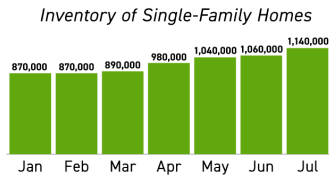
	Today's Rate	Q2 2022 Projection
Freddie Mac	2.88%	3.6%
Fannie Mae	2.88%	3.0%
MBA	2.88%	3.7%
NAR	2.88%	3.5%

FICTION

There are no houses on the market.



FACT
Since January, the number of single-family homes available for sale has been rising.



FICTION

Every home is selling for way more than asking price.



FACT
While home prices are appreciating, today roughly 6 in 10 homes sell for over list price.



If you're trying to understand what's really going on in the housing market, trust the professionals. Agents keep you informed on the latest trends and why it's still a great time to buy a home.

Sources: Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, MBA, NAR, CoreLogic

KEEPING CURRENT MATTERS

Our Real Estate Market:

Currently for Sale

736 Abbey Arch	4 BR	2 BA	273,000
705 Abbey Dr	4 BR	2 BA	410,000

Homes Under Contract

4304 Saint Albans	6 BR	3 ½ BA	469,000
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Homes Sold

625 Abbey Dr	4 BR	2 BA	375,000
700 Whitechapel Dr	3 BR	2 BA	389,900

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Our Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Face painting, tattoos, prizes and the Easter Bunny!

Sunday April 3rd

@ 3:00 PM

Pembroke Meadows Park

All Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores and Pembroke Townhomes children are welcome.

Vivian Hance, her Girl Scouts and a few young ladies from the neighborhood are once again coordinating our Easter Egg Hunt. It's a big task filling all those eggs in addition to the other jobs, they could REALLY use more volunteers. High school and middle school students can earn community service hours.

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Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center

PMRC is working towards making the 2022 season at the pool another amazing one! Using feedback from the recent survey deployed to members, we are looking into securing some fun, yet simple, family and adult events! The first one to kick off the Spring season is the Spring Market. Please stop by the pool on April 3rd for some small business shopping, pool information, and a small scaled silent auction (pool parking spot, adult basket, kid basket, etc). For more information contact: Pool Events Coordinator: Chrisalyn Amorese @757-235-5115 or chrisalyn21@gmail.com

We have been fielding quite a few emails about when pool membership will be open to applications. We are excited to be launching a new website and on-line application process! This will all launch on April 1st. Due to continued employee shortages, as well as maintaining a good work/life balance for our employees, the pool will not be opening on Tuesdays throughout the summer. This will also provide an additional block of time to complete pool cleaning and improvements.

Speaking of improvements, in addition to yearly maintenance and clean-up, we are working on installing a privacy stall for the outdoor shower! Another improvement is the hiring of a pool management company. AAA pool management will be overseeing our lifeguards, as well as ensuring everything is clean and up and running, this year. If you or someone you know is 15 years or older and interested in life guarding this summer, please contact AAA at <https://aaapoolservices.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=16>.

They will also provide lifeguard certification courses, as well as ongoing skills training. We are also hiring Concession Stand Attendants to help with guest arrival, concession sales, and member satisfaction. For more information, contact Lindsey at pmrcswim@gmail.com. Our Board of Directors is a small but mighty group of volunteers; however, we are always looking for and open to everyone's input and help. Never hesitate sharing ideas or helping out! Hope to see you all April 3rd on the pool deck!



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[Virginia Beach Notable Trees Program - Lynnhaven River NOW](#)

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CONTACTS FOR LOST/FOUND PETS ARE:

Robert Westmont 348-4240

Amanda Bexcker 403-0549

Neighborhood Blue Birds

Blue bird sightings were rare until 2020 when they decided to stay, mate and raise multiple broods. If you have them in your yard you are very lucky as they are rumored to bring good luck to the household. They love dried meal worms and you can order worms on line.

Ferry Plantation House

The house will be open for tours on Saturdays beginning March 19th **by appointment only**. Make your reservations in advance on line at ferryplantation.org. Tours will begin at 10 A.M.

Jr. Docent Volunteers are welcome. Contact Gerry Richter 497-5243 for weekdays or

Kristen Ellis 636-2303 for Saturdays.

Severe Weather Preparedness

March 7-12, is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in VB.

Do you know how to prepare for a hurricane? Tornado? Flood? Here are tips for crazy Spring [Tornadoes](#):

First, know the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A watch means be aware, conditions are ideal for possible tornado. A warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar and you should immediately seek shelter. Go to the lowest level of your home or building you're in, move to an inside room, a closet or hallway (no windows or doors), avoid corners, windows, doors and outer walls. If you are in a mobile home, leave immediately and head to the closest building or storm shelter. Finally, protect your head. For more information about tornadoes and tornado safety, visit ready.gov/tornadoes or nws.noaa.gov/om/tornado.

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2022/2023 real estate assessments

The total assessed value of properties in Virginia Beach rose by more than 9 percent over the last year.

We're in the midst of a hot residential real estate market causing homes to sell quickly at or above asking prices which is the primary driver of the spike. The median home assessment across all residential properties jumped from \$267,600 in 2022 to \$297,900 for 2023.

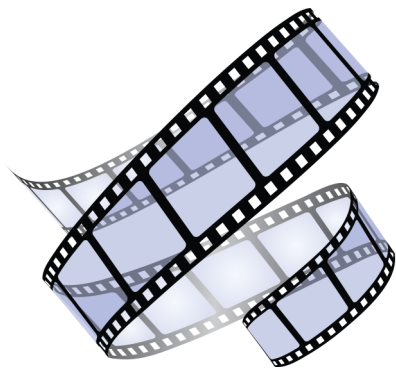
Residential and Apartment properties appreciated significantly, but Commercial/industrial properties were flat. The median change in appreciation for residential properties was 11.05%, for apartments was 15.11% and for Commercial/Industrial properties was -0.01%.

New construction is down and has been for the last four quarters, but the cost of new residential construction has risen significantly, and changes are on the horizon for commercial properties.

The average assessment of a new home jumped from \$387,700 to \$545,900 in 2021. Only 737 new homes were built last year, that's down from 1,233 in 2020. This is likely due, in part, to cost increases, supply chain issues, increased demand and limited developable land. The homes being built are also in a higher value range with 22.3% below \$350,000 and 77.7% above.

On the commercial real estate side, this year, three new hotels are under construction and a new project at the Pembroke site could bring added commercial tax revenue. For bills due June 5, 2022, the rate is still \$0.99 per \$100 of assessed value. Your real estate assessment should be arriving in your mailbox soon. If you would like to appeal your assessment, contact the Real Estate Assessor's Office at 385-4601 or email assessor@vb.gov.

Source: City of VB



Free Movies at Cinema Cafe

Our **April meeting** will be **THURSDAY the 21st**- Movie and Popcorn night at Cinema Café. Your civic league will buy movie tickets and popcorn for any household with 2022 dues paid. Our Treasurer will be there to check people in early that evening. You can purchase tickets either for that evening or for a later date, but they must be purchased on April 21st. More details will be in the April newsletter.

PMCL POINTS OF CONTACT

Civic League Officers

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Townhomes	Vacant	

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Lake Pembroke	Vacant	
Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298
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Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
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Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

Shores and Meadows	Gerry Dashiell-Richter	497-5243
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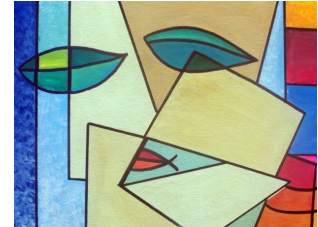
Garden Club	Peggy Caverly	490-0925
	Jeanette Willenbrink	497-0700

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