

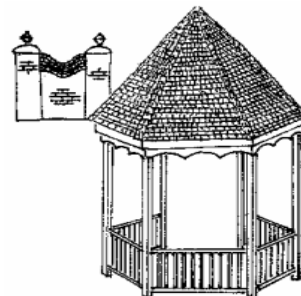
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CIVIC LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

Pembroke Meadows, Pembroke Shores, Hudgins Shores,
and Pembroke Shores Townhomes



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First Civic League Meeting of 2023

Old Donation Episcopal Church

January 19th, 2023 @ 7 pm

In January we will have **2 guest speakers at our meeting.**

Our first guest is Vanessa Clement, Project Manager for **Phase 2A**, City of Virginia Beach, Public Utilities who will be discussing the continuation of the **water replacement system** for our neighborhoods. She will present the next phase that should begin in September of 2023 and answer any questions you may have.

Our second guest is Tara Copeland, *Stormwater Pollution Prevention Outreach Coordinator*, City of Virginia Beach, Department of Public Works and she will be addressing 2 important topics: **The Pet Waste Station Program** and **The Storm Water Drain Adoption Program**. She will have a short 15-20 minute presentation and some goodies to hand out to everyone in attendance.

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2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Envelope and Details inside...



PMCL Family Roller Skating

at Haygood Skating Center

Sunday Jan 29th, 4 to 9 pm.

FREE for paid members. Details inside...

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Mark your calendar now...

Neighborhood Pot-Luck Dinner

Friday, February 17th, 2023 @ 6 pm

Old Donation Episcopal Church

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Presidents Corner:

Welcome to a new year. Hope 2023 finds you all well. We have a fun-filled and action packed year planned for you. Please look for the schedule of events on the web-site.

December brought our **2nd Annual Caroling Cavalcade** and it was a huge success. Thanks to all those who joined in along the route to make the caroling fun! We ended up at the PMRC where we had hot chocolate, hot donuts and cool prizes. Check out the pictures in the newsletter. We are looking for a committee for next year's event. If you would like to help, please let me know.

We will be having **2 speakers at our member meeting on Thursday, January 19th**. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

Our **Pet Waste Station Program Coordinator Volunteers** Marge & Steve Wynne can be contacted at 757-493-9177 or wynne_family@yahoo.com. If you would be interested in joining the committee or having a pet waste station placed at or near your home, please contact them for details.

We are **still in need of a Program Coordinator for the Adopt a Storm Drain Program**. Please let any board member know if you are interested or come to the meeting on Jan. 19th.

Lastly, we will be having **more social events this year and our first one will be on January 29, 2023**. Please see this newsletter and our website for more details about our **neighborhood family skate social at Haygood Skating Center**. The Civic League will be paying for all families whose dues are up to date so please make sure you sign up in January for the new year.

February will be our **Annual Potluck Dinner** on Friday, February 17th at 6:00 pm at Old Donation Episcopal Church. Mark your calendars and start thinking about what you want to bring to share. All registered members will be put into a drawing for multiple door prizes.

Playground update: According to the committee, the equipment has arrived. Installation will be starting soon in hopes that the playground grand opening can be held in time for the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Watch the website and future newsletters for updates.

Looking forward to a fun-filled new year!

Your Neighbor,
Jackie

Ferry Plantation House

Ferry will be closed for our annual maintenance and reopen in mid March.

We can schedule special tours for groups of 8-10.

Call Gerry Richter to schedule. 757-497-5243

First Annual PMCL Family Skating Social

Haygood Skating Center,
1036 Ferry Plantation Rd

Join us on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 4 to 9 pm for our first family skating social. **The Civic League will pay for the entry fee & skates for all Civic League members.** Please be sure to have your 2023 dues paid. You can pay online, at the January meeting, by mail or at the door the day of the event.

We will have a table set up from 4 to 7 to check in and get your ticket at the entrance. We will also have a table inside so those who don't want to skate can socialize. Just let us know you aren't skating, an entry ticket won't be necessary.

Haygood Skating Center is owned and operated by the Stokes who are long-time residents of Pembroke Meadows. Come out and support the locals and enjoy visiting with neighbors.

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2023 Civic League Dues

There should be an addressed envelope inside this January Newsletter. Please write a check to Pembroke Meadows Civic League (PMCL) for \$10 (per household) for your 2023 dues. There is also a combined directory data sheet and pet registration form. If any information has changed recently, you are new to the neighborhood or you have just never filled out a directory sheet, you can return this form in the same envelope with your dues.

The Civic League supports neighborhood community events, the recreation center/pool, as well as the garden club, local schools, the Ferry Plantation House, the gazebo, entrance flag and lights and median cleanup and maintenance. Residents get a lot for their \$10! You can drop it in the mail, drop it at the Moore house, 4449 Hudgins Dr. or better yet, bring it to a civic league meeting. You can also join online by credit card at our website.

Christmas Cavalcade

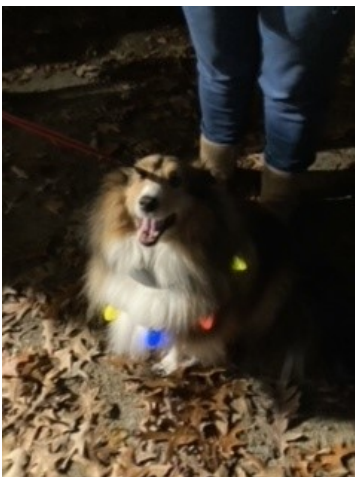
We had a great turnout for our 2nd annual Christmas caroling Cavalcade. The singing and fellowship were wonderful! Approximately 50 people joined in along the route. The food truck served hot donuts and hot chocolate. Thanks to all those who participated. We could use more volunteers for next year.

Lots of people were so happy we did it again this year and want it to continue. Some started from the beginning and lots joined along the way. It was loads of fun. If anyone has ideas to improve the event this year please let us know.

And a shout-out to the start up food truck that supplied the hot donuts and hot chocolate provided by your Civic League: **Sunshine Treats VB**

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Please Don't Let Dead Leaves and Other Yard Debris Block Storm Drains

Fall leaves and grass clippings can clog storm drains, preventing the free flow of rain water and contributing to street flooding. If they aren't removed, the leaves will start to decay and send unnaturally high levels of nutrients into our waterways. Our local fish and crab populations can't thrive when nutrient-fueled algal blooms choke the waterways. City code prohibits yard waste disposal down storm drains or onto city streets. To prevent flooding and maintain water quality, clear yard waste away from storm drains.

What You Can Do?

- Avoid blowing or raking leaves into the street, ditches, waterways or storm drains. Keep all fallen leaves and grass clippings on your property and blow or rake leaves into a pile and then clean them up.
- If you use a lawn service, please make sure they responsibly dispose of leaves and yard debris. Private contractors must dispose of waste resulting from their work.
- Set your lawn mower to mulch and mow high. Taller grass retains moisture and catches grass clippings. Mow often enough that grass clippings are shorter than the remaining lawn and can be trapped on your lawn. If you choose to collect grass clippings, follow any of the options below.
- Compost leaves on-site away from storm drains, wetlands and streams. Contain your compost to keep nutrient-rich water from leaching into the storm system.
- If you see a storm drain that is clogged and can clear it without placing yourself in danger, please remove the leaves.



For more information on yard debris collection visit VBgov.com/wastemgmt or call (757) 385-4650

Outside spigots can freeze and burst.

Protect them with an inexpensive foam cover available at the hardware store. They fit over your faucet and clip on and secure with the closure provided that is attached to the foam. Cost is about \$2.50. Burst pipe cost is???

Lost Pet Program

We have had 7 lost and reunited pets since November. An additional 3 dogs had to be turned over to Animal Control. These 3 dogs had no identification. One did have a collar.

Our park is well known by Animal Control as a "dumping ground" for both cats and dogs. It is a crime and punishable. If you happen to see an animal being dumped there please take a picture of the vehicle and license plate number. Then contact Animal Control so they can pick up the dog and provide safety for the animal and public.

Always check NEXT DOOR for lost and found pets in our neighborhood.

Report Lost or Found pets to:

Steve Brown 757-938-4555

Robert Westmont 757-348-4240

Amanda Baxter 757-403-0549

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What a great year we had in 2022! I want to thank all of our members, volunteers, and the Pembroke Meadows Civic League for helping to make our 52nd season such a success. Last year saw a lot of new changes, like our Spring Plant Sale, our new website and, most of all, the addition of AAA Pool Service to help with pool maintenance and lifeguard staffing. We also saw the triumphant return of the Chili Cook Off, we had a great Holiday Bazaar and a fun gathering after the Caroling Cavalcade in our parking lot with some awesome donuts and hot chocolate.

And so now we turn our attention to 2023 and our 53rd season. The work to install the new diving board is in progress and your volunteer Pool Board are hard at work planning events and updates that will make this year even better. Keep an eye on this spot in the coming months as we kick off our next membership event and plan even more great events for our members. Thank you again for your support.

-Dave

Frozen (pipes, not the movie)

FYI: If your kitchen is on an outside wall as it was in most of the original floor plans, then you are extremely lucky if the water to the kitchen sink did not freeze solid during the super cold day prior to Christmas two weeks ago.

Why? Because the insulation in the original walls was very thin. I'd rate it at R-1 at best and if you've ever had plumbing work done on the kitchen drain or water supply lines, then what insulation was there has been ripped up and may have large open spots with no insulation between the pipes and the outside wall.

If you've had new cabinets installed in the kitchen this may have made the situation worse for frigid weather. The original cabinets had no back wall so there was only one layer of drywall between room temperature and the pipes. New cabinets invariably have a back wall which creates two insulating layers between inside temperature and the pipes.

Some houses have added a room on the back of the kitchen so that eliminates the frozen kitchen pipes entirely. For those who still have an outside wall behind the kitchen sink, it's worth considering how to prevent frozen pipes in the future.

As a minimum: when temperatures below 30° are forecast, leave the cupboard door under the sink open to allow warmer room air to reach the back wall.

Best but most expensive solution is to have a contractor remove the exterior siding to expose the existing insulation and piping. Have the pipes encased in wrap-around insulation and then as much insulation as possible stuffed into the wall between the pipes and the exterior wall. Finally, replace the siding.

We can't be the only ones who have experienced frozen kitchen pipes. I'd love to hear what others have done to alleviate this hazard.

- Clif




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What are Experts Predicting for the 2023 Housing Market?

After the past 3 years of soaring home prices, historically low interest rates (until recently) and bidding wars, what lies ahead for 2023?

Most experts predict that home prices will likely remain stable in many markets around the state. Home prices have been trending up in local markets in 2022 even as home sales have slowed. This is largely a result of tight inventory conditions coupled with pent up demand. Home inventory is STILL LOW and we have more buyers than homes, keeping us in a seller's market. There is NO pent up wave of foreclosures coming to the market that would make home prices crash.

Rents have increased at a higher rate than home prices and have almost doubled in the past 5 years. They are predicted to continue rising as well.

Mortgage rates, which took the fastest leap this year than in the past 50 years, are predicted to come down slightly, perhaps to around 6%.

Resource: Keeping Current Matters, Lawrence Yun & Virginia Realtors.org

What's New Here In OUR Neighborhood?

Currently for Sale

4453 Hudgins	5 BR 2 ½ BA	463,000
4421 Hudgins	4 BR 2 ½ BA	449,900

Homes Under Contract

4304 Cambria	5 BR 2 ½ BA	490,000
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Homes Sold

4425 Cambria St	3 BR 2 BA	340,000
804 Saint Denis	3 BR 1 ½ BA	235,000

- Sue

Treasurers Report

Proposed PMCL 2023 Budget for approval at the January Membership Meeting

Here is the breakdown vs. our 2022 expenditures. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the Treasurer.

	2022	2023
INCOME		
Donations	165	150
Dues	1800	1600
Newsletter Advertising	2430	2400
T-Mobile tower contract	66943	60000
Interest	77	75
Withdraw from Savings	0	30985
TOTAL INCOME	71415	95210
EXPENSES		
Grants		
Ferry Plantation House	300	300
Lynnhaven River Now	100	100
PAHS Operation Graduation	0	200
Cub Scout Pack Support	0	100
ODEC (meeting space)	500	500
Admin		
VBB Comm dues	30	30
VBCCO Dues	0	25
Liability Insurance	604	1000
Postal Box Rental	166	180
Supplies & Admin (office)	157	200
Bank CC Proc Charges	129	200
State Corp. Comm.	25	25
Community Events		
Family Skate Night	0	1000
Pot Luck Dinner	432	500
Movie Night at Cinema Café	465	600
Easter Egg Hunt	300	400
Yard Sale	98	200
Community Event TBD	0	2000
NNO Pool Party	1023	1500
Halloween Walk	319	350
Holiday Social at Pool or FPH	518	600
Caroling Calvacade	434	500
Community Support		
Entryway Holiday Decor	161	200
Gazebo, Wall & Flagpole Maint	5261	1000
PM Garden Club Support	0	200
Flag Replacements	577	500
Median Upkeep	2051	7500
Median Utilities	167	300
Pool Improvements	19557	40000
Playground Improvements	29307	32000
Newsletter Printing & Dist	2280	3000
TOTAL EXPENSES	64961	95210
Deposit to Savings	6454	0

Treasurers Note: Last year's BIG expenses included improving the neighborhood playground. **This year's largest expense is completing the playground job plus improvements to the pool deck and pump system.**

- Carol Moore

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Townhomes	<i>Vacant</i>	

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