

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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

### January 2024

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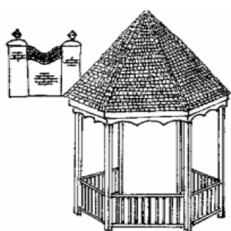
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### Next Civic League Meeting

## January 18th, 7pm

Old Donation Episcopal Church  
Canterbury Room

Speakers to be announced.

We look forward to greeting old friends and meeting new neighbors. We can also use suggestions for future meeting programs!

**Join your neighbors for fun and friendship**

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

**Can't attend? Join by Zoom**  
Details sent by email prior to meeting

### Second Annual Pembroke Meadows Civic League Family Skating Social

## January 24th, 5:30 to 9pm



### Haygood Skating Center

1036 Ferry Plantation Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

The Civic League will pay for the entry fee, skates and pizza for all Civic League members. Please be sure to have your 2024 dues paid. You can pay online, at the monthly member meeting, by mail (look for the form & envelope in the January Newsletter) or at the door the day of the event.

We will have a table set up to check in and get your ticket at the entrance.

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.



Questions? Contact call Jackie Savage 757-672-2345



4301 St. Albans Street

801 Cathedral Drive

4456 Cambria Street

\*photos posted on  
[pembrokemeadows.org](http://pembrokemeadows.org)

Thanks to all who participated and lit up the season and our neighborhood with so much joy and holiday spirit! We are already looking forward to what 2024 will bring!

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# On the Road Again

## UTILITIES PHASE 1 AND 2 UPDATE

Phase 1 utility construction is completed. Paving is anticipated to begin by February and be completed by June 2024. There will be an overlap of paving in Phase 1 area north of Pembroke Blvd and construction of Phase 2 south of Pembroke Blvd.

Residents received notice from Virginia Paving Company that milling operations are to begin on January 9-12 on the following streets: St. Martin Drive, St. James Drive, St. James Circle, St. James Court, Temple Ct., St. Albans, and other areas of the Pembroke Shores side of the neighborhood. Following the completion of the milling and road prep, residents will be notified again when paving begins.

Phase 2 is under contract with Kevcor and will begin soon. They are in the process of creating the project schedule and having the materials approved. Notices should be delivered at least two weeks in advance of Kevcor beginning construction in the neighborhood. Staging should begin mid/late January. The first construction work should be at Bishop Dr (sewer work).



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### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

There should be an addressed envelope inside this January Newsletter. Please promptly write a check to Pembroke Meadows Civic League (PMCL) for \$10 (per household) for your 2024 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 not only our neighborhood with community events, but also the recreation center/pool, the garden club, the local schools, 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, or better yet, bring it to a civic league meeting. You may also pay by credit card using the link on our website, [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org).



### Chili Cook-Off

Do you have the best chili around? Or do you know a top tier chili when you taste it? We are hoping to host a chili cook-off fundraiser on Saturday, February 10th (Super Bowl weekend) to give both cooks and tasters the opportunity to put their skills to use! Fill out the [PMRC Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser Interest Form](#) now!

### Pool Subcommittees

Calling all volunteers, donors and experts! We have subcommittee opportunities and would love folks who can offer their time, skills, or even donate items; any small bit of time or effort that is offered is appreciated! Fill out the [PMRC Subcommittee Interest Form](#) if you'd like to help.

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### LOST & FOUND PETS

Did you add a new dog or puppy this Christmas? Be sure to put identification on the pet. It makes returning it to you so much easier. Once the pet visits the vet of choice have him or her chipped. It is very inexpensive and well worth the peace of mind. If found both any vet office and animal control have the reader for speedy identification.

Dogs WITHOUT visible identification will be turned over to Animal Control for their own safety. It helps with bad weather and keeping them from traffic injuries.

Our neighborhood does a great job with pet identification. Keep it up and check NEXT DOOR.com if your pet is missing - where you can also post pictures and descriptions of your lost furry friends.

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# District 8 Community Meeting

## Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6-8 pm

### Great Neck Pavilion 2513 Shorehaven Drive

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Residents will hear updates on public safety, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and traffic safety to include the pedestrian crossing area on the Cape Henry Trail at the Great Neck Road intersection.



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# Real Estate Update

## What Might 2024 Bring for Real Estate Sales?

Although 2023 saw 23.5% less real estate transactions than in 2022, home prices for most of the country held steady or increased. And most experts agree that the mortgage interest rates have already peaked. There is currently a pent-up desire for both buyers and sellers, and once the interest rate drops to around 6%, the prediction is that buyer and seller activity will increase dramatically.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, along with other industry experts, are hopeful for a mortgage interest rate near 5.75 by the end of 2024. Most likely a mid-summer rate drop will occur and we could see an end of summer housing sale surge.

Source: Brian Buffini and Lawrence Yun

## What's New Here In OUR Neighborhood?

### Currently for Sale

4300 Saint James Cir      5 BR 3 BA      699,000

### Homes Under Contract

None currently pending

### Homes Sold

847 Cathedral      3 BR 2 ½ BA      279,000

4436 Hudgins      5 BR 2 ½ BA      475,000

4305 Temple Ct      4 BR 2 ½ BA      495,000

# SHOUT OUT!

I want to give a giant shout-out to Dan and Linda White. They are long time neighbors that are the epitome of what makes our community so great. They always look out for their new or elderly neighbors and willingly help out in a variety of ways. They are truly caring and a community centric couple - we are lucky they are OUR neighbors!



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Webmaster	Clif Furedy	490-5792

### Committees

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Median Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897

### Block Security

Bob/Marge Brotman	497-0565
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### Lakes/Waterways Chairman

Jeff Brown	464-0183	
Lake Pembroke	Vacant	
Lake Meadows	Charlie Russ	497-5298
Lynnhaven	Robert Westmont	348-4240

### Park/Playground

Cheryl Douglas	573-4144
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### Welcoming Committee Chair

Clera Hall, Karen Roy, Jeanette Willenbrink		
Meadows	Jim Price	408-4832
Shores	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
Townhomes	Liz Hayes	472-0283

### Newsletter Editor

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### Pet Lost & Found/Pet Registry

Shores and Meadows	Gerry Dashiell-Richter	497-5243
	Steve Brown	938-4555
	Robert Westmont	348-4240
	Amanda Becker	403-0549

### Pet Waste Coordinators

Marge & Steve Wynn
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### Garden Club

Peggy Caverly	490-0925
Jeanette Willenbrink	497-0700

### Recreation Center (POOL)

Director	<a href="https://pembrokemeadowspool.com/">https://pembrokemeadowspool.com/</a>	
Asst Director	Dave Frohwitter	748-5091

### Treasurer

Secretary	Meagan Engebresten	
PMRC Pool Phone	(in season only)	963-2239

### PMCL Facebook Page:

PembrokeMeadowsCL

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## President's Corner

### Happy New Year Neighbors,

Hope that 2024 finds you all well. Did you eat your black eyed peas for prosperity this year? My family took a relaxed approach to the holidays since we did a big family trip to Gatlinburg, TN in November. We survived 18 people for 5 days in one house! Good times!!

Many thanks to all who came out in November to our annual **Beer, Wine & Cheese Social**. The weather was perfect and we were able to use the pool deck for this event. There was lots of food and drinks. If you missed it this year, please be sure to put Thursday, Nov 21, 2024 on your calendar now. The current calendar of events for 2024 is available at [www.pembrokemeadows.org](http://www.pembrokemeadows.org), please check often for updates during the year.

Join me in welcoming our new **2024 officers** who were elected in November and will be installed at the Thursday, Jan. 18th meeting. Come out and get to know your new officers.

Joseph Savage-Morrison, President  
Anna Schweitzer, 1st Vice-President  
Marge Wynne, 2nd Vice-President  
Mike Moore, Treasurer  
Beverly Wilson, Secretary

Our **Christmas Caroling Cavalcade** turn-out was wonderful again this year. Thanks to those who joined us in the cavalcade, those who came out to hear the singing and those who joined us in the pool parking lot for hot chocolate, donuts and cookies and social time. We are looking to add people to this committee - you do not have to be a great singer to join. The costumes and decorated modes of transportation were off the charts this year. Choosing the winners was difficult for our committee. Looking forward to next year already.

We will be having our **2nd Annual PMCL Family Skate** event on **Wednesday, January 24th at Haygood Skating Center** from 5:30 to 9 pm. Please **bring the family out** for pizza and skating. The Civic League will cover the admission which covers skate rental and pizza for all civic league members. Make sure you join and pay your 2024 civic league dues this month or you can join at the door.

The **Community Garden Committee** met with Dr. Spivey at Pembroke Meadows Elementary before he retired and he has passed the information on to the new Principal, Krista Clark. The committee will be meeting with Ms. Clark later in January and hopefully will be able to make an agreement with Pembroke Meadows Elementary to partner with them for our community garden. We will share information as we receive updates. Please contact Celine Vanneste at 757-515-9060 for further information or to join this committee.

There is a lot of valuable information in this newsletter, so please keep it for reference.

Jackie Savage

## January 18<sup>th</sup>, General Membership Meeting

7:00 PM, Old Donation Episcopal Church - Canterbury Room

### Program: Active Shooter Attack Prevention and Preparedness

The training includes a facilitated discussion surrounding a short video depicting a staged active shooting and features examples of best practices related to planning, situational awareness, and survival mindset.

1. *It's better to have a plan and not need it – than to need a plan and not have it.*
2. *Situational awareness – Be aware of what is going on around you.*
3. *Survival mindset – What would you do to protect yourself or others?*

**Presenter is:** Mike Freeman, Deputy Security Coordinator, Emergency Management, City of Virginia Beach

## House Numbers Need to Be Displayed on House and be easily visible from the street. (below is the city code)

### Sec. 33-102. - Display of numbers generally.

(a) It shall be the duty of the owner of each house or business building in the city to properly display, in or at the front thereof, in a position easily observed from the street, the proper number of his house or building, for the ascertainment of which he shall apply to the planning commission.

(b) In addition to, but not in lieu of, the requirements of subsection (a) above, it shall be permissible to display the number of a house or building on the curb in front thereof. Any display of such number on the curb shall conform to the following standards:

- (1) The numerals shall be in block form painted with black paint.
- (2) The numerals shall be four (4) inches high and three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches wide.
- (3) There shall be no more than two (2) inches between numerals.

(c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor, and each day that such violation continues after conviction thereof shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense. (Code 1965, § 32-55)

When our committee was driving around looking at the Christmas Decorations in the neighborhood it was brought to my attention that a great number of house numbers were not easy to read from the street.

Please go outside at night and look at your house from the street to see if this applies to your home. One of the most important reasons for this is that if emergency personnel are responding to a call at your home it could cost precious minutes for them to find your home and save a life. Please make sure your numbers are displayed in large block numbers that are easily identifiable and visible at night. Another good idea is to have the numbers painted on your curb as described above. If you have them on your curb, be sure to keep your gutters cleaned so that leaves do not cover the numbers.

## Why are House Numbers Important?

Master Police Officer Allen Perry from Virginia Beach Police Department · 15 Nov 18

Who would have thought that placing some numbers on your house or mailbox could save your life or the life of a loved one?

Those simple numbers placed on the exterior of your home can make the difference of life saving minutes in an emergency. Visible exterior numbers mean that first responders, Police/Fire/EMS, can find your house on the first pass without driving by. These minutes or even seconds saved could be the difference between life and death.

Just displaying exterior numbers is not enough. If we are going to do it let's do it right!

### Placement:

- Make sure the numbers are visible from the roadway.
- If the house is too far from the road, post them on the mailbox or the curb. Address signs can also be placed on the edge of property.
- Make sure the numbers are not obstructed by tree limbs, bushes, or decorations.
- Make sure the numbers are in close proximity to a light so they are visible at night. If not a light, then use reflective numbers that can be seen at night.
- Color is important. Make sure the numbers are in sharp contrast to the background.
- Bass or bronze should be avoided as they are harder to read at night.

### Design:

- Use Arabic numerals in an easy to read and bold font. Avoid numbers spelled out in word form.
- Display the numbers horizontally, not vertically, as they are easier to read.
- Numbers should be big and bold. The International Building Code recommends numbers be 4 inches in height and a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.

So get your house numbers out and display them boldly. It may just save your property, your life or the life of someone you love.



It's important to prepare your home from winter weather impacts from snow, ice, wind and cold. Nor'easters and coastal storms can be as impactful as hurricanes.

Residents can stay informed during local emergencies including major weather events by signing up for [VBAAlert](#). Text "VBAAlert" to 67283 or sign up at [VirginiaBeach.gov/VBAAlert](#) to receive important messages and emergency alert notifications from the City of Virginia Beach and Emergency Management during inclement weather.

Residents can also find valuable resources, tips and information on how to prepare before, during and after an emergency at [VirginiaBeach.gov/ReadyVB](#).

## Take Action

One of the first actions residents should take is winterizing their emergency supply kits for home, vehicle and work. Impacts from severe winter storms can isolate you and your family in your home for several days. Power outages can also affect your ability to heat your home.

Because of poor road conditions due to snow and ice—obtaining food, supplies and other necessities may be impossible. This is why it's important to have an emergency supply kit ready in your home, vehicle and work.

The emergency kit should contain supplies such as non-perishable food, medicines and baby items. Plan to have a supply to last at least three to five days. Some of these items may already be in your home from your hurricane kit.

In case of power outages during these colder months, consider having extra blankets and warm clothing to wear in layers if you are without heat for a few hours.

Never run a generator in an enclosed space. Make sure your carbon monoxide detector is working correctly and that the outside vent is clear of leaves and debris. During or after the storm, make sure it is cleared of snow. Home fires are common each winter when trying to stay warm.

[Review ways to keep your home and loved ones safe in the event of a home fire.](#)

### Winter Emergency Kit

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information
- Extra food and water such as dried fruit, nuts, granola bars and other food requiring no cooking or refrigeration.
- Extra prescription medicine
- Baby items such as diapers and formula
- First-aid supplies
- Heating fuel: refuel before you are empty; fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a winter storm
- Emergency heat source: fireplace, wood stove or space heater properly ventilated to prevent a fire
- Fire extinguisher, smoke alarm; test smoke alarms monthly to ensure they work properly
- Extra pet food and warm shelter for pets

[Winterize your emergency kits.](#)

## Stay Ahead. Stay Informed.

The National Weather Service winter outlook forecast for the 2023-24 season expects above normal temperatures this winter. Across Virginia, above normal precipitation totals are favored with Southeastern Virginia having the highest probability of receiving above normal precipitation, according to the [National Weather Service](#).

Stay informed by knowing your winter weather season terminology.

Watches: Issued when a storm is in its early stage of development and may create conditions that harm life or property.

- Winter storm watch: Issued when heavy snow, dangerous ice accumulation or blizzard conditions are possible. Winter storm watches are typically issued 24-48 hours before a

winter storm starts. Watches are issued when at least 3 inches of snow, and/or 1/4 inch or more of ice accumulation is expected in a 12-to-24-hour period.

- Wind chill watch: Issued when dangerously cold wind chills are possible typically in the next 12-48 hours.

Warnings: Issued when the threat of life and property is imminent or has already begun from severe winter weather.

- Winter storm warning: Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, freezing rain, sleet or any combination is imminent or occurring. Winter storm warnings are typically issued 12-36 hours before the event is expected to start.
- Ice storm warning: Issued when dangerous ice accumulations are expected within the next 12-36 hours.
- Blizzard warning: Issued when sustained or gusty winds of 35 mph or more prevail, combined with falling or blowing snow, visibility of one quarter of a mile or less, and last for at least three hours.
- Snow squall warning: Issued for short duration intense bursts of snow and wind leading to whiteout visibility and possible flash freezes on roads.
- Wind chill warning: Issued when the combination of extreme cold and winds occur. This combination will result in frostbite, hypothermia, or even death when exposed in this type of condition for an extended period. These are issued when wind chill values are expected to be less than 15 degrees.

Advisories: Issued for less serious weather conditions that will not cause immediate threat to life and property. Advisories will be issued when weather conditions will impact motorists, outdoor activities, or public events.

- Winter weather advisory: Issued for accumulations of snow, lake effect snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, or sleet, that will create inconveniences. During an advisory, if caution is not exercised, life and property may be threatened. Snow of a coating to less than 3 inches and any amount of ice accretion.
- Wind chill advisory: Issued when wind chill temperatures create inconvenience to life with prolonged exposure. If caution is not exercised, hypothermia and frostbite may occur. Issued for wind chill values less than 0 degrees but not colder than minus 14 degrees.

## Resources

Emergency Preparedness website: Residents can find more valuable resources and information on emergency preparedness at [VirginiaBeach.gov/ReadyVB](https://www.virginia-beach.gov/ReadyVB).

Sign up & Subscribe: In addition to signing up for [VBAAlert](https://www.virginia-beach.gov/VBAAlert), residents are also encouraged to subscribe to the City of Virginia Beach's weekly email newsletter, "Be in the Know," at [VirginiaBeach.gov/beintheknow](https://www.virginia-beach.gov/beintheknow).

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