

# CIVIC LEAGUE OF PEMBROKE MEADOWS, INC.

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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

### February 2024

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### Annual Pot Luck Dinner



**Friday  
February 16th  
6 to 8 pm**

**Old Donation Episcopal Church  
Parish Hall**

**“All eating – No meeting!”**

Gather up the family and bring your favorite food dish to share.  
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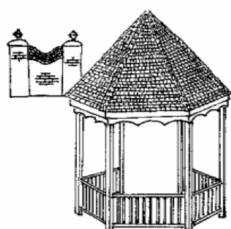


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# Presidents' Corner PAST & PRESENT

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.

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. *Update from the meeting: For the school and for us, this would be a wonderful partnership: they allow us to use their land and their water, and we fund, build and maintain a beautiful little oasis where the students can learn and play outside, explore nature, grow veggies and flowers....while meeting sooooo many SOL requirements for math and science! They will now sort out the possibility of establishing VB's first Community Garden on school grounds. We should hear about it within 2 weeks, we'll keep you posted! 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

*\*copy was intended for January issue - includes edits with updates - please accept the editor's apologies*

Your New Civic League Officers for 2024



Beverly Wilson  
Secretary

Joseph Savage-Morrison  
President

Anna Schweitzer  
1st Vice-President

Marge Wynne  
2nd Vice-President

Not shown: Mike Moore, Treasurer

Greetings neighbors.

First let me start by saying what an honor it is to serve our community as Civic League President for this next year. My family and I have loved living in Pembroke Meadows and raising our son here, and are excited to add a little girl to our tribe this May.

We have several exciting events coming up for our neighborhood in the next few months. Unfortunately we have to cancel the **PMRC Annual Chili Cook-off & Cornhole Tournament** this year as we did not have enough entries. Please be on the lookout for this event in the future and sign up – it's a fun time for the whole family!

The **Annual Civic League Pot Luck Dinner** will be on Friday, February 16 at 6 pm at the Old Donation Episcopal Church. Bring your family and a dish to share – plates, napkins, silverware and drinks will be provided. *"All eating – No meeting!"*

Thank you to all that attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **PCML Family Skate Event** on Wednesday, January 24 at Haygood Skating Center. We had a wonderful turnout and look forward to hosting this event for our families again next year.

Finally, I want to echo Jackie's words in the January newsletter and welcome all the other new officers. (Mentioned by name and photo above)

Please be sure to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 7pm at the Old Donation Episcopal Church. All are welcome.

See you soon,  
Joseph Savage-Morrison



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**Provide Input on the Future of Transportation in Virginia Beach**  
*Survey is online at [SpeakUpVB.com](http://SpeakUpVB.com), Jan. 16 – March 8.*

Virginia Beach residents can assist City leaders in determining future transportation plans by completing a five-minute, 19-question survey online at [SpeakUpVB.com/TransportationPlan](http://SpeakUpVB.com/TransportationPlan) through March 8, 2024.

The Planning Department is currently working on updating the City’s Master Transportation Plan as a part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. These plans look forward 20 to 25 years into the future and are designed to guide capital improvement projects for roadways, bike paths and other means of getting around town.

The Master Transportation plan will help guide transportation policy by evaluating existing conditions around the city and considering future transportation needs. Public feedback via the survey will be used to inform discussions about important transportation issues that impact quality of life (i.e. congestion, equity, etc.).

Results of the survey will be shared with City leaders, who will use it along with other information to develop policy and make decisions. Content on [SpeakUpVB.com](http://SpeakUpVB.com) can be translated into several languages via the Google Translate tool available at the top right of the webpage.

As an alternative to completing the survey online, residents may complete a paper version of the survey at any Virginia Beach Public Library. They also may request to receive a paper version of the survey by postal mail to be completed and returned, either by mail or to a Virginia Beach Public Library. To request the paper survey, please call 757-323-6219.

Shareable Facebook post regarding the survey: <https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064729148983/search/?q=transportation%20survey>

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Overcrowded Residence  
757-385-4421  
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Zoning  
757-385-8074  
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### Looking to start a Senior Group

We need a committee chair and participants. Please let the PMCL Board know if you are interested in belonging to a senior group for the neighborhood and if you would be interested in heading up the committee. Once we have a committee we can plan senior events.

# Real Estate Update

## Where are Home Prices and Mortgage Interest Rates Headed?

According to the Home Price expectations Survey from Fannie Mae—a survey of over one hundred economists, real estate experts and investment and market strategists, home prices are projected to continue to rise at least through 2028. The percent of appreciation may not be as high as it was in recent years, but the survey says we will see prices rise, not fall, for at least the next 5 years. Even a moderate price increase is good for the market and for buyers. As a buyer, it means, by purchasing now, your home will likely grow in value and you should gain home equity. But, if you wait, based on these forecasts, the home will only cost you more later.

Over the past year, mortgage rates spiked up in response to economic uncertainty, inflation and more. But there is an encouraging sign now that inflation is moderating. When inflation cools, mortgage rates generally fall in response. That is exactly what has been happening in recent weeks and now that the Federal Reserve has signaled that they are pausing their Federal Funds Rate increases and may even cut rates in 2024, experts are even more confident we will see mortgage rates come down even more.

Source: Keeping Current Matters, Danielle Hale, Chief Economist at [realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com)

### What's New Here In OUR Neighborhood?

#### Currently for Sale

4304 Cambria Cir	5 BR 2 ½ BA	545,000
4316 Hudgins Dr	5 BR 3 BA	475,000

#### Homes Under Contract

4300 Saint James Cir	5 BR 3 BA	699,000
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Treasurer	Mike Moore	757-613-0580
Webmaster	Clif Furedy	490-5792

### Committees

Bldg/Grounds	Tim Roy	478-0580
Median Electrical	Mike Moore	557-0328
Median Flag	Joe Lang	497-2897

### Block Security

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

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

### Park/Playground

	Cheryl Douglas	573-4144
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### Welcoming Committee Chair

Meadows	Karen Roy, Jeanette Willenbrink	
Shores	Jim Price	408-4832
Townhomes	Lisa Dutko	473-1112
	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)

	<a href="https://pembrokemeadowspool.com/">https://pembrokemeadowspool.com/</a>	
Director	Dave Frohwitter	748-5091
Asst Director	Meredith French	757-621-5007
Treasurer	Cindy Core	910-262-6060
Secretary	Meagan Engbresten	757-831-1156
PMRC Pool Phone	(in season only)	963-2239

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