



BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE

AUGUST 2016

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming BWCL Events

Wouldn't this be a nice view everyday? I mean, you live in Virginia Beach, right? I'm sure you family and friends that live elsewhere probably believe you are privy to this sort of look each day. Don't be afraid to hang this newsletter on your fridge and you WILL be able to have this view everyday! You'll also have these upcoming dates handy for your memory!

Sunday, September 18 (3pm-6pm)–Party in the Park.
spend a fun, relaxing afternoon with your family and neighbors at our Party-in-the Park picnic. *see story p.3*

Tuesday, October ? (7pm)–General Meeting.
watch neighborhood entry signs for exact date, location and speaker.

Sunday, October 30 (2pm-4pm)–Halloween Party.
piñatas, costume contest, candy, and fun in the neighborhood park!



President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. Although the weather has been hot we have had plenty of rain to keep the grass green. We have several things going on in the neighborhood. I will briefly mention some items and you can find more detail further down in the newsletter. First, we have our annual Party in the Park coming up on September 18th with a rain date of September 25th. This is a great event to meet your neighbors, have some good food, and let the kids play in the bounce house. The party is free to all Civic League members so please renew your membership for this year before the party. Membership can be renewed online at our website, www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org or by mailing in the member renewal form attached to this newsletter or on our website.

We also have our annual Halloween in the Park that is set for Sunday, October 30th. We have games for the kids and a costume contest. So please mark your calendars for that date. More information will be provided in our October newsletter. For the last several newsletters we have pointed our vacancies in our governing board. I am happy to report that two ladies have stepped forward and volunteered to serve as board members. They are Laura Mayo and Laura Mayo . We welcome them to the board. They will fill the vacant board seats until our next board election, which will be coming up this October. I hope you have a great rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you at our neighborhood party next month.

John Sokolowski
President, BWCL

Bellamy Woods Civic League Board of Directors

President	John Sokolowski	495-4861
Vice President		
Treasurer	Nan Zhang	685-7282
Secretary	John Glenn	648-8225
At Large Director	Jennifer Dizon	
	Laura Mayo	
Neighborhood Watch Dir.	Erik Hart	351-6704
Special Projects Director	Frank Gewet	495-1704
Student Board Associate	Jacob Kennedy	



Bellamy Woods Civic League Committee Chairs And Volunteers

Block Captains (40 of them!)	Current list, block map, and contact points are at www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org	
Communications:	John Sokolowski	495-4861
	Glynn Cooksey	793-0741
-Newsletter Committee	Emily Holmes and Kevin Wallace	
-Park Bulletin Board	J.T. Haste	
-Website & Email Alerts	John Glenn	648-8225
Community Yard Sale Coord.	Mary Beth Kirby	
Halloween Party	Megan Crain and Jacquie Gray	
Party in the Park	Erik Hart	351-6704
Landscaping Programs:	Frank Gewet	495-1704
-Entrances & Park Garden	Jane Lina and the Benedict, Tate, Snell and Waschbisch Families	
Membership Director:	Nan Zhang	685-7282

Our Mission Statement, Since 1987

The purpose and object of the Bellamy Woods Civic League is to bring into organization the residents and property owners of the Bellamy Woods area; to promote good fellowship and citizenship; to encourage the interchange of ideas; and to further the best interests of this area in the City of Virginia Beach toward beautification, recreation, sanitation, and safety of the residents and the protection of their property investments.

VB Works Phone App



Have you ever noticed a problem with the roads, street lights or some other city-related issue? Now there are two quick, simple ways to report these issues and know that they are resolved! The City of Virginia Beach has a link on the City's website for any resident to report a problem they encounter. There is also an app for smart phones called VB Works. It's a one-stop-shop for you to report a problem. Whether it's a pothole, street light out, graffiti, flooding or other local problems that are a safety hazard or eyesore, the VB Works app makes reporting a problem easier than ever. The app uses your GPS to identify your location, provides a list of appropriate issues, and also allows you to snap a photo to add to your service request. Reports are automatically sent to the city and routed to the appropriate city department for resolution. You'll also be able to follow your issue from the time it is reported until it is resolved.

We encourage you to get the app or look at the website for further information. A Bellamy Woods area has specifically been setup so you can view problems in our neighborhood and immediate surrounding area that have already been reported. If a problem has been reported, you can place another "vote" to have the issue fixed, as well as keeping up with any issues that are specific to the Bellamy Woods neighborhood! Go to the link below, to see the Bellamy Woods page.

<http://seeclifix.com/watchers/53808>

The city also offers several other useful apps to its residents. Check out the list and what they do here:

<https://www.vbgov.com/mobile-apps/Pages/default.aspx>



You are cordially invited to spend a fun and relaxing afternoon with your family and neighbors at the BWCL Annual



Date: Sunday, September 18th
Time: 3 to 6 PM
Location: Bellamy Woods Neighborhood Park

As the dog days of Summer make the outdoors insufferable, unless you have an onshore breeze or a pool to jump into, the Bellamy Woods Civic League looks forward to a break in the heat and humidity as we plan our Party in the Park! Sunday, Sept 18th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm join our neighbors as we get together to enjoy food, fun, and face painting!

FREE for BWCL Member Households

Three convenient ways to become a member:

1. [Join online and use PayPal for your membership fees](#)
2. Mail membership form (p.5) with check prior to event
3. Pay with cash, check *or credit card (new!)* at check-in

Join ahead of time for a quick check-in at PIP!

Barbecue
 Fried Chicken
 Drinks

INCLUDES
 Bounce House
 Face Painting
 Games

Door Prizes

<u>Annual Membership:</u>	
Entire household	\$30.00
<u>Non-members are also welcome</u>	
13 and over	\$10.00
6-12 yr olds	\$ 5.00
5 & under	FREE

There will be fried chicken and BBQ pork to eat provided by [Smoked from Above BBQ](#), and [Funny Faces by Julie](#) for the little ones to get their faces painted. As in years past, there will be a series of games and competitions for door prizes, and a bounce house from [Bounce Hoppers](#) will be on site for kids to get their jump on. Civic League President John Sokolowski will be continuing his run as emcee, hosting both a door prize raffle and family friendly music for all ages.

The Bellamy Woods Civic League will be hosting its annual membership drive, and is looking for interested neighbors to support the league as board members, associates, or Block Captains. If you wish to volunteer your efforts or time in any capacity, chat up any of the volunteers during the Party in the Park to let them know.

If you would like to volunteer for 30 minutes at PIP, please call Chair Erik Hart @ (703) 909-3744 or (757) 351-6704 or email him (BellamyWoodsVB@gmail.com). Help is welcomed for set-up, registration, dining tent setup & breakdown.

Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 25th

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Includes both General and Special Elections

When is the deadline for Voter Registration?
Monday, October 17, 2016 at 5:00pm or post marked no later than October 17.

What about absentee voting?
Beginning September 23 the office will be open for absentee in-person voting Mon. thru Fri. from 8am-5pm and Saturday, October 29 and November 5 from 9am-5pm.

Voter ID Requirements:
Effective July 1, 2014, all Virginia voters will be required to Show a photo I.D. before casting a ballot on election day or an in-person absentee ballot. However, if you do not have an acceptable form of identification and no means of obtaining one, then one will be provided to you free of charge, for voting purposed only at your local registrar's office. A list of acceptable photo I.D.'s can be found here:
<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/voter-registrar/Pages/default.aspx>

Where do I get election information?

The Virginia Beach Voter Registrar's office has a plethora of information available online at the link above. If you have a question regarding an upcoming election, this is definitely the first place you will want to go. Here is just a portion of what you will find on their site.

on the Issues

The election this November does not just cover the Presidential election. There are important local and state elections also at stake. In order to make the most of your vote, it is always best to take a little bit of time to educate yourself on the candidates and issues. Since many of the local details might not be covered on a regional or national site, it is always smart to check your information locally. The decisions to be made locally will have a huge impact on your daily life in Hampton Roads! All local, state and national information is on the site above!

As Election Day 2016 approaches more information will be found on their web-site, including sample ballots. Currently, you can view elected officials at the federal, state and local levels. You can see their office terms and when they will be up for election next. If you have not taken part in an election since 2012, you will be surprised to see the enhanced electronic balloting system. On the web-site you can also view informational and tutorial videos on the electronic voting systems. You also can view two proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution. It is always smart to digest these early, especially for those of use who do not use legal jargon every day!



The county is always looking for election officials. Election Officials are given a great deal of responsibility and trust in the election process. Officials work together to produce accurate election results, provide for equal access to voting and the necessary assistance to individual voters who need their help. Did you know that election officials get paid \$140 as compensation, as well as compensation for training? There are qualifications for the job, found on the web-site, and instructions on how to register to be an election official. For this upcoming election, your paperwork must be submitted by September 30 in order to be placed at a nearby polling station, and no paperwork will be accepted after October 14.

As you can see, there is a lot of information meant to make Election Day easier for you! Check out the linked site above!

Rainbow Garden

Chinese Food To Dine In & Take Out
*Szechuan & Hunan Style Also
Cantonese Cooking*

**Tel: 757-474-1899
757-474-1799**

OPEN TIMES:
Mon.-Thurs.: 11:00am-10:00pm
Fri. & Sat.: 11:00am-11:00pm
Sunday: 12:00noon-10:00pm

4540 PRINCESS ANNE RD. SUITE 127
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23462

Everything 15% off

(Take Out and Eat In only)

OVER \$40 FREE 2 Liter drink



**BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

Your annual dues support:

- ✓ Civic League newsletters & website (www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org)
- ✓ Annual neighborhood "Party in the Park" picnic & Halloween party
- ✓ Neighborhood Watch crime prevention program & Emailed Alerts
- ✓ Beautification of flower beds at entrance areas and Neighborhood Park
- ✓ Civic League-sponsored neighborhood garage sale
- ✓ Free listings for neighborhood youth seeking babysitting, lawn care, and pet/plant care work
- ✓ Civic League meetings where you can meet public officials
- ✓ Community Improvement Projects including Birks, Selwood & Brantingham entrance signage and Neighborhood Park improvements & playground equipment

**Please join today either online at www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org, or
by sending this form and your \$30 check to:**

Bellamy Woods Civic League
c/o Nan Zhang, Treasurer
4597 Berrywood Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Phone: 495-9222 Email: bellamywoodsvb@gmail.com

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Name(s) of Resident(s): _____

Street Address: _____ Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Home phone #: _____ Publish phone # in Civic League Directory? Y N

Owner or Renter? O R Possible Volunteer for _____

Newsletter Preference: _____ via email _____ paper copy via U.S. Mail _____ both email and U.S. Mail

Email address(es): _____

(email addresses are not published, but are used for sending BWCL crime alerts & newsletters to residents)

VBPD Neighborhood Watch Participation: I agree to be alert to things happening on my street and neighborhood, and to call the Police non-emergency number (385-5000) if I suspect anything is out of the ordinary.

Yes _____ No _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use: _____ _____ _____

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WEBSITE DATABASE

The Bellamy Woods Civic League thanks you for your participation!



Bellamy Woods Youth Services



Babysitting ~~ Lawn Care ~~ Pet Care ~~ Pool Care ~~ Tutoring ~~ Vacation Help/Plant Sitting

These young Bellamy Woods residents are seeking paid work – please consider them when help is needed:

Katelyn Anderson	(16)	Grade 11	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet & Plant Care and Vacation help	379-1012 -or- 818-5316
Vanessa Anderson	(24)	College	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet & Plant Care Vacation help, and Math Tutoring (grades 6-10)	618-2597
Isabella Gonzalez	(17)	Grade 12	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet & Plant Care	424-0820
Cate Hickman	(15)	Grade 10	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.)	495-6075

These FREE listings are provided as a service to the community. Email the Editor to get listed or to submit updates.

Pokemon Go

You may have observed more folks on the street, using their phones as some sort of navigation tool. More likely, if you have children or friends that do, you may be delighted to learn there is a new video game that will get them outside and exploring. Pokemon Go, derived from a popular 1990's Japanese video game, is a form of [augmented reality](#) game that allows people to collect and challenge creatures that are overlaid on the world through the camera of their smart phones.

In this game, players view the world through their phones camera, either "hunting" for creatures that can be captured, or meeting up with other players for their captured creatures to "battle" one another. These areas are known as "Pokestops" or "Poke Gyms" and are usually public places, easily identifiable on the internet.

While the benefits of a video game that get people outside and active cannot be overstated, it is worth taking a moment to keep safety foremost for those enjoying this activity. Be aware of your surroundings! Cell phone conversations can be annoying in their own right, and everyone has seen folks too interested in their smartphone to pay attention. Players of Pokemon Go can become so attentive to the game they don't pay attention to the physical dangers of the area around them. Crossing streets, water, or trip hazards are the basic physical risks of this activity. More attention should be paid to younger players, who may be unsupervised. Always ensure your children play in groups of friends with an adult, or are old enough to be walking around unsupervised.

Technically, the game itself is a software application that captures data about the user and their location. For individuals with privacy concerns, they should be aware that their current location and other login information is shared over the internet, and by allowing the game access to their phone, they are also allowing the game access to other

information, such as contacts and web browsing information as well.

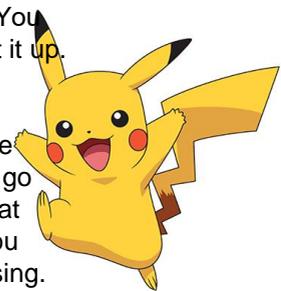
Finally, as a communal activity, the risk of encountering strangers is heightened. A central aspect of the game is using "lures" to capture these creatures. There have been several reports of criminals using elements of the game to lure players into traps for criminal activities. Keep your eyes open, and know where your children are!



Tips found in the Virginia Pilot:

Here are some of the tips police offered:

- Put the phone down when crossing the street.
- Hunt with a buddy or a group, especially if you're doing it at night.
- Do not play while driving. Instead, get a designated driver. Be cautious when going to "lure" sites and don't go alone. You never know who might have set it up.
- If you don't know if a location is public, ask for permission before going onto the property. Do not go into public parks or cemeteries at night because it is illegal and you could get charged with trespassing.
- Avoid dangerous spots like railroad tracks, industrial areas and places with water features without safety precautions. Parents should set limitations on where and when their children can play and make sure they are aware of potential dangers.



BUDGETING AND EXPENDITURE

Bellamy Woods Civic League Treasurer's Report

Membership Year 2015-2016

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Approved</i>
	<u>7/1/15-6/30/16</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Bank Balance July 1st	\$9,560.00	\$9,560.00	9,932.00
Revenues			
01 Membership Dues	6,360.00	6,750.00	6750.00
02 Donations (cash)			
03 Other	105.00		
04 Advertising Revenue	185.00	600.00	350.00
05 Donations In-Kind (non-cash)	<u>1,781.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$8,431.00	\$7,650.00	\$7,400.00
Expenses			
Membership Benefits & Costs			
10 Party in the Park	2,131.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
11 Halloween party	111.00	150.00	120.00
12 Membership invoice	225.00	300.00	300.00
13 Newsletters	1,364.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
17 Entrance Signs electricity	389.00	500.00	400.00
20 Beautification/Landscaping	185.00	465.00	465.00
21 Community Yard sale ad		30.00	30.00
22 Meeting Expenses		200.00	100.00
23 Neighborhood Directory		0.00	
24 Web Site Support	497.00	300.00	150.00
28 Entrance Sign Repair	45.00	150.00	250.00
29 Bulletin Boards		50.00	50.00
30 Donations In-Kind Exp (non-cash)	1,781.00	300.00	500.00
Other-Misc			
60 VBCCO Dues	25.00	30.00	30.00
61 VBCCO Awards dinner		200.00	200.00
62 PTA Donations (\$100/KHS, KMS, PES)	300.00	300.00	300.00
63 Insurance	475.00	500.00	500.00
31 Supp'l Event Insurance	350.00	350.00	350.00
64 Unrelated Business Income Tax			
65 Office Supplies	106.00	150.00	150.00
66 Bank Charges		75.00	75.00
67 PayPal Charges	<u>75.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$8,059.00	\$7,450.00	\$7,500.00
Capital Improvements			
105 Violet Bank Bikepath Fixture		<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$8,059.00	\$8,450.00	\$7,570.00
Bank Balance (current/projected)	\$9,932.00	\$8,760.00	\$9,832.00
Insurance Reserve-Restricted Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Unrestricted Funds	\$7,932.00	\$6,760.00	\$7,832.00

Respectfully prepared by Nan Zhang, BWCL Treasurer

Trash and household waste are collected from your curbside each week. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind to help them provide efficient service:



- Have containers and/or items for pickup at the street between 5pm the day prior to collection and 7am the day of collection.
- Keep at least 3 feet of clearance between your container and any other item, including your recycle container!
- Cans that are overflowing will not be collected.
- Remove containers from public view at the end of collection day.
- Clearly label your container with your address and record your container's serial number.
- Loose trash in can should be bagged to reduce litter.
- No other garbage will be collected outside the black can except for yard waste.
- To report service problems, please call 385-4650 on your collection day or by noon the following business day.

Pleased **do not** put the following items in your black cart:

- Remodeling and building materials, carpet, doors, toilets, sinks, dirt, concrete, tires, paint cans, glass, propane tanks or other hazardous materials.
- If you have dirt or concrete to dispose of, they can be taken to the Virginia Beach landfill, where dirt will be used for daily cover and concrete will be crushed into stone for roadbeds, thus reducing operating costs.



You can purchase new black containers for \$75 each, and blue recycling containers are available for free.

Contact the office at: 385-4650.



Upcoming Events



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Tuesday, October ? (7pm) - General Membership Meeting. Date, Location and speaker TBA.
Keep an eye on neighborhood entry signs for updated information.

Sunday, October 30 (2pm-4pm) – Halloween Party, in our neighborhood park. More fun,
food and contests!

For more information, please visit

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or use your Smartphone to scan the QR code at right.



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