



BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER



Oct 9, 2025 - Annual Membership Meeting 7 PM at Kempsville High School Auditorium

- Meet Dr. Tamika Singletary-Johnson, the new Principal of KHS
- Hear from Philip Pilcher, VB Public Works Engineer, on a water quality improvement project planned in the Bellamy Woods Park
- Election (one seat) and re-election of 3 BWCL Directors plus 2025-2026 Budget Approval
- Traffic calming – we need your input!

This event is open to all but only BWCL members may vote



BWCL Annual Halloween Party

Sunday, Oct 26 from 2-4

Location: Bellamy Woods Park

Enjoy our annual Halloween party with prizes for best kids' costumes by age group and for best adult and family costumes! Pinatas, DJ, music and candy!

This is a membership event. If your household is not already a member, your family can join at the event or in advance - see membership info on page 6.

****NEW - HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST - NEW****

Yikes! Before you know it, neighbors will be decorating their homes for the December holidays. To celebrate the holiday season, BWCL is having a contest for the best decorations. Honorees will be given a sign from BWCL to proudly display in their yard! No need to enter: around Dec 15, the BWCL board (who are ineligible to win) will peruse the neighborhood & will select "the best" in the following categories:

Category 1 – Griswold Award – because you can never have too many lights (think Chevy Chase movie)!

Category 2 – Hugh Mongous Award – for best inflatables (think Ocean Breeze Waterpark's gorilla)!

Category 3 – Holiday Favorite – most festive display!

Let's "LIGHT UP" our neighborhood!





HOLIDAY LIGHTS BIKE NIGHT Thursday, Nov 13 5:30 to 8 PM

On the boardwalk, enter at 2nd Street
FREE and open to the public

Grab your bicycles & bring the entire family to the Virginia Beach boardwalk for the FREE Holiday Lights Bike Night. Enjoy riding your bike through jumping fish, musical crabs, jolly elves, and the nation's largest and longest curved LED Light Tunnel. Free parking at Rudee Loop. Holiday Lights at the Beach Bike Night will only happen on Nov 13 so don't miss your chance to take a two-wheeled journey into the holiday magic!

PARKING AND DRIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND SAFE!

The BWCL Board has received several complaints about the items below. We are not code enforcement, but for the safety of everyone, we appreciate your cooperation and showing courtesy to your neighbors.

- **Emergency Services (ES)** asks that you **leave room for emergency vehicles** when parking on the street. Do not park directly across from or even catty-corner to another car. Seconds matter in emergencies and **ES** need a clear path on the street!
- **Speed limit is 25 MPH.** There are lots of kids & residents walking/biking so please **SLOW DOWN!** We will discuss potential traffic calming measures at the Oct 9 meeting so please come and provide input. And please wear reflective clothing & use a light if walking in the evening-it's getting dark earlier!
- **PLEASE REFRAIN** from parking on the street in a manner that **OBSTRUCTS** neighbors' driveways and mailboxes. Kindly ensure adequate clearance for easy access to driveways and mailboxes.

Become a Neighborhood Event Sponsor & Promote Your Business!

Are you a local business owner looking for an easy and impactful way to give back to the community while also gaining valuable exposure? For just \$100/year, your business logo can appear on a banner displayed at all four of BWCL's main 2026 neighborhood events, letting residents and attendees know you support our community!

Why Sponsor?

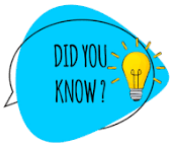
- **Support Local Events** – Help keep these cherished traditions alive and thriving
- **Boost Your Visibility** – Gain recognition and goodwill from local families and potential customers
- **Show Your Community Spirit** – Demonstrate your commitment to making our neighborhood a great place to live and work

Becoming a sponsor is simple! **If you're interested, please reach out to Sue DeValdes, BWCL Board Director, at 757-672-9206 or sue@suedevaldesrealtor.com to sign up.**

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 SPONSORS: Berkshire Hathaway and Edible Arrangements

Visit the Bellamy Woods Civic League website at: <https://www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org>
Visit the Bellamy Woods Neighbor & Friends Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BellamyWoods>

BE IN THE KNOW!



SIGN UP FOR:

- **City of Virginia Beach email newsletter** at: <https://cloud.mc.virginiabeach.gov/ghbz32hbemp>
- **VBAAlert:** powered by RAVE Smart911. VB Alert is the city’s opt-in emergency alert and warning systems. It alerts residents when there is a public safety situation or other major city event by text or email. Register at: <https://eccs.virginiabeach.gov/vbalert>
- **Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) newsletters:** VBCCO advocates for the public good through informed community action. BWCL is a member organization. Visit: <https://www.vbcco.org/>
- **VB Park Finder App:** <https://parks.virginiabeach.gov/outdoors/city-parks>

March 22, 2025 BWCL Member Meeting Highlights

- ❖ Walter Camp, City of VB District 1 Planning Commissioner, reported that First Watch restaurant is coming to Fairfield and Trader Joes will be coming to Town Center.
- ❖ Mr. Camp also discussed opportunities for high school students to serve on the City’s Boards and Commissions. Appointments are July 1 through June 30. Participating students gain valued experience. Go to: <https://clerk.virginiabeach.gov/search?search=students+&category=All> for a student talent application.
- ❖ Meghan Timlin Mohr talked about “CONNECT VIRGINIA BEACH” which is a new volunteer public safety program offered by the VB Police to register your security cameras. Registering your cameras does not allow the Virginia Beach Police Department access to your live video stream - it only enables investigators to know a camera is present at your location so police can request video evidence should an incident occur. Visit: <https://keepvirginiabeachsafe.org/>

Educate yourself on safer vs. riskier payment methods:

Safer payment methods:

- **Credit cards** - offer better fraud protections. Can receive immediate alerts when used.
- **Cashier’s checks** – more secure (though less convenient)

Riskier payment methods:

- **Checks**
- **Debit cards** - linked directly to your bank account
- **Third Party payment apps** - may lack consumer protections

Contactless payments allow you to tap and pay with your phone without a card. Convenient and speedy but there are risks of unauthorized transactions, data theft, skimming, and more. Use tokenized payments with a unique, one-time use token for each transaction. Monitor transactions in real time & report unfamiliar purchases immediately. Use RFID blocking wallets.

Interested in volunteering with BWCL? At events? Helping to distribute the newsletter? Other? If so, please email Andy Fiebig, President or Teresa Kraus, Treasurer – emails listed on page 6.



BWCL PARTY-IN-THE-PARK (PIP)

On May 3, 2025, over 100 residents enjoyed our annual PIP! Thanks to Raven & Andy Fiebig who coordinated and emceed the event and to all the volunteers who helped to make this a great event! Hope you join us next year!



BWCL 4th of July Parade

Look how many residents enjoyed our annual neighborhood 4th of July parade celebrating our nation's birthday! Thank you to Meghan Timlin Mohr for coordinating this patriotic event!



**BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM**

Dues are \$35/year per home. Anyone who joins or renews on or after Oct 1 will be a member until December of the following year. Please join or renew today online at:

www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org

or by sending this form and your \$35 check to:

Bellamy Woods Civic League
c/o Teresa Kraus, Treasurer
4692 Berrywood Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464



***BWCL is a neighborhood association whose purpose is to promote good fellowship and citizenship in our neighborhood. Your dues support events, this newsletter, entrance sign lighting & landscaping, two annual meetings with speakers and special projects.
We are not an HOA or code enforcement.***

Name(s) of Resident(s)	
Address	Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Phone #	Second Phone #
Email address #1	Email address #1

Email addresses are not published but may be used for sending BWCL crime alerts & newsletters to residents

BWCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
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At Large Director	Sue DeValdes	
At Large Director	Frank Gewet	
At Large Director	Meghan Timlin Mohr	

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BWCL VOLUNTEERS

(Please contact the Treasurer if any corrections or additions are needed)

Event Coordinators	Andy Fiebig, Raven Fiebig, Meghan Timlin Mohr
Historic Kempsville CAC Rep	Walter Camp
Neighborhood Park Kiosk Postings	Meghan Timlin Mohr
Website/Newsletter	Teresa Kraus
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