

NEWSLETTER

April 2012



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President's Message

I was delighted that our February General Meeting attracted more residents than we've seen in years. Those who attended got the facts first-hand regarding the Kempsville/Princess Anne intersection projects. We also took up many business items with excellent discussion and participation from members, as you will read in this newsletter.

For over a year BWCL representatives have attended numerous meetings with delegates from our sister civic leagues throughout Kempsville. Bellamy Woods took the lead in constructively opposing a proposal to redistrict our neighborhood out of Kempsville, and by rallying our new friends we were successful. We have learned a lot from one another, and the experience has renewed our desire to get things done on behalf of our members and residents.

In Bellamy Woods we've finally gotten the new Birks Lane entrance sign into place; our Civic League's website is nearly finished; our spring landscaping projects are underway; we're preparing to publish a new Directory; we're coordinating a speeding-reduction program; and we have a full slate of events on the calendar. Less visibly, we've secured a tax exemption; continued to meet with City staff and elected officials on the Violet Bank Drive bike path; offered input on traffic and development issues; and communicated with the Virginia Beach Police Department through our Neighborhood Watch program.

Can you spend 90 minutes on **Thursday, May 3rd**, to be at the **next BWCL General Meeting**? If so, your voice will be heard in deciding our next neighborhood improvement project. If so, you can determine whether we should expand our boundaries. If so, you can vote on our budget and influence our plans. If so, you can express your thoughts about nearby development. This is YOUR Civic League, and while a diligent volunteer Board tries its best, the Members ultimately hold the power to decide such things. Please come, speak out, and tell us how we're doing.

Respectfully,
Walter Camp, President

JOHN GLENN, NEW BWCL SECRETARY & DIRECTOR

The BWCL Board is delighted to announce that resident John Glenn has volunteered to fill the open Secretary & Director position. John, his wife Meredith, and their two children live at 1164 Selwood Drive, near Cheverly Court. At work John manages a team of data transformation and load developers at Amerigroup. At home he enjoys reading, light carpentry, and at age 38 "trying in vain to keep up with my kids in their latest video games." One thing John said he really likes about Bellamy Woods is having six houses nearby with comparably aged children, as well as the mix of older and younger generations. Meredith is an officer of the Providence Elementary PTA, and John saw this new role with BWCL as a way he could get more involved too. We applaud their service to our community, and we welcome John onto the Board. At the BWCL General Meeting on May 3 a vote will be taken to confirm John's appointment.

BLOCK CAPTAIN SOCIAL & DIRECTORY KICKOFF

Our annual BWCL Block Captain social will take place on Sunday, April 22, from 2:00-3:30pm. The location will be 1232 Glen Lochen Drive, the home of Neighborhood Watch Director Greg Turpin and his wife Cheryl. This year the Civic League will be publishing a new Directory, and information packets will be distributed at this event. In a change from prior years there will be no formal program -- for 2012 we'd just like to thank the Block Captains for their service, and provide a fun occasion for them to gather and see friends and neighbors. Please RSVP to Greg at 497-8725.

For all residents, please note that your Block Captain will be contacting you to gather the signatures necessary to maintain our Neighborhood Watch program and to confirm your contact information for alerts. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping this program working.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE - MAY 19

Get ready to clear out your surplus items and make some cash, the easy way. On Saturday, May 19, Bellamy Woods will be having its annual neighborhood garage sale. From 8:00am - 1:00pm any resident may set up and sell in their own driveway. No permits or sign-ups are needed. The Civic League will advertise the event in advance, attracting more buyers with our concentration of participating homes than a single individual might attract on their own. As in past years, arrangements have been made with a local charity to pick up unsold items that owners wish to donate after the sale ends. Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) will be sending a truck sometime after 1:00pm. Items for donation should be set close to the street, ideally with a sign saying "CHKD". As with any thrift donation, items should be in good, resalable condition. CHKD does not accept major appliances. Let's do some Spring cleaning, hopefully with lots of "green" results!

BWCL WEBSITE -- NEARLY HERE!

Although it is still officially under construction, we have begun posting information to our new Civic League website. Please go to www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org and see our progress! Yes, the name is long, so Bookmark it into your Favorites. The website will provide many new capabilities and services when completed. We appreciate your patience as the kinks get worked out, and we ultimately hope you will be pleased with the portion of Bellamy Woods located in cyberspace.

STEPHANIE EMERSON, BIRKS LANE BLOCK CAPTAIN

At the Civic League's February meeting longtime Birks Lane resident Stephanie Emerson volunteered to fill our last vacant Block Captain position. She will be responsible for 1101-1137 Birks Lane. We really appreciate that Stephanie stepped forward, restoring BWCL to a full slate of Block Captains for the first time in over a year. Thank you and Welcome, Stephanie!

VBCCO COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations annually recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their neighborhood. This year BWCL selected two award recipients: Isabelle Rader of Berrywood Road, and Marcia Curtis of Worthington Lane. Isabelle's long service to Bellamy Woods was detailed in our last issue.

Marcia Curtis' first role was as co-Director of Block Captains. Soon after joining the civic league Board the Presidency became vacant. While Marcia had not aspired to that role or its duties, she rose the challenge and volunteered because someone had to do it. In fact, she fulfilled the responsibilities most ably. Learning that the City would soon be starting a decade-long effort to renovate all of its neighborhood parks, Marcia worked hard to ensure that Bellamy Woods would not be at the bottom of the list. After hearing that our old playground equipment would be removed and it might be years before new equipment would be installed, she did not hesitate. She met repeatedly with City officials, rallied our residents to donate funds, and worked with City staff on a new playground design. Due to her efforts Bellamy Woods was the very first park playground in the entire City to be renovated, the residents got to choose the colors and equipment, and our donations bought additional playsets beyond what the City budget would have provided.

After a successful term as President, Marcia remained on the Board and became Landscaping Projects Director. Additional duty called again, though, and once again Marcia stepped up. She agreed to become BWCL Treasurer, and served in that role for several more years. Although she retired from the Board after 2010, Marcia still volunteers her time on our landscaping team. She also stays in touch with residents as she bikes her daily Berrywood laps. Please join us in celebrating the tremendous work Marcia and Isabelle have done on behalf of our community.

BIRKS LANE ENTRANCE SIGN - UPDATE

At the February 21 BWCL General Meeting the final vote to authorize the new Birks Lane community entrance sign was taken. Since then the land survey was obtained, a written agreement with the homeowners was signed, a City permit was granted, masonry repairs have been undertaken, and the sign itself has been commissioned. The work should all be completed around the time this newsletter reaches residents. We especially appreciate the cooperativeness of homeowners Bob and Lynn Tate. After nearly 10 years of effort our neighborhood finally has in place uniform signage to identify our three entrances - thank you to all who have made this possible.

BWCL - NEXT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?

The BWCL Board is now soliciting suggestions for neighborhood capital projects. BWCL capital projects have included purchasing several additional pieces of equipment for our park, establishing three community entrance signs, building a community website, and digitizing 25 years of archives. As the current projects near completion, we are looking for the next improvement(s) you want undertaken.

A portion of your annual dues is intended to fund larger improvements like these. As the Treasurer's report shows, a balance of funds has accumulated that now enables the Civic League to consider a range of potential improvements. So far we've received these suggestions:

- Replace and expand the old, small picnic bench shelter located on the Glen Lochen side of Bellamy Woods Neighborhood Park with a new shelter large enough to accommodate 3 picnic tables.
- Replace the old community notice board at the Park entrance
- Replace the deteriorating dog waste bag dispenser, also near the Park entrance, and
- Build horseshoe pits with backstops in the Park

The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Foundation is about to kick off a "Parks Plus" program. The Foundation's plan is to team up with civic leagues throughout the city and help fund projects designed to enhance those chosen civic leagues' neighborhood parks. It is not known how many of these ventures will be possible, but they will take place on a first-come first-serve basis. With several Park-related ideas already in, it may be appropriate for BWCL to be one of the first to apply.

There are certainly opportunities to enhance the value of our neighborhood, to take advantage of the "Parks Plus" program, and to enjoy the fruits of our efforts by putting accumulated project funds to work. At the BWCL General Meeting on May 3, 2012 all of the ideas received will be announced, discussed, and the membership will be asked to consider them. Some may be readily accomplished, and others may require raising funds over time. Please forward any and all suggestions to the BWCL Board.

BIRKS LANE SPEED STUDY & ENFORCEMENT

Having received numerous complaints from residents about speeding drivers within the neighborhood, the BWCL Board brought the issue to the membership at the February 21 General Meeting. After discussion the members prioritized the problem as worst on Birks Lane, followed by Berrywood Road and Selwood Drive. As authorized, the City's Traffic Engineering Department was contacted, and they performed a speed study on Birks Lane.

Starting March 8 a passive counting device measured the direction, time, and speed of every vehicle that drove over its hose-like tubes near the midpoint of Birks Lane. The study revealed that 4560 cars went by in 6.5 days. Their average recorded speed was 25mph, which is the limit on Birks Lane. As expected, traffic flows peaked during commuter hours (6am-8am, and 4pm-6pm). 70% of the vehicles were traveling within 5mph below or above the limit. The majority of drivers obeyed the law, but about 2% of the vehicles were doing over 35 mph, and 8 drivers were clocked at more than 40mph. Although the study did reveal speeding, the City determined that it was not severe enough to implement the official Traffic Calming Program, which involves speed bumps and \$250 speeding fines.

A combination of education and enforcement will follow. This article, like many in the past, is intended to make drivers aware of the problem and encourage them to slow down. Around April 6 the City will install a speed trailer on Birks Lane. As drivers pass by it will flash their speed to further increase awareness, and to encourage obeying the law. Finally, the Virginia Beach Police Department will be enforcing the speed limit within our neighborhood. The goal is deterrence, but frankly we'd like to see the driver who did 56mph on Birks March 11 get a whopping fine. For the sake and safety of our residents we hope these steps inform drivers and reduce speeding in Bellamy Woods.

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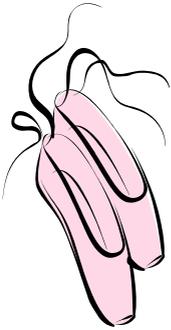
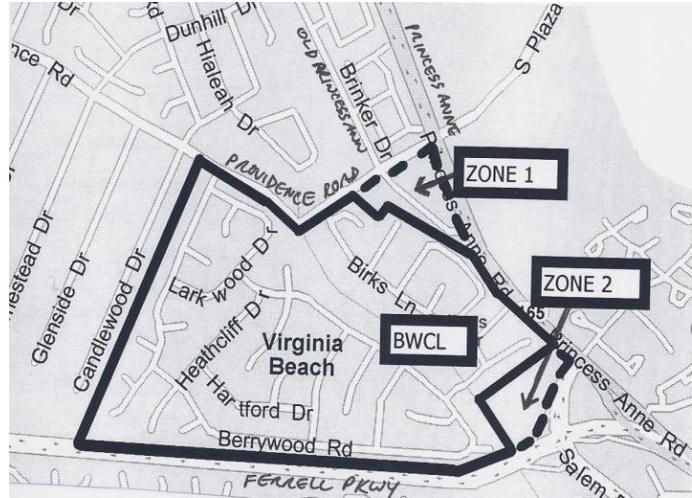
PROPOSED BWCL BOUNDARY CHANGE

As a result of working with other neighboring civic leagues in the Kempsville Coalition, and noticing the increasing number of new nearby construction and development projects springing up, the BWCL Board has re-examined our own boundaries. At the May 3rd General Meeting the Board will be asking the membership to consider making two boundary additions, as shown on the map at right.

The first ("Zone 1") would expand the northern boundary to encompass the corner at Providence and Princess Anne Roads. The second ("Zone 2") would expand the eastern line to include the corner at Princess Anne Rd/Salem Road/Ferrell Parkway. Zone 1 includes eight homes, and Zone 2 has two. Both Zones are in the Kempsville District, share voting assignments with BWCL homes, and share our sewer and drainage systems.

Neither Zone is presently within a civic league, and no other civic league is nearby to represent those homes. In addition, both Zones currently include many acres of undeveloped land. Bringing these areas within our Civic League's boundaries will help ensure that BWCL will be informed of future development along the Princess Anne corridor. In the past BWCL took the initiative to approach a commercial interest who was seeking to develop the corner in Zone 1, and our input influenced their project positively. The recession and other factors ultimately ended their plans, but the experience taught us not to be idle if we wanted a voice.

If the Membership approves either or both of these additions, the Board will invite those 10 homeowners to join our civic league and have BWCL represent their interests. Please come to the General Meeting to participate in this discussion, or let a Board member know your thoughts ahead of time.



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NEW AUTO SERVICE SHOP COMING

On February 12 the City Planning Commission approved an application to build a new auto repair and tire sales store near the intersection of Princess Anne Road & South Plaza Trail. The building will be located between the 7-11 gas station's car wash and the existing retention pond, facing the CVS drugstore. From South Plaza Trail you will see the storefront, but not the service bays. All auto work will be done inside the building using garage doors on the side, screened by landscaping. A similar operation by the same company can be seen at the intersection of Dam Neck and Holland Road.



BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE April 2012

Babysitting ~~ Lawn Care ~~ Pet Care

Below is an updated list of youth whose families live in the Bellamy Woods community and are looking for the following work:

Hunter Bingham	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet Care
Caleb Brocaille	Lawn Care
Isaac Brocaille	Lawn Care
Johnny Deyncourt	Lawn Care, Pet Care
Isabella Gonzalez	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet Care
Alexandria Halton	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.)
Courtney McPherson	Babysitting
Mairi Morze	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.)
Raven Laibstain	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.)
Becca Schwartzman	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.)
Alex Serrine	Lawn Care
Hunter Serrine	Lawn Care
Irena Tobola	Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.)

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THE BWCL LANDSCAPING PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you are interested in helping to maintain the small area at the community entrance on Selwood Drive, please give us a call. The Civic League has four main beautification sites which help make the Bellamy Woods community an attractive place to live:

- Neighborhood Park Entrance Garden, at Berrywood Road & Glen Lochen Drive
- Community Entrance on Brantingham Drive
- Community Entrance on Selwood Drive
- Community Entrance on Birks Lane (landscaping material soon to come)

Three of the four areas currently have a maintenance committee person(s) assigned to them. The BWCL has an existing budget allotted for the landscaping program. The volunteer committee members are encouraged to utilize the budget (with approval from the program chair) to help maintain their assigned area.

Now is a great time and opportunity for you to get involved with the beautification and appearance of your community. Become a landscaping program committee member today by giving Vice President Kyle Bullard a call at 474-4474.

BWCL EVENTS for 2012

Apr 22	Block Captain Social, 2-3:30pm
May 3	General Meeting, 7-8:30pm
May 19	Community Garage Sale, 8am-1pm
Sep 9	Party in the Park
Sep 16	Party in Park Rain Date
Oct 18	General Meeting, 7-8:30pm
Oct 28	Halloween Party

A WORD ON CURFEW ...

Yes, there IS a curfew in Virginia Beach—it's 11:00 pm. It is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 to be on any street or in any public place between 11 pm and 5 am unless accompanied by an adult (parent or guardian). There are certain exceptions to this statute, such as traveling to and from employment; see Virginia Beach City Code 23-2 to read the statute in its entirety.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME ALERT

A Bellamy Woods home was burglarized on January 5, 2012, between the hours of 5:00 and 6:40 pm on Berrywood Road near Dorchester Lane. When the victim returned home, she noticed that her back door was open, and then began noticing that items were missing from her house. Entry may have been gained through the garage door.

Master Police Officer Leta Krieger, reminds all residents to make sure that all doors and windows, including side doors, back doors, and garage doors, are securely locked when leaving the residence. Officer Krieger is available to do security assessments on citizen's homes or, alternatively, can email interested residents a copy of a home security assessment form that they can use to assess their own home. Interested residents can contact Officer Krieger directly at:

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Bellamy Woods Civic League Treasurer's Report & Budget Proposal

As of April 1, 2012

		Current Year		New Year
		Actual	Approved	Proposed Budget
		7/1/2011-3/31/2012	7/1/2012-6/30/2012	7/1/2012-6/30/2013
Bank Balance (start of year)		\$ 8,622.15		\$ 9,210.00
Revenues				
01	01-Membership Dues	6,850.00	6,750.00	6,750.00
02	02-Donations	47.92	-	-
03	03-Other	-	-	-
04	04-Advertisement Revenue	445.00	400.00	1,000.00
05	05-Donated In-Kind (non-cash)	490.41	-	-
Total Revenues		\$ 7,833.33	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,750.00
Expenses				
Membership Benefits & Costs				
10	Party in the Park	1,371.77	1,600.00	1,600.00
11	Halloween party	96.22	200.00	150.00
12	Membership invoice	450.51	400.00	550.00
13	Newsletters	1,076.93	1,400.00	1,500.00
17	Entrance Signs electricity	304.17	500.00	500.00
20	Beautification/Landscaping	23.39	600.00	600.00
21	Garage sale ad	-	30.00	30.00
22	Meeting Expenses	-	100.00	100.00
23	Neighborhood Directory	-	-	600.00
24	Web Site Support	-	500.00	600.00
28	Signage	24.46	250.00	250.00
29	Bulletin Boards	-	100.00	100.00
Other-Misc		26.67	-	-
60	VB Council of Civic Organizations dues	25.00	30.00	30.00
61	VBCCO Awards Dinner	120.00	250.00	250.00
62	Donations (\$100 each to KHS, KMS, PES PTAs)	300.00	300.00	300.00
63	Insurance	375.00	400.00	400.00
64	Donations In-Kind Expense	350.00	-	-
65	Office Supplies	90.36	150.00	150.00
66	Bank Charges			30.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$ 4,634.48	\$ 6,810.00	\$ 7,740.00
Capital Improvements				
100	Electronic Record Retention	293.73	400.00	completed
101	Birks Signage Project	-	1,000.00	completed
102	Website Development	400.00	1,000.00	completed
Total Capital Expenses		\$ 693.73	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -
Bank Balance (current)		\$ 11,127.27	\$ 9,210.00	\$ 9,220.00
	Insurance Reserve-Restricted Funds	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Funds Available for Neighborhood Improvement Project		\$ 9,127.27	\$ 7,210.00	\$ 7,220.00

Respectfully Prepared by: Cathe Waters, Treasurer, Bellamy Woods Civic League



BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING

- WHEN: **Thursday MAY 3, 2012.** 7:00pm-8:30pm
- WHERE: PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
- KEY TOPICS:
 - Approval of 2012-2013 BWCL Budget
 - Neighborhood Capital Improvement Projects
 - BWCL Boundary Change Proposal

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED AND WELCOME!

BLOCK CAPTAIN SOCIAL: April 22nd, 2pm-3:30pm

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE: May 19th

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