

NEWSLETTER

February 2014



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# **GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

7pm

**Providence Elementary School** 

## Guest Speaker: Bobbie Gribble, chairwoman of the Historic Kempsville Citizens Advisory Committee

Come hear the marvelous transformation, the intersection of Kempsville Road and Princess Anne Road is undergoing. Learn about the Historic Kempsville Citizens Advisory Committee and their work preserving historic Kempsville while creating a balanced area of green space and commercial development.

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- Party in the Park	Kyle Bullard	474-4470	VP@bellamywoodscivicleague.org	
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Hello Neighbors,

Let me introduce myself. I am John Sokolowski and I have assumed the role of President of Bellamy Woods Civic League for this year. I have been a resident of our neighborhood since 1989 and have seen many of the changes that have occurred over the years. Please contact me or any of our board members if there is anything we can help with.

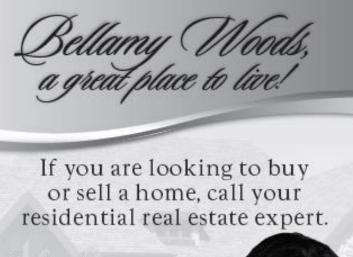
We are hoping that you have survived the winter so far. Spring is not far off. We have many events planned for the neighborhood again this year including our community yard sale, party in the park, and Halloween in the park. Stay tuned for further information on these events.

Speaking of party in the park, this past year saw one of our most successful participations from our neighbors. We made a special effort to have lots of events for the children. We will continue those again this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT, SINCE 1987**

John Sokolowski President, BWCL 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 interest 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.



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#### HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK 2013

In October of 2013, BWCL held its annual Halloween in the Park event. Unlike the rained out event in 2012, this year was graced with good weather, lots of candy, cupcakes, drinks, costume contests, and a great number of wonderful little smiling faces. The 2013 Halloween in the Park drew approximately 85 children.

All children participated in the costume contest. There were six different age categories; 0-2 yrs., 3 -4 yrs., 5-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs., and 10-12 yrs. There was a winner in each category! There was also two piñatas, full of candy, presented for the children to try and break open. Once the piñatas were broken, candy spilled out for all to partake of. It appeared that the children enjoyed the attempts of swinging and breaking the piñatas open more than getting the candy.

A special thanks to those that help to make this event a success: Frank Gewet, Mike and Kay Baigert, Long-Quan, Minh-Quan, Multiple parents (contest judges), and honorable mention to Harris Teeter (decorations, snacks, etc...).

Thanks to all our Bellamy Woods residents for making this the best neighborhood in the city!!! We look forward the Halloween in the Park event next year.

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#### BELLAMY WOODS YOUTH SERVICES Babysitting ~~ Lawn Care ~~ Pet Care ~~ Pool Care ~~ Vacation Help/Plant Sitting These young residents of the Bellamy Woods community are seeking paid work – please consider them when help is needed: Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet Care Hunter Bingham (17) Grade 12 962-2127 (22) 651-7188 Caleb Brocaille College Lawn Care Isaac Brocaille (17) Grade 10 Lawn Care 651-7188 Grade 9 Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.), Pet Care Isabella Gonzalez (15) 424-0820 Cate Hickman (14)Grade 7 Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.) 495-6075 Babysitting, Tutoring (All Elem Subj. MS & HS English **Beatrice Korka** (20)College 703-999-9210 Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.) Raven Laibstain (16)Grade 10 467-3428 Mairi Morze (17)Grade 12 Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.) 467-1511 Becca Schwartzman (16)Grade 10 Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.) 416-6756 Irena Tobola (15)Grade 10 Babysitting (Red Cross Cert.) 467-3742 These free listings are provided as a service to the community. Email the Editor to get listed, submit updates, or ask questions. CITY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS VIA TEXT MESSAGE & EMAIL Recognizing that more people want to receive emergency information via email or on mobile devices, the City of Virginia Beach has expanded its emergency notification system. Anyone can now sign up to receive VBAlert text message and email notifications by going to www.VBgov.com/VBAlert. Users may identify areas of interest on an electronic map and designate one or more email addresses and/or mobile devices to which they want the alerts. Sent. Events that may generate a VBAlert message include: **Evacuation notices** Rabid animal alerts Hostage/barricade situations Boil water advisories Weather Warnings (tornadoes, flash floods, severe thunderstorms) • In need of a fun, carefree afternoon with other ladies, to eat, relax by the pool, and be refreshed? • In need of pampering and relaxation time? In need of marital enrichment? Sign up for the Brides in Training Brunch - a Christ-centered marriage enrichment session that is designed for every woman, regardless of marital status! Included: marital enrichment coaching, a fully catered brunch, nutritional training and a natural food tasting, chair massages, facials, foot soaks, an interior design lesson, etiquette training, a meal planning lesson, and a special time of worship led by the all-female Christian worship band, "His Hearts Liason." Hosted by: Lauren Holmes, M.A., Author, Speaker, Professor, Life Coach and your Bellamy Woods neighbor To register, please email lholmes79@gmail.com, our visit our page at successcoachingandtutoring.com, and leave your information in the contact section! "No matter what your age or stage, we all need spiritual renewal and training on how to have better marriages!"

\*Individual Life Coaching sessions are also offered as well.

## **History of Virginia Beach Series**

For those of you who are new to the area and even for longtime residents who haven't explored the history of our city, we are going to provide a series of newsletter articles that hopefully will let you get to better know your home. We welcome your feedback on this series.

Chesepians were the first inhabitants of the area now known as Tidewater in Virginia about whom hardly anything is known. They occupied an area which is now the independent cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach.

In 1607, after a voyage of 144 days, three ships headed by Captain Christopher Newport carrying 105 men and boys made their first landfall in the New World where the Atlantic Ocean meets the southern mouth of the Chesapeake Bay in the northeastern part of the city. They named it Cape Henry, after Henry Frederick, Prince of Wales, and the eldest son of King James I of England. However, these English colonists of the Virginia Company of London left the area, as they were under orders to seek a site further inland which would be more sheltered from ships of competing European countries. They created their first permanent settlement at Jamestown.

Adam Thoroughgood (1604–1640) of King's Lynn, Norfolk, England is one of the earliest Englishmen to settle in the area which became Virginia Beach. At the age of 18, he became an indentured servant to pay for passage to the Virginia Colony. He earned his freedom and became a leading citizen of the area. In 1629, he was elected to the House of Burgesses for Elizabeth Cittie, one of four "citties" (or incorporations) which were subdivided areas established in 1619.

In 1634, the Colony was divided into the original eight shires of Virginia, soon renamed as counties. Thoroughgood is credited with using the name of his home in England when helping name "New Norfolk County" in 1637. The following year, New Norfolk County was split into Upper Norfolk County (soon renamed Nansemond County) and Lower Norfolk County. Thoroughgood's choice of residence after 1634 was along the Lynnhaven River, also named for his home in England. Lower Norfolk County was quite large, and stretched all the way from the Atlantic Ocean west past the Elizabeth River, encompassing the entire area now within the modern cities of Portsmouth, Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach.

In 1691, Lower Norfolk County was divided to form Norfolk County and Princess Anne County. Princess Anne, the easternmost county in South Hampton Roads, extended northward from the North Carolina border to Cape Henry at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, and included all of the area fronting the Atlantic Ocean. Princess Anne County was to last from 1691 to 1963, over 250 years. The small resort area of Virginia Beach grew in Princess Anne County, beginning in the late 19th century, particularly after the 1888 arrival of rail service and electricity and the opening of the original Princess Anne Hotel at the oceanfront near the tiny community of Seatack. In 1891, guests at the new hotel watched the wreck and rescue efforts of the United States Life-Saving Service for the Norwegian bark *Dictator*. The ship's figurehead, which washed up on the beach several days later, was erected as a modest monument to the victims and rescuers along the oceanfront for more than 50 years, and later became the inspiration for the current matching Norwegian Lady Monuments in Virginia Beach and Moss, Norway, sculpted by Ørnulf Bast.

#### THANK YOU, KYLE BULLARD!

After 3 years of dedicated service to our community, we regret to report that Vice President **Kyle Bullard** of Worthington Lane has stepped down from our Board at the end of 2013.

During Kyle's tenure as Vice President our neighborhood's annual activities were sustained and improved. Upon taking over as Party in the Park Event Coordinator, Kyle worked very hard on everything from setting up, the quality of the food, creating a fun environment for the kids, and serving as MC. His colleagues will greatly miss his contribution and leadership. When you see Kyle please join us in thanking him for his work.

#### ... BWCL BOARD MEMBER OPENING

#### Vice President

Kyle's departure leaves the Vice President officer position vacant on our Board. It is a fun, positive, and friendly group that enjoys getting things done for our neighborhood. We conduct much of our work by email to cut down on the need for meetings. Please let any Board Member know if you'd like to serve or learn more about the position.

#### Newsletter Editor

Four times a year, BWCL sends a newsletter to each and every home in our civic league. The articles are written by Board members, neighbors, students, or concerned citizens. We are in need of volunteer to take all these inputs and create a appreciated newsletter for our community. Do you feel a need to give back to your neighborhood? If so, contact anyone on the board and volunteer today!

#### PARTY IN THE PARK 2013

What a glorious day! The weather was perfect for a picnic in the park on Sunday, September 8, 2013. Over two hundred of our residents and guests joined us for great food, games and fellowship. With the park improvements complete, a ribbon cutting ceremony was in order with Councilwoman Amelia Ross-Hammond and Brian Solis from Virginia Beach Parks & Rec on hand to commemorate our neighborhood/city partnership.

Residents sprawled under the shade of our willow tree and took advantage of the new picnic tables. Bubba n Franks catered the event with residents sharing some of their favorite desert delicacies. All the customary picnic favorites were served, pulled pork, fried chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Our younger revelers enjoyed Face Painting, hula hoops and a Bouncy House. The traditional sack race and egg toss games attracted all ages. Several folks took advantage of the volleyball net and the playground. It was a special day for fantastic memories made by all who attended.

A successful event like this takes weeks of planning and a tremendous effort. A shout-out goes to Kyle Bullard and the PIP committee who without their participation, this event would not be possible. A special thanks to our MC-Tom Brandl who masterfully selected a wide variety of music and entertained us throughout the afternoon. We would be remise if we didn't mention our appreciation to the Game Organizers, Kay & Mike Baigert; our newest board member, John Sokolowski, who helped with setup and volunteered to stand guard of equipment while the rest of the set up crew went home for a short respite. Thank you to Frank & Irene Gewet who searched the local flyers for the best deals on drinks and to Walter Camp who secured donations from Harris Teeter. Our appreciation to all the volunteers who helped with set up, the Fleming Family, all the youth, JT Haste, Long-Quan Pham, Ming-Quan Pham, and Drew Waters. Thank you to the membership table volunteers, Billy Waters, Teresa Kraus, Mr. & Mrs. Speelman. And to all those we haven't mentioned. Your contribution is treasured.

In addition to our neighbors, local merchants helped make our party special with gift certificate donations:

•Jet Pizza, 4402 Princess Anne Rd

•Los Palmas, Brenneman Farm Shopping Ctr

•Mannino's Italian Bistro, 4402 Princess Anne Rd

•Primo Pizza, Brenneman Farm Shopping Ctr

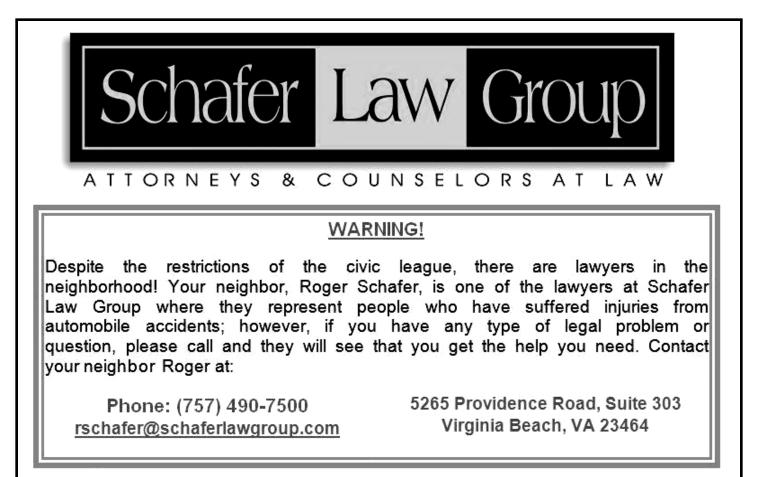
•Rainbow Garden, Brenneman Farm Shopping Ctr

Thank them for their generosity when you patronage their establishment. And if you didn't make it to the PIP this year, we sure hope to see you next year.



## JET'S PIZZA: We're Glad to be Your New Neighbor!





#### Bellamy Woods Civic League Treasurer Report

2013-2014

as of January 31, 2014

			Actual 7/1/13 to 1/31/14	Approved Budget		
Bank Balance (start of year)			\$8,534.00	\$	8,534.00	
Reven	ues					
01	01-Membership Dues		5040.00		6750.00	
02	02-Donations					
03	03-Other		15.00			
04	04-Advertisement Revenue		545.00		1000.00	
05	05-Donated In-Kind (non-cash)		427.00		400.00	
То	tal Revenues	\$	6,027.00	\$	8,150.00	

#### Expenses

Men	nbership Benefits & Costs		
10	Party in the Park	1,878.00	2000.00
11	Halloween party	76.00	175.00
12	Membership invoice	150.00	300.00
13	Newsletters	518.00	1600.00
17	Entrance Signs electricity	232.00	500.00
20	Beautification/Landscaping	147.00	600.00
21	Garage sale ad		30.00
22	Meeting Expenses	11.00	250.00
23	Neighborhood Directory		
24	Web Site Support		300.00
28	Entrance Sign Repair		250.00
29	Bulletin Boards		50.00
30	Donations In Kind Expense	427.00	400.00
Oth	er-Misc		
60	Council dues		30.00
61	Council dinner		200.00
62	PTA Donations/Dues (\$100 each to KHS, KMS, PES)	300.00	300.00
63	Insurance		450.00
31	Supplemental Event Insurance	350.00	300.00
64	UBIT (unrelated business income tax)	15.00	50.00
65	Office Supplies	5.00	150.00
66	Bank Charges		75.00
67	PayPal Charges	 66.00	100.00
Tot	al Operating Expenses	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 8,110.00

Capital Improvements				
105 Violet Bank Bike Path Marker				1000.00
Total Capital Expenses	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$	4,175.00	\$	9,110.00
Bank Balance (current) Insurance Reserve-Restricted Funds	\$ \$	10,386.00 2,000.00	\$ \$	7,574.00 2,000.00
Funds Available for Neighborhood Improvement Project	\$	8,386.00	\$	5,574.00
Respectfully Prepared by: Cathe Waters, Treasurer, Bellamy Woods Civic League				

#### Kempsville Community Seminar

On Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, city planner, Clay Bernick will present the upcoming plans for the Kempsville/Princess Anne Rd intersection.

Come see the wonderful changes that are planned for Historic Kempsville.

Community United Methodist Church (in the Social Hall) 1072 Old Kempsville Road 6:45pm Thursday April 10th

Refreshments provided Free child care with a reservation by calling 495-1021

#### Garbage Collection Guidelines

- Have containers and/or items for pickup at the street by 7:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- Put the container on the street with the handle toward your house.
- Keep at least 3 feet of clearance between your container and any other item (yard waste bags, limbs, bulky items, mailboxes, cable boxes, or vehicles) including the blue recycle container.
- Remove containers from public view at the end of collection day.
- Clearly label your container with your address and record your container serial number.
- No other garbage will be collected outside of 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.





### **Upcoming BWCL Events**

General Meeting	March 11th, Tuesday, 7pm Providence Road Elementary
Newsletter Advertisement Deadline	April 4 <sup>th</sup> , Friday (send to treasurer@bellamywoodscivicleague.org)
Block Captain Social	April 6th, Sunday (Safety@bellamywoodscivicleague.org)
Kempsville Community Seminar	April 10 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday, 6:45 Community United Methodist Church
Community Clean Up	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday

For more information, please visit <u>www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org</u> or use your Smartphone to scan the QR code at right.



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