

BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



Our recent 11" snow fall was rare and magical so we hope you got out to play! But, we suspect you are really looking forward to Spring's milder weather, flowers and longer days! Listed inside are the Bellamy Woods Civic League's 2025 Spring and Summer events and other news, including a link to a survey on page 2. We'd really like your input on Party-in-the-Park and other community events.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year in our neighborhood!

Please join the Bellamy Woods Civic League (BWCL)! BWCL is an unincorporated association whose purpose is to promote good fellowship and citizenship in our neighborhood. BWCL Board members are all volunteers and residents who, just like you, love living in this beautiful and friendly neighborhood. The annual \$35 membership voluntary dues (per home) are used to organize neighborhood events, to publish this newsletter, to care for community owned assets including entrance signage, lighting and landscaping, the park kiosk and we provide the pet bags at the park. We ask each home to join or renew your membership today so we can continue these and other activities. It's a great value at only \$35/year per home!

BWCL also addresses issues or topics of interest – such as our recent success getting the city to cut the bushes, trim trees & install a light at the Berrywood pump station. This area was being used as a place for car thieves to hide. More recently, the Board expressed our neighborhood's support for long-planned improvements to the well-used Kempsville Public Library.

It's easy to join/renew on our website or use the form on Page 6.

And, thank you for your support!



Please visit the BWCL website which we update quarterly at:

<https://www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org>

and

Bellamy Woods Neighbors & Friends Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BellamyWoods>

For news, resident postings and updates.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INPUT! TAKE THE BWCL SURVEY!

The Bellamy Woods Civic League was created for all of its residents. We meet several times a year to discuss ways to help build our community, strengthen relationships, keep our community safer and bring fun to our kids and adults. Please complete our survey about Party-in-the Park, which also provides the opportunity to let us know what else you'd like our Civic League to be doing. This will help to make our events better and help your dues to be spent in the ways you want. If you aren't yet a member, consider joining! Survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZGDGZL5>

SAVE THE DATES: BWCL SPRING & SUMMER 2025 EVENTS

BWCL GENERAL MEETING.

All residents welcome and invited to attend!
3/22/25 at 7pm Selwood cul-de-sac

Learn about BWCL 2025 plans and learn about opportunities for high school students to serve for one year on a City Board or Commission. There are 25 such positions across 11 different agencies advising VB City Council on a wide variety of local government topics. A great way for students to have a direct impact and great on their resume! A social event, with snacks & a fire pit, will follow the business meeting.

Rain Date: 3/23/25



BWCL EASTER EGG HUNT

4/5/25 at 3pm
Bellamy Woods Park
Free event for all Residents!

Rain Date: 4/6/25



BWCL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

5/3/25 8am to 12pm

BWCL promotes the yard sale on various sites on your behalf! Bellamy Manor Estates (north of Providence) is holding their yard sale the same day to attract even more customers to our area!

Do your Spring clean-out and sell to those looking for treasures! CHKD will pick up unsold items, including clothing, shoes, bicycles, electronics, books, furniture, and sporting goods placed at end of your driveway after 12 pm.

Rain Date: 5/10/25



BWCL SPRING AND SUMMER 2025 EVENTS (cont.)

BWCL PARTY-IN-THE-PARK

5/3/25

2 to 5pm

Bellamy Woods Park

Join our annual "meet, greet & re-connect with your neighbors" event. Kids' activities, food, music & fun!

Please note: for the first time, this event is the same day as the Neighborhood Yard Sale so relax & enjoy time with your neighbors after your successful morning yard sale! You don't have to cook dinner as we provide the food!

Free to BWCL members so please join/renew today!
Rain Date: 5/10/25



BWCL 4th of JULY PARADE

7/4/25

10 am

Starts at Berrywood & Worthington

Show your patriotic spirit in our annual parade by wearing red, white & blue! Decorate your bikes and scooters! Parade ends at Bellamy Woods park with an ice cream truck! Free event for all residents!



Support Your Community & 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? Our neighborhood Civic League is offering a fantastic opportunity to do just that! Each year, the Civic League proudly hosts four major community events: • Easter Egg Hunt • Party in the Park • July 4th Parade • Halloween Party. These events bring our neighborhood together, fostering a sense of unity, fun, and tradition. To keep them running strong, *we invite local businesses to become Neighborhood Event Sponsor!*

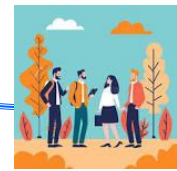
What's in It for You? For just \$25 per event (\$100 for the year), your business can become a key supporter of our beloved community gatherings. In return, *we will create a sponsorship banner featuring your business logo, which will be displayed prominently at each event*, giving you valuable exposure to residents and attendees.

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.* We'll need your business logo and sponsorship contribution to get started.

Join us in making our neighborhood events better than ever while giving your business the local exposure it deserves. We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you!



Nov 2, 2024 Annual Membership Meeting

Over 40 residents attended the Nov 2 general membership meeting held outdoors at the end of the cul-de-sac on Selwood drive. Actions taken at the meeting are listed below. A social event followed the business meeting.

At-Large BWCL Board Director Seat Election

Two residents had expressed interest in the vacant BWCL board seat. A vote was held and Meghan Timlin Mohr, a long-time BWCL resident, was elected to the seat. Meghan has coordinated the fun, patriotic BWCL 4th of July parade for many years. Welcome to the BWCL board, Meghan!

Extension of two Board terms

Cat Watson stated that all board seats (except the newly elected at-large position above) expire on the same date: 12/31/25 so the Board requested to stagger two terms to provide better continuity for the civic league. The membership voted to extend the terms of Andy Fiebig and Teresa Kraus for one year to 12/31/26.

BWCL Bylaws & Constitution

Walter Camp reviewed proposed changes to the BWCL Bylaws & Constitution which had not been amended since 2005. The membership voted to approve the changes. The revised documents can be reviewed on the BWCL website at: <https://www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org/constitution--by-laws.html>

President's statement

Cat Watson stated that BWCL encourages involvement and good neighbor relations. She stated that BWCL is not code enforcement and does not write letters to residents. She wants residents to have a say in their civic league and stated that the "letter writer" who sends anonymous letters to residents is not the BWCL.

Treasurer report

Teresa Kraus stated that the membership year has been changed from a fiscal year (July to June) to a calendar year to better line up dues with events and to avoid confusion. Anyone joining after October 1, will be a member for the following calendar year. The fiscal year remains as July to June. Teresa also presented the 2024-2025 Budget which the membership voted to approve and which is available on the BWCL website under About/Treasurer reports.

Violet Bank Trail Update: on Dec 10, 2024, VB City Council approved the final step necessary to build a 6' wide ADA-compliant sidewalk that will connect three neighborhoods south of Providence Road. It will run about 2/3 mile alongside the stormwater ditch in the City-owned 50' wide corridor from Selwood Drive through Bellamy Manor, reaching Kittery Drive in Stratford Chase. The sidewalk will provide a safe alternative to Providence Road for people of all abilities. Council's ordinance cited the need "... to improve public access to school, the local library and recreation center and shopping areas; to improve bikeways and trails and roadway connectivity and accessibility and to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists..." The Kempsville Recreation Association wrote a letter of support to Council for this sidewalk so kids have a safer way to get to the playing fields - especially those with working parents unable to drive them to such activities during work hours.

City Council approved the project twice before but the final design was changed in response to public input, reducing the width from the original 10', eliminating a portion alongside Kittery Road and changing the materials from concrete to less expensive and easier to repair asphalt. City staff have since applied for and received approval from VDOT, who is funding a portion of the project, for the design changes. Utility relocation is expected to begin in Mar/Apr. Construction is expected to begin in the Dec 25/Jan 26 time frame with completion in early 2027.

No new information is available at this time about the completely separate stormwater management project being developed by Public Works to improve the ditch in the same corridor by 2029.

Per the BWCL by-laws, each calendar year, the BWCL Board elects the officers of the Board. At its Jan 2025 meeting, the Board elected the four officers as listed on Page 6 of the newsletter.

The City utilizes VBAAlert, powered by Smart911, to inform residents and visitors when there is a public safety situation or other major city event (including changes in trash pick-up). Sign up for free at: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=CityofVirginiaBeach>

BWCL HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Oct 27, 2024, residents had fun at the BWCL Halloween party. Hitting (and often missing) several piñatas added lots of laughs this year! Thanks to Raven & Andy Fiebig who coordinated and emceed the event, and to the judges who had a tough job picking the best costumes by age groups and for families. Enjoy some pictures from the event below!



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

Please join or renew today either 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

Phone: 757-615-4915 Email: Treasurer@bellamywoodscivicleague.org

Dues are \$35/year per home per year.

See page 1 and the website for the many benefits of being a member and THANK YOU!



Name(s) of Resident(s)

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Address

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Phone #

Second Phone #

Owner or Renter?

Possible Volunteer for

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>	
President	Andy Fiebig	President@bellamywoodscivicleague.org
Vice President	Cat Watson	Vicepresident@bellamywoodscivicleague.org
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Secretary	Cathe Waters	Secretary@bellamywoodscivicleague.org
Special Projects Director	Frank Gewet	
At Large Director	Sue DeValdes	
At Large Director	Meghan Timlin Mohr	

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BWCL VOLUNTEERS LISTED BELOW!

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

Events Coordinators	Andy Fiebig, Raven Fiebig, Meghan Timlin Mohr
Historic Kempsville CAC	Walter Camp
VBCCO Reps	Walter Camp & Suzanne Pedigo
Neighborhood Park Kiosk Postings	Mel Watson
Website Administrator	Teresa Kraus & Suzanne Pedigo
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