BELLAMY WOODS CIVIC LEAGUE
WINTER/SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

Brrrrr! Punxsutawney Phil predicted correctly on Groundhog Day - six more weeks of winter! We're experiencing some of the coldest weather in many years so break out those scarves, gloves, flannel shirts and ice scrapers! We hope you are able to stay inside with a warm fire and hot cocoa as we all look forward to Spring!

March 2nd General Membership meeting is described below. BWCL events through July 2026 are listed on page two. We hope to see you at these events!

General Membership Meeting
Monday 3/2/26 at 7 PM at Kempsville High School Library

How should our City look and grow in the coming years? Do you want more development below the green line? More trails, open space, affordable housing? Walter Camp, our District One Planning Commissioner (and past BWCL President) will speak about the role of the Planning Commission (PC) and discuss highlights in the draft City's Comprehensive Plan. This plan projects Virginia Beach 20 to 25 years into the future and guides development and investment across the City. The PC will make a recommendation on whether to adopt the draft plan to City Council at its Mar 11 meeting. City Council will then vote, in April, to adopt or change the plan. Come learn about the plan and how you can make your voice heard!

This event is open to all Bellamy Woods residents

BWCL Officers: at its Jan 2026 board meeting, the BWCL board elected Andy Fiebig as President, Meghan Timlin-Mohr as Vice President, Teresa Kraus as Treasurer and Cathe Waters as Secretary. Officers are elected each year from the current Directors and serve one-year terms. See page 6 for a full list of Board Directors.

Have you joined or renewed your Civic League membership for 2026? Membership is only $35/year per home and provides all the benefits listed on page 6, including this newsletter! Members will be listed on the Bellamy Woods Neighbor and Friends Facebook page throughout the year. Please support BWCL, your voluntary community organization, by joining/renewing today!

Please visit the BWCL website which we update quarterly at:
https://www.bellamywoodscivicleague.org
and the
Bellamy Woods Neighbors & Friends Facebook page at:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/BellamyWoods
For news, resident postings and updates

*** UPCOMING BWCL PROGRAMS/EVENTS ***

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
General Meeting	Mon, 3/2/26	7 PM	Kempsville High School Library	VB Comprehensive Plan update by Walter Camp, District One Planning Commissioner. See page one for more information. ***All residents welcome!***
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat, 3/28/26 Sun, 3/29/26 (rain date)	3 PM	Bellamy Woods Neighborhood Park	Egg hunt by age group and a visit from the Easter bunny for fun photos! ***BWCL membership not required***
Neighborhood Yard Sale	Sat, 5/2/26	8 AM to 12 PM	Your front yard!	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 from your driveway after 12 PM.
4th of July Neighborhood Parade	Sat, 7/4/26	10 AM	Berrywood Rd. & Worthington to Bellamy Woods Park	Celebrate our nation's 250th birthday as we walk and ride to our park. Wear red, white & blue and decorate your bikes and scooters to show your patriotic spirit! Parade followed by ice cream in the park. ***All residents welcome!***

PARTY-IN-THE PARK IS MOVING (BACK) TO LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL. MORE INFO WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE BELLAMY WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE & OUR WEBSITE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

Become a Neighborhood Event Sponsor & Promote Your Business!

Are you a local business owner looking for an 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 BWCL's 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.

October 9, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting Highlights

- **Cat Watson** served as President and Vice President of BWCL in recent years, but due to work commitments, chose not to re-run for election when her term expired on 12/31/25. A big ***THANK YOU*** to Cat for her service and leadership for these past several years!
- The membership voted to elect **Suzanne Pedigo** to a 3-year term ending 12/31/28 to fill the vacant at-large board seat.
- The membership voted to re-elect **Sue DeValdes, Frank Gewet and Cathe Waters** to 3-year terms ending 12/31/28.
- **Phil Pilcher** and other City of VB Public Works engineers spoke on stormwater drainage filter that will be installed in the Bellamy Woods Park. The project will improve water quality in local water systems and remove debris and unwanted nutrients which cause algae blooms. Construction is expected to begin in April 2030 and is estimated to take one year. The area affected is near the Glen Lochen Drive picnic shelter.
- **Sarah Sindingler, Kempsville Library Branch Manager**, highlighted the "Library of Things" that can be checked out from the libraries - ranging from outdoor gear like surfboards to board games, craft kits, musical instruments, kitchen tools, toys, tech (Wi-Fi hotspots, 3D printer), a puzzle swap, and a year-round Seed Library—as well as homebound delivery for patrons unable to visit a library for six months. Programs for all ages include outdoor book clubs, book talks, kayaking-themed events, a monthly Walk & Talk, "Positive Reading" with therapy dogs, and tabletop gaming (first Saturdays for adults at Central Library), with additional activities at Kempsville. Attendees were encouraged to check the online program calendar and set up library accounts via the website. Amazing! What a treasure our libraries are! Visit:

  https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/
  https://libraries.virginiabeach.gov/books-more/library-of-things

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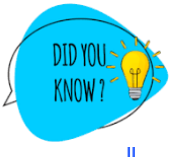

- **City of Virginia Beach email newsletter** at: https://cloud.mc.virginiabeach.gov/ghbz32hbemp
- **VBAlert:** powered by RAVE Smart911. VB Alert is the city's opt-in emergency alert and warning systems. It alerts residents when there is a public safety situation or other major city event by text or 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. **VBCCO also is holding free classes to learn about how Virginia Beach government works.** Visit: https://www.vbcco.org/
- **VB Park Finder App:** https://parks.virginiabeach.gov/outdoors/city-parks
- **VB Connect App: search for "VB Connect" on Google play or Apple.** Official mobile application for City of VB and one-stop portal for residents to access city services, including trash/recycling schedules, parking updates at the Oceanfront, voting locations, pay city bills, news and events. Sign up for alerts!

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.

DID YOU KNOW that City Council and Planning Commission meetings are cablecast live on VB NOW Cox Cable channel 48, on Verizon Cable channel 45 and on the **VirginiaBeach.gov media center?** The meetings are rebroadcast on Cox channel 48 and Verizon channel 45 after the meeting.

BWCL HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Oct 26, 2025, kids and adults dressed in great costumes, danced to the music played by a DJ and took swings at a pinata at our annual BWCL Halloween party! Thanks to the judges and all who helped coordinate and volunteered at the party!

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**FIRST ANNUAL BWCL HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST **

Our neighborhood showed its holiday spirit with many homes festively and beautifully decorated! 1st and 2nd place winners are shown on page 5 in the categories below. With so many wonderfully decorated homes, it was hard to decide on the "winners!" We will add more categories next year!

1st place in each category received a $30 Primo Pizza gift card and a BWCL "holiday winner" sign to proudly display in their yard for two weeks. 2nd place winners received a $15 gift card. Many residents enjoyed driving throughout the neighborhood to see the lights!

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

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

Category 3 – Holiday Favorite – most festive display!

See page 5 for pictures of the award winning homes!

FIRST ANNUAL BWCL HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS

1st Place

It was quite the surprise to go to Meredith's house to present the Griswold award and when she opened the door, she was wearing a Griswold shirt! No, this was not a set up and brought smiles to our faces! Guess we picked the right house for this award!

2nd Place

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Dues are $35/year per home. ***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. Unsure if you renewed? Contact Teresa Kraus at email below. The BWCL is not an HOA nor code enforcement.

Name(s) of Resident(s)	
Address	Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Phone #	Second Phone #
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Email addresses are not published but may be used for sending BWCL crime alerts & newsletters to residents

BWCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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At Large Director	Frank Gewet	
At Large Director	Suzanne Pedigo	

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BWCL VOLUNTEERS

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

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