

# Wellington Woods Neighborhood News

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to have a unified voice that protects and enhances the value and living enjoyment of our neighborhood....and of course, fun times to make a strong neighborhood.



**Join us for our Annual Family Fall Festival  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:00 pm in Lord Seaton Circle.**

Lots of fun planned for the kids: bounce house, games, and amazing face painting by Buttercup Fancy Face Painting - Dana Mitchell. Costume contest - prizes for best girl and boy costumes.

Hot dogs, desserts, and water will be provided. Bring beverages, chairs, and a dish to share.

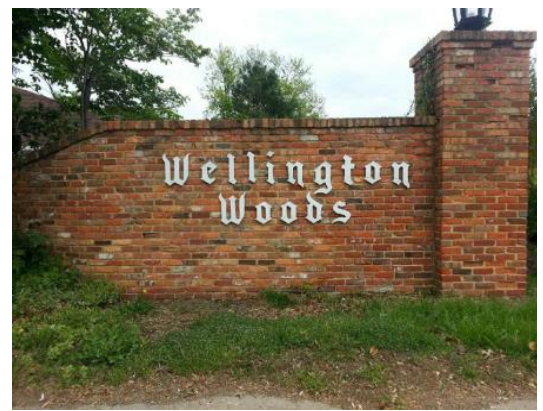
Welcome Packet for all new neighbors.



Chili cook-off – Prize for 1st place chili!

50/50 raffle – 50% to the winner and 50% to the WWCL scholarship.  
(\$1/ticket or \$5/ 6 tickets) – bring cash or check to WWCL.

In addition, we will be collecting non-perishable goods and children's books to be donated to local charities.



**Mark your Calendar**  
for exact locations and times visit  
[wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com](http://wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com)

## October 28th

Annual Fall Festival...expected attendance 125 plus

## October 30th

Community Night at Casby's.

## November 4th

Fall Median/Flowerbed Cleanup

## December 2nd

Holiday Parade at the Beach

## December 7th

Holiday Social

## Special Thank You...

Our 2017 Driveway Socials were a great success. Overall attendance was around 350. Thank you to the Shepard, Nohe, Brannock and Zell families for hosting each month. It was nice so many neighbors came out and enjoyed the fellowship, food and fantastic weather. Looking forward to the 2018 season!



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## Wellington Woods Civic League Election of Officers

A Civic League is a group of neighbors, organized together to work toward improving neighborhoods, encouraging neighbors to engage each other, and seeking to improve overall quality of life.

In order for the WWCL to be effective in its mission, we need volunteers ~ people like YOU ~ to help with the many on-going programs that have molded Wellington Woods into a thriving community.

It's election time for our President and Secretary. Volunteering for these positions only takes a few hours a year with the help other board members and volunteers. If you'd like more information on these positions or would like to be considered, please contact Paul Brannock, WWCL President at 757-639-3655.

## Wellington Woods Community Night at Casby's

**Monday, October 30th** will be a special night at Casby's Restaurant (located at 1336 N. Great Neck Road). The restaurant has graciously agreed to host a community night, with 10% of all food sales being gifted to Wellington Woods Civic League (WWCL). We are asking that you please come out on Monday, October 30th to support this great opportunity to raise money for WWCL. Please join other neighborhood families for dinner at the restaurant and let's support Casby's generosity to give back to the local communities. We are hoping for a strong showing of our support in return for their contribution to our funds. Invite your family and friends. Thank you for your support!

You can find their menu at Casby's <http://www.casbys.com/>

## Happy Fall Y'all! – Volunteers Needed!

**Saturday, November 4th** - Grab your gloves, rakes, shovels and come on out to the main median 8:30-10:30 am to help us spruce up the median and flower beds at both entrances.

## Holiday Social

**Thursday, December 7th** –

Keep an eye out for a flyer and information on WWCL website and NextDoor.com for more details to come.



## Treasurer Report

Currently we have \$3,006.27 in our account. For the past year we've been operating within a budget based upon dues collected and we are very close to staying on budget with all.

For 2017 we've had 60% (134) of the 225 homes paying dues. This is down slightly from 2016 64% level and we attribute this to new homeowners and residents not being as aware. We are taking actions to improve this awareness looking forward.

A current list of all homes paying is found on [wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com](http://wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com)

To date our expenses paid out was total \$2,100.98 and we contributed \$510 to the 2017 Scholarship winner.

## Planning for 2017/2018

The WWCL board members meet monthly via phone conference and discuss things happening in our neighborhood, community, and future events.

We will be planning for the 2018 year and would love to hear your ideas or suggestions for events, meetings, newsletter/website ideas, etc. Please contact any of the board members listed below with your suggestions or concerns. Thank you!



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## SEVERAL ITEMS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This year has been great and I personally would like to thank Dean Nohe, Alicia Shepard, Meghan Matthews and Dan Brannock. They all work full-time, wear the many hats of life, have always been there, and contributed whether it's actions needed, reports, chairing an event, attendance or giving valuable input into our monthly calls. Below are several items that have been accomplished behind the scenes (there are others but these are a few based upon space):



- Fixing and painting the lettering on wall entrance.
- Getting the city to repair the speed limit sign that was hit by a car.
- Repairing entrance lighting which was also hit by the same car that hit the speed limit sign. We are also getting a quote from Dominion Power for new lighting.
- Re-negotiating our landscape contract to save almost 50% annually.
- Making sure we stick with a balanced budget.
- Helping with all dues collections and communications with Block Coordinators.
- Planning our social opportunities...and much more while having fun and making a difference.

Thanks to all that have come out and supported our events to build a strong community. We have a few more large scale events as we end 2017, so I hope all can come out and enjoy.

As we wind down for the year we do have a couple openings for WWCL officers. Please email me if interested in making a difference [wellingtonwoodscivicleague@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonwoodscivicleague@gmail.com). Having new ideas and approaches are very effective and we would love to pass these opportunities along. You can count on us to be there for assistance as well.

Cheers, Paul Brannock

### WWCL Resources:

Please be sure to sign up for ALL the following to receive up to date WWCL information. You don't want to miss out on upcoming events, news, and neighborhood / city emergency information, etc.

- If you are new or not already on the distribution list, please email Paul Brannock, President at [wellingtonwoodscivicleague@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonwoodscivicleague@gmail.com) to be added to our neighbor distribution list. Your email will NOT be made public.
- Go online and follow both sites:  
Websites: <http://wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com/> and <https://nextdoor.com/join/> Enter Code: HZZDCP

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## Did you know...?

### Flood Insurance

A standard homeowner's insurance policy does not cover flooding. With all hurricane season and the unfortunate acts of nature happening around our country it's something to consider. Although our neighborhood is not currently a flood zone and does not require flood insurance it's always a good idea to be prepared and ready.

Visit the **National Flood Insurance Program** website to obtain detailed information about flood insurance for property owners, claims adjusters, insurance professionals, lenders, state and local officials, and surveyors. For more information, contact your insurance agent or company, or call the National Flood Insurance Program's toll-free number at 1-888-379-9531 (TDD# 1-800-427-5593). Or email [FloodSmart@dhs.gov](mailto:FloodSmart@dhs.gov).

<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>

## October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Each and every one of us needs to do our part to make sure that our online lives are kept safe and secure. That's what National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) – observed in October – is all about!

### 10 Tips For Practicing Safe Cyber

1. **KEEP SECURITY SOFTWARE CURRENT:** Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.
2. **AUTOMATE SOFTWARE UPDATES:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that's an available option.
3. **PROTECT ALL DEVICES THAT CONNECT TO THE INTERNET:** Along with computers, smart phones, gaming systems, and other web-enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware.
4. **PLUG & SCAN:** USBs and other external devices can be infected by viruses and malware. Use your security software to scan them.
5. **MAKE PASSWORDS LONG AND STRONG:** Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
6. **USE UNIQUE PASSWORD FOR EACH ACCOUNT:** Separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals.
7. **WRITE IT DOWN AND KEEP IT SAFE:** Everyone can forget a password. Keep a list that's stored in a safe, secure place away from your computer.
8. **WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT:** Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.
9. **GET SAVVY ABOUT WI-FI HOTSPOTS:** Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.
10. **PROTECT YOUR \$\$:** When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://," which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "Htp://" is not secure.

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