

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.



Message from WWCL Vice President

Neighbors,

I hope all had a good Winter and are ready for a fantastic Spring and Summer!

Over the past few months there have been some good items happening.

- We were able to budget funds from our general budget to clean, replace, re-point both brick walls at the Northern entrance to the neighborhood. Between both walls there were over 200 bricks completely replaced. We also re-pointed all front and side facing bricks and had all power washed. This was the first major service done to these walls since they were built in 1971. See photos on page 3
- As all may have seen we now have handicap accessibility to all sidewalks. Hopefully all finishing touches will be in place soon
- Unfortunately, we've recently had 2 crashes into the fencing on our southern entrance. In addition, to numerous concerns I've received over the years, this also demonstrates that we need better lighting at that entrance. We have letters out to our City Council office. I also have quotes from Dominion Power regarding the costs and options for lighting installations
- Last year we were able to award 2 Scholarships from our dedicated fund. Looking forward to having good contributions as part of our dues program. Also, a reminder the scholarship application deadline is June 15, 2025

UPCOMING Events

- **April 30th** General WWCL Meeting
- **May 3rd** Kite Festival from 16th-18th Streets Oceanfront
- **May-Sept:**
Live Music: Fountain Plaza nightly at Town Center VB 5-9pm and YNot Wednesdays outside Sandler Center live music, food, cocktails and vendors
Summer WW Neighborhood Driveway Socials happen one Friday evening per month – Dates to be determined. See pg 2
- **June 15th** WWCL Dues deadline



New property owners or renters ~ Help us update our records so you can receive valuable WWCL updates. Simply email your name(s) and address to wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com

Subject: New Neighbor

Stay connected with Wellington Woods

WWCL website:

<http://wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com/>

Friend us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/wellington.woods.5>

Join Next-door:

<https://nextdoor.com>

Message from Vice President (continued)

- We have lots of interest this year from residents to become more involved with WWCL. Great to see some new neighbors stepping up
- As a reminder dues cover landscaping at both entrances, median, electricity and other enhancements determined by WWCL. There are some appropriations for driveway socials and fall festival, but in respect to all these are minor expenses however, this is a big benefit for neighbors to get to know all

We are planning to have a general meeting April 30th. I will be hosting at my house/side garage 920 Earl of Chatham Lane from 7-830pm.

Please save the date and some itinerary items include:

- Finance and dues plans
- Median landscape plans for spring-fall
- Lighting options/decisions for south entrance
- Installing letters on brick wall
- Re-installing WW sign on south entrance
- Planned Driveway social dates
- New items brought forward from neighbors
- New officers and volunteers for WWCL

Thanks again to all for making this a great place to live!

Paul Brannock
WWCL Vice President



WELLINGTON WOODS REAL ESTATE MARKET

For Sale:

936 Duke of Suffolk Dr. 4/3 2,542 sq ft \$630,000

Recently Sold:

2201 N. Wolfsnare Dr. 4/3 2,100 sq ft 11/27/24 \$515,000
921 Earl of Essex Arch 3/2 1,700 sq ft 12/31/24 \$435,000
808 Earl of Balfon Ct 3/2 1,545 sq ft 1/23/25 \$457,000
704 Earl of Warwick Ct 5/4 2,770 sq ft 2/3/25 \$635,000

Information obtained from REDFIN and Zillow websites.

2025 CIVIC LEAGUE DUES DRIVE

Dues help the Civic League upkeep, repair and improve our neighborhood. As well as host fun activities throughout the year.

To pay your \$25 membership dues, you have options:

1. Online Pay Now button on the WWCL website;
<http://wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com/>
2. Mail/drop off to Sarah Cherry, Treasurer at 2205 Lord Seaton Circle. **Dues form is located on the last page** of this newsletter.

Driveway Socials

Looking for neighbors who would like to host this year's socials. You can host in your driveway or maybe get a few neighbors together and host in a court/dead end street. Pick any Friday night of the months May through September. All we ask of you is to provide a few tables and paper products. Contact Alicia Shepard 757-450-4448 if interested in hosting.

Neighborly Meet Up



Main Entrance Brick Wall Restoration Project

BEFORE PICTURES:



AFTER PICTURES:



2025 High School Scholarship Application

If your high school senior is planning to continue their education immediately upon graduation to any post-secondary institution, they can apply for the WWCL scholarship by going on our website "Scholarship Program" tab at wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com. Application Deadline is **June 15, 2025**. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 15, 2025.

Thank you to the Lord Seaton Circle

neighbors for hosting the 2024 Fall Festival.

This is always a well-attended and fun event for everyone.

We look forward to 2025's Fall Festival.



New Wellington Woods ADA Standards Curb Ramps

In January, the City of Virginia Beach installed curb ramps throughout Wellington Woods complying with the applicable ADA Standards at intersection having curbs to entry from a street level pedestrian walkway. In addition, the City has a link on its website for citizens to report problems including requesting ADA ramp installation or improvement. Curb ramps are a small but important part of making sidewalks, street crossings, and the other pedestrian routes that make up the public right-of-way accessible to people with disabilities.



FOR SALE:

2022 Grand Design Reflection 340RDS
\$60,000 or best offer.

Will sell 2020
F250 truck as a
package for
\$100,000 .



340 RDS Grand
Design
Reflection 5th

Wheel (36 ft) is like new & never any issues.

Extended ceramic coating & tire warranties!

Sleeps 6

- Living area has 2 recliners and 2 pull out sofa beds

- Front private bedroom with the queen bed
(storage under bed too)

- Full wall wardrobe closet that has been prepped to
add the optional washer and dryer.

- 30" x 48" fiberglass shower, also outdoor shower
and linen cabinet

- Gourmet kitchen has everything you will need to
create home cooked meals including a deep, seated
stainless steel sink, LOTS of cabinet storage and
pantry

- Large 12 Cu. Ft.
Refrigerator & can be
used on propane or
electric.

- Tankless hot water
heater (endless hot
water!)

- 3 slide outs

- large underbelly storage

- Automatic level



The truck is a 2020 Super Duty diesel with 41,000 miles
and recently inspected. Will also include the super glide
hitch.

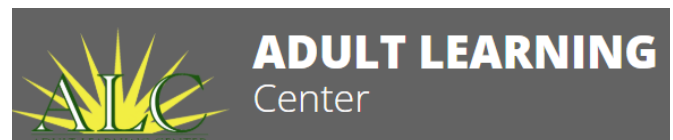
Many more features. I can send you more pictures &
details if you're interested

Call or text: Alicia Shepard 757-450-4448



Things to do in Virginia Beach during the Spring/Summer:

1. Strawberry, wildflower picking
2. Fishing
3. Fly a kite on Mount Trashmore or beach
4. Hiking / Kayak / Paddleboard
5. Adventure Park at the Virginia Aquarium
6. Listen to live outdoor music
7. Go to a farmer's market
8. Visit the Cape Henry Lighthouse
9. Read a book on the beach
10. Golf/Putt-putt
11. Run a 5K
12. Camping
13. Surfing
14. Take a class at the adult learning center
15. Take a walk on the boardwalk / self-guided tour of the monuments and memorials. See the list in this newsletter Pages 5-6.



Spring/Summer 2025

Take an online or in person class at the
Adult Learning Center

Example, Cooking, DIY, Hobbies, Health &
Wellness, languages, and many more
classes.

Visit www.alc.vbschools.com for the most
current information

Take a Stroll on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk

While you're on the boardwalk, take some time to stop at one of the many memorials and monuments located just off the boardwalk.

John Wareing Monument – 17th Street

Following the death of local business owner and decorated war veteran, John Wareing, a larger-than-life statue was erected in 2004 at the 17th Street Park. The bronze statue of Wareing, founder of Wareing's Gym, stands on a granite base, posed in a show of strength.

Naval Aviation Monument Park – 25th Street

View the history of the aircrafts, ships and people who dedicated their lives to the defense of our nation. The elaborate Naval Aviation Monument Park was dedicated in 2006 by the Hampton Roads Squadron of the Naval Aviation Foundation Association. Nine bronze statues tell the story of the Naval Aviation history through three historic times.

Begin with the start of naval aviation with the flight of Eugene Ely. The civilian pilot was the first to take off from a ship in 1910, right here in the waters of Coastal Virginia.

The next display showcases the “greatest generation” of naval aviators. WWII air crewmen emerge from a ship's hatch to man their aircraft aboard a carrier.

The final display depicts today's “modern force”—naval aviation in the 21st century. This is also the first monument to feature a female combat pilot.

The monument park also features several granite storyboards depicting naval aviation history from 1910 to the present. There is even a display on the history of local Naval Air Station Oceana, located right here in Virginia Beach.

Norwegian Lady – 25th Street

Just steps away from the Naval Aviation Monument Park, the Norwegian Lady stands overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Commemorating the tragic shipwreck of the *Dictator*, the Norwegian Lady is in remembrance of those who have died at sea.

Following the wreck of the *Dictator*, the ship's wooden female figurehead washed ashore at the Oceanfront in the early 1900s. It was retrieved and placed on the boardwalk at 16th Street but began to erode over time. After significant damage from Hurricane Barbara in 1953, a new nine-foot-tall statue – the one we see today – was installed in 1962.

A matching statue stands in Moss, Norway, Virginia Beach's sister city, as a symbol of friendship.

King Neptune Statue – 31st Street

A true landmark of the Oceanfront is the King Neptune statue. It's nearly impossible to miss this enormous 34-foot-tall bronze statue. King Neptune rises from the Atlantic Ocean, overlooking Neptune Park, to welcome locals and visitors to Virginia Beach.

Constructed through the contributions gathered by the annual **Neptune Festival**, the massive statue was dedicated to the city of Virginia Beach and its citizens in 2005. The God of the Sea, grasping his might trident, is surrounded by the creatures of his realm. The Neptune statue not only honors Virginia Beach's maritime legacy, but also stands as a reminder to respect and protect our coast and ocean.

Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Memorial – 35th Street

Honor, valor, pride, integrity and courage are etched in gold around the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Memorial. Erected by the Virginia Beach Police Foundation in 2011, this 19-foot-high monument honors law enforcement officers who lost their lives protecting our coastal community. Three officers, representing the Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office as well as state and federal agencies, reach out to help all who walk by

Navy SEAL Monument – 38th Street

The boardwalk's newest monument was unveiled last summer in 2017. The six-foot-tall statue of the Naked Warrior stands at the center of the Navy SEAL Monument. The SEAL depicted is a WWII Underwater Demolition Team swimmer. Instead of making the statue larger than life, like many others on the boardwalk, the Naked Warrior is purposefully life-sized. The SEAL reputation was not made by supermen, but by ordinary people who do extraordinary things for their country.

The monument depicts the rich history of the SEAL program and city's 76-year-long part in their story. Surrounding the Naked Warrior is sand from over 100 locations around the world where SEALs and their forerunners have served, trained, fought and bled.

MONUMENTS OFF THE BOARDWALK

Virginia Legends Walk – 13th Street Park

Between Atlantic and Pacific Avenues, names like Ella Fitzgerald, Arthur Ashe, Edgar Allan Poe, Woodrow Wilson and more stand together. The Virginia Legends Walk was dedicated in 1999 to honor great Virginians who have made significant contributions to our nation and the world. Each year, a new inductee is added to the memorial.

Tidewater Veterans Memorial – 19th Street at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

Designed as a tribute to area veterans of all wars, from the Revolutionary War to today, the Tidewater Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1988. This contemporary memorial was designed by local high school students and was intended to look more modern than a traditional bronze memorial.

Virginia Beach: Along the Oceanfront – 36th Street and Pacific Avenue

Take a walk through centuries of Virginia Beach's history. In 2015, a local man installed a timeline of 27 panels on the 36th Street sidewalk. His display, titled "Virginia Beach: Along the Oceanfront," begins with the first landing and goes into the history of The Cavalier Hotel, the Ash Wednesday Storm and much more through text and images.

Are you doing outdoor home improvement?

For your safety and to minimize disruptions to utility services you need to call Miss Utility to have any utility lines that might be in the area of your work marked so you can avoid damaging them or possibly injuring yourself. A representative from each utility company with service that might be affected by your work will mark the approximate location of their underground lines. There is no charge for this service!

48 Hours Before You Dig...

Call 811 or 1-800-552-7001. Failure to notify Miss Utility before you dig could make you liable for the cost of any repairs should you damage a utility service.





Cybersecurity Best Practices

MOBILE DEVICES, WORKSTATIONS, EMAIL, & SOCIAL NETWORKS

FBI CYBER

As the cyber threat landscape constantly evolves, our nation's critical infrastructure and our internet-connected devices continue to face new cyber threats that can jeopardize the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of our information and cause lasting harm. The following security practices can help you better protect yourself from cyber threats.

Mobile Devices

Mobile devices allow us to access virtually every aspect of our lives from anywhere in the world. Because of this functionality, they are an ideal surface for exploitation. When using mobile devices, take the following precautions:

- Do** enable a passcode or biometric lock.
- Do** periodically review your applications and network sharing settings and reset them regularly to maximize security and privacy. Limit access to any stored personal data (e.g., your address book, photos, and financial information).
- Do** update software in a timely manner and enable automatic updates, when available, and restart your device regularly.
- Do** disable Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, near-field communication, and personal hotspots when not in use.
- Do** enable remote wipe capability in the event a device is lost or stolen.
- Don't** use public/unsecure Wi-Fi. If you must use unsecure Wi-Fi, use a virtual private network (VPN) service that starts upon initial connection.
- Don't** use publicly available charging ports or stations to charge your mobile device. Only use your own wall chargers and USB cords. Electrical wall outlets should be the primary power source used in these environments.
- Don't** download applications that are not cleared by the organization for enterprise devices.
- Don't** "root" or "jailbreak" devices as this compromises the security architecture of the device.

Laptops and Computers

Laptop computers enable employees to access company systems and files when away from the office. When using laptops and computers, take the following precautions:

- Do** adjust your browser and app data sharing settings to maximize your privacy and security. Periodically review the settings as they can revert to default after updates.
- Do** keep your devices patched, ideally with automatic software updates. At a minimum, check and run anti-virus software weekly.
- Do** change your router's default password and choose your network name carefully when setting up your home Wi-Fi. Use the strongest encryption protocol available.
- Do** check device access for your router and disable unknown or old devices. Enable guest Wi-Fi and have guests or untrusted devices use that network segmented from your personal Wi-Fi.
- Do** use a reputable cloud service that provides the appropriate balance of privacy, security, and cost for your needs.
- Do** use a VPN to keep your communications and internet activity more private, especially when using public Wi-Fi.
- Do** regularly back up and encrypt data.

Social Media

Threat actors will often scour all available information sources on a target for clues about the target's personal information, habits, and motivations. Social media is a great source for this information due to the nature of users' interaction with these platforms. Threat actors can use the personal data gathered from social media to put together possible account passwords, craft highly enticing phishing emails geared specifically to the target, or even create a detailed profile of the user's activities and movements where they might be vulnerable. Below are some tips to prevent social media profiles from revealing excessive information:

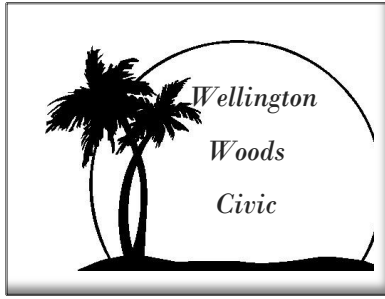
- Do** ensure your profile is private and cannot be accessed by strangers with whom you do not have a connection.
- Do** refrain from discussing information about the responsibilities and technologies that pertain to your role or any information that confirms your affiliation if your current position in your career requires you to handle sensitive information.
- Don't** accept friend requests from individuals you don't know or haven't spoken with in a long time before verifying that the profile belongs to the actual person being represented. A quick phone call can allow you to validate that you are not accepting a request from a threat actor posing as a trusted friend.
- Don't** post pictures with location information of a place you frequent at a consistent interval.
- Don't** add hometown, birthday, or family names to social media profiles. This information is often used as part of security questions to verify your identity during unknown login attempts.
- Don't** comment on pictures or posts that asks for security question relevant information (e.g., favorite superhero, first car make and model, middle/maiden name) as part of a social media "trend" should be ignored. These can be malicious social engineering attempts.

Email Precautions

- Do** mark incoming emails from external companies. Only open emails that are trusted or plaintext only. Embedded HTML emails can redirect you to malicious websites.
- Do** ensure that the information or content you share originates from a legitimate source.
- Don't** open attachments or click on email links from senders you don't recognize. If the email came from a trusted source, verify you should have received the document or link before opening it.
- Don't** provide your login credentials, financial data, or personal information in response to an email request. If the request appears to have come from a legitimate source, ignore the email link and navigate to the website directly through a browser.

General Security Guideline Quick Tips

- Do** keep systems patched by installing software updates when they are available. Routinely restart your devices and turn them off when not in use. Restarting devices helps enable auto-updated patches.
- Do** limit privileged user accounts. Use Admin accounts only when necessary.
- Do** use network monitoring tools and regularly review feedback. Have an external/third-party security partner review and validate it, as well.
- Do** develop, practice, and exercise system recovery plans. Have a near-, short-, and long-term recovery strategy.



Thank you for your continued support!

2025 WWCL ANNUAL DUES INVOICE

Your membership dues support the betterment of the Wellington Woods neighborhood. We fund entrance electricity, maintenance of common areas, family activities and capital improvements.

Current Annual Dues are \$25.00 per household (Owners & Renters). The 2025-26 membership year runs April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Due Date: June 15, 2025

Wellington Woods also offers a scholarship fund which awards a college scholarship to a high school senior in our neighborhood. This is based upon applications and selection by the WWCL Scholarship Committee.

You can now pay dues and contribute to the

Scholarship fund on-line at www.wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com ***

You can also pay via check. Please make your checks payable to WWCL

If paying by check you can give it to your block coordinator, drop off or mail to:

WWCL Treasurer 2205 Lord Seaton Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

(Please include this form with all check payments)

Annual Dues Amount \$25 plus Annual Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (optional):

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-Mail:**** _____

** This is our primary means of communicating with our members with up-to-date news & information **

***2 separate transactions: one under members and one under scholarship.

On-line payments include an automated receipt.