

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.



Neighbors,

Hope all had a great summer and are enjoying a great September. Things have been quite this year with WWCL. Thanks to all that have kept the landscape looking the best ever. Also, thanks to all that are current with their dues payments. Our new treasurer Chris Lizzette has been on top of everything and has created a dashboard for all to see expenses, bank balances and block by block dues reports. A special thanks to his efforts and to Alicia Shepard for producing this newsletter. It's not too late to pay your 2026 dues. See page 2 for dashboard, QR code and additional information.

Come October we all look forward to our annual **Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24th**. Details are forthcoming, however if you are interested in assisting with any part, please email us today at wellingtonwoodscivicleague@gmail.com

Thanks and I look forward to seeing all at our fall festival later in October.

Sincerely,
Paul Brannock, WWCL Vice President

Neighbor Kudos

Want to recognize a neighbor who went above and beyond, helped out, or simply made the neighborhood a little better? We'd love to hear about them! Send us your neighbor kudos and we may feature them in an upcoming newsletter.

UPCOMING Events

- **Sept 12th/Rain date Sept 19th** - Community Yard Sale
- **Sept 25th-27th** - Neptune Festival Boardwalk Weekend
- **Sept 12th-Oct 24th** Family Movies in the Plaza - Town Center VB every Saturday at 7 pm
- **Oct 14th** - WWCL Planning Mtg see pg 5
- **Oct 24th** - Neighborhood Fall Festival
- **Nov 1st** - Standard time, "Fall back" turn clocks back 1 hour.
- **Nov 3rd** - Election Day
- **Nov 28th** - Grand Illumination and arrival of Santa Town Center Fountain Plaza
- **Nov 27th-29th** - VB Christmas Market @ VB Convention Center
- **Dec 5th** - Holiday Parade at the Beach
- **Dec 31st** - Last Night on Town - Town Center



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/>

Join Next-door:
<https://nextdoor.com>

2026 CIVIC LEAGUE DUES DRIVE

Dues help the Civic League by:

- Supporting Neighborhood Improvements
- Community events
- Advocacy & representation
- Neighborhood communication
- A voice in decisions

Wellington Woods Civic League Current Year Dues



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

1. Pay by QR code or online Pay Now button on the WWCL website;
<http://wellingtonwoodscivicleague.com/>
2. Mail/drop off to Chris Lizette, Treasurer at 941 Earl of Chatham Lane.



CONGRATULATIONS our 2026 High School WWCL Scholarship Winner, **MEGAN BRANNOCK** of Earl of Chatham Lane.

Megan is attending Old Dominion University as a Pre-Med student.



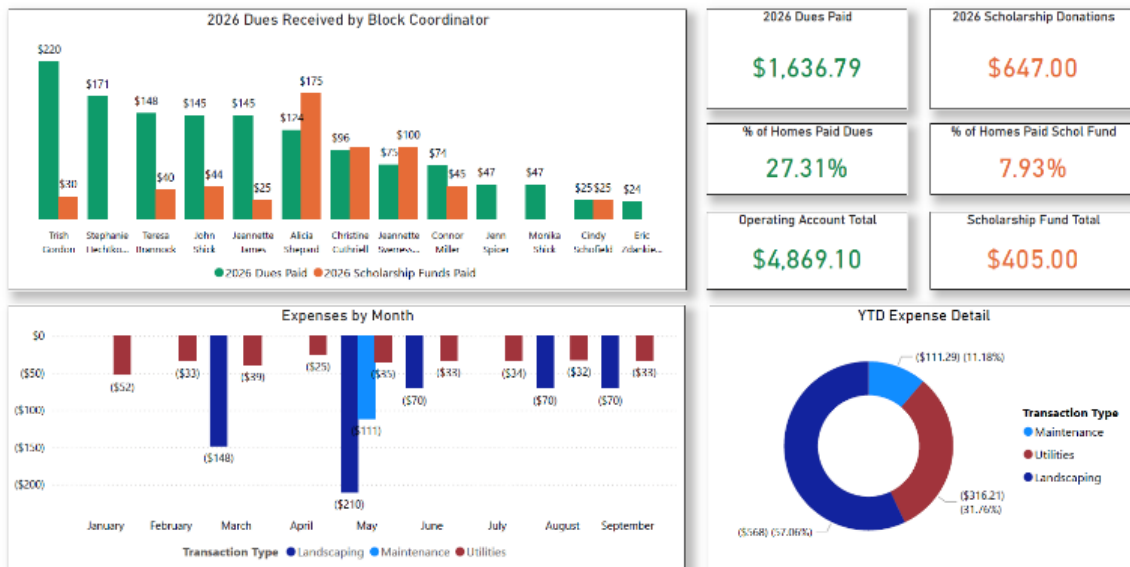
Photo 1: Treasurer, Chris Lizette presenting a \$500 scholarship check.

Photo 2: Megan Brannock with her father, Paul Brannock

Treasurer's report as of September 9, 2026

Wellington Woods Civic League Financial Report

Updated 9/9/26



For questions or expense details please email the treasurer at wwcltreasurer@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to lug your large items to the landfill?

Virginia Beach residents who receive curbside services may schedule a bulky/large item pickup online (preferred), over the phone by calling 757-385-4650, by emailing wastemgt@vbgov.com, or in-person. Requests should be submitted three days (or more) prior to your regularly scheduled weekly trash pick-up day. Residents are encouraged to request this service when multiple items have been gathered rather than requesting multiple pickups of single items.

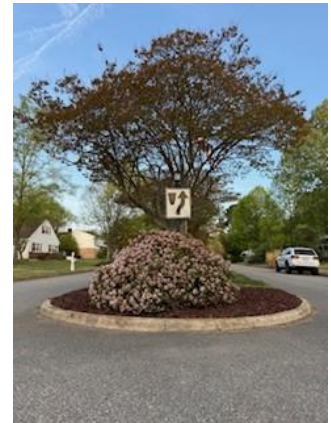
Bulky Item Pickup Guidelines can be found on the VB Public Works website.

You can receive VBAAlerts via text, email or phone call?

By signing up for the City's emergency notification system, which provides alerts about severe weather, evacuations, road closures, public safety incidents, and other local emergencies.

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=CityofVirginiaBeach>

Big thank you to our residents for helping with the **Spring Neighborhood Clean-up and Beautification**.



Photos: Residents: Ron and Sue Jerasa, Paul Brannock, Connor Miller and Teresa Brannock

Thank you to our Earl of Chatham Lane residents for hosting our Spring 2026 Driveway Social. Wonderful turn out with great weather, fellowship and food by DC Smoothie Food Truck.



PROTECT AND PREVENT
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
SAFETY TIPS FOR FAMILIES

**WALKING AND BIKING SAFETY**

- Use designated crosswalks and sidewalks
- Wear visible clothing
- Avoid distractions

**DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ETIQUETTE**

- Follow school traffic patterns
- Stay in your vehicle unless instructed otherwise
- Never double-park or block crosswalks

**BUS SAFETY BASICS**

- Arrive early at the bus stop
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Stay seated and follow bus rules

**SCHOOL ZONE AWARENESS**

- Slow down
- Avoid phone use while driving
- Watch for crossing guards and student patrols

**SAFETY STARTS AT HOME**

- Review emergency contacts and procedures
- Talk about bullying and peer pressure
- Check backpacks for weight and fit

Digital IDs and How they Shape your Future (Mobile ID) - Your Future ID Is Here

If you have a valid Virginia driver's license or state-issued identification card, then Virginia Mobile ID just made carrying your ID more convenient, more secure and much less stressful. You'll love the peace of mind of always having your ID by your side.

Virginia Mobile ID is a digital option of a state-issued driver's license or identification card. It's free to obtain and can be set up with your smartphone. Your Virginia Mobile ID is a companion to your physical ID, and you'll still need to carry a physical ID with you. In many cases, it can stay in your wallet, and your phone can do the work of verifying your identity.

In November 2025 Virginia announced implemented mID and increasing nationwide.

Used to verify:

- Age verification
- Identify verification for contracts or services
- Law enforcement identity confirmation
- Travel and TSA screening

We are moving toward IDs being stored in digital wallets but the physical hard copy of ID will still be accepted. Not mandatory.

You can control what personal data. It's secure and updated in real time.

Integration in Virginia in the Apple wallet in August 2026 and Samsung wallet first quarter 2027.

More accurate, faster transaction, and less chance of fraudulent transactions.

At this time, it is necessary to have your physical ID on hand as a backup for situations where Virginia Mobile ID is not yet accepted.

Virginia Mobile ID is a digital version of your Virginia-issued credential, which can be either a REAL ID or a standard ID.

The Virginia Mobile ID (mID) is a secure digital version of your driver's license or ID card that can be accessed on your smartphone. It allows users to carry a digital ID while still needing a physical ID for transactions.

Usage: It can be used at TSA checkpoints, DMV centers, and select ABC stores, providing a convenient and secure way to verify identity.

Privacy: The ID does not store location data, and users have control over what information is shared.

Setup: Users must have a valid Virginia driver's license or ID card to enroll in the app.

Availability: The Virginia Mobile ID is available for free on the App Store and Google Play.

For more information, you can visit the Virginia DMV website.



Calling All Woodworkers

Our little library box on Duke of Suffolk Drive could use some TLC and a fresh facelift. It looks like it especially needs a new door, but we'd love for someone with woodworking skills to take a look and bring it back to life.

If you're a woodworker who would be willing to volunteer your time and talents, please feel free to reach out to any of the board members listed with questions — or simply take it upon yourself to give our library box a fresh new look!

We'd be so grateful for anyone willing to help keep this community resource looking its best. Thank you!



WELLINGTON WOODS REAL ESTATE MARKET

Recently Sold:

701 Earl of Chesterfield Ct	3/2	1,631 sqft	\$485,000	4/15/26
940 Duke of Suffolk Dr	4/2.5	2,301 sqft	\$600,000	4/24/26
804 Lord Leighton Ct	4/2.5	2,410 sqft	\$620,000	5/18/26
960 Earl of Essex Arch	3/2	2,121 sqft	\$630,000	5/21/26
969 Earl of Essex Arch	4/2	1,891 sqft	\$535,000	6/18/26
804 Duke of Suffolk Dr	4/2	1,818 sqft	\$440,500	7/2026

For Rent:

844 Lord Leighton Dr 4/2 1,971sqft \$2960/month

Information obtained from REDFIN and Zillow websites.

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH PARKING VOUCHERS

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (WAVY) — In an effort to improve accessibility at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, the city is offering a \$50 annual parking voucher to residents.

Beginning April 1, residents can apply online to receive a free \$50 annual voucher, which will be available to use at select Oceanfront garages, surface lots, and designated on-street metered spaces:

Municipal surface lots: 2nd Street, 4th Street and Rudee Loop

Municipal garages: 9th Street, 20th Street, 25th Street, Baltic Avenue

On-street metered spaces: Paid spaces between Rudee Loop and 38th Street on Atlantic Avenue, plus bordering side streets between Atlantic and Pacific avenues within the same boundary.

The voucher will be issued digitally and managed through a mobile parking app. It can be reloaded with an additional \$50 worth of parking for \$25 with proof of residency and a valid driver's license.

City leadership approved the voucher program last year. They said it is an effort to provide more affordable and convenient parking options for residents while keeping the Oceanfront parking system financially stable.

[Virginia Beach introduces \\$50 free parking vouchers for residents](#)

The parking infrastructure is funded through an enterprise fund, meaning revenue from real estate or property taxes does not support it. Parking revenue pays for operations, maintenance and improvements.

On top of the voucher program, the city has implemented a progressive pricing system for certain parking spaces.

For street parking, the price starts at \$1 and goes up by a dollar for an additional hour, capping out at \$8.

Surface lots and parking garages start at \$1, then \$2 for the second hour, and \$3 starting at hour three. These spaces have a daily max of \$24.

The three-hour limit for on-street meters has been removed, and the city has also eliminated the \$3 after 5 p.m. resident discount.

The city says the approval process generally takes a few days.

Apply online [Resident Parking Voucher Plan | City of Virginia Beach](#)

Help Shape Our Neighborhood in 2027

What should our neighborhood focus on next year?

Our 2027 planning meeting is a chance for neighbors to share ideas, raise concerns, and help set the priorities for our civic league in the year ahead.

We'll talk about what's working, what could be better, and where we can make a difference together — from community events and neighborhood improvements to issues that affect our streets and quality of life.

You don't need to be a civic-league regular to participate. If you live here, your perspective matters.

2027 Planning Meeting

📅 Wed, October 14th ⌚ 6:30pm

📍 Union Ale House located at 2224 Virginia Beach Blvd



Thanks to Union Ale House for allowing us to use their space and enjoy their delicious food.

Happy Hour 4-7pm. 10% of food proceeds will go to the WWCL Scholarship. So come out and enjoy time with your neighbors and support a local establishment and the scholarship fund.

We will also have a 50/50 cash winner fundraiser for the scholarship fund, so feel free to bring cash. \$1 /ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.

Whether you've been involved for years or this is your first meeting, we'd love to have you there.

Come help decide what we work on in 2027.



Fall and Winter Safety Tips

Stay alert for weather hazards, prepare your home and vehicle, and adjust daily routines to reduce risks as the season changes.

Road & Travel Safety

- Floodwaters: Follow the "Turn Around, Don't Drown" rule — 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, 12 inches can carry away most cars.
- Wet leaves: Wet foliage can make roads as slick as ice and hide potholes or markings; slow down and increase following distance.
- Reduced visibility: Shorter days, fog, and wildlife activity require extra caution, especially in school zones.
- Winter prep: Check tires, brakes, and fluids; ensure your vehicle is ready for snow, ice, and cold weather.

Home & Heating Safety

- Service your furnace before cold weather hits; schedule maintenance early to avoid last-minute issues.
- Fireplace safety: Inspect for creosote buildup, use a screen to prevent sparks, and never leave a fire unattended.
- Space heaters: Keep at least 3 feet from flammable materials, never use them to heat your home, and unplug when not in use.
- Smoke & CO alarms: Replace batteries when you "fall back" and test them regularly.

Outdoor & Yard Work Safety

- Layer your clothing for changing temperatures; avoid hiking alone in unfamiliar areas.
- Leaf hazards: Wet leaves can cause slips; clear walkways and driveways before freezing.

Health & Seasonal Risks

- Cold weather protection: Limit exposure to extreme cold, dress warmly, and watch for frostbite or hypothermia.
- Respiratory health: Watch for seasonal illnesses; keep home clean and well-ventilated.
- Wildlife: Be aware of active animals in early fall; keep pets and children away from hazardous areas.

Preparedness Checklist

- Service heating systems and check chimneys
- Replace smoke/CO alarm batteries
- Clear walkways and driveways of leaves and ice
- Check vehicle for winter readiness
- Review emergency plans and supplies

SHORE DRIVE PHASE III CONSTRUCTION

Pedestrian detour along Shore Drive. Closed sidewalks are marked with red arrows and the detour route with green arrows. Crosswalks are at the Starfish Road and Vista Circle intersections.

Summer construction activities include:

- Kevcor has installed the new sewer force main along Shore Drive to West Great Neck Road. A tie-in to existing HRSD sewer lines is planned for October.
- Water main installation continues during day and night shifts and is expected to be complete by Fall 2026.
- Stormwater improvements are continuing.

From May 1 to Sept. 30, lane closures are anticipated only during the night shift. Daytime closures are not expected to resume until Oct. 1, 2026.

Project completion is currently scheduled for May 24, 2029. Construction can generate noise, light, dust and other inconveniences; however, crews are working to minimize these impacts as much as possible. Thank you for your patience and support, as we make improvements that will benefit the Shore Drive community for years to come.

Additional information or to sign up for email updated go the VB Public Works website
Shore Drive Phase III | City of Virginia Beach

Business Advertisement

For all your plumbing needs small and big contact Michael Merwin at
757-536-3396
References available.



To advertise your business contact Alicia Shepard 757-450-4448

