

BELLGRADE GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May 2009



As part of the continuing effort to keep our neighborhood a safe and great place to live, there will be an attempt to have a periodic newsletter. Please send anything that you would like to see in the newsletter to:

[BellgradeNL@hamptonva.net](mailto:bellgradenl@hamptonva.net)

This could include items of interest, ads for your businesses, and suggestions to make our neighborhood even better. Also, we would like to reach all of the residents so please let me know if there is anyone who is not receiving this and would like to do so.

Notes from the Neighborhood Block Captain meeting on May 11th

The block captains met at the home of Lorie Henderson, our Area Coordinator, on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:30pm. These following items were discussed:

CRIME:

There have been some reports of loitering around the wide area on Middle Road. This is also the area where the extension of Commander Shepard Boulevard will be and where the homes at the top of East Big Sky (#1, #3, and #5) have their back yards abutting. If you see any suspicious activity in this area please report any activity to the Hampton Police Department.

On April 7th shots were fired into the home at 1 East Big Sky Drive. No one was hurt but obviously the potential was there. Two shells have been found and an officer has been assigned to the case. CPL Cooper, our Neighborhood Representative from the Hampton Police Dept is tracking the investigation.

In February there was a theft involving a motor vehicle on Kaitlyn Circle. Please be sure to lock your vehicles.

We will be getting a new neighborhood sign that will alert anyone coming into the neighborhood that we report any suspicious activity. Also if you have a neighborhood concern, that does not require immediate attention, you can E-mail Lorie at bellgradewatch@hamptonva.net.

Tuesday, August 4th will be National Night Out. We are planning to hold some kind of a social in the parking lot at Ebenezer Baptist Church from 5 to 7 pm. More information to be provided at the next Neighborhood meeting.

NEIGHBOR ISSUES:

In light of the problems on the extra wide section of Middle Road, Lorie and Lee Gipson will look into having some additional lighting installed by the city.

Also, on Middle Road, there has been some consistent problem with flooding across the road during and for some time after it has been raining. Lorie and Lee will also check into City or Water Works for possible solutions.

One neighbor expressed concern about the lack of sidewalks in the new development. This will be checked into as well.

OUR WEB SITE:

Darryl Krauch, has set up and is maintaining a web site: <http://www.bellgrade.hamptonva.net>. Please take some time to view it and see the latest neighborhood happenings. Also, Darryl has added the latest information with regards to the Commander Shepard Extension – check it out and stay informed.

YARD SALE:

The neighborhood will have a yard sale on Saturday July 11th 8:00am-2:00pm. A permit will be obtained for the whole

neighborhood at no cost to the individual homeowners. Lorie will arrange for a charity to pick up anything that you do not sell but are willing to give.

FUTURE EVENTS:

There is hope that either a neighborhood wide or individual street block party(s) can be held. These require a lot of work and planning so the residents will be polled to determine interest and willingness to help.

There will be a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, 18 June 2009 (6:30-7:30pm). Ms. Selena Griffett, Senior Civil Engineer, VDOT Project Manager will be available to give us an update on the Commander Shepard Extension and how it will impact our neighborhood. CPL Cooper has also been asked to attend and update us on the crime stats in our area as well as other neighborhood programs being offered. There will be a question and answer session. Everyone is asked to come out and participate.

TURZAC HOMES:

Turzac is building on the new Polly Court. One home is being worked on and a second will begin soon. A total of 8 houses are currently being planned for development.

KEEPING UP TO DATE



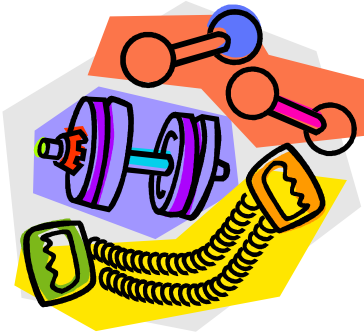
Please visit our neighborhood webpage at <http://www.bellgrade.hamptonva.net/>. Our own Darryl Krauch has worked very hard to keep the site updated.

If you want to keep up with the latest of happening in Hampton go to enews@hampton.gov. Find out what cool things that are going on in our city.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lorie Henderson at bellgradewatch@hamptonva.net

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter: Paper copies will no longer be distributed by the Hampton Police Dept. Future newsletters can be viewed at www.hampton.gov/police.

BOO WILLIAMS SPORTPLEX



We are very fortunate to have a year-round sport facility not too far from our neighborhood. There is a lot more going on there besides basketball. For instance you can walk an indoor track on weekdays at specified times. It is located on 5 Armistead Pointed Parkway. See <http://www.boowilliamssportsplex.com> for more details.

HAMPTON TEEN CENTER

Soon the conversion of the Sentara fitness center to a teen center will be complete. This is on Magruder Boulevard at the golf course and walking track. Go to www.hampton.gov for more info.