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Strathmore Bel Pre 34th Annual Yard Sale

It's Yard Sale time!

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(Rain Date, Saturday, June 6th)

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TO REGISTER: Fill out and return the registration form below, along with a check for the registration fee. Tables with 2 chairs are available for rent for an additional \$5.00 on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are limited, so please reserve early.

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Call LINDA BEA for additional information: (301) 460-0497.

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YARD SALE REGISTRATION FORM

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Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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The SBPCA is a voluntary association, funded by membership dues, that represents our community to County Government and various other groups such as the Montgomery County Civic Federation. The SBPCA also publishes *The Bugle*, organizes the annual Yard Sale and 4th of July festivities. The SBPCA Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Mid-County Community Recreation Center on Queensguard Road. The Civic Association's annual meeting is in November just before the BPRA annual meeting.

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Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA)

The Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA) is the homeowner's association for most of the Strathmore at Bel Pre properties. The BPRA runs our community's pool, tennis courts, volleyball courts, playground, picnic area, bath house, snack bar and pavilion, which are open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. BPRA Board & committee meetings are announced at <http://strathmore-belpre.org/bpra>. The Board normally meets at 7:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. The annual General Membership meeting is held one week before Thanksgiving Day at 7:30 pm.

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The President's Corner

by Nancy Bechtol

President, Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association



This edition of our *Bugle* will be much easier to distribute than our February issue was during one of the coldest winter's ever! We can't thank our *Bugle* distribution volunteers enough, led by LOUISA HOAR and DAN MANN. They do an amazing job in their timely distribution of our *Bugle* editions year round, but I think really deserve our praise for surviving this job this past winter. Our Civic Association and the BPRA are led and operated by volunteers. While many of the job tasks are in-support-of and yet behind the scenes, the volunteers very much deserve our thanks and praise.

I left my driveway this morning covered in pale pink cherry blossoms that had fallen off my Japanese cherry trees (*Prunus yedoensis*, same tree as around the Tidal Basin). Even off the trees, the petals were a gorgeous sight, in contrast with my black asphalt driveway. It is one of the most beautiful times of year in our neighborhood, when these trees are in full bloom. They only bloom for one or so weeks, but it is a gorgeous time! Please consider replacing these beautiful trees in front of your house, if they have long since died, or when they die, and are no longer present for you to enjoy their shade and spring beauty.

Community Activities

MAX BRONSTEIN, FRANK CORRIGAN and JOHN BOGASKY attend many meetings every month keeping our neighborhood active and up to date on what is happening in our community. They share their findings with us both on the listserve and also in the *Bugle*. Many neighbors have assisted our community over the years by keeping us informed of what is happening in our schools, with the PTA organizations in these schools and also the Boy and Girl Scout programs. I appreciate everyone who has written informative articles for our *Bugle* and also posted information on our listserve.

Crosswalk and Traffic Light?

I was contacted this month by a neighbor who wanted to encourage neighbors to contact the County Executive, County and State legislators about the need for a cross walk and traffic light to be installed at the intersection of Regina Drive and Georgia Avenue. Bus stops are on both sides of Georgia Avenue at this intersection. I have seen children and adults crossing Georgia to catch buses that run up and down this busy road. Email addresses you could use if interested are ocemail@montgomerycountymd.gov and county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov to send a note. Many of our neighbors are very interested in making sure our neighborhood is as safe and secure as possible. I am always happy to get these great ideas out via our newsletter.

Our Summer Events Begin in May



Please join in our upcoming Yard Sale on the Pool Grounds on May 30, 2015 from 9 am till noontime. We need buyers and sellers to participate, and some cool, yet, sunny weather too, if possible!! This is always a wonderful event, so I hope you will make it.

Our first movie night will follow the same evening at 8 pm, so hopefully our lovely weather will continue into the evening hours. If you haven't been to a Movie Night at the Pool yet, you must come! It is a fabulous way to see a great movie outside on the BIG SCREEN and to catch up with the neighbors that you haven't seen since last summer. I hope to see you there!

Gleanings From Meetings + More

by Frank Corrigan

The Gleanings column returns in the next *Bugle*

Boy Scout Troop 763 and Cub Scout Pack 763

By Jackie Fairy-Moeller

Mulch Sale

Boy Scout Troop 763 (grades 5/6 and up) had their first mulch sale in the neighborhood. A big thank you to everybody who purchased mulch from us. We will use part of the money for new tents to replace ones that leak badly.



Park and Stream Cleanup

Cub Scout Pack 763 (grades 1-5) completed their annual park/stream cleanup on April 18 in the neighborhood.

This year we concentrated on the Matthew Hensen trail where it runs parallel to Hewitt Avenue and Regina Drive.

For some reason, it is one of the most anticipated activities for some of the Cub Scouts, which may have something to do with the fact that they get to run around the woods and mud, screaming joyously in their "outdoor" voices. What they lack in thoroughness they make up for in enthusiasm. This year we collected 14 bags of trash, 9 bags of recyclables, 2 tires and several large pieces of metal.

Join the Scouts!

Interested in joining? Both the Pack and the Troop hold their meetings at the St. Mary Magdelene Church on Aspen Hill Road (that's the church in between Giant and the pet cemetery, facing Michael's). We meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm during the school year. For more information, contact Cubmaster BILL TOTTEN at wandst@juno.com



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Bel Pre Recreational News

by Elliot Chabot

President, Bel Pre Recreational Association



From June 16 to August 30

(the last day of public school summer vacation), pool hours will be:

Every day (except July 4) noon to 9:00

July 4th noon to 7:00

From August 31 to closing day, pool hours will be:

Monday-Friday 3:00 to 8:00

Saturday-Sunday noon to 9:00

Opening Day & Summer Hours

Our community pool (at 13920 Bethpage Lane) is scheduled to open for the 2015 season on Saturday, May 23.

From May 23 to June 15

(the last day of the 2014-2015 public school year), pool hours will be:

Monday-Friday 3:00 to 8:00

Saturday-Sunday noon to 9:00



Changes to the hours and dates will be announced at the pool, on the Civic Association listserv, and at the Strathmore-BelPre.Org website.

Summer Entertainment Series

I am happy to announce that - for the second summer in a row - the Recreational Association will be co-sponsoring the summer entertainment series at the pool with the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association. While the times and performers haven't been finalized yet, here are the dates:

•Saturday, May 30 - movie night

Saturday, June 20 - live music night

•Saturday, July 25 - movie night

Saturday, August 29 - live music night

•Saturday, September 5 - movie night

Guest fees are waived for attendance at the movies and music concerts. The Entertainment and Recreation Committee is also looking at possibly having a karaoke night on a Thursday.



The BPRA's tradition of hosting entertainment at the pool goes all the way back to 1970, in the days when Levitt & Sons ran the BPRA. Live music sponsored by the BPRA goes at least as far back as 1975. Last summer's music nights drew about 50 community members each night and the movies drew in about 100 each time.

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Tennis Courts

The tennis courts (also located at 13920 Bethpage Lane) are open year round to all BPRA members. If you want to use the tennis courts, but don't have a key, contact LOUISA HOAR - our Tennis Court Keys Coordinator - at (301) 871-6298 and she'll help you get what you need.

Upcoming Meetings

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet as follows for May to December 2015:

Meeting Date and Time	Location
Saturday, May 2, 10 am	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 pm	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 pm, tentative	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 pm	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 pm, tentative	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 pm	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 pm, tentative	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, August 26, 7:30 pm	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Saturday, September 12, 10 am	Strathmore Bel Pre Pool Pavilion
Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 pm	Bel Pre Elementary School conference room 138
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 pm	Bel Pre Elementary School conference room 138
Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 pm	Bel Pre Elementary School conference room 138

All members of the Association are welcome to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees. The first 15 minutes of each meeting is normally set aside for statements by members of the Association.



General Membership Meeting

The **2015 General Membership Meeting** is currently scheduled to be held on **Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 pm at Bel Pre Elementary School**, in the multi-purpose room. A Town Hall Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 8 pm, at Bel Pre Elementary School. For current information on Board of Trustees meetings and meetings of the Association's committees, see the BPRA website at <http://strathmore-belpre.org/bpra/>.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD – Updates from your neighborhood schools

Contributors: Laura Miller, Claire Pak, Brenda Quinlisk, and Megan Virga

The Parent-Teacher Associations of our three neighborhood elementary schools, Georgian Forest (GFES) and Bel Pre/Strathmore (BPSPTA), want to strengthen our ties with SBP neighbors. Here is your one-stop summary of what's happening in YOUR neighborhood elementary schools. Whether or not you have a past, present, or future pupil, SBP property owners share an interest in the success of the schools that serve our community.



NEWS FROM THE FOREST: Spring has sprung and our school's Student Government Association has big plans for **SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION**. During the coming weeks, teachers will bring their classes outdoors for sun, fun...and learning! Students will plant flowers, tidy our grounds, and learn about the importance of caring for our natural world.

Neighbors, we'd love your support! Georgian Forest is accepting donations to help with this effort: mulch, soil, flowers, seed packets, yard-waste bags...all items will be put to good use!

CAREER DAY – FRIDAY, MAY 29th

Presenters needed...please come and share your profession with our students! Contact school counselor JASMINE EVANS for details at Jasmine_A_Evans@mcpsmd.org.

NEWS FROM BEL PRE & STRATHMORE:

Congratulations to TIVINIA NELSON, now Principal of Strathmore Elementary School! MRS. NELSON served as Assistant Principal at both Bel Pre and Strathmore, and has served as Acting Principal of Strathmore since the beginning of this school year. The PTA and Strathmore parents are absolutely delighted that MRS. NELSON has been officially named to this position; her energy, creativity, humor, and dedication to our children are apparent in everything she does. We are very fortunate to have fabulous MRS. NELSON at Strathmore and amazing MRS. VAN ZUTPHEN at Bel Pre!



Extended Learning Opportunity

Bel Pre will also offer ELO, Extended Learning Opportunity, for the month of July. ELO will be offered to incoming K, Grade 1, and Grade 2 students. The program runs for the month of July, and is free of charge, but SPACE IS LIMITED. If you're interested, contact Bel Pre directly at 301-460-2145.

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REGISTER YOUR GROCERY STORE REWARDS CARDS TO SUPPORT OUR PTAs:

Giant A+ Rewards Program (www.giantfood.com/aplus)

Bel Pre #00891

Strathmore ID# 04541

Georgian Forest ID# 00893

Safeway School Rewards Program (www.escrip.com)

Bel Pre/Strathmore ID# 6676411

Harris Teeter Together in Education Program (www.harristeeter.com)

BOX TOPS are Welcome

PLEASE HELP COLLECT BOX TOPS from General Mills products! Our schools receive 10 cents for each box top. Drop them off in the BoxTop box located in each school front office.

Spirit Nights

Both of our PTAs hope that Strathmore Bel Pre neighbors will join us for school and community events, especially school Spirit Nights! Our combined efforts to support local organizations and businesses will help foster our community and generate benefits to homeowners.

Join the PTA!

Did you know that you can join the PTA even if you don't have children in school? Consider joining the Georgian Forest and/or Bel Pre Strathmore PTAs, and be a voice for our community's children!

Application forms are available at the front office.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Executive Board Elections (exact date TBD)
May 6 & 7	Kindergarten Orientation (Georgian Forest)
May 29	Career Day (Georgian Forest)
June 11	5th grade promotion (Strathmore)
Ongoing	Kindergarten (and other grades) registration for 2015 – 2016 school year.
Stay tuned for other PTA-sponsored community events!	

See you at school!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Georgian Forest ES PTA

School phone: 301-460-2170

website: <https://sites.google.com/site/gfespta/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123760599438>

Bel Pre Strathmore PTA

Bel Pre: 301 460 2145

Strathmore: 301 460 2135

website: <http://bps-pta.org/>

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Some additional BPRA activities since the last issue of *The Bugle* are:

Major Repairs

Current plans are to complete repairs to the pool deck before the pool opens in May and to begin work on an overhaul of the pump room once the pool closes in September.

- Thanks to KIM WATTERS for coordinating the engineering and other studies on this effort and to LOU ANN RECTOR, KYE PAK, and PAULETTE LADAS for their efforts. Also, thanks to East Coast Building Services, Inc., Choice Restoration, and Ali Shakeri, P.E. for their advice. A special thanks to JAY STAGGS who has agreed to serve as the BPRA's project manager.



Current plans are also to complete the re-stripping and sealing work on the parking lot before the pool opens.

- Thanks to GREG MILLER for coordinating the parking lot work.

Chairs

New chairs for the pavilion should arrive before the start of this year's pool season.

- Thanks to BILLY RUPPERT for coordinating this effort.

**Snack Bar**

2015 should be another year of outstanding service from the pool snack bar.

- Thanks to GREG MILLER, LAURA MILLER, and the entire MILLER family for years of great customer service to the Strathmore Bel Pre community.

Finances

Our financial records for this fiscal year and last fiscal year have been brought into QuickBooks. This is part of an effort to increase internal controls on the BPRA's finances and to ultimately make BPRA financial information easily available to all members.

- Thanks to LARRY VAUGHT FOR coordinating this effort and for lots of keyboarding!

Dolphin Dash

The BPRA Board encourages everyone to participate (either as a runner or as a spectator) in the First Annual Dolphin Dash5K Race, on Monday, May 25, starting at 8 am.

- Thanks to the Dolphins Swim Team for organizing this event.

Current Litigation

Henry v. Guirand (Petition Docket 614, Maryland Court of Appeals). A suit to, among other things, compel the BRPA to take actions against the "growing fence" at 14017 Breeze Hill Lane. In November 2014, the Maryland Court of Special Appeals ruled to dismiss the BPRA portion of the suit. In December, the plaintiffs asked the Maryland Court of Appeals to review the case. The motion to review the case is still pending before the Court of Appeals.

50 Plus Club Meetings

by Maury Potosky

The 50 Plus Club is scheduling its meetings, for the summer, at the BPRA Pool Pavilion. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays: June 3, July 8, August 5, and September 2 at 6 PM. The meetings will be dinner meetings with each member bringing their own dinner. Members will be asked to bring a dessert to share with other members.



In addition, the club will be participating at concerts at the Fitzgerald Theater in Rockville Maryland on June 6 and June 14. We plan to go and invite anyone who wishes to join us. The classical concert is usually free and the VLOC show is Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore. Those tickets are usually \$20 for seniors. Details are not fully available, but if you are interested please call us to be on the mailing list.

Residents who are not members of the 50 Plus Club, but who wish to share in the club's activities are invited to join us at these meetings. Please call us at 301-460-9008. We would love to have you join us!

GETTING CONTROL OF YOUR PAPER FLOW..A FEW TIPS!

Is your desk or counter top attracting papers? Sometimes the paper piles can seem uncontrollable. Here are a few tips from Elizabeth Mayhew of *Real Simple* magazine:

Establish a system for organizing mail: 1) Designate an in-box for the mail - big enough to hold a week's worth of papers, but no more, so you can't let things pile up. 2) Deal with mail when you get it. Throw away junk mail before taking your coat off. Put catalogs and magazines in a separate basket to go through later and put mail in your in-box. 3) Keep a large wastebasket near your in-box. Getting rid of bulk makes the paper you have to deal with less intimidating. 4) Pick a regular time to sort through your in-box. Whether it's one hour a week, or a couple minutes a day, pick a schedule that fits your lifestyle and stick to it.

Types of mail: 1) Invitations - decide quickly if you will attend, mark invitation once you have replied, put the invitation in a visible place, put the date in your calendar right away and toss the invitation after the event. 2) Bills—use a portable filing system. Keep everything you need together: checkbook, stamps, and a pen in your organizer. Choose a labeling system that works for you. Pay the bills daily or use a weekly system. Once bills are paid, move them to a file cabinet or storage box.

Stop junk mail: 1) The Credit Reporting Industry Pre-Screening Opt-Out hotline (888-567-8688) removes your contact information from four major credit bureau lists for pre-approved credit card solicitations. 2) Contact your bank and credit-card companies to make sure your name is removed from shared mailing lists.



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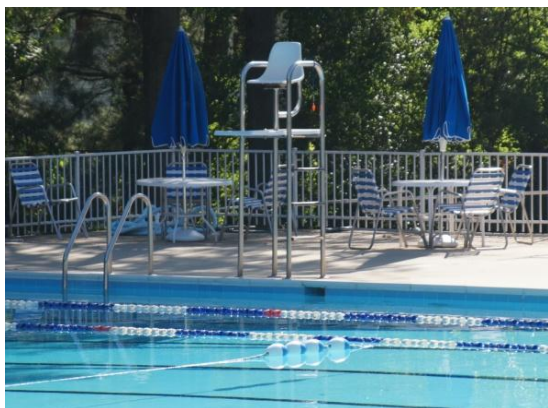
If you're thinking of Selling... The market is good due to low inventory!

For more information about the market and what it means for you, call Lilla!



Think Dolphins, Think Pool, Think Running!

by Claire Pak



The Dolphin Dash – Dolphin Run 5K

Summer is on its way and the Dolphins are ready to get in the pool! By the time you receive this, our swimmers will be getting ready for the first day of practice.

The Dolphins do more than swim, though. We are very excited about the First Annual Dolphin Run 5K, **the Dolphin Dash**, right here in our neighborhood, on Monday morning, May 25. A huge thank-you to PAULETTE LADAS of Re/Max Town Center Realtors for the generous financial support that has helped to make this event possible.

We need runners and volunteers to serve as course marshals, water distributors, t-shirt/packet distributors, etc. You can register for the run online at <http://www.active.com/aspen-hill-md/running/distance-running-races/dolphin-run-5k-2015?SREF=FBEvent&cmp=23-13>.

Registration is \$35. Early registration, available until Friday, May 22; is just \$25. Registration fees cover official timing and a t-shirt. Teams that include 5 or more runner or walkers will receive a \$10 per person discount, which applies to either early registration or full price. We look forward to running, or walking, the race with you!

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Library News – Aspen Hill

by Chris Swan & Elliot Chabot

Spring Book Sale

June 6

**New Date!
Longer Hours!**



The Spring Book Sale will be Sunday, June 6, 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Aspen Hill Library. In addition to over 10,000 books, the sale has DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. Prices are low, with kids books selling at half price. Plan to stock up for your summer, beach, pool reading!

Proceeds from the book sales purchase books, programming, supplies, and equipment for the Aspen Hill Library.

Donations Needed for the Book Sale

If you would like to donate used books, CDs, or puzzles for the book sale, contact the Friends at aspenhill@folmc.org or call (301) 871-1113. The Aspen Hill Friends is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible. We need all kinds of gently used books, especially fiction!

Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration Summer Reading Kickoff

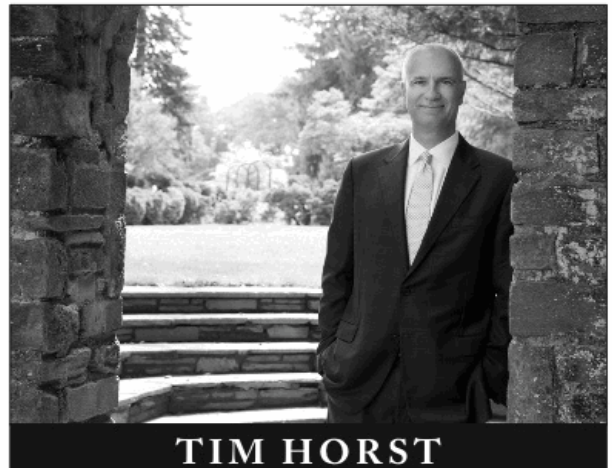
June 20th! Save the Date!!

The seventh annual Caribbean-American Heritage Celebration will be held at the Aspen Hill Library on Saturday, June 20th. Good music, dancing, lively stories, excellent music, fun times, and more!



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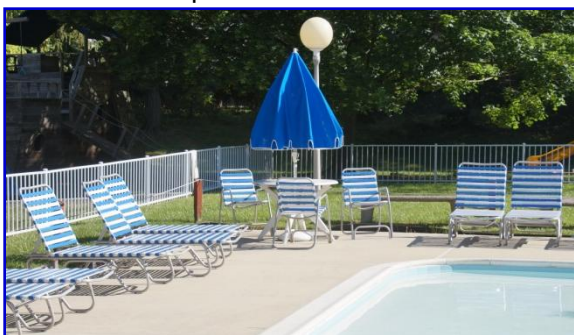
Our draft schedule for the season appears in this issue. As of the deadline for this issue, we are still waiting for information on meet opponents and venues, so the calendar will be updated before Memorial Day weekend.

Funding Needed

If you have received our annual mailing, we ask that you please consider making a donation. We remain very grateful for your continued financial support. While most of the team's operating budget is funded by team families through registration fees and fundraising, we do need additional contributions to cover unexpected or larger expenses. In recent years we have had to replace the lane rope reel (over \$1,000), and to purchase upgrades of the Meet Manager software. Your generous donations make it possible for us to keep our equipment and technology up to date, without impeding our ability to meet day-to-day operating costs.

Join the Dolphins!

If you have considered signing your children up for the team, but you're not sure what it involves, we invite you to contact any member of the board to learn more. We welcome swimmers of ALL levels. Swimmers start as early as 3 in the Developmental group, and our league allows children to compete until age 18. Our Developmental group offers small-group and individual instruction for beginning swimmers and non-swimmers. As long as a child can safely swim the length of the pool, she'll have a chance to compete.



A Dolphins summer is a wonderful gift for your children. Many of our team parents would tell you that they signed their children up to keep them busy, and then found that the team offers so much more than a fun and healthy summer activity. Many team members and their families have formed strong and lasting friendships which might never have developed without the swim team.

We'd love to meet more of our neighborhood families and see them enjoy the same experience. Board member contact information appears below.

Dolphin Fans

If you're a Dolphins fan, we would love to keep in touch with you during the summer. I send frequent emails filled with team news, and if you'd like to receive updates, just send me an email and I'll add you to our distribution list. You can also bookmark our website: <http://sbpdolphins.org/>.

We're counting the days until Memorial Day and we hope you are, too. We'll see you at the pool!

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2015 Strathmore Bel Pre Summer Calendar

~ May/June/July 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pool Hours May 23 to June 15: Mon to Fri 3 pm to 8 pm Sat & Sun noon to 9 pm	Pool Hours June 16 to August 30: Every day noon to 9 pm July 4 th noon to 7 pm	Pool Hours Aug 31 to Closing: Mon-Fri 3 pm to 8 pm Sat & Sun noon to 9 pm		May 22 Early registration deadline for Dolphin Dash	23 Pool Opens at noon
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY No Pool Guest Fees Dolphin Dash 5K Run	26 Swim Team Swimmers Meeting Civic Association Board meeting	27 Swim Team pm practices begin Rec Association Board Meeting	28	29 Career Day - Georgian Forest Elem. School	30 Yard Sale (rain date June 6) Movie Night
31	June 1 Swim team pm practices all week	2	3 50s Plus Meeting	4	5 Swim Team Parents Meeting	6 Aspen Hill Library used book sale 50 Plus concert @ Fitzgerald Theatre
7	8 Swim Team pm practices all week	9	10 Rec Association Board Meeting (tentative)	11 Strathmore Elem. School 5 th Grade promotion	12 Swim Team Ice Cream Social	13 Swim Team Blue-White Meet Friends of Aspen Hill Library meeting
14 50 Plus concert @ Fitzgerald Theatre	15 MCPS Last Day of School Longer Pool Hours begin tomorrow Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee meeting	16 Swim Team am practices begin Swim Team Buddy Breakfast	17	18	19 Swim Team Pasta Party No Swim Team pm practice	20 Swim Team A Meet Concert Night A.H. Library Caribbean Heritage Celebration
21	22	23 Swim Team Swimathon (am and pm practices) Civic Association Board Meeting	24 Rec Association Board Meeting	25	26 Swim Team Pasta Party No Swim Team pm practice	27 Swim Team A Meet
28	29 Aspen Hill Library movie night: <i>Eragon</i>	30	July 1	2	3 Swim Team Memorial Meet am Swim Team Pasta Party No Swim Team pm Practice	July 4th Pool open 12 noon to 7 pm No Pool Guest Fees Swim Team A Meet Parade 12 noon Entertainment 1 pm Field Games 2:30
5	6	7	8 50s Plus Meeting	9	10 Swim Team Pasta Party Swim Team no pm Practice	11 Swim Team A Meet

2015 Strathmore Bel Pre Summer Calendar

~ July/August/September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 12	13	14	15 Rec Association Board Meeting (tentative)	16	17	18 Swim Team A Meet Swim Team Dolphin Dance
19	20 Swim Team 8U Practice Swim Team Divisionals Practice	21 Swim Team 8U Practice Swim Team Divisionals Practice	22 Swim Team Jelly Bean Meet Swim Team Last 8U Practice Swim Team Divisionals Practice	23 Swim Team Divisionals Practice am and pm	24 Swim Team Pasta Party with Paper Plate Awards Swim Team Divisionals Practice am	25 Swim Team B Division Championships Movie Night
26	27 Aspen Hill Library movie night	28 Civic Association Board Meeting	29 Swim Team Awards Banquet Rec Association Board Meeting	30	31	August 1 Swim Team PMSL All-Stars
2	3	4	5 50s Plus Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Rec Association Board Meeting (tentative)	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Rec Association Board Meeting	27	28	29 Concert Night
30	31 MCPS School Year Starts Shorter Pool Hours begin	September 1	2 50s Plus Meeting	3	4	5 Movie Night
6	7 Labor Day No Pool Guest Fees	8	9	10	11	12 Rec Association Board meeting



The Bugle May 2015

2015 Summer Entertainment!

by John Bogasky and Chris Swan

6 events - three movies and two concerts and Karaoke - are set for the 2015 Summer Entertainment Series! Each event is on a Saturday night at the Pool Pavilion and grounds, and is open for free to all Civic and Recreational Association members and their guests!

We are choosing the movies and music now.

Contact any member of the Civic Association board with your suggestions..



Your challenge:

Support 2015 Summer Entertainment

In order to make this a new STRATHMORE BEL PRE tradition, we will need additional financial support from the community.

We have a great start! Each of our 4 lead sponsors, LILLA HAMMOND of Long & Foster, PAULETTE LADAS of RE/MAX, TIM HORST of Long & Foster, and the Bel Pre Recreational Association have already pledged at the SBP Superstar level. Civic Association Board individual members have committed additional funds.

We need your support to fully fund our planned events.

2015

Summer Entertainment Series

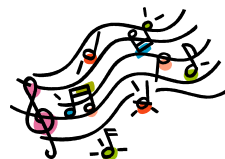
- 5/30 – Saturday night with a Movie
- 6/20 – Saturday night with a Concert
- 7/25 – Saturday night at the Movies
- 8/29 – Saturday night with a Concert
- 9/5 – Saturday night with a Movie
- ?? – Karaoke night to be decided

Save the dates!!

2015

Recognition	Donation
SBP Superstar	\$ 500
Community Champion	\$ 250
Oscar Winner	\$ 100
Band Leader	\$ 50
Super Fan	\$ 5 to 25

You can be a BAND LEADER! A SUPER FAN?
How about an OSCAR WINNER? **The perfect gift for your 2015 Summer!**



Please contact Civic Association Treasurer JOHN BOGASKY at johnbogasky@hotmail.com to make your donations! With your support, we can create a new community tradition that takes advantage of our beautiful pool facilities, is fun for everyone, and brings our community together!

The Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association needs a few good neighbors...yes, we mean you!

JULY 4th CELEBRATION PLANNING MEETING

Monday, May 18th, 7pm – 8 pm

Please join us with your ideas and your enthusiasm! You will have a chance to plan our community's annual July 4th parade as well as the entertainment for kids and families. July 4th is a perfect time for neighbors, their families, and their friends to come together to relax and enjoy the day. See the contact information below, you would like to volunteer your assistance with the July 4th events.

July 4th Schedule Of Events



Community Parade and Registration of Paraders

Noon at Strathmore Elementary School. Parade begins at 12:30 pm
Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to take part.

Please note: All registered participants will be eligible – even if not a current resident – to enjoy the entertainment and the field games following the parade.

The parade begins at Strathmore Elementary and heads up Beaverwood Lane to the north end of Birchtree Lane, then down the footpath to the Pool Pavilion.

Entertainment

Pool Pavilion, 1pm – 2:30pm

Each year a special guest, such as a magician or puppeteer, is invited to provide great entertainment. Those who have come in past years have had a great time. All ages, from kids to seniors, can enjoy the fun. Who will present this year? Can you guess?

Field day Events

Pool Grounds, 2:30-3:30 pm.

Fun and games for all ages begin at 2:30pm.

Try your hand at the water-balloon toss, sack race, three-legged race, and more.



Please Volunteer For Our Community's July 4th celebration!

Help us make July 4th a special day, and a great celebration for our community! Remember our first planning session is the most important!!

Contact:

WILLIAM HAMMOND at w.m.hammond@verizon.net or 301-509-4621

HARRY KLAPPER at hjksbk@msn.com or 301-509-4621

We look forward to hearing from you.... Thanks!