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Rec Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Town Hall Meeting 8:00 p.m.

All of our November and December meetings will be held virtually, on Zoom. Recreational Association Members will receive the Zoom information with the Annual Meeting mailing this month. Civic Association members should contact JOHN BOGASKY for the Zoom information.

Rec Association: Quorum is Needed

Please return your ballots **BEFORE November 17**, to create a quorum! On the ballot will be the election of 4 trustees. See pages [7](#), [23](#), and [24](#) for the details.

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Civic Association

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The SBPCA is a voluntary association, funded by membership dues, that sponsors and participates in many community and local programs; and also represents our community to County Government and to various groups such as the Montgomery County Civic Federation and the Glenmont Exchange. The SBPCA also sponsors Boy Scout Troop/Cub Scout Pack 763.

Additionally, the SBPCA publishes *The Bugle* and the community directory; maintains the community listserv; organizes the annual Summer Market & Yard Sale, the 4th of July festivities; and (in conjunction with the Recreational Association) the Summer Entertainment Series, the Public Affairs Forum Series (generally held during the summer), and the yearly community-wide Town Hall meeting, held in December.

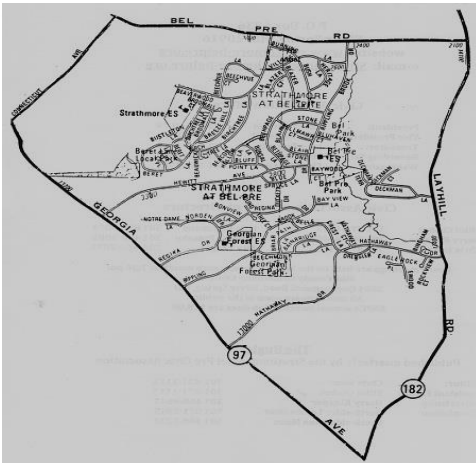
The SBPCA Board of Directors normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Mid-County Community Recreation Center on Queensguard Road (during the pandemic, meetings are on Zoom). The Civic Association's annual meeting is in November just before the BPRA annual meeting.

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Strathmore Bel Pre Street map

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Bel Pre Recreational Association

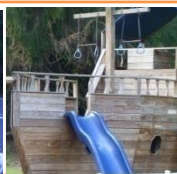
Established in 1966, the Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA) is the homeowners' association for most of the Strathmore at Bel Pre properties. The BPRA runs our community's pool, tennis and pickleball courts, volleyball court, playgrounds, picnic areas, bath house, snack bar, and pavilion, which normally are open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The tennis and pickleball courts are open year round.

BPRA Board and committee meetings are announced at <http://strathmorebelpre.org/meetings>. Board meetings are normally the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, at the Bel Pre Elementary School, room 161 or 138, from October to May, or at the Pool pavilion, from June to September. **During the pandemic, we're on Zoom.**

The annual General Membership meeting is normally held on the Thursday before Thanksgiving Day at 7:30 pm, at Strathmore Elementary School. The annual Town Hall meeting, co-sponsored with the Civic Association, is normally held on the 1st Tuesday of December, at 8 pm, at Strathmore Elementary School. Correspondence can be sent to the BPRA at P.O. Box 6370, Aspen Hill, MD 20916-6370.

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The President's Corner

by Nancy Bechtol

President, Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association



Spring Thing, the Summer, and the Community Yard Sale

The days are getting shorter and the weather much cooler as we enter the Fall season, but we all have such wonderful memories of such a great summer in our neighborhood. Our fabulous Dolphin's Swim Team had a winning Season and ended the year as their Division's Champion! Way to go Dolphins! We organized five movie nights and two concerts this summer, and hopefully everyone was able to attend at least one of these fabulous activities. It is great to see our pool grounds being used for these events, as well as our Spring Thing festival, and in September our 40th Yard Sale, and Shred-It event.



Our very own LINDA BEA works for months organizing our Yard Sale! Again this year, it was expanded this to include folks who want to sell in their own driveways or garages. It was a perfect weather day for the yard sale, and lots folks came out to shred their personal documents, and to meet their friends and neighbors. PAULETTE LADAS sponsors the shredding machine, such a great way to safely dispose of our personal documents. It is also always great to see both PAULETTE and LINDA and catch up to reminisce about summer and all the summer fun that is now in the history books.

4th of July

LILLA and BILL HAMMOND again organized a fabulous July 4th parade with fun afternoon games at the Pool including a magician. They hosted both a car parade this year that wove through the entire neighborhood and also a children's walking and bicycle parade going from Strathmore Elementary School to our Pool. Both parades and the games were super successful, thanks to all their hard work and the many volunteers it takes to run such an event.



October Fun: BlocktoberFest and Trunk or Treat

The fall season is a very busy time for most of us, but I hope to see everyone at the BlocktoberFest Fest on **October 15th**, or at the Trunk or Treat event on the **29th of October**. Two very fun activities to enjoy the fall, chat with friends and neighbors and create memories with your kids.



Annual Meeting and Town Hall

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting in November and the Town Hall in early December. On Zoom. We hope to have more information about the creation of a "Village" within our community to assist neighbors in need, and to also increase connections between neighbors. KRISTI HULLINGS organized an in-person community meeting in August, to introduce the folks who manage Villages in Silver Spring, and who also work for M-NCPPC to assist communities in organizing their own Villages. She has a great idea, and needs our support for it to continue to develop. Please reach out to her if you have any interest in helping out.

In the meantime, stay healthy and safe, as COVID is still with us, and needs our full attention as we go further into this fall and winter season.

Join the Scouts!

by Jackie Fary-Moeller

Fall is a great time to join Scouts, as we follow the school calendar.

If you have a boy or girl in elementary school, then Cub Scout Pack 763 is for you. This is a family unit with boys and girls in the same den, which meets at 7 pm every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, with some weekend fun activities as well. Feel free to drop in at a meeting at Pilgrim Church, 2206 Briggs Road (just off Layhill Road).



If you have a boy who is 11 years or in middle school up to the age of 18, then BSA Troop 763 is for you. The troop meets at 7 pm every 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month and goes camping once almost every month and does other fun activities. The troop meets in the basement of St. Mary Magdalene Church, 3820 Aspen Hill Road. That's the church behind Giant and next to the pet cemetery, with the entrance to the basement at the back of the church and down the ramp.

Contact JACKIE for more information at: jfarymoeller@AspenGroves.com or to learn more about Girl BSA Troops in the area.

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Bel Pre Recreational News

by Karen Purdy

President, Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA)



Upcoming Meetings

All BPRA meetings through the end of 2022, including the Annual Meeting, will be held via teleconference on Zoom. There are currently 2 general meetings scheduled for this fall: the joint SBPCA and BPRA Annual General Membership Meeting on **November 17** and the joint SBPCA and BPRA Annual Town Hall Meeting on **December 8**. Information for joining these meetings via telephone, computer or other device, is included in the 2022 Annual Meeting Notice mailed to each member household during October.

If you have not received your Annual Meeting Notice by **November 1st**, please contact Treasurer DAVE PULLEN at treasurer4bpri@gmail.com or (301) 598-2521.

More information about each meeting is below. Additional information and helpful links can be found on StrathmoreBelPre.org.

BPRA Annual General Membership Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 7:30 pm, via Zoom

The main order of business during the annual meeting will be the election of 4 BPRA Board Trustees. We will also present the BPRA Annual Report, the 2023 Budget, the recently completed Reserve Study; and will have time for questions.

Annual Strathmore Bel Pre Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, December 8, at 8 pm, via Zoom

The Town Hall meeting is an opportunity to (virtually) get together with your neighbors to share knowledge, learn more about our community and ask questions in an informal setting.



BPRA Annual Election

The BPRA Board of Trustees is a 9-member body elected at the Annual General Membership Meeting. Each member is elected to a 3-year term. The terms are staggered, so that 3 members are elected every year. This year, due to a vacancy on the Board, we will be electing 4 Board members: 3 candidates will be elected to 3-year terms and 1 candidate will be elected to complete the 1 year remaining in the term of vacant Board seat. The candidates with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest vote counts will be elected to the 3-

year terms. The candidate with the 4th highest vote count will be elected to the 1-year term. We have 4 candidates running for those 4 seats: ANDY POPADICH, DAVE PULLEN, JAY STAGGS and PATRICK WELTEROTH. Thank you all for volunteering.

Voting in the Election

The 2022 BPRA Board of Trustee Elections will be held via mail-in or drop off ballot. Ballots will be mailed to each member household with the Annual Meeting Notice in October. Election instructions and additional information can be found on the reverse side of the ballot and at StrathmoreBelPre.org.

Election results will not be available at the Annual Meeting, but will be posted on StrathmoreBelPre.org and at the pool within one week of the completion of the election.

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Bel Pre Recreational News

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Tennis Court Update

In Spring 2021, we completed a major tennis court project that included repairing cracks, eliminating low spots to prevent standing water, converting one tennis court into two pickleball courts, and resurfacing and restriping the entire fenced in court area. Over the winter, a significant amount of cracking occurred on the courts. While some cracking is to be expected as the courts age, the extent of the cracking that occurred over the winter was significant and unexpected. We have had several meetings with our tennis court contractor and have a plan in place to repair the courts at no additional cost to the BPRA. Given the amount of work that needs to be done and the temperature restrictions associated with the repairs, the repair work cannot be completed this fall. We anticipate the work will be done in the spring, after temperatures are consistently warm enough to perform the repairs. The courts will be closed during the repairs. We will provide updates on StrathmoreBelPre.org, the SBPCA and SBP Dolphins listservs and at the tennis courts. Thank you to Tennis and Pickleball Court Committee Chair DAVE PULLEN for tackling this issue.



Summer 2022

Once again, summer has come and gone and our members and guests were able to enjoy our facilities because of the efforts of our pool operator, Georgetown Aquatics, and our many volunteers.

This year we saw many more people using the pool than in the past 2 years, enjoying our well-maintained facilities and participating in several organized activities throughout the summer including swim team, water aerobics, Masters Swim, movie nights, concerts, community meetings, tree dedications and more.

Thanks to our many volunteers for making our summer successful:

- JOE MOELLER and family for performing many pre-season tasks around the pool and grounds and for coordinating with contractors on several projects
- TED BECHTOL for keeping our grounds in good shape and coordinating tree pruning and removal throughout the property.
- The 60 + Club gardening group, coordinated by MARIA "COOKIE" STAGNITTO, for many hours of weeding and planting in all areas of the grounds.
- CARMEN WONG for taking on the role of Pavilion Scheduler.

Help Out the BPRA

We are always in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact me or any BPRA Board Members listed on [page 3](#) of *The Bugle*.

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Dolphins News

by Lisa Mantel
Secretary,
Strathmore Bel Pre
Dolphins Swim Team

We're back, baby! After two years with COVID restrictions, the SBP Dolphins were able to hold a completely normal swim season this summer. And

what a season it was! We finished the year with a record of four wins and one loss during the regular season, we won **FIRST PLACE** in the Prince-Mont Swim League (PMSL) B Division, and several swimmers made an excellent showing at the PMSL All-Star Meet. Congratulations, Dolphins!

Our success this summer could not have been possible without our dedicated and talented coaching staff. This summer, the Dolphins welcomed **BILL SCHECTMAN** as our new Head Coach. **BILL SCHECTMAN** has been coaching swimming for 34 years including 26 years with the Rockville-Montgomery Swim Club. Former Dolphin **CARSON TAYLOR** returned for his second season as Assistant Coach. **BILL** and **CARSON** were joined by returning Developmental Coaches **CAMILLE BEARMAN** and **IAN VIRGA**, and new Developmental Coaches **ASA VIRGA**, **SARAH SIEGLE**, **TESSA MILLER**, **WYATT KENT**, and **EVAN PAK**.



2022 Season Highlights

This summer, the Dolphins competed successfully in five regular-season A meets, four B meets, the PMSL B Division Championship, and the PMSL All-Stars Meet. And we are very proud of our **TWO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!** Mr. **TYLER KOMINKSI** is the PMSL LEAGUE CHAMPION in three events: Boys 11-12 Freestyle and Backstroke, and Boys 12U Individual Medley. Ms. **HARPER KOMINSKI** is LEAGUE CHAMPION in Girls 9-10 Butterfly and Freestyle. Way to go, **KOMINKSIS!** **TYLER** also broke the PMSL LEAGUE records in Boys 12U Individual Medley in both yards and meters pools (on June 18 and June 25, respectively).



Congratulations also to our record-smashing Boys 15-18 Medley Relay team, otherwise known as the Pink Speedo Squad. **IAN VIRGA**, **EVAN PAK**, **ERIK STAGGS**, and **CHRISTIAN JENKINS** broke the team record in this event at the PMSL B Division Championship meet on July 23.

Congratulations to our 2022 high-point and coaches' award winners:

8 & Under Boys

LEVI MANTEL (first place)
CHARLIE TINNIN (second place)
JULIAN HARLOW (third place)

8 & Under Girls

ELORA BREEDEN (first place)
BROOKE TAYLOR (second place)
ISABELLA DORSEY (third place)

9-10 Boys

BEN PURDY (first place)
TOBY REYES (second place)
ELI POPADICH (third place)

9-10 Girls

HARPER KOMINSKI (first place)
LEILA DEBACKER (second place)
EVIE HARRISON (third place)



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New State Requirements for Home Owners Associations (HOAs): Funded Reserve Studies

by Karen Purdy,
Bel Pre Recreational Association
(BPRA) President



In 2019, the Long Term Planning Committee (LTPC) conducted a study of how best to plan for the future of our neighborhood and its facilities. As part of the study, the LPTC determined the likely needs of our facilities over the next five to 10 years and beyond, estimated the potential costs associated with those needs, researched membership fees at comparable nearby facilities, and considered additional, related questions. The result of this study was a long-term plan for our facilities, which included a phased assessment increase that was approved by the membership in January 2020. (More information can be found in the [October 2019 Bugle](#).)

The increased assessment revenue made it possible for us to complete a much-needed major tennis court repair in 2021, and boosted our overall savings to allow for future facilities work.

At the time of the LTPC review, the State of Maryland did not require HOAs to perform formal Reserve Studies or to maintain a minimum level of reserve funding, at any given time, but that has changed. In 2021, the state updated the Maryland Homeowners Association Act, adding several new requirements governing reserve studies, reserve funding, budgeting, and notice to members. More information about those requirements, what they mean for the BPRA and what steps we have taken to meet the requirements are below.

What does the update to the Maryland Homeowners Association Act mean for the BPRA?

As a homeowner's association established, before October 1, 2021, we are required to

- ☐ **Complete a Full Reserve Study by October 1, 2022.**
 - ✓ The BPRA Board accepted the Final Report of a Full Reserve Study from PM+ Reserves September 2022. The results of the study will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- ☐ **Update the Study every 3-5 years.**
- ☐ **Include reserve funding in each year's budget.**
 - ✓ A new expense has been added to the 2023 operating budget to cover the Reserve Contribution.
- ☐ **Include a summary of the Study with the budget that is sent to members.**
 - ✓ The Summary of 2022 Reserve Study Recommendations will be included in the annual mailing, along with the proposed 2023 budget. The complete Reserve Study will be available to all members at StrathmoreBelPre.org no later than the date of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Instructions for how to access the document will be included in the annual mailing.
- ☐ **Fund reserves per the Study.**
 - ✓ We are on track to fund the recommended 2022 reserve contribution by the end of this year. The recommended 2023 reserve contribution is included in the proposed FY23 budget.
- ☐ **Notify the membership of the current amount of reserves on a yearly basis.**
 - ✓ The anticipated Reserve Account Balance (FY end) will be included in the annual mailing, along with the proposed 2023 budget.

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What is a Reserve Study?

A Reserve Study is a professionally prepared budgeting tool intended to aid the directors of a community association or similar entity in setting aside sufficient resources to maintain, replace and restore the elements of an association's common property.

A Reserve Study consists of two parts: 1) A physical analysis, which identifies the elements of the common property and determines each element's current condition, anticipated remaining useful life and the expected cost to repair or replace the element in the year the work is anticipated; and 2) a financial analysis, which examines current reserve savings, interest and inflation rates, and other data to establish the recommended reserve fund contribution an association should make each year.



Does a Reserve Study set the Annual Assessment?

No. A Reserve Study does not recommend or determine an amount for the Annual Assessment paid by individual homeowners, only the total amount that should be contributed to the Reserve Fund on an annual basis. The Board, during its budget development process each year, must set the Annual Assessment based on the anticipated operation and maintenance expenditures, the required Reserve Contribution, and other factors.

It is worth noting that the Maryland Homeowners Association Act now allows the Board to raise the annual assessment, without the approval of the membership in order to meet the reserve funding requirements.

Do we have to do the work shown each year in the Reserve Study?

No. A reserve study is not a work plan and does not dictate when work must be completed. It is a framework for setting aside money to be used when work is necessary.

For example, according to our 2022 study, significant parking lot work is anticipated in 2031. If, as we approach 2031, the parking lot is still in good shape and we can continue to maintain it with minor repairs, we will not do a major overhaul. However, if the condition of the parking lot warrants a major overhaul during or after 2031, we should have the necessary funds, assuming that we have properly funded our Reserve Account.

So how do we decide what work to do each year?

The BPRA assesses all elements of the common property on a yearly basis and determines what work is necessary each year. As noted in the example above, work anticipated by the Reserve Study may or may not be necessary in any given year. Therefore, the Planned Reserve Expenditures determined by the BPRA during the annual budgeting process and the Annual Expenses shown in the Reserve Study for any given year may not match.

What if I have more questions about the Reserve Study?

Please come to the virtual Annual Meeting on Thursday, **November 17, 2022, 7:30 pm**. We will be sharing more information about the Study, and answering members' questions.



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Flickers Forever!

by Cecily Nabors

The Northern Flicker, *Colaptes auratus*, is a large and handsome woodpecker. Our Eastern flickers belong to the “yellow-shafted” group, with yellow wing-linings and undertail color. For sheer startle and flash, it’s hard to beat the sight of a Northern Flicker coming in for a landing. As the bird flares its wings and tail to land on a tree or feeder, sunflower-yellow dazzles the eye.



Male and female flickers have the same stylish plumage: black-barred brown back, red crescent on the nape, and black bib above buffy spotted belly. Males, however, sport a black malar stripe on each cheek, forming a manly mustache.

Here in the Mid-Atlantic, we are flush with flickers all year, though their numbers swell during spring and fall migration.

Northern Flickers may be most famous (or infamous) for their rat-a-tat drumming on resonant wood or metal, such as rain gutters or chimney flashing. Why don’t they get headaches from all that pounding? Their skull-bones are thickened and absorb the impacts.

Flickers use their long powerful bills to excavate deep nest holes high in dead or diseased tree trunks or large branches. They may reuse the same hole the next year. When our pin oak died, we trimmed off the branches and left about 25 feet of the trunk standing. Flickers accepted the gift, drilling nest holes near the top.



Woodpeckers’ other specialized tools include heavily clawed feet (two toes forward, two toes back) and stiff prop-up tails, which allow them to be adept tree ramblers. Unlike other woodpeckers, though, flickers spend a lot of time on the ground. They may often be seen hunting for ants and other insects around tree roots and in gardens.

They eat nuts, berries, and beetles, but ants are their passion, making up almost half their diet. The birds dig into anthills or old stumps, lapping up the fleeing ants or unrolling their long sticky tongues to feast on ants and pupae in their tunnels.

Flickers will drink at bird baths or other water features, and they will snack on suet. Choose an upright suet feeder that allows this big bird to stand on a bar or platform, rather than try to cling to a feeder that dangles.

The ideal territory for flickers is a mixture of tall trees for nest sites and open ground for foraging. If you’re near woods, watch for flickers investigating the edges. To help make your yard flicker-friendly, try planting native berry-producers like spicebush (*Lindera*), dogwood (*Cornus*), and serviceberry (*Amelanchier*) and nut-bearing trees. Flickers and many other birds will thank you.

July 4th 2022 Strathmore Bel Pre Community Celebration!

by Lilla & Bill Hammond

Co-Chairs, July 4th Celebration, Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association

We are happy to announce that our **Strathmore Bel Pre Community's 2022 July 4th Celebration** was a great success! We had our wonderful volunteers who have helped through the years. They were joined by many new neighbors who contributed their energy and talents to help register participants, announce the events, and lead the children's field games at our BPRA community pool. This year, we brought back the children's parade, the magic show and the children's games. Here are a few of the highlights...



Flag Ceremony

We are again grateful for our Troop 763 Scouts for an inspiring flag ceremony just before the start of the parade. The Scouts who led the ceremony included K.L. PLANO-FABER, LUCAS MOELLER, ALPHA MARAH and EVAN RHOMAN of Troop 763 along with SYED ADAMS, CHRISTIAN HERRERA and LEVI MANTEL of Pack 763. Leaders included: Committee Chair HERMAN (JOE) MOELLER, JACKIE FARY-MOELLER, SHAUN ADAMS, and SUSAN PLANO-FABER. A big thank you to MARK FORAKER and JOE MOELLER for the PA system.



The Children's and the Patriotic Car Parades

For the first time after our COVID restrictions, we welcomed both parades! The children were well represented and ended their parade at our BPRA community pool. Our local Fire Station 25 sent their fire truck to lead the cars. For the first time, they were called away before the car parade could begin.



The Patriotic Car Parade Winners

ELMORE COLVIN won First Prize for his motorized vehicle. Accompanied by his lovely mother TOMASH, ELMORE received a *Juicy Seafood* coupon. Second prize, a car wash coupon, was awarded to SHAUN ADAMS. Third prize, a gasoline coupon, went to CRAIG MESSNER.

The Magician and the Children's Field Games

Our afternoon events went very well. MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN gave a stellar magic performance and our children's games went smoothly with three games going simultaneously and finishing with a coin toss in the swimming pools.

A great big THANK YOU!! goes to our volunteers and participants who made our 2022 Strathmore Bel Pre July 4th Celebration a success and a special opportunity to meet and enjoy the day together!



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11-12 Boys

TYLER KOMINSKI (first place)
JONAS DURAN (second place)
AMAN DANIEL (third place)

11-12 Girls

JANIE SPELMAN (first place)
BLEN DANIEL (second place)
ELIN MANTEL (third place)

13-14 Boys

DAVID DORSEY (first place)
ANDRE NAPPER (second place)
JOSH TESFAI (tie third place)
DANTE UPTGROW (tie third place)

13-14 Girls

CLAIRE PURDY (first place)
MAIA ANTONIO (second place)
LIZZIE STONE (third place)

15-18 Boys

IAN VIRGA (first place)
EVAN PAK (second place)
WYATT KENT (third place)

15-18 Girls

CAMILLE BEARMAN (first place)
LIZETT INGA (second place)
TESSA MILLER (third place)



Swimmers of the Year

TYLER KOMINSKI (Boys)
HARPER KOMINSKI (Girls)



Coaches Awards

Hardest Working Beginner: SOPHIA WESLEY
Hardest Working Novice: LEVI MANTEL
Hardest Working Junior: JANIE SPELMAN & BEN PURDY
Hardest Working Senior: SARAH SIEGLE

Most Improved 8U: DIMITRY LALASHVILI
Most Improved 9-10: SOPHIE DEBACKER
Most Improved 11-12: ETHAN ALBAG
Most Improved 13-14: LUCIAS STAPLES

Most Dependable: TESSA MILLER
Most Spirited: EVAN PAK

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

Farewell!

This summer we also said goodbye to seven graduating seniors: CAMILLE BEARMAN, AMY INGA, CHRISTIAN JENKINS, JOEY MOELLER, AARON SIEGLE, NAOMI TESFAI, IAN VIRGA. We wish them well in their future endeavors and thank ALL of our swimmers for their dedication and team spirit.

SBP Dolphins Swim Team Board of Directors – Incoming and Departing

This summer, we also elected a new Dolphins Board of Directors. Our bylaws call for election of Board officers every two years, and all families with a child on the team are entitled to vote. The new SBP Dolphins Swim Team Board of Directors are:

PAUL SPELMAN, President
CHRIS HUFFINE, Vice President (incumbent) huffine@gmail.com
LISA MANTEL, Secretary lisamariemantel@gmail.com
DENISE REYES, Treasurer (incumbent) casareyes1@gmail.com

We want to thank the outgoing Co-Presidents, ELIZABETH and PHIL KOMINSKI, who have provided so much to the Dolphins team. From officiating to entertaining to fundraising, we couldn't have done it without them! We also want to thank outgoing Secretary CLAIRE PAK who has served in this role for 13 years. CLAIRE has a gift for finding the perfect words to craft witty, yet informative weekly emails, as well as the perpetually humorous Paper Plate Awards. We will greatly miss her services on the Board, but fortunately she will be a team parent for one more year — **Continued on [page 19](#)** —

BPRA Members: Set your eSoft Profile to accept “promotional” materials year-round!

by Dave Pullen, BPRA Treasurer

The BPRA has just completed its second year using the **eSoft Planner** software platform to: 1) control access to the pool, 2) enable Annual Assessment payments to be paid online (all transaction costs are absorbed by the Association), and 3) find member interest in volunteering for Association committee and projects.

An additional eSoft Planner feature is a one-way messaging system, the promotional materials option, which, once activated, the BPRA can use to quickly send out messages to all members. This option appears when members are completing or updating their Homeowners' Profile and can be set for year round use, or just for the pool season.

We strongly encourage all homeowners to set/edit their eSoft Planner “Profile” to allow/accept “promotional materials” year-round, not be turned off once the pool season ends, and then turned on again when the pool season begins the next year..

Why? For the BPRA, this is the best vehicle by which we can quickly disseminate important information to all of our members. Pool suddenly shut down? We can quickly email homeowners who allow eSoft Planner to send out that information. We also can make available copies of materials such as the Annual Meeting Notice or Annual Assessment mailing.

Doesn't the Civic Association's Listserv do the same thing? Yes and No. The Listserv encompasses the greater Strathmore-Bel Pre community, which includes more than BPRA households. Our eSoft Planner system has more BPRA members current email addresses than the Listserv. Also, the Listserv messages and the eSoft Planner “promotional materials” messages work differently. The Civic Association Listserv allows folks to ask questions and receive quick answers, as well as post news of the community. eSoft “promotional materials” are one-way messages to quickly spread news to all BPRA members who have agreed to accept the messages. It is not possible to reply to an eSoft message.

Rest assured: eSoft Planner will not use your email address for “promoting” its products and will not “sell” your contact information to any other entity. **BPRA does not share your personal information with any other party either**, except for the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association, and only where members specifically authorize us to do so for purposes of updating the Community Directory.

So please, review/confirm/update your eSoft profile to accept “promotional” materials and keep your email “active” year-round – it is an additional, quick means by which BPRA can communicate with its members.

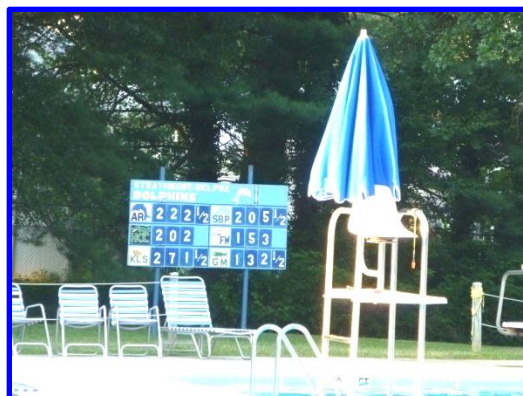


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Strathmore Bel Pre and the Village Movement

by Kristi Hullings

What is a Village?

Simply stated, **a village is a community of neighbors supporting neighbors**. Each nonprofit village is unique; however, all village organizations share the goal of improving the quality of life for those within the community. Depending on the needs and preferences of the particular community, villages choose to provide different types of services. Most utilize some sort of volunteer system to assist neighbor members in need. Some villages additionally host social opportunities, ranging from small shared-interest groups to large community-wide programs.

The first modern village was established in the Boston community of Beacon Hill in 1999, when group of seniors banded together to help one another remain in their homes as they age. Through peer-to-peer social networking, they empowered themselves with a support system to promote an active lifestyle and increased socialization. Since then, the village movement has spread throughout the country. In fact, there are 30 villages here in [Montgomery County](#). While many villages cater only to seniors, other villages are multigenerational, offering support and programs that appeal to *all* community members.

What is the vision for a village in Strathmore Bel Pre?

The concept of organizing a village within our neighborhood was proposed to the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association last year, and an open information forum was held at the pool this August. Those in attendance were intrigued by the idea of increasing neighbor-to-neighbor engagement to strengthen our sense of community. These presentations also emphasized that this community already has many systems in place to support a thriving village. In fact, Strathmore Bel Pre's Civic and Recreation Associations already provide many village-like services.

Neighbors who provided early feedback on the village concept are interested the model where the an established civic association becomes a county-recognized multigenerational village. This would mean that the Civic Association and Village membership would be intertwined.

The village mission is **to offer all neighbors a sense of Support, Belonging, and Purpose** by

- *assisting our neighbors in need, particularly our seniors so they can age in place*
- *creating opportunities for social interaction so ALL community members feel connected*
- *volunteering time, sharing knowledge, and pooling resources to enrich the community*

Where are we in the process?

A group of engaged volunteers, spearheaded by neighborhood alumnus (not a current resident) KRISTI CORCORAN HULLINGS, are working to negotiate the details of attaining village status for the civic association. **The next meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on October 13th, at 2901 Regina Drive.** Interested neighbors are encouraged to join and help this exploratory committee reflect the diverse population, needs, and priorities of all residents.

Please share your feedback!

All Strathmore Bel Pre residents are invited to visit [tinyURL.com/SBPvillagefeedback](https://tinyurl.com/SBPvillagefeedback) to indicate their thoughts, suggestions, or questions. Feedback generated from this brief online survey will help shape future village programs and offerings. Feel free to remain anonymous or share your contact information if you wish to stay informed as we move forward.

For more information, please plan to attend the November Annual Meeting and the December Town Hall. More village details will also be available on the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association website: <https://www.strathmorebelpre.org>.

Bel Pre Recreational News

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Fall 2021 Activities

We're happy to report that we are planning on holding several fall activities in conjunction with the Civic Association this year.

Saturday, **September 24** – Shred-it and yard sale

Saturday, **October 15** – BlocktoberFest

Saturday, **October 29** – Trunk or Treat

More information about these activities can be found [on the cover](#).

2023 BPRA Assessment

The 2023 BPRA Annual Assessment Notice will be mailed to each BPRA member household in late January. The 2023 Assessment is due **March 1, 2023**. Information about the Annual Assessment can be found on [StrathmoreBelPre.org](https://www.strathmorebelpre.org/annual-assessment). The Annual Assessment webpage (<https://www.strathmorebelpre.org/annual-assessment>) will be updated with 2023 information by the middle of January.



Pay Your Assessment Online

In 2022, we had a significant increase in online assessment payments. We encourage you to pay your annual assessment online with a credit card through our eSoft Planner portal.

Paying online saves our volunteers countless hours of data entry and check processing time, reduces our use of paper, reduces data entry errors, and lets members get set up for pool check in at the time of assessment payment.

You can pay your BPRA Assessment, join the SBPCA, donate to the Pet Waste Station Fund, and donate to the SBP Dolphins swim team all in one place. (We understand that having to do a separate transaction for each of these is a bit frustrating. We have requested a "Shopping Cart" feature to allow one payment transaction for all enrollments and are waiting to see if that will be one of the upgrades made to eSoft Planner before February 2023.)

Online payments for 2023 will be available no later than **February 1, 2023**. Payment by mailed paper check will still be an option.

Need an eSoft Planner Account?

If you have never logged into your eSoft Planner account and are interested in paying your assessment online in 2023, please consider making sure you can log into your account now.

Requests for your login name and password can be made by visiting [strathmorebelpre.org/annual-assessment](https://www.strathmorebelpre.org/annual-assessment) and completing the BPRA eSoft Planner Help Form.

To do this, visit [StrathmoreBelPre.org](https://www.strathmorebelpre.org),

- hover over the "Rec Association" menu (top right of the page,)
- click Annual Assessment,
- click "NEED HELP WITH ESOFT PLANNER/ONLINE PAYMENT. CLICK HERE."
- Complete and submit the form. If you do not see a response in a few days, please check your SPAM folder.

Alternatively, you can email BPRAPool02@gmail.com. Please include your name and BPRA Property Address in any correspondence.

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Dolphins News

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A Look Ahead

It's not too early to start thinking about next summer! If you would like to learn more about the team and how your children can participate, please visit our website (sbpdolphins.swimtopia.com). If your child can't swim, that's no problem!

The Lil Dolphins is a group lessons program taught by our developmental coaches that allows little swimmers to learn basic swimming skills and progressively move on to learn the competitive strokes.



Reach out to any member of the Dolphins Board of Directors, or to our A Meet Manager, KAREN PURDY (klpurdy@hotmail.com) for more information.

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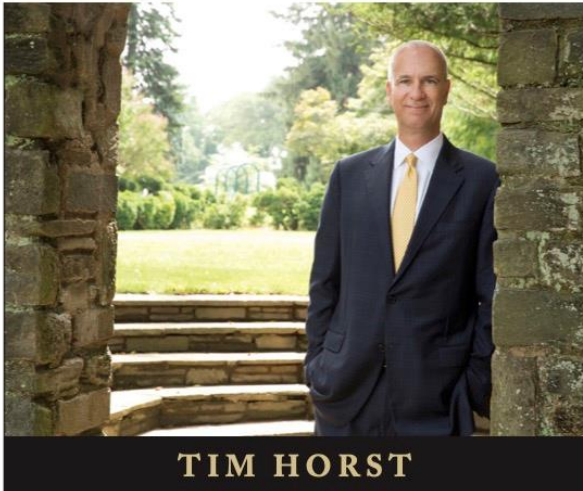
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Bel Pre Recreational News

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Seeking Volunteers

The BPRA is always looking for members interested in volunteering. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees or volunteering in some other way, please contact the appropriate committee chair listed on [page 3](#) of *The Bugle* or contact me at klpurdy@hotmail.com

We are currently looking for the following:

Web site review team – We are looking for several people to work together to perform a comprehensive review of the BPRA webpages on StrathmoreBelPre.org and make recommendations on updates, edits, and additions with an eye toward providing the information that BPRA members request and find useful.

eSoft Planner coordinator(s) – We are looking for one or more people with strong computer and organizational skills to assist with the administration of eSoft Planner, our Pool check in and online assessment collection system. The position will include interaction with the BPRA Board, pool staff and BPRA members. The bulk of work will be performed between February and September, with significant interaction with the membership in March, May and June.

Webmaster – Maintains the BPRA pages of the StrathmoreBelPre.org website. Knowledge of Squarespace, or similar platform, is desired but not required.

Long term planning committee members, especially those with architectural or engineering experience.

2023 BPRA Board Meeting Schedule

The BPRA Board of Trustees normally meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm. All members of the BPRA are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Board. A 15-minute period at the beginning of each meeting is normally reserved for members of the Association to speak on any issue you feel is important.

The BPRA Board will approve the full 2023 meeting schedule at its **January 3, 2023**, meeting. The tentative meeting schedule for remainder of the first half of 2023 is **February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6**. See StrathmoreBelPre.org for updates.

2022 Summer Movies Recap

by John Bogasky

2022 marked our Civic Association’s 10th year of organizing summer movies at our pool. This year we presented five films, starting with a Drive-In movie in the Pool’s parking lot.

SBPCA's First Saturdays at the Movies

May 14 (Drive-In)	June 4	July 2	August 6	September 3
				
Encanto	Spider-Man: No Way Home	The Princess Bride	West Side Story (2021)	Disney's Jungle Cruise

Mother Nature cooperated four out of five times, delivering perfect evening weather for every movie except July’s showing of *The Princess Bride*.



Movie attendance was mixed. Our best attendance was for our May and September movies which benefit from earlier start times. Attendance was also good for *West Side Story* but light for *Spider-Man* and *The Princess Bride*. *The Princess Bride* was shown under the Pavilion on a rainy night which “dampened” attendance. On the other hand, *Spider-Man* had perfect weather.

Summer Entertainment fundraising was down by more than 30% this year. Over the Winter, our Civic Association Board will consider how to adjust the program to align with our fundraising. We may cut back to 3-4 movies, possibly dropping a mid-summer movie where attendance was poor.

We will renew the SBPcivic listserv movie selection poll this winter. We may add questions on movie nights to help guide us on how best to align our schedule with fundraising.

Our summer movies only happen through the efforts of our volunteers. I want to thank STEVE DEMING, KYE PAK, and JOE MOELLER for their indispensable help with presenting our movies this past summer. I also want to thank our sponsors, whose financial contributions make it possible to license and obtain our summer movies.

The SBP Civic Association Thanks Our 2022 Summer Entertainment Sponsors!!!

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	Larry, Rita & Angela Vaught	Jo & Chris Jennison	Bob & Deb Perry
			Super-Fans
			Sandeep & Laura Krishna

And Our Host - The Bel Pre Recreational Association

Bel Pre Recreational Association—Annual Board Member Election

2022 Candidates 4 positions – 4 candidates

Andy Popadich

1. **Age (optional):** 38
2. **Occupation:** Client Representative for Tecniplast USA
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** Since May 2013
4. **What do you see as the most important function of the Recreational Association?** Providing a space for community members to get together and enjoy time with family and neighbors. With three young children I have a focus on that age, as good options for them, improves the community environment.
5. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** Continue to provide a welcoming place at the pool with various events and quality facilities. Communicate upcoming events with ample notice and an effort to involve new families in our community, that is rapidly turning over.
6. **Other than participating in (and preparing for) Board meetings, what projects (or other activities) do you plan to do for the Association?** I would like to try and tackle the snack bar situation. It seems to be in a place of limbo and is barely open during the summer. I do not plan to personally run it but I think there is a creative way to make it work either through something like a college business major credit or project, or maybe a young adult that just has interest in some extra money and experience like this.
7. **What do you intend to do to promote access to the pool (and other recreational facilities) to the entire community?** I think the key here is updating how we spread the news that something is happening. I like the inclusion of an online *Bugle*. The listserv has a purpose but can turn into long threads and event announcements get buried. A separate and obvious communication method to highlight events could get the news out there better. Media tools that can show, anonymously, how many people are interested in an event and improve attendance by making it obvious that an event will be well attended and worth going to.



Patrick Welteroth

1. **Age (optional):** 33
2. **Occupation:** Accountant
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** 7 years
4. **What do you see as the most important function of the Recreational Association?** Making decisions on how to properly maintain community amenities which both maximize value and minimize cost to its members.
5. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** I would encourage younger homeowners in our community to participate and attend Recreational Associations meetings where their ideas can be heard and have real impact on the Board's decision making.
6. **Other than participating in (and preparing for) Board meetings, what projects (or other activities) do you plan to do for the Association?** Any projects that make sense and calls for leadership and participation. I intend to be an active board member who supports projects/activities that build our community values and those projects/activities in which the majority of the members clearly support and are interested in starting, maintaining, or even ending. I think an ice cream social sounds fun or even a Sunday Pancake breakfast where the community comes together to meet other members of the community.
7. **What do you intend to do to promote access to the pool (and other recreational facilities) to the entire community?** Community facility awareness is important. A simple "one pager" on the what, how, and when regarding our community facilities could be helpful to community members. Simplicity is key. Also, speaking with new members to welcome them to our neighborhood and educate them on the amenities we have would be a great way to promote access to the community. It might not be a bad idea to reach out to current members too.



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Bel Pre Recreational Association–Annual Board Member Election

2022 Candidates 4 positions – 4 candidates

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Dave Pullen

1. **Age (optional):** 71
2. **Occupation:** Retired — my work history involves Capitol Hill (Legis. Asst.); 25 years Lobbying/Director of Public Affairs for a Fortune 50 company; 4 years, Executive Director of Mid-Atlantic Section of the United States Tennis Association; 6 years., Executive Director Of Montgomery County Tennis Association.
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** 39 years
4. **What do you see as the most important function of the Recreational Association?** Charting a fiscally-responsible course for sustaining the common property assets, now and into the future.
5. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** Hosting Dolphins swim team provides established pathways for community building among members with children ages 8-18. We need to develop social activities that appeal to members without (or with aged-out) children. The 60+ Club is an example that works for that demographic. We need to identify and promote activities that appeal to 40-60 year old members.
6. **Other than participating in (and preparing for) Board meetings, what projects (or other activities) do you plan to do for the Association?** I have served as BPRA Treasurer for each of the past 3 years, which is a substantial time commitment (and hope to continue in that role next year); I Chair the Finance Committee (part of Treasurer responsibilities); the Tennis/Pickleball Courts committee; and I am an active member of the Governing Documents Committee. I enjoy the very minor task of cleaning Pool Property light fixtures as part of the preparations for opening the pool. Outside BPRA, I am a 34-year *Bugle* delivery volunteer; and an appointed member and incoming Chair, of the County-wide Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee; and a Montgomery County Election judge since 2008 and continuing.
7. **What do you intend to do to promote access to the pool (and other recreational facilities) to the entire community?** I believe we need to introduce additional programming that appeals to the senior members of the community so that they see real value, and remain engaged, in the Association's affairs. Pickleball is a non-pool attraction to seniors and I am glad to have played a role in revitalizing BPRA's racket sport courts to include both tennis and pickleball. We need to promote organized "ladder" play in both sports, possibly leading to hosting tournament play.



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Bel Pre Recreational Association–Annual Board Member Election

2022 Candidates 4 positions – 4 candidates

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Jay Staggs

1. **Age (optional):** 57
2. **Occupation:** I am currently the Vice President of Operations for an Underwriting Company. I also serve on the Board of Directors for a Mutual Insurance Company. In the past, I owned and operated my own company (for 10 years), served as V.P. of a financial services company, worked in mutual funds, designed computer systems, and served in the US Navy on a submarine.
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** 23 years
4. **What do you see as the most important function of the Recreational Association?** To promote neighborhood gatherings and provide a safe, friendly atmosphere to help cultivate connections with our neighbors. I believe it is also the function of the Recreational Association to oversee the maintenance, safety, and welfare of the common grounds (pool, tennis court, and basketball courts) as well as provide a platform where community members can share their ideas on community happiness and growth. Lastly, I think the Rec Association is the steward of the long-term growth of the community, ensuring it continues to exist as a warm, inviting, safe, and fun place to live.
5. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** Especially after the pandemic, I think it is important to re-establish community bonds through neighborhood events and gatherings. The rec and civic association members have done a great job of promoting events. I would like to see this expanded on, if possible, to promote more weekend events for both kids and adults.
6. **Other than participating in (and preparing for) Board meetings, what projects (or other activities) do you plan to do for the Association?** I would like to work with the other board members to determine where I can best serve and fill any voids that the association may be facing at this time. My experience is very broad, and I could be useful in many different areas on the board. I am a great listener and a good problem solver. I have vast experience with financials as well as project planning. I also have some amateur building experience from adding an addition onto our home. I would hope that with my experiences, I could provide guidance and suggestions on projects and activities that would help the community.
7. **What do you intend to do to promote access to the pool (and other recreational facilities) to the entire community?** The pool is one of the best draws to our community. It hosts a number of events that include neighborhood gatherings (Dolphins 5k run, yard sale, spring thing, trunk or treat), movie nights, bands, 4th of July parade/games, birthday parties, water aerobics, and of course, our outstanding swim team. I think the pool and the swim team are two of the greatest community resources in the neighborhood. Our children became part of the swim team when they were very young and my wife Jill and I, as well as our children, have made and continue to make some great friends along the way. The swim team provides an opportunity for families to come together and for our kids to create lifelong bonds with others in the neighborhood in a safe and fun environment. As a board member, my job will be to continue to promote these types of activities and look for new activities that can draw in others within our community.





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Nicole Banks

1. **Age (optional):**
2. **Occupation:** Analyst
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** 5 years
4. **What are your most recent contributions for/to our community?** My recent contribution was helping with the civic association website and supporting the Fourth of July media publications.
5. **What do you see as the essential function of the Civic Association?** The most important part is to provide the Strathmore Bel Pre residents with awareness of events and news about their community.
6. **What is your vision for the Board of the Civic Association?** My vision is to inform and advocate for our community. There is a rich history, and new residents should be aware of it. Also, families need opportunities to participate in events and know what will impact their community.
7. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** I would offer monthly events for families. I think getting the children to participate would provide parents with opportunities to meet each other.

Bill Hammond

1. **Age (optional):** 79
2. **Occupation:** Author-Historian, U.S. Army Center of Military History
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** 38 years
4. **What are your most recent contributions for/to our community?** My wife Lilla and I organized and supervised this year's July 4th activities.
5. **What do you see as the most important function of the Civic Association?** Communication. Over the years we have continually monitored outside events that could affect the community and have kept the Community informed of its options.
6. **What is your vision for the Board of the Civic Association?** Over the years we have continued to create ways to draw the community together. We continue to do so, but the board needs new members. We need new members with new ideas.
7. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** This has always been our job. The Civic Association created *The Bugle*, the Website, and the Listserv. All are working well, but we need to continue to improve them, while seeking new approaches to reach out to our association's members. Again, we would appreciate new board members with new perspectives.

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Rita Vaught

1. **Age (optional):** Boomer generation
2. **Occupation:** Property management, RE sales and accounting.
3. **Length of time living in the Strathmore Bel Pre neighborhood:** 9 years
4. **What are your most recent contributions for/to our community?** I strive toward volunteering when I can; served as the Dolphins Treasurer for 3 years, assistant treasurer of BPRA for 4+ years, served on the Civic Association since 2013, and have volunteered at swim meets, 4th of July activities, 6 years on local PTA boards, and being a good neighbor.
5. **What do you see as the most important function of the Civic Association?** The Civic Association has the flexibility to create opportunities outside of our BPRA association. Our association has the Listserv to keep members connected. Helping to support other activities that the BPRA is not able to do under their covenants.
6. **What is your vision for the Board of the Civic Association?** To continue supporting activities throughout the community, and engage in our local geographic area. Also to be a voice to our local County Council and to other government agencies. I hope others will join us for the good of the community.
7. **How would you build community in Strathmore Bel Pre?** To continue what we are doing, and to reach out to bring in more members that can help add to our special neighborhood. I'd like to see more events that others lead.



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I am a retired local pharmacist (40 years). In addition to raising a wonderful and diverse family, I have committed my life to helping the less fortunate and those communities slighted by discrimination.

Twenty-five years ago, I began an orphanage and a K-13 school in Haiti, which I continue to fund and support to this day.

Closer to home, I volunteer my health services to black and Hispanic pregnant and post-pregnant women who are at-risk, have language barriers, or medical pre-conditions.

It is why my wife tells me I was progressive before the modern term was invented.

I am running because I truly care about people — “all” people. Our county and state are wealthy — but we are leaving too many people behind.

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Dr. Frank Nice

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I have been blessed with a wonderful family. We have a very diverse family with different races and nationalities. This diversity has taught us much and has had a deep impact on our way of thinking as we see firsthand how our minority communities continue to be disenfranchised.

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For 40 years, I have run a successful pharmacy practice in Montgomery County serving thousands in our community. As an independent pharmacist, I know firsthand how Maryland's regulations are designed to close small, family-owned businesses in favor of the chain stores. This is very unfortunate as local business owners are the ones that give back the most to the local community.

Volunteer in the Hispanic Community

For almost 35 years, I have volunteered in both the Hispanic and African American communities — two communities traditionally underserved by local government. Specifically, I work with pregnant women to assist them with their pregnancy and post pregnancy care as well as provide family health care, without cost or compensation.

Orphanage & School Founder

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Why Join? The Civic Association:

- Publishes *The Bugle*
- Hosts the strathmorebelpre.org web site
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- Organizes the Yard Sale, the 4th Events, and the Summer Movies and Concerts

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