

BMECL President's Page

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Dear friends and neighbors,

Happy New Year to you and your family from the BMECL team of volunteers!

Throughout 2018, we worked diligently to keep you informed and engaged in activities that promoted unity within our neighborhood. The effort we put forward was rewarded many times over by your participation and kind words to us about the following committees: www.bmecl.org, Social (9 events), Welcoming (23 new families), Flags (posted 3 times to 394 homes), Yard of the Month (5 awards), Outreach (3 charity drives), Neighborhood Watch, Traffic Calming, and Neighborhood Entrance Signs. Our volunteers got as much BANG! as we could out of your donation bucks!

This year, we invite your suggestions of how we can better represent your current interests. You can email any of the BMECL leadership team or leave an anonymous comment at www.bmecl.org. We have already implemented some of your suggestions for our 2019 calendar (on the back). How would you like to get together for "brunch"? What do you think of a Spring Block Party in April when it's around 70 degrees outside instead of 90+ degrees on 4th of July? You may notice that our charity drives are not listed on the calendar, we are still in the process of deciding the focus of Outreach Committee.

In order to continually modernize our organization, we are again re-evaluating our digital footprint. Please take a moment to fill out the section of the application to let us know how you want to hear from us. Would you prefer email, social media, cellphone app for BMECL members, or paper flyers delivered door-to-door like this one, the first issue of the BMECL President's Page quarterly newsletter? If you would like all of the above, we can do that too!

I hope I get to talk with you at our events this year, or even better, work with you as one of our team of volunteers on any of our committees. Come out and get to know us a little at our first General Meeting at Kempsville Middle School Cafeteria, Monday, February 11, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. During this meeting, we will also be hosting the possibly life-saving, safety course "Stop The Bleed" which teaches bystanders how to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Our neighborhood and our Civic League are only as strong as we make them, together!

Best regards,

Heather Brinkerhoff
BMECL President