

BWNA Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Date: 8/21/25

Location: Sayre Friendship Towers

Welcome and Introduction of guest (Susan Sallee 2024-2025 President Belleau Wood Neighborhood)

Susan Sallee welcomed everyone and introduced Sarah Ritter.

Sarah Ritter is the 4th District Legislative Aide to Emma Curtis. Sarah gave an update on some of the projects involving the neighborhood.

1. Construction on tennis courts is in process. The asphalt has been laid, and they are in the process of getting fencing and color coding scheduled. Sarah will provide an update on timing when she gets information.
2. Due to the recent vandalism, Sarah has reached out to the police department to make an extra run around the park for next few weeks from midnight to 4am.
3. Mini-Roundabout – The new roundabout is intended to help reduce congestion on Wilson Downing. It will not take up any additional space. There will be a new entrance to Pebble Creek Drive. This new entrance will be completed first so neighbors on Pebble Creek Drive will have access during the construction period. There will be a right turn lane added on Wilson Downing turning right onto Tates Creek Road. Design for the project will be completed in the fall and then bids will go out for the work. The work is scheduled to be done during the summer of 2026 with a planned completion date before school starts in August 2026.
4. Sidewalk repairs on Wilson Downing have been finished. There may be some patches of grass that will also need to be finished.
5. Paving priorities were submitted in the spring. There may be paving in the neighborhood in late fall or early spring.

Sarah complemented the BWNA for their involvement and concern for the neighborhood. Susan also mentioned she is following up with LFUCG on some damage in the neighborhood related to the pavement between driveways and the street.

2025-2026 Membership Update (Jan Sallee- Co-Treasuer BWNA)

There are currently 68 members. In the prior year there were 142 members total and in 2023 there were 175 members total. This is out of 455 homes. This year the Membership Committee decided to try a new way of reaching new members without the cost of printing and postage, which added up to \$257 in the prior year. This year there are several different ways to join. The application can be downloaded from the Belleau Wood website and mailed or dropped off at 3921 Forest Green Drive. There is also a new mailbox at the park with applications as well. Dues can also be paid using PayPal. Karla Carter also

designed some signs that will be placed at different locations in neighborhood. The signs include a QR code that is linked to the neighborhood website.

Treasurers Report- (Ron Sallee- Co-Treasurer BWNA)

The checking account balance is \$3,849.60 and the certificate of deposit balance is \$8,799.98. The certificate of deposit is designated for the new sign that will be required when the old one is torn down due to the new mini roundabout scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2026.

Motion to accept the treasurers report

Motion 1: Larry Kuharik

Motion 2: Emily Best

Motion approved.

Susan asked the Board Members to introduce themselves and tell how long they have lived there. Susan discussed the board process.

Belleau Wood Neighborhood Association Updates (Susan Sallee)

- **Tates Creek Centre trash/dumping in Hickman Creek**
The City has cleared out some space at the park by the creek and placed two picnic tables there. They plan to clear out the honeysuckle in the fall. Susan noticed across the creek on the Tates Creek Center side there were 6 tires that had been dumped there. There currently is no barrier to the creek from Kroger's to Proof Fitness. Susan has called the Water Quality department at LFUCG. They have already started to process on contacting the owner of the property to begin the cleanup process. A fence placed on the Tates Creek side of the creek would be the best solution.

Food Trucks for the remainder of August/September

1. Mr. Softee this Saturday 7pm – canceled
 2. Rise Up Pizza August 30, 5-7pm
 3. Bear Creek BBQ for September 6, 5-7:30pm – still trying to confirm this truck.
- **Belleau Wood Neighborhood Yard Sale – October 11**
It was decided to have a spring and fall yard sale this year. Emily Best will advertise, and Scott and Debbie McCormick will place signs in the neighborhood.
 - **Belleau Wood Fall Neighborhood Clean-up – October 12**
The plan for the Fall Cleanup is to clean the area along Wilson Downing along with some possible trimming of trees. Will schedule it for an hour from 2pm to 3pm.

- Park Updates (Karen Brown- Belleau Wood Park Contact for BWNA)
The city has repaired the playground slide, and they have removed graffiti from the park area. Susan, Sarah and Karen met with Chris Cooperrider with LFUCG. They requested some additional space be cleared around the creek. The city has placed two picnic tables and a trash can in this area. The city plans to plant two trees in the fall. They will also make a request for a path for strollers, walkers etc. in this area. The city will be doing some data collection for the next few months to determine status of project and get that on their schedule. The city plans to remove some of the honeysuckle. The dead trees around the playground have been removed.
- Karen talked to the project manager regarding the asphalt on the tennis courts. There were some equipment problems. The asphalt was bumpy. They had to wait for the asphalt to cure. Due to this delay, the initial window for getting the fence installed was missed. The city is trying to encourage the fence company to come back to Belleau Wood tennis courts next. After the fence poles are in, the next step will be to come out to level out surface. None of courts are considered high performance courts. They are outdoor recreation areas. When lines are painted then the nets will be put up. Hope to get it done by mid september.
- New Membership Newsletter (Karla Carter-Belleau Wood Board Member)
Karla will be creating and sending out a monthly newsletter with all the neighborhood events and activities. It will only be sent to members.
- Karen discussed handouts provided at the meeting. Sayre Christian Village Fall Festival will be September 11th. There were also handouts about putting trash out and a list of items not to recycle.
- Beautification Update (Scott McCormick-Belleau Wood Board Member)
Scott discussed the cleanup of the butterfly garden in the park and also the spring cleanup. BWNA has contracted out the maintenance of the front entrance and some of the park area to Quintin Wingate. The roundabout scheduled to be completed in summer 2026 may create some additional work.
- Nominations for 2025-2026 Belleau Wood Neighborhood Association officers:
Secretary- Karen Brown
Co-Treasurers- Ron and Jan Sallee
Vice President-
Co-Presidents- Debbie McCormick and Laurie Nichols

Motion to accept the nominations for officers for 2025-2026

Motion 1: Alberta Shaw

Motion 2: Scott McCormick

Motion approved.

OPEN THE FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

There was a question about soliciting issues. Susan will reach out to Sarah Ritter for suggestions on how to discourage this.

Scott McCormick thanked the outgoing board members. Susan filled in for Scott for part of the year.

There was discussion about the need for a right turn lane at Man O War and Belleau Wood. Man O War is a state road. Susan will follow up with Sarah Ritter on this. Emma Curtis is on the Traffic Committee. There was discussion about the new light pole being installed at Man O War and Belleau Wood Drive and also noted several accidents that occur at that yield yellow light.

Scott suggested we thank Sayre Christian Village and maybe send them a thank you card.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52pm

Motion 1- Larry Kuharik

Motion 2-Scott McCormick