



Residents Suggestions for Possible Events to Celebrate Brandermill's 40th Annivesary

Based on NRC Survey of May 13, 2013

1.	Will have to think more on the 40th Anniversary Celebration.
2.	Don't select one day to celebrate, best to spread over a number of days so more can take part.
3.	Anniversary picnic at Sunday Park weather permitting. Where families furnish their own picnic baskets and seating. This offers an opportunity for residents to socialize and meet board & committe members.
4.	Perhaps a special recognition of the 40th anniversary at the 4th of July events?
5.	<p>Float boat party! Allow boat owners to dock/tie their pontoon boats together to make a massive on-the-lake party. Kids/volunteers offer rowboat services to and from the boats for bathroom breaks, transportation, etc... Each boat offers their own company, food, beverages, music, and theme.</p> <p>I grew up on a lake in Wisconsin and this was the ultimate summer event growing up as a kid and as an adult!</p>
6.	I'd emulate the current "RVA" logo and window sticker campaign with an appropriate slogan that let's us all take pride in Brandermill and advertise that pride on our cars.
7.	Have a picnic in Sunday park. Fireworks? Contests..games.
8.	Block parties in each neighborhood in the summer. A 5K run to celebrate an official day for the 40th Anniversary. Fireworks and hotdogs.
9.	There is mention that this acknowledgement be part of our 4th of July celebrations. I think this deters from our anniversary. It should be kept separate but publicized through public media.
10.	1 big bash in Sunday Park. Food, live music more than the forth of July thing. Maybe even fireworks. Keep it close. Residents only encouraged to attend. Has anyone noticed the traffic LEAVING Brandermill after the fireworks on July 4th?
11.	Family oriented activities...neighborhood/block parties that allow the families to get out and meet each other.

12.	<p>Activities centered around the lake - a banner across the lake, flotilla of boats lining up show a message, a "water show," contests, music around the lake, etc. After all, we are the only community to feature such a wonderful amenity. However this would entail a great deal of effort on the part of all residents and staff to clean up the lake, particularly the shore, and beautify it to the maximum!</p> <p>I would add to that list a house tour of some of our community's top properties. This could be held in conjunction with area realtor's open houses or not, and be sponsored/organized by one of the area's community service clubs. I know when I lived in Bon Air, the annual house tour drew large numbers to that area.</p>
13.	Dedicate more staff time to activities that bring "us" together (i.e., campout, July 4th parade, etc.) Jennifer does a great job...she needs more help from other staff or volunteers!!
14.	Promote neighborhood cookouts and/or community festival at Sunday Park similar to 4th of July celebration
15.	Not sure when it is, but I'd suggest using the pools somehow. If we don't do something to keep those assets utilized, we Lose a big neighborhood attraction. And I don't even swim!
16.	Gathering similar to 4th of July. Parade, perhaps.
17.	<p>I personally think our 40th celebration should be all about the residents celebrating their community. Therefore, I do not think it should be combined with July 4th, unless the Board is willing to take some steps to protect the community from having an onslaught of outsiders invading our attempt to celebrate our Holiday and our 40th celebration.</p> <p>For years, we have had to contend with outsiders thinking they can infringe upon our community; enjoy our amenities, our food and our celebration.</p>
18.	DO NOT SPEND ANY OF OUR MONEY. DISBAND BCA. SET UP A NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION TO OPERATE THE TRAILS IN BRANDERMILL AND STOP WASTING MILLIONS OF OUR DOLLARS THAT COULD BE BETTER SPENT BY HOMEOWNERS IMPROVING THEIR OWN HOMES. ALLOW EACH SUBDIVISION TO DETERMINE ITS OWN LOOK AND LANDSCAPING. WITHOUT THE TERRIBLE WASTE OF MONEY TO BCA, HOMEOWNERS CAN SPEND MONEY ON THEIR OWN AREAS WITHIN THE GENERAL AREA.
19.	We should have a series of neighborhood meet and share parties.
20.	Fireworks
21.	A weekend of scheduled events similar to Dominion RiverRock... festival, races, other activities... maybe a well-developed beer/ wine expo event at Sunday Park/ The Boathouse.

22.	Community party @ Market Square or Sunday Park. A display of Brandermill at various stages with the history attached. Music by Brandermill residents or other music. Refreshments. Games, etc. for children related to places in Brandermill.
23.	Picnic on the lake is always a good idea!
24.	Pool parties to be celebrated during the summer at the local swimming pools, open to all residents!
25.	As far as celebrating the 40th anniversary, I would like to see a 4th of July sort of celebration at Sunday Park that includes games for kids, live music, and good old fashioned fun.
26.	Clean up along road ways. Too many debries and dead stuff. Not a vvgood picture for visitors.
27.	Parade, fireworks. some type of update around the community as a mark of the anniversary. I think a more robust entrance with better lightening would help with the communities perception. better lighting of individual neighborhood entrances would be nice. most all new modern neighborhoods have this.
28.	Coordinate celebration events with the BCA Marketing Committee.
29.	Party at Sunday park for residents ONLY. To make some revenue, Brandermill could sell tickets to some sort of a party. I also think t-shirts, Facebook announcements, and contests would be cool.
30.	Gifting all Brandermill residents a pool pass for one year.
31.	Community picnic at Sunday park
32.	Neighborhood parties - fun family events at the pavilions- revitalized pool facilities.
33.	Fireworks for sure
34.	Include it with the July 4th
35.	A boat parade around Swift Creek Reservoir! Of course this would first require boat launch upgrades, especially at the Landing. This would include dredging the channel from the launch to the reservoir, making the launch pad steeper, and adding stone to the parking lot and lanes so the stone edging no longer acts like speed bumps. Obviously, this is a hint that further work is needed at the Landing, especially when water levels are lower.
36.	Weather permitting - a gathering a Sunday Park with picnicing.

37.	<p>I think the block parties (Cove Ridge has a great one) is a good start. Also events like the following may be of interest:</p> <p>(1) Utilize and work with High School (maybe school band or other school activity) to show people new or thinking about the community, what a great education system Brandermill folks have.</p> <p>(2) A morning kick off walk or race/</p> <p>(3) Get an environmentalist (volunteer naturalist) to do some kids stuff at Sunday Park. Could be a hike, exploring fish in water, sifting through sand, etc. Tunes of environmental games and other stuff is available. This could be coupled with tables from Green market folks, Brandermill's men and women's club, etc.</p> <p>(4) Has to be marketed for free in Chesterfield Observer, Richmond.com, etc.</p> <p>(5) Maybe a small sailing race</p> <p>(6) Have the Brandermill Tour Boats out for free rides</p> <p>(7) See if the church wants to host something, maybe a musical event or a bake sale (serve coffee and cakes donated from community) for food bank.</p> <p>This is our community and everyone should be involved in promoting it. None of these things would cost a fortune, would get folks involved, be a selling point for our community. I'd be happy to volunteer.</p>
38.	It would be interesting to interview members of the community who have been here from the beginning years and also children who grew up here and have come back to live here with their children.
39.	A concert at Sunday Park; I think fireworks are too expensive for what you get.
40.	I do not believe this celebration is any thing special. Most historic celebrations are for a much longer period of time. Besides, there is no indication of the cost of this event.
41.	Evening party at Sunday Park.
42.	Community party @ Market Square or Sunday Park. A display of Brandermill at various stages with the history attached. Music by Brandermill residents or other music. Refreshments.
43.	Community concert-family picnic.
44.	Maybe some kind of meet and greet with the Board.