



The Rampage Bexley Newsletter

April 2010

President's Letter



While many of us wondered if it would ever come with all the snow and cold temperatures - it appears that spring has finally come to Bexley! The forsythia, daffodils, and flowering trees make our neighborhood even more beautiful than usual.

Thanks to all of you who turned out for the Annual Meeting at St. David's Church in February. Given the outstanding attendance I think this will be the format for future meetings. With close to 150 attendees, it was the best attended Annual Meeting that anyone can remember. The overwhelming community support for the Board was demonstrated by the results of the election, with the nominated slate prevailing by an over four to one margin. Those of us on the Board who have worked so hard want to extend a sincere thank you for your continued support. Excellent updates were provided by the Board in all areas of Bexley's operation, and the alternative slate made good suggestions for change. Anyone who did not attend the meeting can find minutes, as well as financial updates, at Board@bexleyhomes.net.

We will now put the financials on the web site each month along with the monthly board minutes. One meeting a quarter will be an open forum at the LaPrade Library. All dates and locations for meetings can be found on the Bexley web site and on page four of this newsletter. Association members are welcome to attend any meeting. Please call ahead so the host can plan appropriately.

Recycling has come to Bexley. It meets everyone's needs in providing a service that many want without the unsightly bins at the curb.....a real win-win! See the next article for details.

Coming up this month is the Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 11th. This was an outstanding event last year. Please contact Mary Leipertz if you are interested in helping. Getting all those eggs ready is a big job for the Bexley bunny.

In the Monument Avenue 10K, the combined Bexley Road Runners and Street Walkers raised in excess of \$2500.....and contributions are still coming in. The money raised goes to the International Hospital for Children, an outstanding organization providing life-saving surgeries for children from South America and the Caribbean. Suggestions for other community service activities are welcome at Board@bexleyhomes.com.

The annual Bexley Yard Sale will be held on June 12th. Dick Hudson is chairing the yard sale this year. Please see page four for more details. **Also see page four for an important notice on delivery of future editions of the Rampage.**

Again, many thanks to all the Bexley residents who braved the weather and came out to the Annual Meeting. If anyone has any suggestions they would like the Board to pursue please let us know. Spring has sprung.....ENJOY!!

Deborah Corliss Hollinger, President

Recycling Comes to Bexley

The 2010 annual meeting brought good news on the recycling issue. Trainham Disposal, Inc., has agreed to provide all Bexley residents "behind the house" recycling service. This satisfies covenant requirements and avoids the inconvenience of taking recycling to the curb. The fee for this service is \$5 a month for existing Trainham customers, and \$10 a month, for others. Recycling only customers must pay 6 months in advance. This service is expected to begin in April.



Trainham contacted current customers at the end of March to explain the service. Non-Trainham customers should contact the Bexley Recycling Coordinator—Victoria (Tori) Schwartz-Lutz, by e-mail, vschwartzlutz@verizon.net or by phone at 690-2107 or 276-2650.

Ms. Schwartz-Lutz and Trainham will monitor for compliance with covenants. Trainham will evaluate the profitability of the service for a period of six months, and then decide whether to extend its commitment. Neighbors who choose this option, will reduce the carbon-footprint of individual recycling efforts. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Bexley Welcomes New Residents

9201 Cardiff Road - Margaret and David Goodwin

3300 Wicklow Lane - Sandra and Keith Jessup

2701 Rams Court - Margaret Moriarty



2010 Dues

Please remember that all dues are mandatory and must be received by the treasurer no later than May 1, 2010 to avoid legal fees.

2010 Officer and Director Election

The election to fill officer and vacant director positions of the Bexley Association was held at the February annual meeting. The results were:

President:

Hollinger 184; Wilck 40

Vice President:

Lark 183; Lutz 40

Treasurer:

Dannenberg 183; Heeb 40

Secretary:

White 181; Parker 43

Director (2-Year Term):

Brown 188; Gillert 43

Caruthers 185; Estes Disqualified - Non-resident

Director (1-Year Term):

Hudson 183 (Unopposed)

Laura Delap is serving the second year of her term. Congratulations to all of our officers and directors. We appreciate your service.

Nip and Tuck?

As you clean up your yards from all the winter debris check those mail boxes, paint jobs, gutters, and anything that might need a little nip and tuck, to look their best.

Treasurer Reports Solid Results for 2009

Bexley Association Treasurer Warren Dannenberg had comforting news for attendees at the annual meeting. The Association's finances are in good order despite the financial fires raging around us. Total revenue for the year was \$67,019 while expenses reached \$70,451. At the end of 2009, the Association had total current assets of \$42,018.

The biggest expense of operating the neighborhood - \$43,338 or 62% of the budget went to maintenance of the common areas. This expense would have been greater without significant volunteer support. Legal fees of \$13,477 took 19% of the budget. Without these fees, the Association would have run a surplus.

For 2010, Warren forecasts similar results with a slight reduction in planned spending. Revenues should increase due to the community's support for mandatory dues. The Association will be undergoing a financial review and building financial reserves for asset replacement - actions required for Homeowners' Associations of our size. Overall the Association should see a small operating surplus this year. The complete treasurer's report may be found by clicking on the "Financials" menu in the right column of <http://www.bexleyhomes.net/association.php>

Help for Your Landscape



With all the talk about the County cutting back, it's heartening to see that two of the programs for homeowners offered by Chesterfield Cooperative Extension will be continuing this year. Pre-registration for both is now open.

The first is the "Grass Roots" program, through which a Master Gardener comes to your home and takes a soil sample, measures your lawn square footage, and assesses other conditions, then takes that info back and later sends a report including specifics on how best to fertilize and maintain your lawn. This program fee is \$20 and covers the cost of materials, supplies, and analysis of one soil sample. Additional soil samples cost \$11 each.

The second program is "Learn Your Landscape" and provides a site evaluation from a Master Gardener with a basic landscape inventory, a follow-up consultation and a landscape binder personalized for your yard. The fee for this service is \$25. Additional info on these two programs, including registration forms, is available by calling (804) 751-4401 or at this web site:

<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/chesterfield/index.html>

Thanks to Bexley neighbor Dave Bishop for this information.

How to Contact Your Officers and Directors

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Home Sales Link

At least 3000 visitors a month are viewing the Bexleyhomes.net website. Many home buyers preview neighborhoods on line before they drive through or contact an agent. If your home is on the market but not on the website, contact Board@bexleyhomes.net. The posting requires one exterior photo, address, price, description, and contact information. The \$25 posting fee helps support the website and can be mailed to Bexley Association, Box 74014, Richmond, VA 23236. For additional information contact Sharron Leonhirth at 278-3005 or Board@bexleyhomes.net.

Check www.bexleyhomes.net for up-to-date neighborhood



Universal Gym

Free

Swimsuit season will be here soon and this home exercise machine can help you look your best. (You also need to stop eating so many cookies.) If interested, you must be able to disassemble and move the equipment. Contact Jean Estes at 745-9193 for information.

Bexley Mini Service Master List

The board has asked residents to send in service providers they have used for various tasks and had good results. The board is compiling a list to circulate in the neighborhood. Neither the board nor the Bexley Association accepts responsibility for these individuals. Before using the service provider call the person and ask for their Bexley reference; then call the Bexley resident to confirm their satisfaction.

Bexley Mini Service Master List

Companion to the Elderly: Christina Webb 744-2598 (home), 982-9790 (cell)

At Home Hair Care: Cheryl Kahn 804-349-8275

Handyman: Doug Tatro 804-590-2801 (home), 804-955-5528 (cell)

Housecleaning Lady: Agni Giubi 804-641-7061 (cell) or 894-4061-\$20/hour

Leaf Removal Service: Hydro-Tap 804-590-1981

Carpenter: Robert Weedon 804-378-6221 (home), 804-873-6672 (cell)

Yard Work, etc.: – lives in Bexley— Donald Cobb 804-774-2011

Power Washing: Tom Harris, 804-731-0786

Vent Cleaning: Gil Calkins, 804-651-4344

Pet Care: While you are away from home—Tonya Kesler, 804-283-1471

Emily Lord, 804-269-6774 (cell)

Home Organizing: Wanda Januski, 276-8132 (home) 822-5786 (cell)

Plumber: Kevin Lansford, 804-276-4488

Home Improvements: Scott Jordan, Classic Construction 804-794-5690

Snow Removal - Services will be shown in season

To add to the list submit your recommendations to board@bexleyhomes.net.

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FINE DINING IN BEXLEY

Neighbors join neighbors to enjoy fine food and wine in host homes. Interested couples should contact Barbara Quirk: quirkj@comcast.net

Are You Planning to Sell or Rent Your Home?

Home sellers must order a Homeowners Closing Package and have it available at contract time to avoid delays. The \$75 preparation fee will be paid at closing. Contact Board@bexleyhomes.net or call Sharron Leonhirth at 278-3005 to order a package.

The Bexley Association is required by law to provide a *Homeowners Disclosure Document* to sellers. In addition to information about dues and the Homeowners Association it includes notice of any serious, uncorrected architectural violations. If you are selling your home, contact the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) at Board@bexleyhomes.net or by calling Laura DeLap at 745-7508. The ACC can help you identify and correct problems.

If your home is to be rented be sure your renter has a copy of the covenants and also understands clearly the requirement for back yard trash pickup.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Bexley "Belated" Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 11th from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Bonnet contests, cake contests, and an egg hunt with prizes will be the main event. A special surprise activity is planned for all the children. So come and extend your Easter festivities.

Volunteers are needed so please contact Mary Leipertz, Social Chair, if you would like to help. She can be reached at mary@marymontague.com or 833-9559. Hope to see all the children in Bexley there for the big "Eggstravaganza". Remember grandchildren are more than welcome!

Bexley Raises \$2500 for the International Hospital for Children

The Bexley Roadrunners and Streetwalkers participation in the Monument Avenue 10K did more than improve fitness and raise blisters on the feet of our neighbors. Generous sponsors contributed over \$2500 for International Hospitals for Children (IHC). IHC has an anonymous donor making a dollar for dollar contribution so that our \$2500 is really \$5000. This will allow us to sponsor a child for surgery here in Richmond. Many thanks to our participants - Ulrika Thomsen, Chris Lark, Pat Martin, Rene Wenleder, Katy Wood, Shirley Seibert, Deborah Corliss Hollinger, and Mark Bare. A special thanks to our contributors for their generosity. For more information on IHC go to www.healachild.org

Yard Sale

The annual Bexley Yard Sale will be held on June 12th. Dick Hudson is chairing the yard sale this year and welcomes volunteers who would like to help with the event. The cost is \$12/house up to the day of the event and \$15/house for those who wait until June 12th to participate. Please make your checks payable to the Bexley Association and put Yard Sale in the memo line of your check. Mail to **Dick Hudson, 3401 Wicklow Lane**. This is the only Yard Sale permitted in Bexley each year.

Bexley Board Meeting

These are the remaining 2010 Board meetings. All meetings are at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to all neighbors, but please contact the host of the meeting if you plan to come. This will allow the host to plan for enough seating. Meetings at LaPrade Library have been established to provide quarterly open forums.

Date	Location
April 13.....	Linda Caruthers' Office
May 11.....	Warren Dannenburg
June 7th (Monday).....	LaPrade Library
Open Forum Meeting	
July – No Meeting	
August 10	Laura DeLap
September 7.....	LaPrade Library
Open Forum Meeting	
October 12 – Dick Hudson	
November 9 – Charlotte White	
December 14	LaPrade Library
Open Forum Meeting	

Articles Welcome

If you have an interest that you would like to share with your neighbors, please contact Kevin Hennelly at 745-0611 or Bexley-Rampage@Verizon.net.

Are You Receiving the Rampage By Mail?

Most Bexley residents now have e-mail addresses. E-mailing the Rampage saves money and natural resources. If you want to continue receiving the Rampage and do not have e-mail, please contact Kevin Hennelly at 745-0611 to discuss delivery options. The Association will continue to mail annual meeting notices to all.