



# The Rampage Bexley Newsletter

January 2010

## President's Letter



Happy New Year to all as we look forward to the beginning of a new decade. I send along my sincere wishes that this will be a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year for all of Bexley's residents. As you will see in this Rampage issue we are off to a great start. The Central Virginia Food Bank drive collected 490 pounds of food. We are now planning a

"Team Bexley" for the March 27th Monument Avenue 10k race. Bexley's Team will raise funds for the International Hospital for Children.

The Annual Meeting is set for February 19th at St. David's Episcopal Church. This year the meeting will be a free "dessert and coffee" social. We hope that a free event will encourage everyone's attendance, so call a friend and mark your calendar for the Bexley Association Annual Meeting. Child care will be available for small children.

The results of the curbside recycling amendment are as follows:

- \* Bexley/Bexley East - 212 votes were needed to pass the amendment. There were 71.
- \* Bexley Cosmopolitan - 53 votes were needed to pass the amendment. There were 29.5.
- \* 43% of the residents voted in Bexley/Bexley East.
- \* 37% of the residents voted in Bexley Cosmopolitan

Additional details will be discussed at the annual meeting. I will convey the results in a letter to the County after the annual meeting.

Enclosed is the annual letter outlining the year's areas of focus, your Association dues invoice, and a reservation form for the annual meeting. For the fourth straight year we have maintained dues at the rate of \$175 for non-lake and \$350 for lake residents. Due to financial conditions, this may be the last year that we can avoid raising dues and an increase is likely in 2011. This year we are giving residents the option of making a voluntary additional payment at their discretion. Many of you are aware of the costs of maintaining a community such as Bexley with over 41 acres of common area, a lake, and four entrances. I hope those who can will make an additional donation. Donations will be used to build up the reserve account.

Again, best wishes for a wonderful New Year. We are most blessed to live in such a beautiful community with many great neighbors. I look forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting to meet and discuss our year in review, as well as the areas of focus for 2010.

Deborah Corliss Hollinger  
President

## Bexley and the Monument Avenue 10K Race



On March 27th the Monument 10k race will again be run in Richmond. In speaking to neighbors I understand that several of you have either walked or run this race in the past. Well, this year Ulrika Thomsen, [ulrika.thomsen@gmail.com](mailto:ulrika.thomsen@gmail.com), has offered to be Bexley team leader to lead the charge to raise funds for the International Hospital for Children. This is a local non-

profit that brings life-saving pediatric medical and surgical resources

to children who would otherwise go without. Bexley residents can participate by walking, running, or financially supporting the Bexley team. Please contact Ulrika if you have interest in any of these areas...meeting new friends, working together as a team in support of IHC, or getting fit for the New Year. We are counting on you and look forward to a great time!

### Bexley Welcomes New Residents

Derek and Candice Frances  
9300 Walhala Pt.

Joshua Sansbury  
9200 Ramsgate Lane



## 2010 Dues

Because this is the first year we have mandatory dues and the economy is challenging for many of us, the Bexley Association has worked hard to control costs and dues. For 2010 dues will remain at \$175 for non-lake residents and \$350 for lake front residents. These are the same levels we have had for the last 4 years.

Bexley is a beautiful community with lakes, four entrances, a playground, and other common areas to maintain. Our largest expense each year is the James River Landscaping contract. James River does an excellent job and has for quite some time in Bexley, but their contract has automatic 5% increases each year. Because of this and other

## Association dues are less than 50 cents per day for non-lake residents, and less than a dollar a day for lake residents

anticipated cost increases we expect a 7.5% increase in 2011 operating expenses.

We are most fortunate to have residents like Bill Lark, Don Heslep, Bob Hollinger, and many others who provide countless hours volunteering for clean-ups, grass cutting, and odd jobs so that costs can be kept under control. If these "free" services were not provided by volunteers the cost to maintain Bexley would be higher. If you can, please help the Association by volunteering your time and talent. You can also make a VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL donation so that we can boost the reserve account and rainy day fund

## Bexley—the Biggest Loser—490 lbs



## Central VA Food Bank—the Biggest Winner—490 lbs

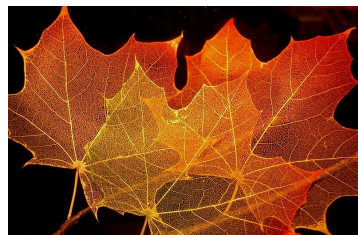
That's right - you guessed it - our extremely generous community collected and donated 490lbs of food to the Central VA Food bank the day after the big snow storm! I want to thank everyone who contributed to this outstanding cause. The board received many emails applauding this effort and I just want to say thank you. As with so many of our events this year, Mary Leipertz, our social chair brought another great event to Bexley, and one I hope we will continue in years to come. Next year let's set our sights on 500lbs!...it is such a nice round number and one I am sure we can achieve if we all work together.

Bexley is a strong, blessed, and generous community as demonstrated in this year's food drive. Again, thanks to everyone who participated this year and let's up the ante in 2010.

## New Rampage Editor for 2010

**Rampage Newsletter Editor** – Tom Zimmerman has been the Rampage editor for over four years and will be stepping down effective January 1. Many thanks to Tom for his achievement in creating a colorful, cost-effective and informative publication.

Kevin Hennelly has graciously volunteered to take over the responsibilities beginning in January 2010. Please contact Kevin at 745-0611 or [BexleyRampage@verizon.net](mailto:BexleyRampage@verizon.net). Kevin will be pleased to work with you if have an article for the Rampage or know of a potential advertiser.



## Leaf Clean Up

In years past, some homes have had leaves piled beside the street for several weeks, waiting for pick up. The county will no longer vacuum leaves, but they will pick up tagged bags. The tags need to be purchased in advance from the county for \$1.50 per bag. Please call the County at 748-1297 to schedule pickup. Please do not place your bags in the street until your pick-up is scheduled. Leaves that are left in the drainage ditches in front of houses are causing drainage problems for others downstream when it rains. When you finish raking or blowing your leaves to the ditch in front of your property, please have them cleared out as soon as possible.

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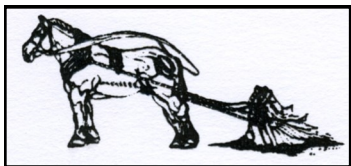
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## Bexley Mini Service Master List

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 in no way accepts responsibility for these individuals. We are only passing along names of people others in Bexley have used and with whom they have been satisfied.

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

Christina Webb – companion and aide to the elderly. Home phone: 804-744-2598, cell: 804-982-9790

Cheryl Kahn – At Home Hair Care – for people who are not mobile – cell: 804-349-8275

Doug Tatro – Handyman for those little jobs you just never get around to. Home phone: 804-590-1981

Agni Guibi – Honest and hardworking house cleaning lady. Very good references - \$20/hr. Cell: 804-641-7061

You Rake ‘Em-We’ll Take ‘Em – Leaf pick up service. Phone 804-590-1981

Robert Weedon - Carpenter—378-6221; cell :873-6672

Donald Cobb—Yard work, etc. lives in Bexley; 744-2011

Tom Harris—Power wash—731-0786

Gil Calkins—Cleans vents—651-4344

We would certainly like to add some additions to the list so please feel free to submit your recommendations to [board@bexleyhomes.net](mailto:board@bexleyhomes.net).

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## Let's All Remember Traffic Safety

The extreme weather we have experienced the last month may have limited outdoor activities for many of us. As the weather improves our neighbors – young, old and in-between - will be enjoying Bexley's beauty by playing in their yards, walking, jogging and cycling. Speeding cars and pedestrians don't mix, and the result could be a tragedy that affects many families. Watch for children and other pedestrians. Ask yourself, "How would I feel if I injured someone because I was driving unsafely." The guilty conscience you avoid may be your own.

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## Thank You for Your Help!

Dear Bexley Neighbors,

Thank you so much for having me as your Social Chair. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and being part of such a wonderful community!

When I first started I teamed up with Liz Wierschem to help host the Bexley Easter Egg Hunt. It was great to see so many children and adults enjoying the beautiful spring day. We searched for Easter Eggs, had pony rides, a cake contest, a bonnet contest a petting zoo and much more!! It was my first introduction to some of the wonderful people who are always ready to help.

Later in the fall with great help from the Board of Directors we put on the Annual Bexley Lakeside Picnic. We had hamburgers, hotdogs, bluegrass music by *Borrowed Time* and entertainment from Jonathan Austin, famous for his juggling and magic! It was a great event enjoyed by every age group in the neighborhood.

2009 also brought us the start of two new neighborhood clubs: The Bexley Book Club and The Bexley Gourmet Club. What a great way to create friendships in the neighborhood!!

Finally, I was so proud of my neighborhood when we raised **490 lbs of food for the Central Virginia Food Bank** during the Holiday Season!!! It was so fun to come home in the evenings and see all the bags of food sitting on our front porch.

In 2010 I hope we can do even more with our neighbors in and out of our community. We live in such a beautiful neighborhood and I hope that we can all show our Bexley Pride at all of our events. Each of the events listed above will continue into 2010 and I am always excited to hear about other ideas in the neighborhood. Let's make 2010 great!!

On a final note there are a group of volunteers who I would not have been able to make it without this year. I call them my Flyer Team...and they ROCK! They are key to the successful events in Bexley this year. Thank all of you for your help!!

Thank you,  
Mary Leipertz

## Bexley Board Meeting Schedule 2010

DATE	LOCATION
January 12th	D.C.Hollinger residence
February 19th	Annual Dinner @St. David's
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	
August	No meeting this month
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	

Location to be posted on the website in February 2010. Meetings are at 7:00pm unless posted differently on the website.

### 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](mailto:Bexley-Rampage@Verizon.net). I'm particularly interested in printing articles about gardening in Bexley, home improvement and the history of Bexley and the surrounding area. Don't worry about submitting a perfect article. I'll be happy to share some tips and tricks for making your articles fun and educational for your neighbors.