



The Rampage Bexley Newsletter

July 2010

President's Letter



Mother Nature certainly has a mind of her own! After sending us the most snow in years last winter, she has favored us with an early visit from the oppressive heat of summer. Cool weather will come with the fall – as will our quarterly open forum meeting at the library on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00pm. The Board had originally planned the forum for June, but busy schedules at this time of year made it difficult for many neighbors to attend. I appreciate all of the positive feedback about the plan for the forum. Remember that all board meetings are open. Please feel free to consult the website and join us. Just inform the host in advance for planning purposes.

Because we were unable to hold the forum, we are going to give a thorough update on Bexley through the first half of 2010 in this Rampage. We have had a very busy year to date and many people to thank for their efforts. First - thanks to all of you who have paid your dues, or worked out a payment plan. It is only through our dues that we can maintain all the common areas in a manner that befits a community such as Bexley. Our Treasurer, Warren Dannenburg, has done an outstanding job of managing dues collection and reports that 94% of homeowners are current with their dues.

Second, I'm pleased to report the Trainham backyard recycling program is proving successful. All those I have spoken with have commented about the smooth operation of the program and its cost effectiveness. Bexley neighbors Victoria Lutz and Frank Hoffmann deserve a big "Thank You" for getting this program going. Our third major item - the yard sale was a success with participation similar to years past. Thanks to Dick Hudson, Bexley even made a few dollars to contribute to the annual picnic at the lake in September!

Speaking of social events, the children and grand-children in Bexley enjoyed another great after-Easter Egg Hunt thanks to Mary Leipertz and her volunteers. Over 900 eggs were found by the children. As mentioned above, we are looking forward to the Annual Lakeside

Picnic on Sunday, September 19th at 4:00pm. We will update the website with particulars including theme and food to be provided by the neighborhood. This is a great way to finish off our summer and get together with all our neighbors before fall.

On a serious note, architectural control issues continue with several properties. At 2901 Newquay Lane the Board has initiated legal action against the owner after over 6 years of negotiation. The home at 8716 Cardiff Road has been abandoned and is in foreclosure proceedings. We are working with the lender to secure and clean up the property since it appears vandals have been in the home. This situation was discovered during a routine Architectural Coordinating Committee survey of the neighborhood. If neighbors see deterioration of a home, please contact the ACC or the Board. This will help us to prevent homes from reaching serious condition. A little proactive work on the part of everyone will help Don Heslep, Laura DeLap, and Bob Hollinger with their efforts. Our ACC is deserves our thanks for all they do to maintain our beautiful neighborhood.

Finally, the lawsuit continues to proceed like most legal proceedings...slowly. We are scheduled to return to court on July 28th. Our attorney, Les Saunders, has taken depositions and provided information requested by the opposing attorneys. Depositions of several current and prior board members will be conducted before the hearing in July. We continue to be optimistic with respect to the outcome. Anyone who has been served may contact Mr. Saunders with any questions or concerns you may have.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS WHEREVER THEY MAY TAKE YOU.... AND RETURN SAFELY!

Deborah Corliss Hollinger,
President

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bexley neighbor Roxanne Robinson on her election to represent the 27th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. Roxanne joins Art Warren (Member of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors) and Judy Worthington (Clerk of the Chesterfield County Court) as elected leaders who choose to make Bexley their home. We appreciate all you do for us in these challenging times. Best wishes!

Bexley Welcomes New Residents

2011 Walhala Drive - Glynn and Camille Griffin

2311 Dorking - Richard G. Immel

3025 Newquay - Salah A. Asad



Financial Report

The Bexley Association thanks the 386 neighbors who have paid their dues. This represents 94.6% of the neighborhood. Unfortunately 20 residents were referred for collection. This action was taken only after sending three bills. The complete Treasurer's report will be posted by mid July and may be found by clicking on the "Financials" menu in the right column of <http://www.bexleyhomes.net/association.php>

Overall, our financial position is good. Revenue is \$1,100 above budget as a result of dues collection and other income. Expenses are below budget by \$1,492. This is due to savings of \$2,211 on Common Area Maintenance, \$635 on Event Expenses, \$493 on Communication Costs, and minor saving on other smaller expense accounts. This is offset by increased Legal Fees of \$1743 and Accounting and Financial Services costs of \$550. The legal fees were due to abandoned and condemned homes and the accounting and financial services costs are due to a timing issue.

To date, the Association's Net Income is \$ 2,632. Our cash position is slightly better than last year at \$2,017. This is due to an increase in the Lake Account by \$4387. This was partially offset by reductions in the Rainy Day Fund by \$2,000 to take care of tree problems at the Broadstone entrance. Neighbors with questions about the financial report may contact Warren Dannenburg at 276-7589.

Please see the notice on page 6 concerning nominations for the 2011 Board of Directors and Officers of the Association.

Board to "Outsource" Treasurer

In the past the Bexley Association Treasurer's job has been handled by a neighborhood volunteer. This is a time consuming job and finding a neighbor with the skill and time needed to perform this job has become difficult. At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the Board asked Frank Hoffmann and Warren Dannenburg to investigate options for performing the Treasurer function. They talked with three nearby homeowners associations to determine how they handled the Treasurer's job. In each case they have a paid employee. Based on their discussion with the Board Frank and Warren reviewed the option of outsourcing the Treasurer's position. They interviewed six candidates and recommended Mrs. Melody Edison as the best choice. The Board has approved this recommendation. Melody will begin a parallel operation with Warren beginning in July and she will assume the full function Jan 1, 2011.

Fight Back Against Mosquitoes



The Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) is an exotic and invasive mosquito that has become a significant pest in much of the U.S., including central Virginia. It is small and jet black with bright white stripes on its legs and a thin white "racing stripe" down the back of its thorax. The

Asian tiger is active during the day when people are outside. It is a sneaky mosquito that tends to fly low where it bites ankles, legs and arms. While Asian tiger mosquitoes are not currently responsible for transmitting human diseases in our area, they are the number one human-biting mosquito in our neighborhoods.

Asian tiger mosquito females lay eggs after taking a blood meal, but they only lay eggs in containers of water, not in puddles, ponds, or ditches. They can reproduce in as little as two tablespoons of water. A proven way to control the Asian tiger is to eliminate these containers of water. Asian tigers are weak fliers, and seldom fly more than a few hundred feet in search of a meal. It was shown a few years ago in Henrico County that the Asian tiger population in a neighborhood was reduced by over 90% through the concerted effort of homeowners to seek out and empty, on a weekly basis, any container on their property that held more than two tablespoons of water. Asian tigers have been found breeding in a variety of containers, including buckets, old tires, plant pot trays, plastic cups, toys, corrugated downspout extensions, roof gutters, rain barrels, cisterns, boat bilges, bird baths, depressions in plastic tarps, containers stored under decks, wheelbarrows, and flooded trash cans.

Preventive Steps for the April - October Mosquito Season

Pick a day and inspect your property once a week, every week. Empty any container that holds any amount of accumulated water. If a container cannot be emptied, a larvicide mosquito dunk or pellets can be used.

Mosquito dunks are harmless to humans and pets.

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 information

Recycling Update

Eighty-three Bexley residents have signed up for "Behind the House" recycling services. This includes 79 homes that were already using Trainham for regular trash pick up. Trainham customers who use the company for both trash pick up and recycling pay an additional \$5 monthly for recycling. Recycling-only customers pay \$10 per month. If you are interested in recycling service, please call Victoria Lutz at 690-2107. It turns out that the Trainham program is more cost-effective than we originally anticipated. Chesterfield County will now be billing customers \$25 per year for curb-side recycling. This means that Bexley residents who use Trainham for both trash and recycling pay less than \$3 more per month than other county residents to avoid the mess and annoyance of curb-side recycling.

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, 804-549-6504

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

Baby Sitting: Sonia Talegaonkar, 804-745-1159

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 Coordinating 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.

Free Workshops—Waterway Buffer Zones

The Chesterfield County Department of Environmental Engineering and Friends of Chesterfield's Riverfront will host two Riparian Stewardship workshops to promote the care and maintenance of healthy riparian buffers. Riparian buffers are zones of native plants adjacent to waterways that protect water quality and property value. The workshop topics include the importance of buffers, regulations regarding Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas and managing "viewsheds" in buffer zones. Homeowners are encouraged to attend to learn how to enhance buffers on their property and to apply for free native plants through the Better Backyard Buffers initiative. Speakers at the workshops include: Ralph White, director of the James River Park System; Scott Flanigan, water quality manager for Chesterfield County; and Adrienne Kotula from the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Division of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The workshops will take place at Bailey Bridge Middle School Auditorium, 12501 Bailey Bridge Road on Thursday, July 15, 7-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Both workshops are free. For more information, or to register contact Lorne Field at 748-1920 or e-mail fieldl@chesterfield.gov.

Bexley Neighborhood Watch Tips

Summer is here! Let's briefly discuss three summer security issues that may affect you and your family. First, it is important to remember that while we live in a safe neighborhood, most crimes are crimes of opportunity. What that means is that if you leave that brand new leaf blower you bought locked in your garage or shed, you should enjoy many years of service from it. However, if you leave it sitting on the end of your driveway overnight, the chances are it will be gone. There have been several reports in the last week of thefts from cars that were left unlocked overnight. Yes, if the would-be thieves really want to get into a locked car they will break the glass; however, most likely they will just leave. It is important to keep your home and cars securely locked at all times, even during the day.

Second, there have been reports of non-Bexley residents using our facilities at the lake, which is prohibited. Remember residents, please call the police at 748-1251 whenever you see non-residents down at the lake area so that we can find out who they are and have use by non-residents curtailed.

Finally, most phone calls made to the Bexley Neighborhood Watch or board members to report possible crimes always include the question, "Should I call the police?" The answer is always a resounding "YES!" Statistics show conclusively that neighborhoods need to be the eyes and ears of the police in order for crime to be reduced. Those neighborhoods that have high 'police call rates' have a correspondingly low crime rate! Remember, whenever you see something that MIGHT be suspect in your neighborhood, call the Police non-emergency number, 748-1251 or the Hicks Road number at 318-8699.

Have a great and safe summer. As always, please feel free to call with any comments, suggestions, or to report suspicious activity.

Rob Pistella, Bexley Neighborhood Watch Captain, 363-1365

Architectural Coordinating Committee Update

The Architectural Coordinating Committee (ACC) continues to work with residents to resolve a series of ongoing violations related to grounds maintenance, vehicle parking and general residence condition. The most notable violations involve the vacant and abandoned homes at 2901 Newquay Lane and 8716 Cardiff Road.

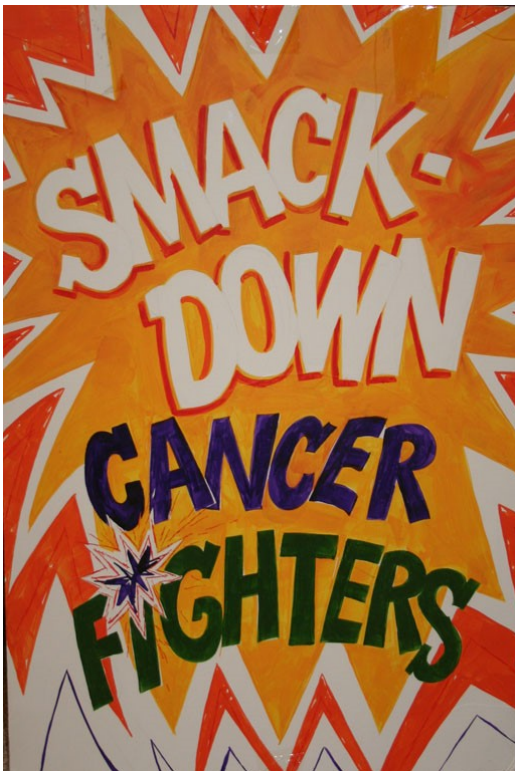
2901 Newquay Lane has been condemned by the County and we have filed a complaint against the Trustee for the Estate for one of the following actions: (1) return the property to livable and salable condition, (2) sell the property at public auction, or (3) destroy the property at the cost of the owners. The owners have made some recent limited progress with repairs to the rear of the residence but it has not yet been secured from unauthorized access. We are awaiting a response from the Trustee presenting their specific plans and timetable for corrective action.

The property at 8716 Cardiff Road has been abandoned and vandalized and is in foreclosure with Bank of America. We are working with the lender to have them achieve the following: (1) clean up the inside and exterior areas and secure the property; (2) take whatever corrective action is necessary to fully restore the property to salable and habitable condition; and (3) place the property on the market in order that an owner can be found to maintain the property to Bexley standards.

Residents are requested to contact ACC members (Don Heslep, Laura DeLap or Bob Hollinger) regarding any violations of Bexley Design Standards and are also encouraged to speak directly with the offending residents to encourage them to take appropriate corrective action. Direct neighbor-to-neighbor intervention can result in more timely response and cultivate a sustained neighborhood awareness regarding the importance of effective property care.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Board of Directors recently received two letters that illustrate the neighborly spirit that exists in Bexley. Too often, we focus on the challenges that face us and forget how nice it is to live in such a beautiful and friendly community. If you have a similar story to share, please let us know.



A Huge Thank You to Bexley!

We want to thank all of the wonderful neighbors in Bexley who have donated to the American Cancer Society through our Relay for Life Smackdown Cancer Fighters team which was started in spring of 2005 by our beloved grandson, Richard "Roo" Goodall, Jr. As many of you know "Roo" passed away just two short months after leading his team to a phenomenal victory of raising \$17,500.00. For the past several years we have knocked on your doors and asked for donations to help in the fight against the dreaded disease of cancer. The response has been unbelievable! This year the Smackdown Cancer Fighters have raised over \$20,000 bringing the total amount raised since the team was started by "Roo" in 2005 to over \$100,000.00!!! Bexley is responsible for contributing \$65,000 - \$70,000 of this amount. You are a great and caring group of people, and we appreciate your generosity more than we can express in words. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. For those who are not familiar with our "story" you can check out Roo's website www.richardgoodalljr.com. We love you Bexley!!

Carol and Bascom Pribble

Thunder Returns!

I would like to thank all of our neighbors who tried to help me find my cat, Thunder. I received so many calls I can't begin to recall who all contacted me. I do want to thank the Crawley Family who finally found Thunder in their back yard. It was such a relief to finally locate him. He had been missing for a solid week. I would also like to thank the Furman's who tried so hard to help me locate him. An additional thank you needs to go out to Shirley Seibert who called me several times about a black cat that showed up on her deck. Thanks to Sally Ward who kept an eye out for him as she went on her daily walks. I also would like to thank Linda and Richard Kish for calling to see how we were doing while our cat went missing. Thanks to Jan Hall who also kept an eye out for Thunder. Thanks to the Gilbert family, who also called to let me know that a black cat had wandered through their yard. And thank you to so many of the residents of Bexley who shared their concern and offered their help in finding my cat, Thunder.

He was in good health when I found him and he is doing fine. He'll be celebrating his 12th birthday this August! We are so happy to have found him! Thanks to everyone for taking the time to call and help. And thanks to Bob Hollinger for sending out the e-mails. Without them, I would have never found my cat.

Jillana Hicks



Annual Picnic at the Lake

The annual Lakeside Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 19th at 4:00pm. We will update the website with particulars including theme and food to be provided by the neighborhood. This is a great way to finish off our summer and get together with all our neighbors before fall.

Nominating Committee for 2011 Board of Directors

In August, the President of the Bexley Association with the approval of the Board of Directors, will appoint the Nominating Committee that will recommend a slate of officers and directors for 2011. This year it is possible that several officers and up to three directors will be needed. The Association encourages all residents to consider serving on the Board. If you would like to be considered for nomination, please call Frank Hoffman at 745-5517. He will inform the nominating committee of your interest.

The process for nominations and elections is covered in Article X of the Association By-Laws. The by-laws are available at: <http://www.bexleyhomes.net/association.php> The by-laws tab is in the list on the right side of the page.

We've Been Asked...

During the recent special election for the Virginia House of Delegates, several neighbors asked whether Bexley permitted the display of campaign signs. Under the previous covenants, the answer was "no". The revised covenants permit the display of one sign of no more than 3 square feet in size beginning one month before the election. Signs must be removed no more than two days after the election.

Bexley Board Meetings

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
July – No Meeting	
August 10	Laura DeLap
September 14	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. There is no need to submit a "publisher ready" article. Just give me your ideas and the basic information and I will take it from there!

The Rampage is Now Electronic

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.