



The Rampage Bexley Newsletter

May, 2009

Bexley Easter Egg Hunt a Huge Success

Over a hundred people hopped on over to the Bexley Lakes (I always forget the correct name for this area) on April 5, 2009 for the Great Bexley Easter Egg Hunt! There were 50-60 children running through the woods and on the playground who found over 900 eggs full of



jelly beans and chocolate! Hidden with the 900 eggs were three very special eggs- a golden, a silver and a glitter egg- that won three lucky children wonderful prizes! Congratulations to Tayler Huggins, who found the golden

egg and won the grand prize, Luke Parry, who found the silver egg and won the second place prize, and Garrett Rowe, who found the glitter egg and won the third place prize! (I have a picture that I will send to you)

After the Great Egg Hunt children and adults showed off their Easter Bonnets to our judges in our Easter Bonnet Contest! Kira Stringer dazzled the judges and took home the prize for the Most Beautiful Bonnet. Emily Parker filled the judges with laughter and took home the prize for the Funniest Bonnet. (I have a picture that I will send you)



The third contest was the most delicious! Contestants brought the homemade cakes and cupcakes to enter the Spring Cake Design Contest. Anyone could enter this contest and we had beautiful cakes to choose from. After the votes were counted Moriah Wierschem's Easter Basket Cake won 1st place! Gwen Parker's (I have to look and see what kind of cake it was) won 2nd place! The final prize of the



day was for the Jelly Bean Count Contest. Guesses ranged from 25 to 1000, but Marissa Hennelly was the closest with her guess of 550 jelly beans! (Total jelly beans = 637)



After all the contests were finished the animals arrived! There was a petting zoo with an Easter Llama, goats, rabbits and chicks and there were pony rides for the kids! (I have pictures) Thank you to the Laughing Place, Inc for bringing such great animals to share with us.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and it would not have been possible without our great volunteers that helped. A big thank you goes to Liz Weirschem who took the lead and helped put on a wonderful event!

Thank all the other volunteers who helped pass out flyers, fill Easter Eggs, donate candy, hide Easter Eggs and much much



more! Thank you to: Fran Boston, Lauren Bowman, Leanne Bowman, Warren and Rhonda Dannenburg, Caroline Duvall, Kayla Duvall, Mary Linn Hoffman, Deborah and Bob Hollinger, Marissa Hennelly, Natie Hennelly Lillian Johnston, Chris Lark,

Sharron Leonhirth, Emily Parker, Gwen Parker, Veronica Parker, The Rowe Family, Charlotte White, and everyone on the Bexley Board for their support. And a big thank you to the weather which was perfect!!

Thank you to all the stores and establishments that made the Egg Hunt such a grand success through their generous support and donations. Thank you to: De Rouchenette Chocolatier, Kroger, Marc Anthony's Salon and Spa, O'Charley's, Occasionally Hanbags, Sycamore Pewter and Gifts, The Deserterrie, The Piano Café, Ukrops and WalMart.

The Bexley Easter Egg hunt was a big success and if you missed it this year please be sure to join us next year!

Thanks to "That Much Sweeter" and "Salamander Gems" for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt.

WALK YOUR DOG RESPONSIBLY

Be considerate of your neighbor's property when you walk your dog. Please keep your pet on a leash and clean up after them.



Barking Dogs Can Be Disturbing to Neighbors

Most of us who live in Bexley have a family pet or two and those pets become a part of the family. We get accustomed to our pets and may not notice when their behavior becomes disruptive to the serenity of a neighborhood.

Recently, there have been a number of complaints about excessive dog barking in Bexley. All dogs bark, of course, but some have been reported barking all day long while tied up outside. Even worse, there are reports of dogs being kept outside at night that bark excessively.

Please control your pet in such a way that they will not disturb your neighbors. Chesterfield county has ordinances against excessive dog barking with fines of up to \$2,500.

Closing Packages

If you are planning on selling your home remember that sellers need to order a closing package at least two weeks prior to closing. Order your closing package by calling Sharron Leonhirth at 278-3005 or emailing her at Sharron.Leonhirth@comcast.net.

GROUNDS AND COMMON AREAS UPDATE

The grounds maintenance season is in full swing. The first big event was the early March snow storm. We had a number of downed trees, some of which blocked roads. Thanks to the residents who helped clear the roads for Monday morning commute. James River cleaned up the common areas. Rams Crossing had a number of downed pine trees. James River has done a good job with the entrances with a few burps. They missed Wicklow Loop and Hicks Road entrance. These areas are being addressed with JR. Mulching has also been completed. We have also had volunteers help with the Lockshire entrance. The neighborhood is looking good. If you see anything which needs attention please email me at lark848@verizon.net. Also, we are always looking for volunteers with ideas to improve the neighborhood and a willingness to participate in the improvement.

Help Wanted in Bexley!

Bexley needs some help from its residents and we hope you will take a minute to see what you can do. The pay is not great but the personal rewards are many!!

Family Network Coordinator – We are looking for someone to bring together families with children for playgroups, socials, holiday and playground events. This person could also start a sitter exchange for the neighborhood and any other activity that would bring our families with young children together. Just let your ideas run wild and see where it takes you. Call Sharron Leonhirth at 745-4827 if you are interested or have questions.

Website Maintenance Volunteer – Now that we have our wonderful new website designed, we are looking for a resident to keep the site current and implement any changes as we go from here. This individual needs to have some technical abilities and will be trained by the web designer to understand the site from a technical perspective. Call Sharron Leonhirth at 745-4827 if you are interested or have questions.

Assistant Newsletter Editor – the Rampage is looking for an assistant Editor who can shadow Tom Zimmerman this year and take over the responsibilities of Editor next year when Tom steps down. We currently are running the Rampage 6 times/year. Knowledge of Microsoft Publisher is a plus. Tom can fill you in on the particulars and give you the rest of this year to feel comfortable with it. Call Tom Zimmerman at 745-7109 if you are interested or have questions..

Mary Liepertz has volunteered to serve as a **Social Activities Planner**

Save The Date! Bexley Cookout September 27th

More Information to
Come



How to Contact Your Officers and Directors

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FINE DINING IN BEXLEY

Interest has been expressed for a Bexley gourmet club for which Bexley neighbors would meet regularly in host homes to share fine food and wines. There will be a preliminary meeting this spring to discuss organizational setup. We hope to have our first dinner the latter part of September. If you would like to participate in this group, please Email: Barbara Quirk quirkj@comcast.net, giving your name, phone number, and Email address. You will be contacted for the organizational meeting. *Bon Appetit*



Home Selling Tips

Selling your home soon or someday? Think about curb appeal. A For Sale sign out front won't help much if the grounds which surround it are overgrown, neglected, not landscaped, or poorly maintained. It is the first big clue that the house maintenance may be neglected as well. A "wilderness" lot with dead, dying or downed trees and limbs may be a happy refuge for wildlife, but to a buyer it looks like WORK. An overgrown lawn, yard debris, unkept walkways and driveway worsen over time. And it may be sapping selling value from your home



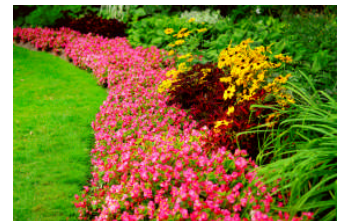
as well. Most buyers care about the house and lot value equally. Its location, orientation to the sun, privacy, outdoor living aspects, and maintenance needs all figure into their investment of money and time.

Sellers are always reminded that "First Impressions" count when showing a home – removing clutter, refreshing interior spaces, making

repairs – but the appeal of a property begins at "curbside." Some lots may need an extreme makeover, others just sprucing up, but a good place to start is with a reputable landscaping company or the County extension office Master Gardener program. Bexley's ACC Don Heslep and Laura DeLap can also give good advice regarding trees and lot improvements.

That "someday" home sale may be years away but aiming toward curb appeal starts long before and could save a lot of money and time in the future.

-Sharron Leonhirth, Realtor



Calling All Dues

Our budget is focused on making Bexley a better and beautiful place to live and raise our families. This focus helps to enhance all our home values and make Bexley an appealing neighborhood.

Did you know that 80 % or \$45,700 of the budget is allocated to maintaining our entrances and common areas (excluding the lake). Another 8 % or \$4800 of the budget is allocated to funding the Rampage and the development/support of our new website. Normally the Rampage generates revenue to offset some of its cost, but due to the economy this revenue is significantly down. The remainder of the budget is allocated to funding numerous other neighborhood tasks.

Please pay your dues if you have not this year. We are approximately 12 % below our

budget for dues and our other income is down due to lower interest rates and lower advertising revenue.

Yes the economy is impacting many of us and if that is your reason for not paying that is very understandable. We will work with anyone through these situations. If that is not the reason then please consider the fact that you are letting your neighbors, who do pay, pick up your responsibility. Remember, we are a neighborhood and we need to support our ongoing obligations. Please do your part and support the neighborhood. Thank you.

Warren Dannenburg

Treasurer

Bexley Board Meeting Schedule for 2009

Second Tuesday of each month:

March 10 – Bill Lark

April 14th – Sharron Leonhirth

May 12th – Charlotte White

June 9th – Deborah Hollinger

July 14th – None

August 11th – Frank Hoffman

September 8th – Don Heslep

October 13th – Warren Dannenburg

ROOFING MATERIAL

Many cedar roofs have reached the 20-year cycle. We have also reached the day when a new roof can be applied in one day or two. It is very easy to make a phone call to check on the shingles you have in mind. It is much easier and less costly than trying to correct the situation when the workmen are already on the job with a non-ACC approved shingle.

Please call one of the ACC members, Don Heslep at 276-0750 or Laura Delap at 745-7508 for approval. They will respond quickly and you can be assured of using the right shingle.

Your roof is one of the most important parts of your home. You want a roof that can last you a lifetime (50 year warranty) and also a roof that is architecturally enhancing. If you should sell your home, these factors will be equally important to the buyer.

The following are a list of acceptable fiberglass dimensional shingles:

- ✦ Grand manor – Certainteed
- ✦ Carriage House – Certainteed
- ✦ Presidential Shake TL Ultimate – Certainteed
- ✦ Berkshire – Owens Corning
- ✦ Camelot – GAF

Other 50-year warranty heavy-weight dimensional shingles MAY also be approved if presented to the committee.

The original hard roofs such as slate, simulated slate, concrete shingles, clay tile, and wood shingles are still acceptable. Standing seam copper may be approved for small accent roofs. Flashings are to be copper.

In Bexley Cosmopolitan, a 240 pound architectural textured shingle is the minimum. Any of the above roofs listed for Bexley are also acceptable.

Since manufacturers continually introduce new products and change existing products, it is now more important that all new roofs and re-roofing be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to the commencement of work.



BEXLEY COMMON AREA—FOR RESIDENTS AND INVITED GUESTS

Spring is here and there has been an upsurge in activity at the common area. The common area is for all Bexley residents to enjoy responsibly. However, there are a few guidelines that the Board of Directors would like everyone to remember when enjoying the lakes.

First, please keep the area clean by placing your trash in the receptacles. Second, the common area is for residents and their accompanied guests. Don't give anyone your permission to use the common area unless you are with them. Third, the area is closed at night. This is clearly posted on the signs leading from the parking area. Fourth, cars are not permitted past the chains at the end

of the parking area. This prevents damage to the landscape and to the dam between the lakes. Fifth, the areas adjoining the common area are private property and are clearly posted as such. Finally, no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the common area at any time.

We will be monitoring the use of the common areas and requesting assistance from the Chesterfield County Police Department when we notice violations. This may include prosecuting trespassers. If you notice any improper activities please call the police non-emergency number: 748-1251.

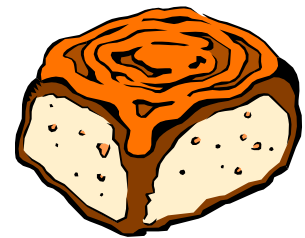
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Costco to stay on Hull Street

For the time being Costco will remain at its Hull Street Road location just west of Courthouse Road. Company officials are looking to upgrade the store location and add more square feet than the current building of 111,744. That location was built in 1990, and the 13.3-acre site is assessed at \$8.3 million. The company was negotiating to relocate to Chesterfield Towne Center. The former Dillard's location would have been torn down, so Costco could build a free-standing store. The deal has reportedly fallen through.

Costco wanted to anchor a 360,000-square-foot shopping center and 453 apartments proposed to be built just north of the mall. Later, the county's board of supervisors approved rezoning for the 70-acre parcel on the stipulation that the developer would extend Mall Drive north to intersect with Robious and Cranbeck roads. Zoning approval requires the firm to make the extension a four-lane, divided road with traffic lights at Robious Road and Koger Center Boulevard. The Planning Commission insisted the building be made of brick and mortar and not metal.

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BEXLEY HAS A NEW WEBSITE

WWW.BEXLEYHOMES.NET

VISIT THE SITE FOR ALL NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION AND OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO BEXLEY

Bexley Clubs and Organizations

Would you like to meet your neighbors? Would you like to learn new things? Would you like to help out your community? Join a Bexley Club!

To join all you have to do is e-mail Mary Leipertz at mary@marymontague.com

Mother's Club- Join and meet other mothers and children in the neighborhood. Share ideas, make play dates and even have a mother's night out!

Book Club- Always have your nose in a book? Love to discuss books that you read? Join the Bexley Book Club!

Gardening Club- Do you have a green thumb? Do you want a green thumb? Join the Bexley Gardening Club!

Gourmet Club- Do you enjoy cooking and entertaining? Do you enjoy being cooked for and entertained? Join the Bexley Gourmet Club and enjoy dining with friends all over Bexley. Please email Barbara Quirk if you are interested. quirkj@comcast.net

Volunteer Club- This will be a way to help out with special projects within Bexley and with other organizations in Chesterfield.

Bexley Social Volunteers- to help me, Mary Leipertz, with some fabulous events we are planning for Bexley! I am looking for all ages!

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Bexley Home Showcased in *Housetrends* Magazine!



The home of Bob and Deborah Hollinger, completed in 2007, made the front cover of the April/May issue of *Housetrends* magazine! The inside article includes numerous photos of the home, along with a history of how it all came into being. Deborah, a home contractor herself, teamed up with professional designer and Bexley neighbor, Karen Farrow, to design and decorate the charming French-country estate. Bob and Deborah hosted last year's Bexley Brunch, so many of our neighbors experienced first-hand the ambience of this truly beautiful home. If you missed the article, you can find it at www.housetrends.com. Click on *Articles*, then *Features*, then select *Heart's Desire*.

