



# The Rampage Bexley Newsletter

November 2011

---

## President's Letter



It's been a while since our most recent issue of the *Rampage* and there are several matters of importance to everyone that I would like to highlight.

**Hurricane Irene** caused considerable damage to the neighborhood and generated some clean up expenses for the Association. Please see the Treasurer's report for details. Many neighbors have contacted the Board about the unfortunate **removal of trees** on the land adjacent to the Broadstone entrance. The article on page two provides an update.

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Lower Beaver Pond lately, please stop by and see the neighborhood's **memorial to Taylor Anderson**. Your generosity made this possible and the extra money you contributed will be making a difference for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Looking to the future, our **annual Bexley Association meeting** will be held in February and we are in the process of reaching out to individuals who would like to serve as an officer or director of the

Association. Please see the article below for more information about the nomination and election process.

Along with a ballot, **annual dues** notices will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Your support of the neighborhood makes it possible to keep Bexley beautiful. This is especially important during these challenging economic times when home values are under pressure and keeping the neighborhood appealing is a top priority. While we are on the subject of keeping the neighborhood appealing, please see the **Architectural Coordinating Committee's notes** on page four for more information on what you can do around your home make sure your part of Bexley shines.

On a personal note, I have recently decided to accept a transfer to another division of my company. While I am looking forward to the challenges of my new position, I will miss my Bexley neighbors and cherish the memories of my time here.

Bill Lark, President

---

## Nominations Open for Bexley Association Board

Serving your community as a member of the Bexley Association Board of Directors is a rewarding and educational experience. While a position on the Board can be challenging and perhaps time consuming, it also provides insight into community affairs and an understanding of what makes our neighborhood work. Nominations are now being accepted and we want all home owners to consider accepting the challenge of service.

The makeup of the Bexley Association Board of Directors is controlled by Section 8 of the by-laws. This states that the Board of Directors shall consist of four officers and five Directors for that year; if any outgoing President is for any reason unwilling or unable to serve as a non-officer Director immediately following his tenure as President, the Board of Directors shall continue to consist of four officers and four non-officer Directors. Because we are assuming that Bill Lark will not be able to serve as a Director next year, we will need to elect four officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) and two Directors.

The process for nominating and electing the Board is controlled by Section 10 of the by-laws. Section 10 includes the

following information. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office and for two Directorships. No members of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for any office or directorship by action of the Nominating Committee. Elections shall be held annually at the February meeting. Additional names may be placed in nomination from the floor with the nominee's approval.

If you are interested in serving, or know someone who will make a good candidate, please contact Bill Lark

[Lark848@verizon.net](mailto:Lark848@verizon.net)  
or call Deborah Corliss Hollinger at 804-674-1790. Your neighbors will appreciate it.



## Treasurer's Report

Chuck Smith has provided generally positive reports on the Association's finances at the last few Board meetings. As of the end of October, the balance sheet shows total current assets of \$67,200 in checking and savings accounts.

Total income for the year to date ending October 31, 2011 is \$72,868.00. Total expenses for the same period are \$53,430.00, leaving a net income of \$19,439.00.

The irrigation system has been turned off. We will continue to monitor water usage during the winter months. Quotes from other contractors for irrigation services will be obtained in the spring as this has become a significant expense. A bill has been submitted for post-hurricane clean-up along Broadstone, Wicklow and the lake area. Total clean up costs are estimated at \$2350.

Chuck continues working on the 2012 budget, with a preliminary expectation of \$72,000.00 for next year. The complete treasurer's report may be found by clicking on the "Financials" menu at <http://www.bexleyhomes.net/association.php>.



### Taylor Anderson

The tree and bench honoring the memory of Taylor have been installed near the lower pond. We are looking

forward to seeing the weeping cherry bloom in the Spring. Thanks for your generosity in supporting the planting and her memorial fund.

## Land Cleared Near Bexley

Many of us who use or live near the Broadstone Road entrance were disappointed to see the extensive removal of trees immediately to the west of the entrance. Because the land was zoned for agricultural use, the clear cutting was apparently legal and the Association could not prevent it.



The Association has learned that the land is being cleared for the potential construction of a Gurdwara. A Gurdwara is a place of worship for members of the Sikh religion. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion founded in the 15th century in the Punjab region of India. At the time this article was written the Board has very little information about the plans for the facility including design and construction date. According to property records available on the Chesterfield County web site, the property at 8610 Hull Street Road sold on August 5, 2011 for \$250,000. The long-range County plan showed it was suitable for light commercial use. The current owner is listed as Singh Sabha LLC. The Association has not been in contact with the owner.



The Board would like to work with the new owner of the land and assure that any facility built is an attractive addition to the Bexley area. During any future re-zoning process we will ask that the owner include landscaping, buffer zones and lighting restrictions. In this regard, the Association will continue to monitor this situation and reach out to the owners so that we can make any development an mutually beneficial.

## Your Officers and Directors

**Bill Lark**, President: 674-1790; [lark848@verizon.net](mailto:lark848@verizon.net)

**Kevin Hennelly**, Vice President: 745-0611; [KevinHennelly@verizon.net](mailto:KevinHennelly@verizon.net)

**Chuck Smith**, Treasurer: 675-2884; [chuck\\_smith1@verizon.net](mailto:chuck_smith1@verizon.net)

**Donna Jewell**, Secretary: 674-1145; [donna09er@verizon.net](mailto:donna09er@verizon.net)

**George Reid**, Director: 276-7914; [reid01@comcast.net](mailto:reid01@comcast.net)

**Patty Meader**, Director: 276-0855; [pwmeader@aol.com](mailto:pwmeader@aol.com)

**Darrell Wilkerson**, Director: 674-6010; [wilkersond4@verizon.net](mailto:wilkersond4@verizon.net)

**Thomas Wright**, Director: 745-1514; [wdrtwright1@aol.com](mailto:wdrtwright1@aol.com)

**Deborah Hollinger**, Past President/Director: 276-1850; [debhomes@verizon.net](mailto:debhomes@verizon.net)

## Home Sales Link

At least 3000 visitors a month are viewing the Bexleyhomes.net website. If your home is on the market but not on the website, contact [Board@bexleyhomes.net](mailto: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](mailto:Board@bexleyhomes.net).

Check [www.bexleyhomes.net](http://www.bexleyhomes.net) for up-to-date neighborhood information

## Social Activities

**The Bexley Book Club**, under the chairmanship of Katy Wood, has grown to 16 members. The Club meets in members' homes every third Tuesday of the month except in December when there is no meeting due to the holidays. Read a book and join them! Please contact Katy Wood (amwood23@yahoo.com) or Barbara Quirk (quirkj@comcast.net) for more information.

**Fine Dining and Progressive Dinner** -Barbara Quirk can also provide information on the fine dining in Bexley. Neighbors join neighbors to enjoy fine food and wine in host homes. Barbara is canvassing for interest in a progressive dinner sometime in the future. If you are willing to host a main course or dessert, please contact Barbara (quirkj@comcast.net) for a sign up form.

## Alzheimer's Support



Linda Carruthers provided the following information about Alzheimer's Disease support groups in the Bexley Area.

Adult Children, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Bon Air Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Road, Room 207, Lynda Gormus, 804-320-0619 & Al Larson, 804-320-3890

Southside, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Bon Air Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Road, Room 202, Nancy Lentz, 804-957-2586 & Al Larson, 804-320-3890

Midlothian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., New Life United Methodist Church, 900 Old Hundred Road, Bob Schaefer, 804-310-7991 & Leigh Hilldrup, 804-839-0236

Midlothian, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Brandermill Woods Retirement Community, 14311 Brandermill Woods Tr., Merle Kahn, 804-967-2575

Chesterfield, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Lucy Corr Village, 6800 Lucy Corr Boulevard, Classroom, Blanche Castelow, 804-748-5585

If anyone has a need to learn about other groups, please contact Linda at:

[Linda@ltccinc.com](mailto:Linda@ltccinc.com)

804-272-5827 (O)

804-272-5825 (F)

804-306-0016 (C)

[www.ltccinc.com](http://www.ltccinc.com)

## Hip to Knit

If you are interested in joining a monthly knitting group for the purpose of sharing knowledge and socializing with Bexley neighbors please contact Donna Jewell at 674-1145. Donna will be glad to host the first meeting at her home.

## Bexley Mini Service Master List

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. To add to the list submit your recommendations to [board@bexleyhomes.net](mailto:board@bexleyhomes.net).

<b>Companion to the Elderly</b> Christina Webb 804-744-7341 (home)	<b>Vent Cleaning</b> Gil Calkins 804-651-4344	<b>Snow Removal</b> Todd Brown (roads only) 804-402-5896
<b>At Home Hair Care</b> Cheryl Kahn 804-349-8275 (cell)	<b>Pet Care</b> Tonya Kesler 804-283-1471	Pleasants Refuse 804-598-3625
<b>Handyman</b> Doug Tatso (804-955-5528 (cell)	Emily Lord 804-549-6504 (cell)	<b>Snow Removal - Shovel</b> Donald Cobb 744-2001 or 347-4750
<b>Housecleaning Lady</b> Agni Giubi 804-894-4061	Alexa Gillert 804-363-7705	Victoria Schwartz-Lutz 276-2650 or 690-2107
<b>Leaf Removal Service</b> Hydro-Tap 804-590-1981	Jane Meyer 804-543-8605	Marcus Robinson 276-4639
Molloy Lawn & Landscape 310-3165 (cell)	<b>Home Organizing</b> Wanda Januski 804-276-8132 (home)	<b>Appliance Installation</b> Bill Cantrell/Bill's Appl. 804-794-7918
<b>Carpenter</b> Robert Weedon 804-873-6672 (cell)	804-822-5786 (cell)	<b>Tree and Stump Removal</b> Winston Jones 804-909-270
<b>Power Washing</b> Tom Harris 804-731-0786	<b>Plumber</b> Kevin Lansford 804-276-4488	<b>Yard Work</b> Donald Cobb (Bexley Res.) 804-774-2011
	<b>Home Improvements</b> Scott Jordan 804-794-5690	King Kutz (Bill King) 804-437-1554

## 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](mailto:Board@bexleyhomes.net) or call Sharron Leonhirth at 278-3005 to order a package.

These packages are provided by Homeowner Associations for sellers to give to their purchasers at contract time. They are mandated by disclosure law (Virginia Code 55-508, 509, and 528) depending on original declarations, mandatory dues, and/or association responsibilities. The Bexley Association, comprised of Bexley Cosmopolitan, Bexley East, and Bexley (original) makes Homeowner Closing Packages available to all sellers. They contain valuable information regarding community activities, newsletters, association bylaws, budget and balance sheets, maps, and minutes of monthly board meetings. Since all lots are subject to covenants, restrictions, and design standards, these also are included. Buyers have come to expect and value Homeowner Closing Packages in communities with common areas, covenants, and an active Association. 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](mailto:Board@bexleyhomes.net) or by calling an ACC member. (Don Heslep (276-0750), Denis Klisz (276-9409), or Bob Hollinger (276-1850)) The ACC can help you identify and correct problems.

## ACC Notes

The Architectural Coordinating Committee has the following reminders that will help them keep our community beautiful.

**Leaf Removal** — Leaves that are left in the ditches in front of houses cause drainage problems for others down-stream 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. Loose or bagged leaves are accepted at the Chesterfield Convenience Centers. Curbside residential leaf pickup is no longer available, unless residents qualify for a program offered by the Commissioner of Revenue. For more information about County services, call 748-1297. Leaf removal services are available. One is identified in the Bexley Mini-Service List on page 3.

**Pet Waste** - Please clean up after your pet. We have received several complaints especially in the Rams Crossing common area. Pet waste contains bacteria that are harmful to our water. Whether you are in your yard or on a walk, dispose of your pet's waste promptly in the trash or toilet to prevent it from entering storm drains and roadside ditches.

**Grass Clippings** — While we are past the prime grass cutting season, please remember to avoid blowing your grass clippings into the street when cutting your lawn.

## Bexley Board Meetings Schedule 2011-2012

These are the remaining Board meeting prior to the annual meeting in February 2012. 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. The June meeting at LaPrade Library will be a mid-year open forum. Please check future editions of the *Rampage* or **BexleyHomes.net** for updated information.

Date	Location
December 13 .....	<b>Deborah Hollinger</b>
January 10 .....	<b>Kevin Hennelly</b>



**Premiere  
Dance  
Academy, Inc.**  
 804-675-0012

**premieredanceofrichmond.com**  
 Professional Experienced Instructors  
 Girls & Boys 2 1/2 years & up    Limited Class Sizes  
 Hull St. & Courthouse Rd. – Rockwood Plaza  
 premieredance1@yahoo.com

## Articles Welcome

If you have an interest that you would like to share with your neighbors, please contact Kevin Hennelly at 745-0611 or [BexleyRampage@Verizon.net](mailto:BexleyRampage@Verizon.net).