

# Bowman's Hill News

January 2024

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## Meet Your Board Members

During the 2023 annual meeting, three new board members were elected, bringing the current board to six members. We are excited to welcome these new members who bring a wealth of knowledge and commitment to our community. Your 2024 association board is:

**Vickie Ambler, President-** Vickie lives at 38 Round Ridge Road and has lived in the neighborhood for 6 years. Until this year, Vickie served as our Communications Coordinator and was responsible for our newsletter, coordinating our yard sales, and installing and upkeeping our dog waste station. Vickie loves animals and can frequently be found walking the neighborhood with her sweet companion Carlie! Vickie can be reached at [Vambler77@gmail.com](mailto:Vambler77@gmail.com).

**Brant Johnson, Vice President-** Brant lives at 6C Round Ridge Road and has lived in the neighborhood for almost 8 years. He is our newly elected Vice President. He has jumped in right away by helping to review some of our current policies to see where updates might be appropriate and he has also lent a hand to some landscaping tasks that needed to be addressed. Brant will communicate with residents when needed to address concerns, he will partner with other board members on projects and will stand in for the President when necessary. Brant can be reached at [Brant\\_g\\_Johnson@hotmail.com](mailto:Brant_g_Johnson@hotmail.com).

**Julia Miller, Treasurer**- Julia lives at 62 Round Ridge Road and has lived in the neighborhood for one and a half years. Julia has a background in finance and will be responsible for collecting annual dues and paying association bills as well as creating our annual budget. Julia can be reached at [Jul0610@yahoo.com](mailto:Jul0610@yahoo.com).

**Jeanne Heath-Secretary/Resale Certification Coordinator**- Jeanne lives at 35 Round Ridge Road and has lived in the neighborhood for 5 years. Before moving into this role, Jeanne was the board treasurer. Jeanne has been a resident of Upper Allen for over 30 years. Jeanne can be reached at [Jeannemheath@gmail.com](mailto:Jeannemheath@gmail.com).

**Mary-Margaret LaViska, Grounds/Landscaping Coordinator**- Mary-Margaret lives at 46 Round Ridge Road and is new to the neighborhood and has lived her for about 1 year. In this newly created position, Mary-Margaret will help us maintain our maturing neighborhood and will offer her expertise in all things landscaping. Mary-Margaret can be reached at [mmbowmanshill@gmail.com](mailto:mmbowmanshill@gmail.com).

**Perry Shindle, Architectural Control Coordinator**- Perry lives at 115 Round Ridge Road. He is the longest standing board member and has lived in the neighborhood for 23 years. Perry will continue in his current role. Perry can be reached at [Pshindle@comcast.net](mailto:Pshindle@comcast.net).



## No Solicitation

Many Facebook sites and local apps have posts where community members are warning neighbors about individuals knocking on doors to drum up business. NEVER is the response, "Great! I can't wait until they get to my door." Not only can these visits be a nuisance but they can also be a security risk when you don't know the person knocking. Did you know that Upper Allen Township requires businesses going door to door to have a solicitation permit that they must show to you upon request? The township website will also list all current permits that have been issued and are current. Check out <https://uatwp.org/information/transient-licenses/> to see the current list of permits that have been issued. In addition, if you have a "No Soliciting" sign at your door, solicitors are not permitted to attempt to ring your doorbell or knock on your door.

## Annual Dues

After many years of incredibly low dues, the past few years have seen a consistent increase in annual dues. The increase has been due to the rising cost of upkeep and the aging of our neighborhood. Attendees at the November annual meeting approved an increase to this year's annual dues. The new rate will be \$85 and will be billed in late January or early February.

## Resale Certificates

The cost for resale certificates will be increasing to \$100. Resale certificates are issued when a homeowner is selling their property. The certificate tells the new owner that all dues are current and that the property meets all architectural standards. This document is part of the standard home sale settlement process. If you are planning to sell your property, please reach out to Jeanne Heath (Jeannemheath@gmail.com) to apply for and receive your resale certificate.

## Yard Sales

Due to popular demand we will be returning the bi-annual yard sale schedule. We will keep our normal spring and fall rhythm. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates!

## We Are Here For You!

Our official Facebook page is called **Bowman's Hill Community**. If you have not had a chance to join our page, please consider joining as we will continue to use this as a primary communication tool for our neighborhood.

Our website is a wealth of information. If you have any questions your first resource can be <http://www.mybowmanshill.com>. If you still need additional help, feel free to reach out to any board member



*Thank You!*

A special shout out to **Kim and Perry Shindle** for providing and hanging holiday decorations on our entrance sign. This is such a nice touch and makes our neighborhood look so festive!

Great job **Brant Johnson!** We appreciate the work you have done to keep our entrance sign looking great! Our ornamental grass got a nice haircut and Brant has been investigating why our entrance sign has not been lighting up at night. We are hoping to have some light soon!

