

# English Hills News

Winter 2008



## The Hills are alive...with lights!

If you have been thinking about lights for the Holiday Season, now is the time to dust them off and attach them to your house or do something creative in your yard. This is a joyous season, and the

lights seem to do something extra to brighten our holiday spirit. We have noticed more lights than last year, so we have a great start. Turn on the lights...and let's celebrate the season in English Hills.

## Covenants and Bylaws

The EHHA Board has been reviewing and updating the covenants and bylaws for the community. Most of the work has focused on clarification and update, and there are no major changes. Each home-

owner will have an opportunity to review the documents prior to voting. We will provide more information in subsequent notices. No date has been set yet for the annual meeting.

## Getting involved in English Hills

You can make a major difference in our community by getting involved as a member of the EHHA Board. We currently have five active positions on our board. The bylaws were structured for two at-large board members, but nobody is serving in either slot at the present time. This is a great opportunity to become an integral part

of our community. New people bring new ideas, and English Hills benefits from this breath of fresh air. If you are interested in becoming a part of our EHHA leadership, let us know. You will find a list of the current officers and their email addresses in this newsletter.

## EHHA Winter Party: Jan. 10, 2009

It's almost that time again. Come in out of the cold and join your neighbors for the 2009 English Hills Winter Party on Jan. 10, 2009.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors. The location and details will be announced soon.

## Association Officers 2008-2009

President	MC (Mary Caroline) Gaylord	acksanders@bellsouth.net
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Treasurer	Jane Adelman	jkhmax@aol.com
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## Neighborhood vigilance

We are fortunate to live in a safe neighborhood, but don't take every suspicious event or person for granted.

Being an all cul-de-sac community, we don't have many non-residents driving through, unless they have a valid business or personal reason to be here.

Look out for yourself and your neighbors. Report suspicious activity to the Hendersonville Sheriff's Office, and let the authorities deal with the situation. The best kind of "neighborhood watch" is having all of us involved.

See fall picnic photos by visiting our new Web site at [www.shadyvale.com/English Hills](http://www.shadyvale.com/EnglishHills)



## English Hills is really something special by Bill Geiger

My wife Karen and I arrived here in July 2007 to make English Hills our new home. It took approximately 9 months from the time we settled on our house here to finally pack up and move from Springfield, VA in the Washington, DC metro area to the ever-inviting mountains of Western North Carolina.

Our grand adventure into unknown territory was tempered by the fact that Karen's family has lived in this area since before the American Revolution, and her mother has lived here since the early 90's. Consequently we had made many visits here during that time and grew quite comfortable with the area. When we made the decision to escape the Washington area, our destination decision was easy....it would be Hendersonville, NC.

We knew how to get from Route 26 to Karen's mom's house on Crab Creek Road, but we knew little of the communities in-and-about the city. This was going to take some discussion with realtors, as well as an almost-daily scan of the various listings in the Hendersonville area. One community always stood out to me.... English Hills. Here was a community where the driveways weren't nosebleed height. In addition, the community was only mere minutes from downtown, and 7 minutes, give or take, from Karen's mom. This was too good to be true – and so good that houses rarely came up for sale.

Our luck changed dramatically on Labor Day weekend of 2006, while on our way to a visit with Karen's mom. We were on our way out Kanuga Road when we spotted the "For Sale By Owner" sign. Not being a couple to rush things, we waited until the next day to put a contract on our future humble abode.

To truly appreciate English Hills, you must come from a congested area where neighbors rarely socialize, and the focus of the homeowner's association is to see how many resident vehicles can be towed away, and in some cases from your own private parking space. I often referred to our Virginia HOA as a vigilante committee. They were impersonal and often insensitive to resident's requests.

Our English Hills Homeowner's Association is a group that focuses on the greater good of the community, as outlined in the covenants and by-laws. However, there is something very different about our community, because the HOA places a special emphasis on neighbor helping neighbor, and socializing is a major part of the effort.

There is a genuine effort made each and every year to bring the community together, but participation is often lacking, for whatever reason. Karen and I met many of our new neighbors by attending EHHA parties, and in the process have met some wonderful, gracious people.

The next big event is the winter party on Jan. 10, 2009. Although last year's winter party was well attended, an even bigger turnout would give us just the boost we need to get through until the spring "thaw". You will receive a Winter Party flyer soon with all of the details.

If you haven't yet attended an English Hills social event, now is the time. We have great neighbors in this community who are only waiting to introduce themselves.

The next time you turn onto London Road from Kanuga Road, make sure that you drive slowly and take in our panoramic view of the mountain ahead. This says to me each and every time –

**"Welcome home to English Hills!"**



### SERVICES

#### **Housecleaning by Mrs. House: reliable and efficient**

Norma House is providing cleaning services for 2 homes in English Hills. She is reliable and thorough, with good references. Give her a call at 828-243-1096. You will be delighted with the results.

#### **Asphalt driveway coating**

This is a family company that brush coats the driveway. No spraying here. Reliable services provided at a reasonable price. Call Scott Marsh at (office) 828-625-9004 or (cell) 828-980-3242.

#### **Have you paid your English Hills Homeowners Association \$20 annual dues for 2008?**

Please send your dues to Jane Adelman, Treasurer, 9 Margate Lane, 692-6304.

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