

# HERITAGE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A New Year marks change, new beginnings & optimism and this hold true in the Heritage Valley Community as well. With this new year Heritage Valley in under an new administration which will build upon several of the projects/ events that you have seen implemented in the past as well as embark on new challenges and projects. During our first quarter we will be setting our agenda for 2011 as well as forming our standing committees so please be in attendance if this is of concern to you. Annual dues are just \$25 and membership allows you to fully participate in voting and decision making as well receive important news and information concerning the community. **Payment of dues is encouraged however; you do not have to pay dues in order to attend meetings all residents are encouraged to attend.** Heritage Valley 2011 administration officers hail from every corner of the Heritage Valley area please see below.

**President- Tselani Lang -**  
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A Resident of Ingledale Drive, contact me for issues concerning monthly meetings, newsletter content or events.

**Vice President- Althea Jones-**  
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A Resident of Rolling Green, contact me for issues concerning block captains, missed newsletters & code enforcement violations.

**Treasurer- Doris Birch-**  
[Frankdor4@att.net](mailto:Frankdor4@att.net)

A Resident of Pine Cone, contact me for issues concerning yearly dues and all other finance issues.

**Sergeant at Arms-Claude Strickland-**  
[CWS33@bellsouth.net](mailto:CWS33@bellsouth.net)

A resident of Revere, contact me for issues concerning meeting conduct.

**Corresponding Sec. -Leanne Patterson-**  
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A resident of Toll House, contact me to be added to email list to receive important community information.

**Recording Secretary- Luare Barsdale-**

A resident of Valley Ridge Cir, contact me for issues concerning minutes of meetings.



We need your help to keep Heritage Valley safe, presentable and the wonderful place to live it has always been. We need you to report nuisance properties, animals, or criminal activity to the proper city agencies as soon as you see it happen. Listed below are important numbers that you should utilize on a consistent basis in order to be an involved resident of the community.

Missed Trash Pick-ups	404.330.6333
Tree inspections	404.546.6813
Illegal Dumping	404.330.6333
Bulk Rubbish	404.330.6333
Potholes	404.330.6281
Traffic Concerns	404.330.6501
Zoning Enforcement	404.330.6175
Housing Code Compliance	404.330.6190
Water Dept Call Center	404.658.6500
Mayor's Office	404.330.6023
Atlanta Police Dept	404.614.6544
Animal Control	404.794.0358
Truancy Hotline	404.613.4747
Zone 4 Precinct	404.756.1903

If you don't feel comfortable contacting any of the above agencies to report issues in the community let us know and we will do it on your behalf. You can do this in two ways in person at any meeting or via email. Email code enforcement complaints to Althea Jones at [jonesalthea@att.net](mailto:jonesalthea@att.net). Email non emergency criminal/suspicious activity to Sgt Smith of APD at [ersmith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:ersmith@atlantaga.gov) (**Please note the house address so we can respond appropriately**). Sgt Smith of APD is in attendance at all meetings to hear crime concerns in person as well.



### Our Condolences

We lost Elizabeth Revere a fellow neighbor and friend to many in Heritage Valley for over 30 years in the month of December, Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones.

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**New House Bill  
Approved for Property  
Tax Valuation**

The new Georgia House bill that allows property tax valuation to be based on the last arms length transaction is now in effect, starting January 1, 2011. While this is of great benefit to home buyers, it will have a negative effect on the value of homes by existing homeowners. In light of this change in the law, now more than ever is the need for every homeowner to apply for a tax appeal from their county for the re-valuation of their homes. If the value of our homes are going to be decreased, then certainly the taxes we pay should be equal to that value. The burden is on the property owner to make the appeal and prove their value. If you need assistance in assessing your value and making your appeal, please feel free to contact me for instructions and direction. Visit my website @ [www.altheajones.prudentialgeorgia.com](http://www.altheajones.prudentialgeorgia.com)

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closed faucet. Pipes in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls are particularly vulnerable to extreme cold. To keep water in your pipes from freezing:

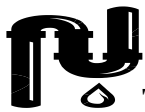
- Fit exposed pipes with insulation sleeves or wrapping to slow heat transfer.
- Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations near water pipes with caulking.
- Keep cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.
- Keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets connected to pipes that run through an unheated or unprotected space.



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
UPDATE.**

Below is a list of crimes that occurred in our neighborhood last quarter obtained from spotcrime.om please be observant of happenings in the community and look out for each other.

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|--------------------------------|-------|------|
| 1. Burglary@33XX Mt. Gilead    | 11/25 | 2pm  |
| 2. Theft @20XX Pine Cone       | 11/20 | 8pm  |
| 3. Theft @36XX Heritage Valley | 11/16 | 6pm  |
| 4. Theft @36XX Ingledeale Dr   | 10/8  | 7am  |
| 5. Burglary@36XX Rolling Green | 10/6  | 11pm |



**Tips to Protect Pipes during Freeze**

**Warnings.**

This has been a harsh winter with unexpected deep freezes which has gotten many of us thinking about things that could possibly occur to our property that could be a major headache for a property owner. One major problem that can occur that could cost you serious money is bursting pipes. **Bursting pipes** occur when frozen water causes a pressure buildup between the ice blockage and the



**Events in the Community**

**Community Meetings**

- 1/22 Heritage Valley meeting, 12pm Ben Hill Recreation Center, **special invited guest will be councilwoman Bottoms.**
- 2/7 NPU-P monthly Meeting, 7 pm Ben Hill Christian Church, Sunset Drive at Kimberly Road SW.
- 2-19-2011 Heritage Valley Community monthly meeting, 12pm Ben Hill Recreation Center
- 3/7/2011 NPU-P monthly meeting, 7 pm Ben Hill Christian Church, Sunset Drive at Kimberly Road SW.
- 3/26/2011 Heritage Valley Community monthly meeting, 12pm Ben Hill Recreation Center.

BROKE OLOGY  
JAN 28-FEB 20TH  
SOUTHWEST ARTS CENTER  
Southwest Arts Center  
915 New Hope Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30331  
<http://www.truecolorstheatre.org/southwest-arts-center>

AFRICAN AMERICAN STORYTIME  
FEB 16TH AND 15TH  
SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY  
3665 Cascade Road 404-699-6363

V.I.T.A. Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)  
Sponsored by IRS and Atlanta Community Food Bank  
January 24 – April 12  
Mondays & Tuesdays 10am – 6pm  
Saturdays 8am – 1pm  
Greenbriar Mall

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY EXHIBITION MUSEUM  
SIGHTS & SOUNDS BLACK CULTURAL EXPO  
FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 28  
Greenbriar Mall  
[www.sightsandsoundsblackculturalexpomuseum.info](http://www.sightsandsoundsblackculturalexpomuseum.info)  
Or 404-966-2137