

# THE TOWNES CRIER

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## **CHANGES TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME**

The Summer 2017 West Hanover Township News included an article on the most common items that require permits from the township. Building Permits are required for construction of additions/expansions, decks, patios, porches, basement renovations, generators and solar panels. Zoning Permits are required for new structures, additions, expansions, decks, patios, porches, sheds, fences, retaining walls, sidewalks, tenant changes in existing structures, generators and solar panels. If you have any questions, please call the township at 717-652-4841 and ask for either zoning or building codes. As always, an Architectural Change Request (ACR) must be submitted to the HOA board prior to any proposed construction, planting, paint and/or stain, or modifications to the flower and shrub beds at your home. The HOA website provides details on the approved deck paint and stain colors. Please be sure to indicate your proposed paint or stain colors on your architectural change request form. The form is available on the HOA website or from any member of the Executive Board. You can give the form or email the form to any member of the board, or mail it to the association. Emailing to any board member is the most expeditious way to submit your request. Upon HOA approval of your ACR, if a permit is needed for your project, provide the HOA with a photo copy of your building and/or zoning permit prior to the start of construction.

## **RESIDENTS DIRECTORY**

You should have received your 2017 Residents Directory for our development. If you have not received a copy of it your information is incorrect, please notify [mickmoritz@comcast.net](mailto:mickmoritz@comcast.net).

## **BLANKET EMAILS**

We've started using blanket emails to all homeowners for information that is perishable or needs immediate attention. Please ensure that your email address is correct in the Residents Directory in order for you to be included.

## **SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL HOA PICNIC**

The annual HOA picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM till sundown with a rain date of Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs, hamburgers, water and soda will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. The HOA picnic has always been a great way to meet and greet our neighbors. Please try to attend this year!

## **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

Any landscaping issues should be directed to Anne Warden for coordination with Hoagy's Landscaping Service. Towards the end of July, Hoagy's will apply mulch to the section of the Tiverton Bank that is due for mulch this year.

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## **STREET SWEEPING**

Residents are asked to do the best to park their vehicles in the garage or driveway when our streets are scheduled for street sweeping. The HOA will post signs to notify homeowners of the date that the township will do street sweeping.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Our thanks to Tom Butler and Vianne Shope for their service to the community as members of the HOA board. Welcome to Myrna Barnes as our new appointed member of the board.

## **PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG**

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please don't allow your dog to roam near a residence and remember that you are responsible for picking up your pet's deposits at any point in the community.

## **SPEED ON DEVELOPMENT STREETS**

With the warmer weather, many residents are enjoying the outdoors, as a courtesy to others and for the safety of all concerned, please drive at a reasonable speed.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY**

Have you checked your fire extinguishers lately? Manufacturers say most extinguishers should work for 5 to 15 years, but you might not know if you got yours three years ago or 13. Recommendations suggest checking the

pressure gauge monthly. If the needle is in the green area, it's functional, if it falls anywhere else, the extinguisher is unreliable and should be serviced or replaced. The US Fire Administration recommends storing a fire extinguisher in your kitchen or as close to your kitchen as possible. The kitchen is the most common place for fires to start, especially fires caused by appliances and grease fires. Place the fire extinguisher away from the oven and stove. If a fire breaks you may not be able to reach over the stove to grab the extinguisher without getting burned. If your extinguisher is in the cabinet under the sink, make sure the canister is front and center, not hidden behind other items. Another common place to store a fire extinguisher is in your garage where there are often fire combustible items stored, such as paints and gasoline.

## **CONTACTING THE HOA**

The HOA website at [www.townes-at-hershey.com](http://www.townes-at-hershey.com) is a wealth of information. Announcements about landscaping services, snowplowing and other development-wide activities are posted there. You can also find the site plans, covenants, by-laws, approved exterior paint colors, and forms of all types.

## **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETINGS**

A member of the Board is scheduled to attend each meeting of the West Hanover Township Supervisors. The meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 PM at the township building. If you attend any of the supervisors meetings,

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please remember that you represent  
yourself and not our development at large.

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