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SNOW REMOVAL

The heavy snowfall of 19+ inches in March was cleared by Hoagy's with some difficulty and caused some turf damage. Dave H responded to our call to clear the driveways within 2 hours after the WH township had plowed our streets on March 14. Our contract with Hoagy's includes varying hourly rates for hand shoveling, walk-behind blowers, tractor-mounted blowers, skid loaders etc. We expect a snow crew of 6 to work. Homeowners are responsible for clearing snow around their vehicles left in driveways, and their own porches and steps.

It was a wet snow with wind that caused 3 pieces of Hoagy's equipment to break and left his crew exhausted. Hoagy's equipment was repaired Saturday, March 18 4PM. His crew returned on Monday, March 20 to finish clearing the neighborhood sidewalks. Thank you to neighbors who cleared sidewalks & furnace exhaust pipes as best they could. It reduces our HOA expenses and is wonderful way to help your friends & neighbors if you are able.

Numerous patches of sod damage were created by the snow removal. Hoagy's had a list of the front yards with visible sod damage and began repairs on March 29th. Hoagy's has tossed fresh good quality soil, grass seed and straw onto the damaged sod areas of the neighborhood today. Homeowners are responsible for watering the straw and seed as soon as possible to prevent it from blowing away and for

continuing to water the grass seed through germination and infant grass growth.

Inadvertent scraping of driveways also occurred, but we have not seen any asphalt damage—only a scraping of the sealer. Driveway sealer will not be reapplied by Hoagy's.

Thanks for continuing to help each other. This makes our neighborhood unlike many others.

SPRING LANDSCAPE CLEANUP

Spring cleanup by Hoagy's will start March 29 or soon thereafter. This includes cleaning up leaves, branches and debris. It does not involve the Tiverton backyard bank cleaning. Tiverton bank cleanup is done at an hourly rate, to be performed later in the spring.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Our annual community yard sale is scheduled for Saturday April 22nd from 7AM until 1PM. Participating homeowners are asked to remove unsold items by 2 PM. For your safety, if you are not participating in the yard sale, please keep your garage door closed.

ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Plan to attend the annual HOA meeting on Monday, May 15th, 7 PM at Jo-Jo's Pizza & Restaurant, 7800 Allentown Blvd. On or about April 15th, the slate of nominees for the 2017-2018 term of the HOA Executive Board, the ballot, proxy, voting instructions

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and meeting agenda will be mailed to every homeowner for your vote.

PUMP HOUSE PARKING

Residents and guests are not permitted to park in the driveway to the pumping station at 211 Brookridge Court. The WHT Sewer Authority Superintendent has reported that vehicles are blocking or partially blocking access to the pump house. Operators require open egress to the building and the driveway to perform maintenance that calls for larger vehicles such as pumper trucks, etc.

CLASSIC COMMUNITIES

West Hanover Township has scheduled an inspection of needed concrete repair on Tiverton Lane and of the work required to bring our detention pond to DEP requirements. This is to determine the cost of all of the work so that the township solicitor can take legal action to obtain the funds from a bond that had been posted to ensure that Classic would complete the work.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

Charles and Ruth Berdinis
205 Brookridge Court

RESIDENT'S DIRECTORY

If you require updates to your information in the resident's directory, please send an email to mickmoritz@comcast.net with your change requests.

PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG

Several homeowners have commented that folks walking their dogs have allowed the dog to "do their business" near, or in some cases on, the mulched shrub near the home. Please don't allow your dog to roam near a residence to "do their business".

EXTERIOR CHANGES TO YOUR PROPERTY

For uniformity in the appearance of our community, please complete an Architectural Change Request Form and send it to the Executive Board prior to making any changes to the exterior of your property. Changes include any proposed exterior 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. If you plan to make modifications to the flower and shrub beds at your home, the maintenance of the plantings will be your responsibility. For uniformity of color, the landscape contractor will apply mulch to flower and shrub beds at the front and side of your home and will edge the beds as provided for in our contract. The maintenance of flower and shrub beds at the rear of your home will remain your responsibility. The Architectural Change Request 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. **Email to any member of the board will be the most expeditious way to handle the request.**

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Please note that a West Hanover Township building permit is required prior to the construction of structures such as decks. Consult with the WHT zoning and planning administrator at 717-540-6075.

CONTACTING THE HOA

The HOA website at www.townes-at-hershey.com is a wealth of information. Announcements about 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.

For your convenience, the HOA Treasurer can arrange a direct debit of your HOA dues from your bank account. Please contact Mark Chiles for more information.

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

After a Winter season of very unusual weather including record temperatures, I'm sure that we're all ready for Spring. I look forward to seeing you at our annual Homeowners Association meeting on Monday evening May 15th at Jo-Jo's Pizza. Please plan to attend. On behalf of the entire board, we wish you a glorious Spring season. *Mick*

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