

THE TOWNES CRIER

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**A Newsletter of the Townes at Hershey
Road Homeowners Association
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SNOW REMOVAL

Hopefully there won't be any! But if there is, here is what is important to remember:

- Plowing of Brookridge Court is the Township's responsibility. Plowing of Tiverton Lane is still Classic Communities responsibility because the street has not yet been turned over to the Township. That won't occur until the final coat of asphalt is completed, which should be in the spring or summer. In the meantime watch out for the manhole covers especially when the road is snow covered.
- Hoagy's Landscaping has been hired by the Homeowner's Association to remove snow from the sidewalks and driveways when we have 3 or more inches of snow. They usually wait until it stops snowing which could be late at night or early in the morning.
- Removal of ice or snow of less than 3 inches is the individual homeowner's responsibility. It was great to see many neighbors in previous years helping out other neighbors clearing driveways and sidewalks when we received just short of 3 inches or when they were impatient in waiting for Hoagy's to get here.

- Remember if you are away when it snows and we do not get at least 3 inches or we get an ice storm it is still your responsibility to clear the sidewalks and driveway. Please make arrangements for when you are away and snow or ice is predicted.

BUSH AND SHRUB TRIMMING

It is the responsibility of the HOA to trim the bushes and shrubs that grow on your property. Obviously, there will be differences in size between homes built 5 or 6 years ago and those built within the past year or two. We ask you to please cooperate with the trimming process. The goal again is uniformity and if your bushes and shrubs are out of control, it just doesn't look nice. If bushes and shrubs get too tall and unruly, they will be cut without your permission.

HOA MONTHLY DUES STATEMENT VIA E-MAIL

If you would like, your monthly HOA Dues Statement can be e-mailed to you by the Board Treasurer. Please provide Mark Chiles with your e-mail address. His email is mark@markchiles.com.

If you use the U.S. Postal Service, dues should be mailed to the HOA at Post Office Box 6353, Harrisburg PA 17112-0353.

You can also arrange a direct debit of your HOA dues from a bank account. Please contact Mark Chiles for more information and a form for you to complete. Or, visit the HOA website for sign up information.

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HOA WEBSITE

As many of you now know, The Townes at Hershey Road has a website. The web address is <http://townes-at-hershey.com>. Currently the website contains the bylaws, covenants and plot plans for the development, blank Architectural Change Request forms, the form to sign up for direct debit of monthly HOA dues, prior newsletters, contact information for board members, snow removal information, etc.

THANK YOU MARK FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING THE WEBSITE.

TRASH

A reminder that your trash should not be put out for collection prior to 6PM on the day before the collection is scheduled. Please retrieve your trash cans as soon after trash pick-up as practical. If you'll be away for a full day, please consider using trash bags or make arrangements with a neighbor to retrieve your trash cans and store them so they don't blow around the neighborhood.

STORM DEBRIS

The HOA is responsible for removing storm debris from the common areas only. Removal of tree damage and/or debris in a yard is the Homeowner's responsibility. Homeowners can place storm debris out at the curb with their trash but it must be in a container or separately bound with rope or twine.

RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

The Hospitality Committee is constantly updating the Directory of Residents. If you are not in the current directory or the information has changed or is incorrect, please get updated information to the Board Secretary, John Goryl at metroig@comcast.net as soon as possible. It is recommended that you include in the Directory your home number, cell phone number and e-mail address, so you can be easily contacted. Cell number is very important in case there is an emergency at your home while you are away. You may also include your pets' names as well.

CHANGES TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME

To preserve 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 construction, planting, paint, staining of decks and installation of storm doors.

It's not a complicated process. The form is available on the website or can be obtained from any member of the Executive Board. You can give the completed form to Tom Butler or any member of the executive board, or mail it to the association at Post Office Box 6353, Harrisburg PA 17112-0353.

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PET OWNERS – YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Please remember that you are responsible for picking up your pet's "deposits" at any point in the community, including in front and at the rear of houses and in common areas. Pets should always be on a leash and not allowed to run free unless in your own fenced in yard.

PARKING

Everyone should be aware that parking in the cul-de-sacs on Brookridge or Tiverton is not permitted. This is a Township requirement based upon the turning radius of the cul-de-sacs and the inability of emergency vehicles to make the turn if there are parked vehicles. Please also be mindful when parking on the street that it is difficult for emergency vehicles to get through if vehicles are parked directly across from each other and not tightly against the curb. Parking of commercial vehicles, any non-passenger vehicles (e.g. trailers), recreational vehicles or boats is prohibited.

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Property Management Services

If anyone in the community is in need of property management services or needs a handy-man for hire, please contact George Hatalowich at 717-645-6570 or by email at ghatalow@aol.com. Reasonable rates.

No job is too big or too small. Most services and skills available from plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and carpentry to painting, tile work, renovations and remodel.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope that this note finds that everyone had a fantastic summer. It is hard to believe that we are approaching Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Where has this year gone? Looking back, a big round of thanks goes out to Board Member Kathy and her team for a great picnic in August. We had plenty of delicious food and great conversations. And once again the community yard sale was a success. For all of the volunteers that helped with the clean-up and especially Mick Moritz for his organization skills, let's just say that our neighborhood is really looking good. And as construction of units has been completed, we have welcomed a lot of new residents to our community and sadly said goodbye to some.

Now, as Veteran's Day approaches, I want to personally thank everyone who served or has a family member or loved one who is currently serving our country. And then, there is the month of December that proves to be a busy month for everyone; your HOA Board would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that you are always invited to the monthly board meetings and to visit our website at www.townes-at-hershey.com for information and upcoming events

Happy Holidays to All

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