

THE TOWNES CRIER

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SNOW REMOVAL

For the most part snow removal efforts went pretty smoothly this Winter, the worst one in many years. Plowing of Brookridge was the Township's responsibility. Plowing of Tiverton was Classic's responsibility. They each had their plusses and minuses. Hoagy's Landscaping removed snow from the sidewalks and driveways when we had 3 or more inches of snow. They usually waited until it stopped snowing which was not until late at night or early in the morning. It was great to see many neighbors 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 to get here. Remember if you are away when it snows and we do not get at least 3 inches it is still your responsibility to clear the sidewalks and driveway. Please make arrangements for when you are away and snow is predicted.

RECEIVING YOUR 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.

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, minutes of monthly board meetings, 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.

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RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

The Hospitality Committee is again updating the directory of residents. If you are not in the current directory or the information has changed, 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 and/or stain 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 any member of the executive board, or mail it to the association at Post Office Box 6353, Harrisburg PA 17112-0353.

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.

FLOWER AND SHRUB BEDS

If you plan to make modifications to the flower and shrub beds at your home, please complete an Architectural Change Request Form and send it to the Executive Board **prior to making any changes to the beds.** The maintenance of the plantings will be your responsibility. For uniformity of color, the landscaping contractor will apply mulch to shrub and flower 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.

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 not permitted.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hopefully the winter weather is behind us and we can begin to think about the warmer temps and bright colors of SPRING. Time to come out of hibernation and begin to plan for our upcoming events.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2014 and again will be held at Jo Jo's Pizzeria, which is right down Manor Drive at Route 22. Come hungry and enjoy having pizza with everyone. As the current year of 2013-2014 comes to a close, consider your participation either being a member of the board or helping with a committee. Watch your mail for more information.

Make time for fun at our summer picnic (date to be announced). Come out and welcome all of the new residents. We currently have 75 out of 79 units completed and hopefully by Summer will reach the completion of all 79 units. How exciting!

Finally, make sure you visit our website at townes-at-hershey.com for updated information and forms and again thank you for your suggestions, leadership and service to the Townes at Hershey Road.

Your President,

Betty

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