

THE TOWNES CRIER

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NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

The annual HOA picnic will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 in front of the pump house between 211 & 213 Brookridge Court. Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, salad, fruit and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. If you would like to bring a covered dish or bake some cookies or brownies to share that would be great. Canopies for shade (or rain) will be provided but please bring your own chairs. This will be a great opportunity to meet and socialize with your neighbors. We hope to see you there.

YARD SALE

We are planning for the second annual community-wide yard sale to occur on September 21, 2013. The one last year was a great success.

Guidelines:

- Sale will be held on a Saturday from 7- to noon
- Homeowner is responsible to remove items not sold at yard sale by 1pm
- Garage doors should remain closed during the sale time for security reasons, unless it is a rainy day

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. He can be reached at Mark@markchiles.com.

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

Mark Chiles has been working on a website for the Townes at Hershey Road. The web address is <http://townes-at-hershey.com>. The site is up and running but it is still a work in progress. 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, etc. Any content suggestions that you have would be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU MARK FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

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.

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STORM DEBRIS

Hurricane season is fast approaching. 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 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. If possible we would like to list all of the adult residents of the home, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

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 from any member of the Executive Board. You can give the 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, to include both in front and at the rear of houses. 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.

DRAINAGE EASEMENT REPAIRS

As you probably have noticed, another attempt is being made by Classic Communities at the direction of the Township to improve the drainage easement that runs behind the homes located on Brookridge Court. Hopefully, this time it was done correctly. If we get a dry spell, it is the adjoining property owner's responsibility to water the new grass seed that has been planted.

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SNOW REMOVAL

It may be a little early for this but when a snow storm is forecast, please make every effort to park your vehicles off the streets in your garage or driveway. This will enable the plow crew to clear the entire street. Plowing of Brookridge is the Township's responsibility. Plowing of Tiverton is still Classic's responsibility. We have contracted with Hoagy's Landscaping to remove snow from the sidewalks and driveways in the event we have 3 or more inches of snow.

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.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I really enjoyed seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting. The Board has welcomed our new board members, Edna Seachrist and Rocco Costabile. We have been meeting regularly. We have a variety of personalities working together to achieve success. We are working on new ideas to help with getting information out to residents in a more timely and efficient way. Many thanks go out to everyone who

helped with the cleanup that was led by our neighbor Mick Moritz. This was a great effort to help improve our neighborhood. As always, your ideas are welcome so that we can continue to find ways to improve and maintain our neighborhood. Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 17th and there is a yard sale tentatively scheduled for September 21. I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer and I hope that we can continue to work together for the betterment of our neighborhood. See you at the picnic.

Betty

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