

THE TOWNES CRIER

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ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for May 16, 2011 and attend the Annual Meeting of the Townes at Hershey Road Homeowners Association. The meeting will be held at The Crossroads Café, 9147 Allentown Blvd starting at 7PM.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION BOARD

Shortly, you'll receive a nomination form for board members for the 2011-2012 term. Currently, our Executive Board consists of seven (7) members. The form must be signed by the homeowner and returned to P.O. Box 6353, Harrisburg, PA. 17112. Each unit is entitled to complete one (1) form.

Please write in your nomination(s) for the Board positions and return it to us by **Friday, April 15, 2011**. If you are interested in running for a position please feel free to write in your own name. A nominee for the Board must be an owner at The Townes at Hershey Road. If nominating someone other than yourself, please ensure that he/she is in agreement to serve on the Board, and have that person sign your form.

On **April 22, 2011**, the slate of nominees, the ballot, proxy, voting instructions, and the Complete Agenda will be mailed to every homeowner for voting.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

By now, we're all tired of the small snow and ice storms that seem to come through our area every other day. But they keep coming.

Our snow removal contract provides that the contractor will plow and shovel snow when the accumulation from a storm is three inches or more.

A West Hanover Township ordinance requires every property owner or occupant to remove snow, ice or sleet from sidewalks to the front or along the property where the sidewalk is located. The snow, ice, hail or sleet must be removed within 24 hours after the storm event and accumulation has ceased.

Duane Shearer at 248 Tiverton is willing to help anyone who needs their driveway and sidewalks taken care of when it is 3" or less. You can call him at (717-695-0220).

GRASS, AND SHRUB BED MAINTENANCE

That Spring weather that we're all looking forward to will soon be here. For your information, here are the major provisions of the contract with Hoagy's Landscaping Service:

1. In a Spring clean-up, not later than early April, the contractor will clean all turf and bed areas of leaves, dead branches, and similar debris.
2. The contractor will mulch all bedding areas prior to the growing season. The beds will edged prior to, or at the same time as, the application of mulch.
3. During the growing season, lawns and turf areas will be mowed every 7 to 10 days as weather permits. Trimming and edging are included with each mowing.

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4. A Fall Clean-up in early November will include raking leaves from all turf areas and cleaning of mulched beds of dead branches and leaves

5. Beds will be weeded on an "as required" basis. All plants and trees will be pruned once a season.

6. Weed control, fertilizer and insect/pest control will be applied as required.

TRASH CANS

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 to preclude them from blowing around the neighborhood.

CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

- Please add new neighbors to the directory and say hello to John and Jeannie Goryl at 213 Tiverton Lane.
- Please add new neighbors to the directory and say hello to Scott & Kim Mayne at 207 Tiverton Lane. Their phone number is 533-6029.
- Please add new neighbors and say hello to Bill & Linette Mayne at 209 Tiverton Lane. Their phone number is 533-0279.

CHANGES TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME

In order to preserve the uniformity of the appearance of our community, please

complete an Architectural Change Request Form and send it to Dennis Loftin, Chair of the Architecture Committee, **prior to making any changes to the exterior of your property.** Changes include any proposed construction, flower and shrub bed planting, paint and/or stain.

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

PET ISSUES

1. For sanitary and appearance reasons, when walking your dog, please pick up any "doggy deposits" that your pet makes.

2. Please keep your pet on a leash. The West Hanover Township Animal Control Ordinance prohibits domestic pets from running at large.

2. We've had several complaints of a dog barking excessively in the late evening and early morning hours. The West Hanover Township Ordinance also prohibits animals from disturbing the peace.

3. The landscaping contractor periodically spreads fertilizer and weed control chemicals on our lawns. Dave Glassmoyer has a list of pet owners in the development and will call you with advance notice of scheduled lawn treatment. If you haven't received a call in the past and wish to be on the list, please notify Dave at 810-1890.

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PENDING PROJECTS

Driveway Maintenance is the responsibility of the HOA. Some of the driveways in Phase I are more than six years old. For a variety of reasons, some of the homeowners have had their driveways coated while some have not had any treatment. The Executive Board will be seeking bids to sealcoat the driveways in Phase I of our development this Summer. The plan is to seal the Phase II driveways in a future year.

The Executive Committee is planning to install a number of benches along the walking path this Summer. The exact number of benches and locations to be determined.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

To get to know each other better, we'd like to feature one or two of our neighbors in each issue of the newsletter. Please send a brief bio of yourself or your family by email to TownesHOA@comcast.net.

MEET CRAIG AND KARIN RANK

Craig and Karin Rank live at 214 Brookridge Court. Both Craig and Karin were raised in the Palmyra/Hershey area, although their paths did not meet until much later.

Craig has worked for The Hershey Company for 30 years. He has worked his way up in the company and has been at the Tech Center for 25 years in R&D, currently working on Cocoa Bean research.

Craig holds a BS Engineering Quality Assurance Degree from Kentucky Western

and a Food Science Degree from Penn State.

For the past 15 years, Craig has also worked as an Off Ice Official for the Hershey Bears.

Karin was an optician for 15 years and she worked as a Retail Administrative Assistant for a National Company for 13 years.

Karin, now works part time at The Hershey Story (the new attraction on Chocolate Avenue in Hershey) and at Hershey Chocolate World, where she enjoys meeting people from all over the world.

Both Craig and Karin enjoy cycling; snow skiing and traveling. Craig also enjoys golf. You might meet them walking their Doberman "Gilly."

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Easter bunny will be hopping about the neighborhood sometime at the end of March. Be on the lookout! The annual HOA picnic is scheduled for June 4, Saturday, and the rain date is June 5, Sunday, 2011. This year it will be held on Brookridge Court in front of the pumphouse. There will be hot dogs and sauerkraut, barbecue and rolls provided. Plenty of water and soda will be available as well. We will need the side dishes to be provided by the residents. We will send a reminder in your monthly billing in April. The festivities will begin around 2PM. We had such a fun time the past few years at this event. DON'T MISS IT!!!!

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2010-2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mark Chiles—Treasurer
Marsha Costabile—Hospitality Committee
Frank Drawbaugh—Groundskeeping
Committee
Betty Geeting President
Dennis Loftin—Architectural Committee
Mick Moritz—Co Secretary
Pam Wand—Co-Secretary