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TREATED WOOD MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of the treated wood decks and porches in our community is the responsibility of the homeowner. We've noted that a fairly wide variety of paint and stain is being used to treat this wood.

Classic Communities had established two custom stains, "Norandex Sand" and "Norandex Tan", under order # 5069-0044656 at Sherwin-Williams Paint on Route 22 in Colonial Park for use in our community. A clear sealer is also acceptable.

Classic Communities also established a custom paint, "Comp (mn) 8222, Desert Fawn" which closely matches the siding on our houses, at the same Sherwin Williams store.

In order to preserve a modicum of uniformity in the color of our houses, effective August 1, 2010, the above stains or paint, or their equivalents, are the only products approved for staining, sealing and/or painting treated wood in our community.

In order to maintain a natural color, if your treated wood is weather beaten, you might want to consider power washing the wood prior to sealing or staining.

Your treated wood may also be covered in vinyl in a shade consistent with the siding of your house or with the trim on your house.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, if you want to match the original interior paint in your home:

The Classic Communities wall and ceiling paint is Sherwin-Williams "Philly White" and the Trim and baseboard paint is Sherwin-Williams "Extra White".

The Landmark ceiling paint is Sherwin-Williams #7005 Pure White Flat, the walls are Sherwin-Williams #6141 Softer Tan Pro-Touch flat and the trim is Sherwin-Williams #7006 Extra White Semi-Gloss.

HOT NEWS

- If it's more convenient for you to contact the HOA using email, it's now available. We now have an email address for the association:. Contact the HOA at TownesHOA@comcast.net .
- Please don't use coupons to mail your dues. The coupon is addressed to the old PMI address. **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 for a bank account. Please contact Mark Chiles for more information and a form for you to complete.

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.

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SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

Hoagy's Landscaping has been very responsive to our needs regarding mowing and landscaping during the 2010 Summer season. At their August meeting, the Executive Board voted to engage Hoagy's Landscaping to remove snow in our neighborhood for the 2010-2011 season. The per hour costs for snow removal will be the same or slightly less than the costs for our contractor last season. The 2010-2011 contract includes a damage clause that had been omitted by a previous board.

The contract provides for snow removal when we have a snowfall of 3 inches or more.

WATER OVER THE WALKING PATH

We've been advised that the walking path was installed according to the original plans and that it's normal for some water to flow over portions of the path. The persistent flow of water at one point on the path is of concern. We believe that a minimal project of hand shoveling might well alleviate the problem. Since this will be a task for a group of volunteers, the project is being deferred until the weather cools a bit.

CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

- Please add a new neighbor to the directory and say hello to Donna K Halloway and her son, Christopher at 220 Brookridge Court. Their phone number is 695-7345.
- Please add a new neighbor to the directory and say hello to Andrew Perrotti at 238 Tiverton Lane. His

phone number is 566-3345.

- We say good bye to the Peneda Family who left 234 Brookridge Court for new housing in the Fort Dix New Jersey area. We wish them well.
- Please add a new neighbor and say hello to Thomas and Evelyn Butler at 234 Brookridge Court. Their phone number is 761-0561.
- Please add a new neighbor and say hello to James & Alexandra (Sandy) Megenty at 235 Tiverton Lane. Their phone number is 657-0590.
- Please add a new neighbor and say hello to Rosemarie Messinger and her family at 246 Tiverton Lane.

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, 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 OWNERS – YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

The landscaping contractor periodically spreads fertilizer and weed control

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chemicals on our lawns. While the products are not supposed to be harmful to animals, most pet owners prefer not to expose their pets to the chemicals. The general advice is to wait until a sprayed product dries on the lawn and to wait until the dust from a granular product has settled before exposing your pet to the area. 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. THANKS, Dave.

FLOWER AND SHRUB BEDS

Several homeowners have expanded the flower and shrub beds that the builder provided and beautified the development by doing so. 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 Dennis Loftin, Chair of the Architecture Committee, **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.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

The annual HOA picnic was held in August and a good time was had by all the attendees. Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for a great job. If you were not

there, you missed a great opportunity to meet and socialize with your neighbors.

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. We encourage you to send a brief bio of yourself or a member of your family by email to TownesHOA@comcast.net.

MEET ROCCO AND MARSHA COSTABILE

Rocco and Marsha met at Millersville University in their junior year. It was love at first sight from across the campus. Rocco was on the wrestling team, and Marsha lived at home and commuted to school each day. They dated for several years and married in Lancaster, Pa on a very hot summer day. Mrs. Costabile acquired a position in the Lower Dauphin School District in Hummelstown, Pa. There Marsha taught reading and English in the middle and high school for a total of 30 years. She most recently retired and is only beginning to sample the fruits of she and her husband's labors over their 39 years of marriage. The Lower Dauphin substitute list now has her name on it. The couple have a home in Hilton Head, SC. where some of each year will be spent. They most recently sold their home in Grantville where they raised their family and lived for 38 years. Books have always been her passion. Meeting new folks at the Townes of Hershey has been fabulous! Serving on the board for a second time has also been interesting. She loves the fact that she can

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now spend more time walking around the community visiting all the while Jagger, the golfin cockatoo, can socialize too.

Mr. Costabile has been a business owner for the past 38 years. In 1972 he and two of his brothers bought PAC Industries from their father, Philip A Costabile. He owned a coin operated business for commercial laundry equipment. Rocco became the president of the company and has been at the helm ever since. In that time frame, he and his brothers expanded a 7 county distribution of commercial laundry equipment to a 5 state region. Rocco has most recently turned the company into an employee owned operation. His passions are being with his “buddies” and watching every sport known to man. He bleeds green for the Philadelphia Eagles and has loved the New York Yankees ever since he was a small boy living in Hazelton ,Pa.

The Costabile’s have two children. Their eldest is Dr. Rocco Costabile. He is in private family practice in Northeast Philadelphia. His wife Stephanie is an accountant for a firm in Philadelphia. Their daughter, Sommer, is a corporate lawyer working for a firm in New York City.

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