

The Townes at Hershey Road Homeowners Association
Post Office Box 6353
Harrisburg PA 17112

Newsletter – June 2010

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.
- We've been advised of a number of instances of pet owners not picking up dog waste. As a courtesy to your neighbors and for the beautification of our neighborhood, please pick up your pet waste.
- There's been a rumor floating about that we're considering changing to a "55 plus" community. There is no truth to the rumor.
- There was talk about becoming a "gated community". If you want to live in a gated community, you'll have to go elsewhere to do it. We'd have to take back our streets, redesign and re-construct the entrances and have a security guard on duty. Your monthly dues would quadruple.

WE ARE ON OUR OWN

As most of you know, Classic Communities had been providing administrative support for the Homeowners Association until June 1, 2009. The previous Board, with a majority of members employed by Classic Communities engaged Property Management Inc (PMI) to take care of administrative matters for the Townes of Hershey Road Homeowners Association. Effective June 1, 2009

Shortly after your new Board was elected in January 2010, we reviewed the contract with PMI and determined that we could take care of the administration more inexpensively ourselves. The PMI type of administration just appears to be better suited to a larger development.

That said, we need the involvement of homeowners and residents to ensure that our community is managed for the good of all of us. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Executive Board to be included.

MOWING INSIDE FENCES

We recently became aware of a resolution by a previous Executive Board that provides for the mowing contractor to mow, feed, and weed control inside fenced yards so long as the contractor is able to access the area at the time they are able to provide services.

The services will not be provide if the gate(s) are locked or too small to allow equipment access, if pets are present, if excessive pet waste is present, or if other unreasonable circumstances exist. The resolution was dated April 23, 2009.

WATER FLOWING 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 path is now our responsibility

The persistent flow of water at one point on the path with a coating of slime is of concern. A West Hanover Township representative advised that a small portion of the path be rebuilt with drainage pipes under the path to allow the water to drain from the wetland area.

We're getting bids to install the drainage pipes and resurface the walking path in that area.

RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

The new residents directory was distributed to the attendees at the annual meeting on May 17th. If you did not get a directory and want one, please contact Marsha Costabile.

CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

For Craig & Karin Rank at 214 Brookridge Court—please add Karin's Mom, Jane, to the listing and change the telephone number to 635-8275

Please change Dave & Cindy Glassmoyer's email to dcglassmoyer@verizon.net.

Christopher and Carol Green left 224 Brookridge Court for new housing in the Harrisburg area. We wish them well.

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.

YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

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