

Middleton Estates Homeowners Association

JULY 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE:

The Annual Homeowners Association Meeting was held on March 1, 2014 at the Stuart Community Center. The minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting were approved as well as the 2014-15 budget. The results of the election were also announced at that meeting. The Board welcomes Terry Myers and Jana Books to the team as new members. Bea Fisher and Judy Hershey were also re-elected. Thank you for those who attended the meeting and continue to support our community.

*A special **THANK YOU** to Jan Verow for her many years served and valuable contributions to the Board!*

JUST A REMINDER—Effective April 1, 2013 your monthly Association dues have been reduced to \$50.00! Please call Katie Landis with any questions.

LAWN CARE INFO

The grass is finally green! Mulching is complete and normal lawn maintenance has resumed. As in years past, bushes/shrubs are scheduled to be trimmed in July.

NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS IN YOUR YARD INCLUDING DOG LEADS, LEASHES, CHAINS, FOOD BOWLS, ETC. IF ITEMS ARE LEFT IN THE YARD PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOUR YARD MAY NOT BE MOWED!

ALSO, PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board of Directors meetings are *typically* held on the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Stuart Community Center, 415 Franklin Street, Carlisle. All Association members are encourage to attend and be an active part of our community. Time is allotted at the beginning of each meeting for you to voice your concerns and provide your input. **Should a meeting need to be re-scheduled or cancelled, it will be posted on our website.**

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

July 8

August 12

September 9

Many of the original bushes/plants in the flowerbeds are old and over-grown.



Consider replacing these with something new! You do not need Board approval to replace bushes, etc. in your flowerbeds.

YOUR 2014-15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tracy Sharp, President	<i>tsharp@wolfecr.com</i>
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Be aware of what's going on around our neighborhood—if you see something "fishy" going on—REPORT IT!

CALL THE POLICE!

243-7910

<http://nmtpdpa.crimestopperswanted.com/>

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Middleton Estates is a **Fee Simple Community**—NOT a condo association?? What does that mean to you? That means that the **homeowner** is responsible for **ALL outside maintenance** of the property. (With the exception of lawn care and snow removal.)

PLEASE KEEP UP WITH EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE—MISSING ROOF SHINGLES, MISSING SIDING, ETC. CAN ULTIMATELY EFFECT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY!

SHHHHH! BABY IS SLEEPING!

Please respect your neighbors—be aware of noise as you come and go, especially late at night and early in the morning. We all live very close together and while you may enjoy that loud muffler or music—your neighbors may not....especially ones with young children. Also, inside noise travels through walls very easily—be aware that noise from large tvs or loud music can probably be heard by your neighbors. Please be respectful.

IN THE DARK?

The 4 older buildings on the left as you pull in the neighborhood do not have lighting behind them. Therefore, it gets quite dark behind these homes at night. **For your safety, why not consider installing a motion-sensing security light on your rear patio light?** Some homes already have them and they work great! This is a very cheap way to light up your porch when you come home at night and could potentially deter anyone wandering back there at night! Lights can be purchased at Lowes/Home Depot starting around \$30.



COMMUNITY REMINDERS:

- Please remember to pull your trash bins in off the main street as soon as possible after the trash is collected!** Bagging your trash before you put it in your bin helps tremendously to contain trash on windy days! Trash cans are to be kept behind your home or in your garage.
- Please see the attached flyer regarding large item / bulk trash pick up! Anything that needs more than 2 people to lift needs to be called in!**
- Are you thinking about adding a deck, changing a door, replacing your roof or making any other changes to the outside appearance of your property? All changes must be approved by the Board of Directors. Please contact Bea Fisher (243-2708) with questions and to submit your request.**

PARKING

Please refrain from parking in the field behind the buildings on the left as you enter the neighborhood, especially when it's raining or wet. We have repaired many ruts recently left by trucks driving in the field when it's very wet. Visitors and overnight guests should be parking on the street in front of the buildings where there is plenty of room and is lit by the street lights for safety.

Please contact a board member if you have a specific need or question.

ATTENTION LANDLORDS!

It is the landlord's responsibility to educate tenants about the By-Laws of our community. Many of the issues that are brought to the board concern tenants. Please make sure your tenants receive a copy of the By-Laws & Covenants & Restrictions! Also, please make sure your flowerbeds are being maintained either by the tenant or you!

A FRESH COAT OF PAINT DOES WONDERS!

Consider giving your front doors, trim or shutters a fresh coat of paint this Summer! Contact Bea Fisher if you have any questions regarding color requirements! Also—please take notice to the attached flyer regarding Jason Jarrett (a resident of Middleton Estates) and his painting services!



WWW.MIDDLETONESTATES.NET

Visit the Association's website to find: Meeting minutes from all Board meetings; By-Laws and Covenants & Restrictions; Board contact info, etc. Questions regarding the website should be directed to Denise Adams (sweetepe@gmail.com).

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Do you know who to contact if you have a question?
You may always contact our President, Tracy Sharp
tsharp@wolfecr.com or 497-9214
with any questions or concerns.

Financial questions should be directed to our Treasurer, Katie Landis - klandis127@gmail.com or 856-5858.

FLOWER BEDS

Did you know that it's the homeowners responsibility to weed & maintain your flower beds?

Many of the plants & shrubs that were originally planted in the beds are overgrown & may need replaced. You do not need the board's approval to replace plants in your flowerbeds.

WHAT'S THE HURRY?

THE SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD! .

We have many more kids in our neighborhood than we used to.

Please SLOW DOWN and watch for kids playing!

PARENTS please supervise your children at all times and teach them about bicycle safety!





ATTENTION PET OWNERS!

The Board has received several complaints regarding UNATTENDED DOGS, WANDERING CATS and DOGS BEING TIED OUT IN YARDS within the neighborhood, therefore the Board would like to remind homeowners of the following:

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF MIDDLETON ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II, Section 2, (m) - Animals, livestock or poultry, excepting household pets, shall not be raised, bred or kept in any townhouse. Household pets may be kept, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose and shall at all times be on a leash or have some other appropriate means of control and be accompanied by the unit owner when out of doors or when in any common area. In such cases, the pet custodian shall be equipped with a suitable container and pooper scooper to remove all droppings or litter deposited on the common or limited common facilities or in the yard in case of lots that have yard areas that are separately deeded to unit owners.

NORTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP DOMESTIC AND NONDOMESTICATED ANIMAL ORDINANCE—Chapter 70

70-2 Definitions—

RUNNING AT LARGE—Being upon any public highway, street, alley, park or any other public land or upon property of another person other than the owner and not being accompanied by nor under the control of the owner.

70-3 Conduct, activities and conditions constituting violations.

The following activities or conditions are hereby declared to be unlawful:

- A. No owner of any dog, domestic or nondomesticated animal shall allow or permit such animal to make loud or harsh noises, on a continuous basis, to the extent that it shall disturb or interfere with the peace, quiet or sleep of other persons. Each day's violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. No owner of any dog, domestic or nondomesticated animal shall suffer or permit such animal to run at large in North Middleton Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Each day's violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense.



Welcome to Interstate Waste Services of PA

The following items are listed for your weekly permitted (1) bulk item;

Acceptable

- couch / sofa / chair
- paint cans (must be dried or with kitty litter)
- dresser / bed frame / mattress
- 1 extra bag trash
- small appliances (non freon) ie. Microwave, toaster, air conditioner –must be tagged
- small TV / desk/ table

Unacceptable bulk items (these must be called in for extra pick up)

- ® no white goods ie. Fridge, washer, dryer, stove
- ® nothing containing freon
- ® no concrete or demolition material ie. Concrete, long wood pieces, shingles, siding
- ® no yard waste
- ® anything that needs more than 2 people to lift needs to be called in.
- ® no tires or car batteries
- ® no computers or screens

Communication is the key to any successful relationship. If you have any questions regarding any of the above items, please call 717-423-5383 option # 2 or 1-800-223-3888.

We are here to help and look forward to working with you.

Thank you



BRING COLOR TO YOUR HOME.

**EXTERIOR DOORS AND SHUTTERS BY YOUR
LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD PAINTER**

SERVICES PROVIDED

Exterior Door	\$45
Exterior Door & Frame	\$60
Low Shutters	\$15 (each)
High Shutters	\$20 (each)

Package Deal	\$110
1 Exterior Door & Frame	
4 Low Shutters	

Package Deal	\$130
1 Exterior Door & Frame	
4 High Shutters	

*ask about other packages

**Call today to schedule
570-246-9253**

**or send an email to
jajarrett037@gmail.com**



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