

Hedge Clippings



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To reserve the Clubhouse
Contact Jackie at 610-269-3873

Message from the President

By Bernard (BJ) Barrett, President

Where did the summer go?? Well, I don't know. However I do know this, we tried to close it out in a big way. We had a wonderful "Teen Night" at the pool and shortly thereafter the Neighborhood Pool Picnic. We would like to have monthly events involving the community but to accomplish that goal we need your input and your participation. We are considering a perhaps an adult only evening @ the pool, another teen night, a movie night and so on. We want to hear from you!! Tell us what you might want to see as a Community function by putting your suggestions in the mail slot at the clubhouse and yes, tell us how you would like to help with that particular function. We have a great board working diligently to make this community a better place to live. We need YOU to help with the process.

Hawthorne Drive Roadwork

The East Brandywine Township recently notified the Board about upcoming work on Hawthorne Drive. Road repair may begin this week. The Township asked that homeowners do not park vehicles on Hawthorne to eliminate erosion during the road repair and to maximize visibility for cars turning onto Hawthorne.

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New HHA Assessment on Homeowners

During the July 22, 2008 General Meeting, the HHA Board approved a one-time assessment of \$28.41 to pay the fees for the utility lawyer in the fight against the most recent water rate increase. This assessment will be due within six months of the July 22, 2008 General Meeting.

HHA Homeowner Information Update

The Board thanks the twenty-eight (28) residents who to date have turned in the 2008 *HHA Homeowner Information Update* that was attached to both our last and this newsletter. This annual survey, which, is required by our By Laws, will help keep our files current. Please fill it out, if you haven't yet, and drop it off at the dues slot at the Clubhouse.

Upcoming Events:

HHA General Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 8PM

Fall Yard Sale: Saturday, October 11, 2008. Beginning 8AM

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Financial Report & Treasurer's Message

By Katrina Thack



As of August 26, 2008, the Common Operational Fund balance was \$9,204.82; Townhouse Operational Fund balance was \$9,298.99. The Common Reserve Fund balance was \$24,860.65; Townhouse Reserve Fund balance was \$7,257.02. CDs are held for \$11,451.41, \$11,616.63 and \$11,532.79.

HHA statements are now going out on a quarterly basis in order to reduce our postal expenses. The Association fee is \$46.00 for single homes and \$70.00 for townhomes. It is due by midnight of the 8th of every month. Anything that is paid after that will be assessed a late fee of \$2.50. Checks are collected once a month on the 9th.

If the address printed on your check is not the address you are paying the dues for please write the property address on the memo line. This assures that the proper home is credited and prevents a delay in deposit if we don't have to mail the check back to you due to lack of proper address.

If you are selling your home please make sure you are up-to-date on your dues and any assessments. Your realtor must contact me for the proper paperwork and a copy of our by-laws. Feel free to call or e-mail me at any time with questions or concerns. I will get back to you as soon as possible. My contact information is to the left of this message.

Please Consider Helping Out

Please consider helping out your community by becoming a Board member, block captain or volunteering for one of several committees.

The Architectural Committee:

This important committee helps determine what our community looks like today and tomorrow. The Board will work closely to assist anyone interested in reviving this committee.

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The Landscape Committee:

Board member Ed Kokoszka heads this new committee which will coordinate common ground landscaping and track costs. Contact Ed (see box on left) if you want to join the committee or if you have identified areas of the common ground that require landscaping.

Suggestions: Drop off your suggestions at the dues slot or leave a message at the HHA office telephone at (610) 873-1193 (voicemails only) or tell us in person at our next General Meeting.

Check Out Our Updated Website

Go to <http://hhaonline.com/> for the Minutes of Board and General Meetings. Also a map of the community is posted under "bylaws."

Transitions

Some recent transitions in our community:

- Brian McCarry and April Campbell bought 10 Highland from Brendan and Amy McNamee;
- Scott and Jenn Pastor bought 28 Hastings;
- Alva and Gordon Brickner purchased 63 Essex from Scott and Yvonne Phillips;
- Melissa and Kenneth Michels, Jr. bought 21 Windemere from Sheila Lasater;
- Shelby and Rachael Abbott purchased 32 Cambridge from the Pattersons; and
- Greg and Kimberly Bobik bought 117 Chapel.

Please welcome our new homeowners.

Hawthorne Drive Roadwork – *continued from page 1*

Below is a summary of the information the East Brandywine Township provided HHA:

- Replacement early this month of a raveled asphalt section in area of hydrant opposite Hastings and an approximately two foot wide edge of asphalt between Hastings and Wyndham.
- Replacement of the existing corrugated metal pipe under the roadway between Gloucester and Canterbury with either concrete pipe or high density polyethylene pipe. This work should take place before the end of the year if the permitting is completed. That portion of the roadway will have to be closed for about a week.
- Repair of the swale, east side of roadway, between Canterbury and Essex during the first two weeks of September. New topsoil will be placed in the wash areas and they will be seeded and blanketed to reduce erosion. Other various erosion locations along the edge of the roadway will also be repaired.
- Placement of additional asphalt at the corner of Chatham and Hawthorne.

East Brandywine Township would also like to replace all fourteen street signs and some sign posts throughout the development at our cost. The estimated cost to the HHA for replacing the street signs, at an average cost of \$85.00 per sign, is \$1,200.00

In addition the Township also:

- informed HHA that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is responsible for the storm water drain in the deceleration lane located near the east entrance to Hawthorn Drive (The board has requested the township to relocate this drain multiple times);
- asked the Board to remind residents not to park along Hawthorne because vehicles parking on the edge of the roadway cause accelerated erosion due to damage to the grass shoulder; and
- recommended that homeowners trim overgrown trees and shrubs to an appropriate height prior to leaf collection this year because the Township will not collect leaves they cannot reach due to obstructions.

Have You Subscribed to the HHA E-Mail Blast?

To subscribe to the HHA email blast, which will inform homeowners about vandalism or upcoming events, please send an e-mail to attentionhedgerowhomeowners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Then follow the instructions that are e-mailed to you.

Slow Down!

The speed limit on Hawthorne Drive is 25 mph. At only 30 mph 45% of pedestrians struck by cars are killed. We have many adults and children that walk this main thoroughfare at all times of the day and night. School is back in session and children wait for the bus during the busiest time of the morning. Please slow down and drive carefully especially when it's dark. Thank you!

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 about 0.6 mile west of Rte 82

Contact Melinda Bienkowski 610 9873-8995

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 LOVE TO **BABYSIT** YOUR
 TODDLER AGED CHILD IN MY
 GUTHRIESVILLE HOME.**

**PLEASE CALL MICHELLE
 AT 610-269-1131**

HELP WANTED:

Bass Player & Drummer

*for the band **Syringe***

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