

Hedge Clippings



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Contact Jackie at 610-269-3873

Message from the President

By Kat Thack

Summer is upon us. The days are longer and children are walking along our streets heading to friend's houses, the pool, and basketball courts or riding bikes. Adults are pushing strollers and walking dogs or out getting exercise. Please be cautious while driving. Obey the 25 mph speed limit on Hawthorne Drive. Though it isn't posted the speed limit on each of the courts is 5 mph.

I am looking forward to a few upcoming events. The Board has planned another kids' movie night at the pool for all resident children ages 8 and up. We have also planned an adult only swim night. I am working on putting together the second annual block party for Wyndham Court. I am hoping that other streets will do the same. Last year's event was a lot of fun for the kids and adults. We met our new neighbors that had moved in over the winter months and got to know each other better. As always there will be an end of summer pool party. That date will be announced shortly and flyers will be delivered by your block captains.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me or any other Board member. The Board will answer your questions to the best of its ability. We will also discuss your concern or complaint and try to solve it or at least try to reach a compromise. This community is a reflection of all that live here. Please help us make it the best that it can be.



Mark Your Calendars:

- HHA General Meetings:** Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 7:30 P. M.
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 P. M.
- Kids' Movie Night at the Pool:** Friday, July 17, 2009 at 8:00 P. M.
- Adults Only Swim Night:** Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 8:00 P. M.

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Financial Report & Treasurer's Message

By Ed Kokoszka



As of June 23, 2009, the Common Operational Fund balance was \$14,118.26; Townhouse Operational Fund balance was \$12,696.93. The Common Reserve Fund balance was \$23,200.69; Townhouse Reserve Fund balance was \$7,273.14. CDs are held for \$11,806.28, \$11,792.62 and \$11,739.34.

The Association fee is **\$52.00** for single homes and **\$76.00** for townhomes. It is due by midnight on the 8th of every month. Anything that is paid after that will be assessed a late fee of \$2.50.

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Explanation of Dues Increase

Creating a budget at the end of the year is a daunting task. The Board realizes that the timing of the 2009 dues increase was poor. Everyone is being hit by the higher gas prices, utility increases, construction materials and lower employment rate. The Board and the Association are no different. The water and sewer rates have gone up. The contractors' prices have gone up due to their additional costs. The cost of chlorine for the pool also went up as did other things. The previous dues amount wasn't able to cover the increase. Hopefully we will be able to go many years before having to raise it again.

Please Consider Helping Out

Please consider helping our community by volunteering for one of several committees.

Block Captains:

Windemere Court is in need of a block captain. The responsibilities of this job are to deliver the newsletter and any flyers to the homes on your street in a timely manner. If interested, please contact Kat Thack.

The Social Committee:

Patti McCarney is the new chairperson of this committee. If you are interested in assisting her please contact a Board member and we will pass your information onto her.

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.

2009 Election Results

A total of 43 ballots were received.

BJ Barrett - 25	Mike Larkin - 24
Melinda Bienkowski - 17	Jim Mesiti - 30
Ed Kokoszka - 24	Kat Thack - 33

Thank you to Michelle Walker and Susan Apicella for volunteering for the Election Committee!

Transitions

36 Cambridge has recently been sold. Welcome our new neighbors!

Check Out Our Updated Website

Go to <http://hhaonline.com/> for the Minutes of Board and General Meetings. A map of the community is also posted under “bylaws.”

Have You Subscribed to the HHA E-Mail Blast?

To subscribe to the HHA email blast please send an e-mail to attentionhedgerowhomeowners-subscribe@yahogroups.com. This free group is used as a fast way to get important information out to the neighborhood residents. Past emails have included ballot reminders, meeting dates, PUC hearing information and other important information. Please be sure to add the email address to your address book so the messages don't go straight to your spam folder.

It's Pool Season!

The Center for Disease Control has put together brochures and information about Recreational Water Illnesses on their website. You may have noticed the “6 Pleas” posted on the lower level clubhouse door or on the clubhouse bulletin board. To keep all of us as healthy as possible while swimming please don't swim if you have diarrhea, don't swallow the pool water and avoid getting it in your mouth, wash your hands after using the restroom or changing a diaper, take your kids to the bathroom often, change diapers in the restrooms only and wash your child with soap and water before coming to the pool. Chlorine does kill the germs, but some germs that can make people sick last days even in a properly disinfected pool. Let's have a healthy pool season!

Usage of the Common Grounds

A few reminders about the common grounds:

- No motorized bikes or motorcycles are permitted. Not only do they tear up the grass, but we are not covered by our insurance company for accidents caused by residents on dirt bikes.
- When using the common ground as a short-cut please stay off of the homeowners' lawns. A basic rule of thumb is to walk approximately fifteen feet away from the backdoor of all houses.
- Please pick up after your pet. Dog feces infiltrates the water supply and is very unpleasant to step in.
- No signs are to be placed on the common grounds.

Pond Update

The Board is continuing discussions with an electrician about installing a fountain at the pond. Due to the size of the pond it may be necessary and more efficient to have two installed. While this will be an added minimal monthly electrical cost to the association it will drastically cut back on the algae problem and increase the water flow.

Message from the Landscaper

The landscaper that cuts the grass at the townhomes and on the common grounds has asked that you remind your children not to throw rocks or macadam into the grass. Also, please pick up any tennis balls or other small toys that may get overlooked. Stopping the mower constantly costs time. In addition rocks can severely damage the mower or get thrown by it and accidentally break a window.

CLASSIFIEDS***Matthew Bertolo Powerwashing***

Houses, retaining walls, patios, deck furniture, etc.! Now is the time to refresh your home for the summer.

Neighborly rates and free estimates - no job too small.

Contact Matt at 484-459-3047
between 8:00 am - 7:00 pm.

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