

# Hedge Clippings



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## Message from the President

It's that time of year again. While some of you have been frustrated over the past week dealing with school buses and additional traffic on the roads, I have been walking around the house singing "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year". Please drive carefully and be aware of the many bus stops in our neighborhood. Children are waiting as early as 6:30 in the morning at many of our court entrances. Young children don't think twice when a ball gets tossed onto Hawthorne Drive. They don't realize that many of you are trying to get to work at the same time that they are playing while waiting for their bus.

Included in this issue of the "Hedge Clippings" is important information from the township regarding leaf clean up and parking issues. I have received quite a few e-mails from the township manager. This information is being passed on to you and I am asking for your cooperation.

The Board has received complaints from residents regarding housecats being permitted by their owners to wander the neighborhood. Along with this newsletter is a letter from the HHA Board of Directors. There is also a copy of the township ordinances that address this issue. Please take the time to read the information and become familiar with the ordinances put into place by the township.

I recently sent out a notice via the HHA Yahoo! group regarding solicitation. I am the only person at this time that can send messages using this tool. I don't spam and won't send anything I don't feel is important. The last message is included in this newsletter. I ask you to consider signing up so you receive the news as it happens.

Katrina Thack

Hedgerow Homeowners' Association President

## Mark Your Calendars:

HHA General Meetings: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 P. M.  
Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:30 P. M.

(There is not a general meeting in December due to the annual budget meeting.)

Halloween: Saturday, October 31 - Trick-or-Treat is 6 to 8 in EB Township.

## Check Out Our Updated Website

Go to [www.hhaonline.com](http://www.hhaonline.com) for the minutes of all meetings, a copy of the bylaws, a map of our community and archived newsletters as well as contact information for the Board members.

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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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## Please Consider Helping Out

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

### 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 on to 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.

## Have You Subscribed to the HHA E-Mail Blast?

To subscribe to the HHA email blast please send an e-mail to [attentionhedgerowhomeowners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:attentionhedgerowhomeowners-subscribe@yahoogroups.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.

## 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.

## Pond Update

The Board met with concerned residents at the last general meeting. A special committee has been formed which includes the five Board members and two residents. Many suggestions have been made on how to proceed with cleaning up the pond. We will soon begin meeting as a committee and looking over all of the options available.

## Townhouse Dumpsters

No resident of Hedgerow/Culbertson Run is to use the dumpsters placed on Wyndham or Hastings Courts unless they live on one of those two streets. All trash is to be placed in a bag and tied shut. No large objects are to be placed in the dumpsters. Contact the trash company for removal of hot water heaters, furniture, mattresses, or other large household objects. Nothing is to be placed outside of the dumpsters. The driver will not remove trash that is not in the dumpsters. An unsafe condition is created when homeowners leave doors, mattresses, large mirrors and other objects by the dumpsters. Please help all of us to keep the neighborhood safe by keeping this area picked up.

## Pool Trespassing

No swimming is permitted at the pool if a lifeguard is not present. No one is permitted to hop the fence for any reason. If a lifeguard has not shown up during regular pool hours you may contact a Board member to let us know. We will then contact the pool management company and find out why the lifeguard isn't here and make sure one is on their way. Any resident that sees someone in the pool area without a lifeguard on duty or during non-pool hours is asked to contact the police and report the trespassing.

## Township News

### Leaf Clean-Up

It is the township's policy that leaf piles not be placed in the road. Raked leaf piles should be left in the grass along Hawthorne Drive. Large piles such as this neighborhood has, causes a traffic hazard. The Township Roadmaster has stated that he will request the East Brandywine police to issue a citation to the responsible parties for creating a hazard.

### Parking on the Private Streets (Courts)

Overflow parking is permitted at the clubhouse only. If you own more vehicles than the amount that fit in your garage or driveway then you must park at the clubhouse. Parking along the private streets is prohibited. No one wants to think that they may have an emergency that requires a fire truck or an ambulance. However, situations arise that may require one or both. Our private streets are narrow as you all well know. It is hard enough on some of the courts to drive past a parked car. Imagine how difficult it is for a large emergency response vehicle to do the same. A situation occurred on Chatham Court a few weeks ago. A fire truck was responding to a call and if a fireman hadn't already been on the scene and reported no fire precious time could have been lost when the driver had to slow down and squeeze between two cars parked opposite each other on the road. If a serious situation occurs and further damage ensues due to a delay caused by cars parked on the street, the owners could be held accountable for contributory negligence. Written warnings will be issued to the owners of cars that refuse to abide by no parking policy. If the owner continues to park on the street after receiving a warning legal action may be taken.

### Parking on Hawthorne Drive

Hawthorne Drive is a public road owned by the township. "No Parking" signs were placed along the roadway quite a few months ago. Unless you have contacted the township for a special one-time parking permit for overflow due to a party you may not park along Hawthorne Drive. The township has directed the police department to begin enforcing this policy by issuing citations to those that continue to park along Hawthorne Drive after this newsletter goes out. Parking along the main roadway in the grass contributes to the erosion problem of the easement beside the road because it prohibits the growth of the grass. In addition leaf clean up and snow removal are very difficult when cars are parked on the road. To solve this issue the Board is requiring all overflow parking to occur at the clubhouse.

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