

# Hedge Clippings



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## Message from the President

As I sit down to write this there are eight foot and taller mounds of snow all over our neighborhood. It is very important that your cars be parked in your driveway or at the clubhouse. The snow plow has a hard time removing the snow if cars are parked along the roads. Emergency vehicles also need to be able to maneuver on our streets easily.

A few of our residents have contacted me for help in the search of their Good Samaritans. Thank you to all of our residents that helped their neighbors dig out during the recent snowstorms. A note from a resident to her Good Samaritan is included in this newsletter.

There are still issues with cats wandering the neighborhood. The Board has fielded quite a few complaints over the last several months. The SPCA has suggested that annoyed residents place a humane trap. Once the cat is caught the SPCA can be called and will come retrieve it. If the cat has tags the owner will be contacted to pick it up and will also receive a fine.

With spring comes the awakening of insects. East Brandywine Township will be showing a documentary film on Lyme Disease awareness. The film will be shown at the township building on March 11, 2010 at 7:00 P. M.

Katrina Thack

Hedgerow Homeowners' Association President

## Mark Your Calendars:

HHA General Meetings: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:30 P. M.  
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:30 P. M.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Date and Time to be Announced

Annual Spring Clean-Up: Date and Time to be Announced

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Financial Report & Treasurer's Message

By Ed Kokoszka



As of January 28, 2010, the Common Operational Fund balance was \$15,079.68; Townhouse Operational Fund balance was \$7,044.77. The Common Reserve Fund balance was \$22,366.69; Townhouse Reserve Fund balance was \$4,277.67. CDs are held for \$12,053.86, \$11,902.62 and \$11,847.08.

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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### Street Sign Assessment

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulates that all street signs with lettering smaller than six inches in height be replaced. This is due to the "baby boom" generation getting older. The township has estimated the cost of replacing all of the street signs in the development to be approximately \$1250.00. Included on your next quarterly dues statement will be a charge of **\$7.10**. This charge is a one-time assessment fee to cover the cost of the new signs. The assessment must be paid by September 8 or late fees will accrue.

### Issuing of Pool Tags

All residents wishing to use the pool this summer must have their dues current by May 8, 2010. No exceptions will be made. Pool tags will only be distributed to those residents that do not have an outstanding balance. Also, no resident with back dues may come as the guest of a resident with dues current.

### Solicitation

East Brandywine Township requires a permit to solicit. Kids knocking on the door selling cookies and asking for donations are quite different from the shady looking salesmen that come around wanting to install security alarms or sell you a new household cleaner. Should a solicitor knock on your door you have the right to ask for their permit. If they don't have one please contact the police.

### 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.

### Good Samaritan

Many, many thanks to the Good Samaritan who cleared the snow from my footpath at 8 Wyndham Court during the blizzard of February 2010. AND, also to all the neighbors who helped dig out my car during the worst snow storm that I have ever seen!!!

Thank you so much.

## **Township News**

### **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. 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. Parking along the main roadway in the grass contributes to the erosion problem of the easement beside the road because it prohibits growth. 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.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**

Attached to this newsletter is a list of hazardous household waste products that will be collected for proper disposal.

Two collection sites that are nearby are:

**CAT Brandywine** - 1635 East Lincoln Highway in Coatesville on Friday, June 25, 2010.

**Government Services Center** - 601 Westtown Road in West Chester on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Both sites will open at 9 A. M. and close at 3 P. M. sharp.

Both sites will be collecting computers.

### **Buy a Brick for East Brandywine Community Park's Memorial Garden**

Brochures are available at the township building or you can print one by visiting the East Brandywine Township's website at [www.ebrandywine.org](http://www.ebrandywine.org) and clicking on the Buy a Brick Program link on the lower right side.

### **Why Recycle?**

Besides the fact that it is good for the environment and cuts down on the trash in the landfills, you're paying for it. Included in the township taxes is a recycling fee of \$63.00. That amount is going to increase this year when taxes go up. The bins are free and can be picked up at the municipal building.

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