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Board Members Needed

Any person who would be willing to serve on the HOA Executive Board should indicate so before April 30. Nominations may be placed in the HOA drop box, PO Box 121, Dover, 17315, or via the email address listed throughout this newsletter. Persons who are nominated will be asked to complete a questionnaire about them so the lot owners may know something about the nominees. Potential Board members should have time available to devote to service on the Board.

Current board members are: Mike Feldblum (President), Kelly Mefford (vice-president), Judy Jackson (Secretary), Andrew Shaffer (Treasurer and bookkeeper) and Mel James.

Mike Feldblum and Andy Shaffer's terms end in June 2009. Therefore, there are openings for two board members. Each board member serves a term of three years so the newly elected Board member's term will end in 2012. The election will take place through a general mailing in May. The first Executive Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

**TOWN HOME FEES ARE
DUE ON April 15, 2009**



APRIL 2009

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New HOA Bookkeeper



The HOA Executive Board wishes to both thank and acknowledge, Gina Rohler, for all her work as the HOA Bookkeeper since the transfer of running the HOA from the Declarant to the Executive Board in 2003. While there have been changes in Board presidents, HOA treasurers, and Executive Board members, Gina has consistently worked as the bookkeeper all of those years. Keeping track of all of the HOA's financial records, payments, and bills has not been an easy task. So we thank you, Gina, for an excellent job that was well done!



The new bookkeeper is also the treasurer for the HOA, Andy Shaffer. This is allowed by the By-laws. Thank you Andy for your willingness to take on this task!

Lot owners will continue to be able to leave payments for HOA fees in the HOA Drop or they may mail them to PO Box 121, Dover, PA 17315.

STATE OF THE HOA

Mike Feldblum HOA Executive Board President

With the publication of this newsletter, I will be in my final three months as your President of the HOA. My three-year term expires in June and at this time I wish to thank many of you, the residents, for your understanding followed by your support.

The Executive Board will select the new Board President after the election. The election will be for two Board positions, that are currently occupied, but the terms of office expire in June. So, if you have the time and are interested, submit your name for the ballot and run for a position on the Board.

My tenure has been one of interest, superimposed by lots and lots of frustration. I know one must take the good with the bad!

We as the Executive Board have accomplished a lot, learned a lot, and the Board hopes to continue providing a sound establishment to support the needs and wants of the community within the guidelines established for the operation of the HOA.

I'm not leaving the area; I'm leaving the board but will remain active in support of the HOA. There are many more things to be considered and I am sure your Executive Board will continue to make the right decisions for the community as a whole and not for individual concerns.

Like a well-rehearsed play, there are people in the background that make sure things happen, as they should. Without them, we wouldn't be successful: Kelly, my back-up as Vice-President; Andy, keeping the books on our financials; Mel, your innovative input in maintaining the area; and finally, Judy -- The Executive Secretary -- for your candor, understanding, and corporate knowledge of the operations of the HOA. I thank you all for your support.

Very Respectfully,

Mike Feldblum, HOA Executive Board President

Community Wide Garage Sales



Clean out that basement, garage, or shed—it's time to sell, sell, and sell!

The next community garage sale for the Ashcombe Farms HOA will be Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 to 3:30

A second 2009 garage sale is scheduled for August 15th.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

This will be a place to recognize residents who have earned some achievement, award, or professional accomplishment. If you are aware of any such individuals, please notify the Executive Board so that these folks may be recognized

National Night Out



What is National Night Out? National Night Out is "America's Night Out Against Drugs and Crime." National Night Out includes the traditional "lights on," front

porch vigils, and over the years, has expanded considerably to include a variety of events and activities such as block parties with cookouts, visits from local law enforcement agencies (the Northern York Regional Police Department will visit ours) and visits by local government officials. It is a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police/community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie.

National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy, and determination that communities use to make their neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. It is a night to celebrate crime prevention successes and to expand and strengthen programs for the coming year. The Executive Board has approved up to a \$75 reimbursement for residents of the community who volunteer to host a cookout point in front of their homes for all resi-

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Are You Interested in a Community Garden?



Some lot owners have expressed an interest in having a Community Garden available to the lot owners in Ashcombe Farms Dover HOA. The physical area available for such a garden is the common ground located on Palomino Drive across from the YMCA. There is approximately 5 acres of common

ground in that location, however some of it is wooded and not available for gardening. In order for the Executive Board to approve this, there must be at least 10 lot owners who wish to

Community gardens have many benefits to the community. The gardens can beautify green areas, reduce the need to purchase "store bought" produce, encourages self-reliance, and improves the quality of life for those who garden. Community gardens come in all shapes and sizes. One thing they all have in common is the necessity of having a few rules to guide the gardeners.

Each participant will be assigned a particular plot within the Community Garden. Garden plots will be 20 feet by 20 feet in size. There will be a 4 feet wide grassy area between each garden plot. Each participant will share in the cost of renting the equipment to till all of the garden plots and any other cost to the HOA. However, each lot owner would be responsible for choosing their own plants, seeds, watering, etc. Deciding who is able to use which plot of land would be up to the gardening group to decide. All gardeners are expected to be courteous of all fellow gardeners. Fall clean up (no later than October 15th) of the garden plots will be expected of all gardening participants.

The HOA Executive Board is willing to allow the use of this area of common ground as a Community Garden. However, the HOA will require that all gardeners sign a Hold Harmless Waiver and Community Garden commitment before beginning any work.

All gardeners will work in the Community Garden at their own risk. The HOA will not provide any equipment, tools, plants, seeds, or water towards this effort. If there are problems between gardeners, the HOA Executive Board will not be involved in solving disputes. However, the Garden committee could be involved. The HOA Executive Board will get involved if there are problems involving mowing or the non-compliance of existing Regulations and By-laws. For example, if gardening tools are left in the way of the mowers the HOA Board will get involved. However, if produce is stolen, that is a civil matter and the Board will not get involved.

All lot owners participating in the Community Garden will follow the guidelines established by the Executive Board for the Community Garden. The general supervising of the Community Garden will entirely be up to the Garden Committee. The Garden Committee will be made of 3 (three) gardeners in the Community Garden. The chairman of the Garden Committee will be one of the 3 (three) members.

If your family is interested in participating in a Community Garden, please notify the HOA Executive Board **no later than April 15, 2009** through the HOA Drop Box, by email at ashcombefarmshoa@yahoo.com, or to PO Box 121, Dover, PA, 17315. The Board will help to facilitate the beginning of this group by holding a meeting for all interested participants. The time and place will be announced to the interested participants. Only interested gardeners will receive the invitation

A business card for North Hills, the center for your home. The card features a stylized house icon and the text "North Hills" in large letters. Below this, it lists the address "75 North Hills Rd. York, PA 17402" and phone numbers "717-840-8665" and "Fax 717-755-4798". To the right, it says "the center for your home" and lists business hours: "Mon. & Fri: 8 am - 4 pm", "Tues. & Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm", and "Wed: 9 am - 8 pm; Sat: 8 am - 1". At the bottom right, it identifies "Leon Zellers, Jr." as a "Flooring Sales Consultant".

Reminders

Trash Removal - Pick-up is one day a week - Thursdays. If the weather turns windy, please do what is necessary to prevent trash from blowing around the neighborhood. There have been several days in recent months when trash has been blown around the community making a large mess. Please help keep our community clean. Also it would be very helpful if able lot owners can pick up debris in the common areas near your home. If you have neighbors who are senior citizens or disabled, be a good neighbor and help pick up trash near that home as well.

Street Parking on Deerfield Drive - This street is narrow and has a few islands making the street narrower in those spots. Please observe the new "no parking" signs located near the islands on Deerfield Drive. Please do not park on the sidewalks as this can damage them. Sidewalks bordering a home are the responsibility of individual lot owners to repair when damaged.

Parking in Overflow Lots - All cars parked in the overflow lots must have current Penn Dot registration, current inspection stickers, and be operable.

Pet Owner's Responsibilities

All pets, regardless of how well they are disciplined, must be controlled by their owner at all times when out in the public (outside the house); dogs and cats (if necessary) **must be on a leash or in a fence (or pet fence)**. There are residents who allow their pets (including cats) to run free. Animal lovers don't always like to see their pets under strict control. But, at the same time, we need to consider our neighbors and respect their property. You should also be aware, that stray pets might be picked up by animal control officers and taken to an animal shelter. On occasion pets can become a nuisance because of their potty visits to the common areas, resident's flower gardens, and/or lawns. It does happen! We hope that, out of common courtesy to our neighbors, any mess or destruction to any property caused by these animals is taken care of by the pet owner.

Pet owners should be aware that although the common areas are nice areas in which to walk your pet, these areas **MUST** also be cleaned after your pet defecates. Children also play in the common areas and stepping in pet defecation is unpleasant. In addition, if your pet uses your back yard to defecate, please remember this area needs to be **cleaned up as soon as your pet finishes his "business."** To do otherwise is in violation of the HOA regulation, which says all yards are to be neat and tidy. Cleanup should not be done only once a week.

We are a small community! We ask that all of us, as residents within our community, help contribute to making this a friendly community in which to live. One way to do that is to be sure and **cleanup your pet's mess immediately**. Please understand our concerns.



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