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Spring

HOA Board Nominations Due April 30, 2011

Board Members Needed!

Any person interested in serving on the HOA Executive Board should notify the HOA before April 30, 2011. Nominations must be placed in HOA drop box, PO Box 121, Dover, 17315, or via the email at ashcombefarmshoa@yahoo.com. Nominees must be a lot owner in order to be eligible to serve on the Executive Board. Renters may not serve on the Board.

Nominees must write a brief summary about themselves so the lot owners may know something about the nominees. Potential Board members should have time available to devote to service on the Board. Please refer to this document on the HOA website - <http://www.ashcombefarmshoa.com/minutes/specialmeetingmay09.PDF>. This document provides information regarding the responsibilities of HOA Executive Board members.

Current board members are: Rich Farr (President), Karen Hetrick (vice-president), Judy Jackson (Secretary), Andrew Shaffer (Treasurer and bookkeeper) and Mel James. Both Judy Jackson and Mel James's terms ends in June 2011. 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 2014. The election will take place through a general mailing In May. The first meeting of the new Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.



New

Executive Board Policy Regarding Conflict of Interest

A Conflict of Interest (COI) arises when a situation has the potential to undermine the impartiality of an Executive Board member because of the possibility of a clash between any Board member's personal and/or familial self-interest and the objective decision making process of the Executive Board. A COI arises whenever the personal, or professional , interests of a Board member are potentially at odds with the best interests of Ashcombe Farms Dover HOA. Any Executive Board member with a conflict of interest is expected to recuse themselves (i.e., abstain from voting) from participating in decisions where such a conflict exists. If a Board member refuses to recuse themselves, it will be up to the President or vice-president in the absence of the President, to enforce the recusal.

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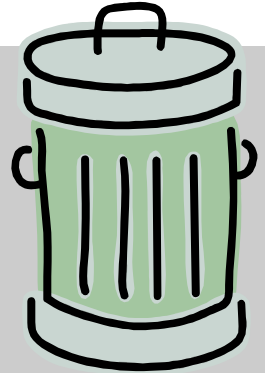
Items of Interest...

Commercial Vehicles On Deerfield Drive & Boxwood Court

At the General Meeting held on March 10, 2011 the vote was held on the proposed regulation permitting commercial vehicles to be parked on Deerfield Drive and Boxwood Court. Gina Rohler and Barbara Ryan counted the ballots. There were 56 votes against the proposed regulation. There were 11 votes approving the regulation. The proposed regulation did not pass. The current regulation prohibiting commercial vehicles being parked over night on Deerfield Drive and Boxwood Court will remain in effect

Smelly Garbage Cans

Warm weather brings all kinds of wonderful smells. Unfortunately, warm weather can also cause smelly garbage cans. The HOA regulations require that all garbage cans be hidden from public view, except on trash pick up day which is Thursday in our neighborhood. This means each resident must keep their garbage/trash receptacle in the garage or otherwise hidden from public view from the street, the sidewalk, and/or the walking trail.



What can a resident do about smelly garbage cans? York Waste recommends spritzing the inside of your trash can with vinegar after the trash is collected each week. To prevent the formation of maggots inside the garbage sprinkle a small amount of moth crystals.

Please Scoop...

We all enjoy dogs. We all love dog owners who are responsible and clean up after their pets even more! It is important for all lot owners to scoop up after their dogs.

The Executive Board appreciates compliance with this civil law and definition of a HOA regulation. Even in your own yard, please remember to scoop the poop! It keeps our community clean, especially the bottom of our shoes! More importantly, it keeps our environment clear of harmful bacteria.

Unscoped poop will allow harmful bacteria to penetrate the soil. Storm water runoff will carry the bacteria to our storm water retention ponds and ultimately to our waterways and even our drinking water! Please visit the scoop friendly website for more tips and info: www.poopbutler.com



Curbside Spring Cleaning

With Spring, comes yard work of various kinds. As you begin your spring yard work, don't forget the curb area. Vegetation often grows in cracks of curbs and sidewalks. This is more than just an eyesore; it creates a situation for permanent damage to the sidewalks and curb edges. As weeds grow the roots expand in the cracks breaking up the concrete. Homeowners with storm drains near their property are also asked to help keep the grates clear of debris. Drains often become a gathering point for sticks, leaves and trash. Keeping the drains clear will prevent urban flooding. An inexpensive weed killer is ordinary household vinegar. Pour the vinegar directly on any weeds in a crack and in a few days the weeds will die.

Let us all work together to keep our neighborhood looking its best!



Executive Board Actions

Legal Actions:

The attorney for the HOA has been working on legal action for debt collection and to enforce compliance with the HOA regulations

General Actions:

- Publishing the quarterly newsletter
- Answered emailed and letters to the HOA
- Continued research of HOA management companies
- Held a community meeting where two HOA Management companies made presentations
- Adopted a policy regarding conflict of interest for Executive Board members and HOA Committee Members
- Held an election regarding parking of commercial vehicles on Deerfield Drive and Boxwood Court.

Wanted: Newsletter Editor

Interested in helping? Contact the HOA at
ashcombeFarmsHOA@yahoo.com

Compliance Issues:

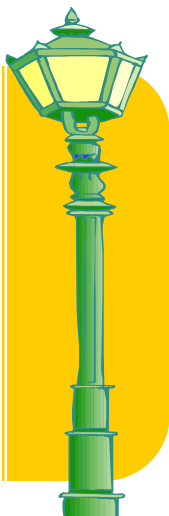
Since the last newsletter, the following compliance issues have been addressed: pet waste and no lights at the front of a home. The CSC continues to be active.

As always, if any lot owner notices issues of non-compliance they are asked to notify the Executive board of any issues they observe and the Board will investigate the situation. However, you must be specific to the complaint, and include the address with the compliance violation, and the complaint must be signed by the reporter before the Board can take action. Anonymous complaints will only be filed. Thank you for YOUR help!

The HOA Executive Board always works for the entire HOA community. The decisions the Board has to make are not always easy but they are always made for the benefit of the entire community. Executive Board decisions are unbiased, and the Board always strives for consistency in all of its decisions.

HOA Regulation Requirement

Please Keep An Outside Light On During Overnight Hours



Frank of all Trades
Home Improvements of all Types
Renovations, Electrical, Decks, Painting, Flooring

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Richard Farr - President
Karen Hetrick - Vice President
Judy Jackson - Secretary
Andrew Shaffer - Treasurer
Mel James - Board Member

Check us out on line at
 AshcombeFarmsHOA.com

Emergency (Fire, Ambulance, etc)	911
Poison Control	1.800-222-1222
NYCRPD (non-emergency only)	717.292.3647 www.nycrpd.org
Dover Township	717.292.3634 www.dovertownship.org dovertwp@dovertownship.org
York County	www.york-county.org
State Elected Officials	www.legis.state.pa.us
Ashcombe Farms HOA	www.ashcombefarmshoa.com ashcombefarmshoa@yahoo.com Drop box at Ashcombe & Deerfield

Summary of the Ashcombe Farms Dover HOA General Meeting March 11, 2011

1. President Rich Farr opened the meeting and stated purpose of this General Meeting.
2. The Secretary confirmed there was a quorum. The Secretary confirmed accuracies of the proxies. 66 lot owners were present either in person or by proxy. 49 lot owners must be represented in order to have a quorum.
3. Secretary summarized the minutes of last meeting and noted that the full minutes of the Annual Meeting were on the HOA website. Mike Feldblum moved to accept the minutes. Lou Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
4. HOA Executive Board President will identify the agenda items:
 - Vote on proposed commercial vehicle regulation. It was not approved.
 - There was a presentation by Esquire Realty Management, LCC, followed by a session of questions and answers.
 - There was a presentation by Tidewater Property Management, Inc., followed by a session of questions and answer
5. Meeting was adjourned.



April hath
 put a spirit
 of youth in
 everything.

~William
 Shakespeare

The full minutes are located on the HOA website found at <http://www.ashcombefarmshoa.com/>. You may also request a copy of the full minutes by dropping a request in the HOA drop box.



HOA Community Wide Garage Sales

Clean out that basement, garage, or shed—it's time to sell, sell, sell! The next community wide garage sale for the Ashcombe Farms HOA will be Saturday, May 7th. A second 2011 garage sale is scheduled for August 6th. The hours of the community wide Garage Sale will be from 9:00 to 3:30.

All residents are welcome to participate.