



# Ashcombe Farms Newsletter

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***Executive Board***

President: Rich

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Vice President: Karen

Hetrick

Secretary: Judy Jackson

Sitting Board Members:

Andrew Shaffer

Mel James

Supporting Representation

Bookkeeper/Treasurer:

Andrew Shaffer

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**HOA Fees Are Due  
On July 15, 2010**

July 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 ☹️	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

## 2010 Election Results for HOA Executive Board Member

Mrs. Karen Hetrick will serve on the Executive Board for three years. This term will end in June 2013.

29 ballots were cast in the election. Some ballots had proxies attached. Those ballots with proxies had more than one vote since the ballot was for more than one lot.

## A Reminder Regarding Town Home Fees

According to local news, February 2010 was the snowiest month on record for this general area, and in addition this winter was the ninth snowiest winter ever for this area. Therefore, it was no surprise to the Executive Board that the invoice for snow removal exceeded \$10,000.

The Executive Board policy regarding the amount of money need in the Town home account was thoroughly explained in the April newsletter. The fourth quarter Town Home bill will revert back to the previous \$25 per month or \$75.00 per quarter.

**However, the 2010 third quarter Town Home bill reflects the referenced Executive Board policy and the amount due is \$150.00. This bill must be paid by July 15, 2010.** Thank you for your full cooperation in paying your bill.

Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale

The last garage sale for 2010 will be held on Saturday August 21 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a wonderful time to do some cleaning and get rid of useful items for others.

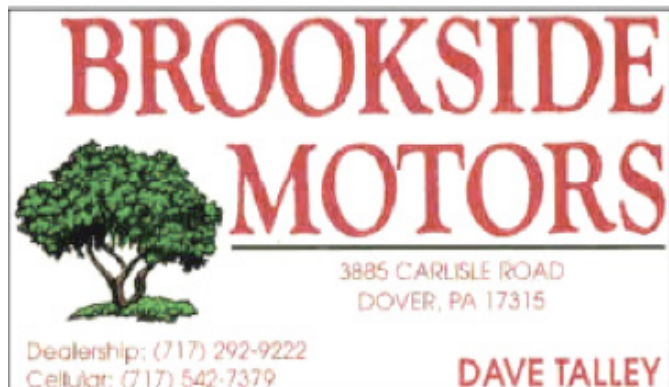
Our thanks to Libby Loser for putting up the signs and putting the advertising notice in the daily paper.

Please see the article in this newsletter regarding the Purple Heart Organization and your left over garage sale items

**WELCOME NEWEST RESIDENTS**

Bonita James  
1912 Deerfield Drive

Alicia L Quinto  
1912 Deerfield Drive



**Frozen Waldorf salad.**

1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple  
(mine was unsweetened)  
1-cup sugar (I would cut this to 2/3  
or 3/4 c.)  
2 eggs, beaten  
Dash salt.

1 cup chopped Celery  
2 medium red apples, chopped  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1-cup heavy cream, whipped  
Lettuce leaves, optional.

Drain pineapple, reserving the juice. Set pineapple aside. In a saucepan, combine juice with sugar, eggs and salt. Cook, stirring constantly, over medium-low heat until slightly thickened. Remove from the heat, cool. Stir in pineapple, celery, apples and pecans. (Chop apples last so they don't turn brown) Fold in whipped cream. Pour into a 9-in. square pan. Cover and freeze until firm. Let stand at room temperature for about 15-20 minutes before cutting. Serve on lettuce-lined plates if desired. Yield: 12 servings.

Doris Carnahan

## Garage Sale and the Purple Heart Organization

The principal purpose of the Foundation, a non-profit organization, is to support the many programs of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, U.S.A through tax-deductible contributions. With the events of the past several years, the need for these programs to help support our Veterans are growing.

They do not ask for your time or your money. Funds for these programs are raised by the sale of useable clothing and household goods contributed by people.

All items donated to the Purple Heart, are deductible for income tax purposes at their present Fair Market Value. Internal Revenue code places the responsibility for the "Fair Market Value" upon the donor rather than the agency receiving the gift. The Internal Revenue advises that "Fair Market Value" is interpreted as that price which a buyer is willing to pay and a seller is willing to accept.

As stated above, the Internal Revenue places the responsibility for the "Fair Market Value" upon the donor. The driver is not qualified to make that determination and in most cases never even sees the items donated since they are in bags and boxes. The driver will leave a receipt at your front door upon receiving a donation at your residence. Postal regulations do not allow him to place the receipt inside your mailbox.

The list of items that the federal government has determined to be unsafe continually grows. Baby items are among the items most frequently added to this list, and so it would be impossible to continually monitor what a driver should and should not pickup. We also, cannot monitor how the consumer would use the item, as recycled items generally do not have the important "safety instructions" that were packaged when the item was purchased new. *For the safety of children, these items are not accepted nor are they solicited.* For more information on these and other recalled products call 1-800-638-2772 or visit ([www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)) on the web.

The donations of clothing and household items that are collected are not given to veterans themselves. Instead, they are sold to various thrift stores. The proceeds from these sales help support the programs sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, Inc.

You are asked to mark your donation for the Purple Heart, so that the driver will be sure that the items sitting outside are meant for the driver to take and not a delivery of some kind or items that another family member has placed outside by mistake.

The HOA has arranged for a truck from the Purple Heart organization to come to our community after the garage sale on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please place your boxed items at the end of your driveway and mark them "for Purple Heart." The truck is schedule to arrive in the community *about* 4:00 PM. However, the truck may arrive before that time or after that time.

## Executive Board Actions

Actions of the Executive Board for the past quarter include:

### Legal Actions:

Some legal actions are in process for reclaiming delinquent fees and some legal work has been done on some noncompliance issues.

### General Actions:

- Publishing the quarterly newsletter
- Maintaining the HOA web site
- Answering emails and letters to the HOA
- Worked on plans regarding a proposed sign regulation from a lot owner and scheduled a Special Meeting for this
- Approved two lot owner requests for a swing set and a deck.
- Held the annual election for a Board member
- Had a meeting regarding the Neighborhood Watch with Officer Wise from the NYCRP
- Adopted new Executive Board Policies and reworked the format of all the policies
- Web Master helped the Executive Board evaluate and revamp the HOA website
- Two garage sales were scheduled

### Compliance Issues:

As of this writing there are current non-compliance issues being dealt with. The following compliance issues have been dealt with: commercial advertising signs, garbage cans, pet waste, incomplete fences, a small business being run in the HOA, and no lights at the front of a home. The CSC has been active.

As always, if any lot owner notices issues of non-compliance they are asked to notify 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 reporter must sign the complaint 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.