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Summer Yard Sale - Saturday, August 6

Internet Security and Web Browsing

The next time you visit a cafe to sip coffee and surf on some free Wi-Fi, try an experiment: Log in to some of your usual sites. Then, with a smile, hand the keyboard over to a stranger. Now walk away for 20 minutes. Remember to pick up your laptop before you leave.

While the scenario may seem silly, it essentially happens each time you visit a website that doesn't bother to encrypt the traffic to your browser — in other words, sites using HTTP instead of HTTPS.

The encryption within HTTPS is intended to provide benefits like confidentiality, integrity and identity. Your information remains confidential from prying eyes because only your browser and the server can decrypt the traffic. Integrity protects the data from being modified without your knowledge.

There's an important distinction between tweeting to the world or sharing thoughts on facebook and having your browsing activity going over unencrypted HTTP. You intentionally share tweets, likes, pics and thoughts. The lack of encryption means you're unintentionally exposing the controls necessary to share such things. It's the difference between someone viewing your profile and taking control of your keyboard.



Executive Board Election Results

Seventy-three votes were cast in the election. Each lot was allowed to cast one ballot. Each ballot could choose up to two (2) names on the ballot. The results of the election are as follows:

Scott Fiske – 58 votes
Judy Jackson – 62 votes

The term for these Executive Board members will end June 2014.

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Simple Home Security Tips...

There are a lot of simple things you can do that don't cost much and will help deter criminal activity. You don't need a fortress, just a less-than-desirable target.

- Make sure your mail and newspapers are always brought inside.
- Trim hedges and other obstructions. Some people think that if their house is hidden, robbers will feel like it's hard to stake out or hard to tell if someone is home. On the contrary, they know that once inside, no one from the street will be able to see them.
- Get a motion-activated light for your back door or other entry points (a nice big, bright one).
- Put some of your lights and/or TV or radio on a timer and change the times regularly, so periodically a light or noise turns on.
- Be very, very careful about delivery people, workers, and anyone else who comes to your door. It is not uncommon for people to scope out a house by claiming to be lost, looking for someone else, etc. Note who comes by and make sure they know you've seen them. Also, don't let outside workers in to use your bathroom. A lot of companies do background check on workers now, but not all do, and some have been known to unlock windows for an easy break-in later.
- Put wooden dowels in your windows and sliding doors, to prevent them from opening more than a couple of inches.
- If you're worried about a particular window being an entry point, put some glass bottles and other trinkets on the sill. Robbers have reported that they hate going in windows where they're going to knock things over and make noise.
- If you don't want to get a dog (getting one just for protection may not be a good idea--a dog is a huge responsibility and becomes a member of your family) get a large dog dish and some big toys, make them look a little used, and put them outside. They even sell recordings of dogs barking that you can play if someone knocks.
- Keep your door locked. Make sure your vehicle doors are locked, and valuables hidden when your vehicle is parked in the driveway.
- Lastly, know your neighbors! Talk to each other! Talk about who belongs around your home, when you're going out of town, etc. The more you work together to keep your street safe, the better. A neighborhood whose neighbors are looking out for each other is harder to prey upon. Start a neighborhood watch, then put signs up, notifying prowlers that the neighborhood is alert (neighborhood watch signs should be easy to find). Have work parties where everyone gets together and trims hedges, installs lights, and cleans up garbage (if you look like you don't care, you look like a good target).



A good goal is to make your home or vehicle a less desirable place to enter with criminal activity in mind.

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:

- Publish the quarterly newsletter
- Election of Executive Board members
- Answered emails and letters to the HOA
- Continued the process of researching a management company
- Held a meeting with one HOA management company and the community

Wanted: Newsletter Editor
 Interested in helping? Contact the HOA at
ashcombeFarmsHOA@yahoo.com

Compliance Issues:

As of this writing, there have been non-compliance issues being dealt with. The following compliance issues have been handled: a trailer and obstacles impeding mowing. 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 in the complaint, and include the address with the compliance violation, and the complaint must be signed by the reporting lot owner 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
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AshcombeFarmsHOA.com

USEFUL NAMES AND NUMBERS

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



Mowing and Fences

Just a friendly reminder that the HOA's contracted mowers will only mow common area properties up to one foot behind any fence located on single family lots. The mowing, weeding, and maintenance of that approximate one foot is up to that particular lot owner. Please remember to maintain the grassy area behind your fences. Thank you!

Operation ID Numbers

NYCRP have recommended that people make a list of electrical appliances such as your computers, television sets, etc. in your home and write down the serial number of these items. This list should be kept in a safe place such as a fireproof box or a safety deposit box at the bank. The HOA has a provided a list for you to start with and it is located on the HOA website: www.ashcombefarmshoa.com/ If you do not have a computer perhaps a neighbor would be kind enough to print off this starter list for you.



Summer:
The tans will fade, but the memories will last forever.

Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale

The last garage sale for 2011 will be held on **Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 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** for each of our neighborhood-wide garage sales – in May and in August. Her efforts are greatly appreciated!

If you wish to donate items left over from your garage sale, the following organizations will probably pick up items or you can deliver them yourself:

York Rescue Mission – 283 West Market Street, York, PA 17401 - 845-7662
Rescue Mission Economy Store – Dover, 67 N. Main St, Dover, PA - 292-7832
Salvation Army - 1090 Haines Road, York – 840-1300
Goodwill - 1120 Roosevelt Ave, York, PA 17404 – 846-5780

