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Ashcombe Farms News Letter

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DUE ON OCTOBER 15, 2009**

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HOA Annual Meeting

The HOA Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday night, November 12, 2009 at 7:00** in the back room of the YMCA on Palomino Road, Dover, PA. The agenda for this meeting and the proposed budget for 2010 will be mailed out to all lot owners in a separate mailing in a few weeks.

Community Support Committee

The purpose of the Community Support Committee (CSC) is to establish a method for formal complaints to be processed within the Ashcombe Farms Dover Home Owners Association (HOA). Examples of a formal complaint include but are not limited to:

- Non-compliance violations by a lot owner
- Complaints which are not confidential in nature
- Concerns about the operations of HOA Board

For more detailed information regarding the CSC please refer to the HOA website, or contact the Executive Board as outlined below.

There has been a resignation from one member of the Community Support Committee. If you are interested in serving on this Committee please contact the Executive Board stating your interest. Members should have adequate available time to devote to this committee. Please send your communication to the HOA PO Box, the drop box, or the HOA email address (ashcombefarmshoa@yahoo.com) prior October 8, 2009.

Additional Executive Board Definition In HOA Regulations

In January 2009, the Executive Board published a list of definitions for certain terms contained with the Regulations of our HOA. At the August Executive Board meeting these definitions were expanded.

The definitions are in italics. The lower case letter in parentheses indicates the regulation where the term is found. If any lot owner has any question regarding these definitions, please contact the Executive Board via the drop box, Post Office Box 121, or by email (ashcombefarmshoa@yahoo.com).

Town Home Regulations

(n) *All Lots are to be maintained in clean and sanitary condition and all lawns, shrubs and other vegetation shall be groomed – The Executive Board has defined this as having weeds under control in lot owner’s flower gardens. There shall be no debris of any kind left in the yard. There shall be no toys or equipment of any kind left outside on any lot longer than one day. All items shall be removed from any yard prior to nightfall. Pet refuse shall be picked up and disposed of daily. No item shall impede HOA service providers from performing their jobs.*

Yards of the Month

July
1839 Deerfield
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Johnson


August
1925 Ashcombe
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Keppler

September
1868 Deerfield
Ms. Gertrude Bish



Frank of all Trades
Home Improvements of all Types
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DAVE TALLEY

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We were reminded by several occasions this summer that prudence is a great preventative measure to keep everyone safe. Please remember to take precaution and watch over your family and neighbors throughout the neighborhood. Remember to always contact Northern York County Regional Police for any immediate safety concerns or suspicious activity by dialing 911.

In order to help continue to make Ashcombe Farms Dover a safe place to live, starting a Neighborhood Watch program has been recommended.

The Executive Board supports this initiative, and requests the community's feedback and involvement. Tyann James of 1884 Ashcombe has volunteered to help organize our community in this respect.

If you are interested in helping to create a Neighborhood Watch group for Ashcombe Farms Dover, please contact Tyann.

Tyann James
1884 Ashcombe Drive
destination25@verizon.net
717-292-4641 (home)

To learn more about Neighborhood Watch programs, please visit:
www.USAOnWatch.org and www.NNWI.org

Community Garage Sale

We wish to thank Libby Loser for arranging the advertising (newspaper and the signs) of the community wide garage sale in August. We believe it was a real success based on the number of cars that drove through the neighborhood. This continues to be one of the ways the HOA is helping to support the community. We hope you were able to sell lots of "stuff!" The next community wide garage sale will be next spring, 2010.

National Night Out Evaluation

There was very little participation in National Night Out this year. Your Executive Board discussed the idea of trying a different format for this event next year. The Executive Board is looking for interested community members to form a committee to plan a neighborhood wide event around the same time as NNO for 2010. Any and all ideas are appreciated. If you would like to chair this committee or be a member of the committee please contact the board through the web site (ashcombefarmshoa@yahoo.com) or contact one of your board members.

Executive Board Actions

Actions of the Executive Board for the past quarter include:

Improvements and maintenance in the last quarter

- Broken sidewalk near the HOA drop box is in the process of or have been repaired.
- Solar spotlights on the entrance signs to Ashcombe Drive and Boxwood Court. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Rich Farr for donating the set of spotlights at the sign on Ashcombe Blvd.

Lot owner Requests were approved for:

- Trellises
- Awnings
- Sheds

Legal Actions:

Unfortunately, the HOA has been forced to take some lot owners to court for non-payment of fees, late fees and/or the Special Assessment from last summer. The HOA has recouped over \$4,000 through the legal process.

All lot owners should be aware that the HOA Executive Board always attempts to reach a resolution involving late or other fees without resorting to the process of going to court. It saves everyone money in the long run. When we are forced to resort to legal process to recoup fees, the lot owner always has all of the legal fees added to the final total owed to the HOA. The Executive Board never wants to resort to this process because it only increases the amount of money, which will be owed to the HOA.

General Actions:

- Publishing the quarterly newsletter
- Maintaining the HOA web site.
- Working with the contracted mower for the HOA.
- Working with the Dover Township in regards to weed control.
- Initiate community involvement for a Neighborhood Watch program.

Compliance Issues:

The HOA Executive Board is tasked with enforcing all of the regulations for the HOA, and governing the HOA according to the By-Laws. The Board has no choice in this matter, and may not choose which regulations to enforce or not to enforce. The HOA Regulations must be enforced as consistently as possible. The Community Support Committee (CSC) has been active in reporting non-compliance issues to the Executive Board. Non-compliance issues addressed by the HOA during the last quarter were:

- Yards not neatly maintained
- Pet refuse
- Obstacles impeding mowing on town home lots.
- Weeds higher than 12 inches
- Trailers parked longer than 24 hours on any lot—this includes utility trailers and recreational vehicles of any kind.
- Signs for contractors placed in yards.

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 strived for consistency in all of its decisions.