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Property Management Update

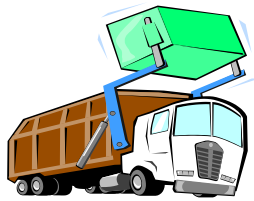


You survived!! — the record setting snow events of earlier this year. The resources of the snow removal agents were stretched to their very limit but the snow was eventually removed from the community's streets allowing proper ingress and egress — thank you for your patience with snow removal efforts. In the midst of the snow events one Carters Cove resident, Mr. Roger Weaver of Hidden Cove, rose above the crowd and performed an exceptional service to the community. Mr Weaver provided for the clearing of critical access areas on Hidden Cove in the delayed arrival of the community's snow removal contractor. The snow removal contractor reported experiencing plow truck troubles accessing the community because of the excessive amounts of snow. In an expression of gratitude for his service to the community Mr. Weaver is being rewarded with a \$50 gift certificate to Home Depot.

DUMPSTER DAYS

3 Dumpsters will be delivered to the community the weekend of May 22 — May 23. The dumpsters will be delivered on **Friday, May 21, 2010**. 2 will be located on Pirates Cove and 1 on Hidden Cove. This is an opportunity to rid yourself of bulk household and exterior items. A couple reminders:

- ⇒ Dumpsters should only be filled to 6" from the top — if the dumpster you are about to use has reached its capacity consider using another.
- ⇒ Items are to be placed in the dumpster and not beside it — the HOA will incur additional expenses for the removal of items not placed in the dumpster.



Spring is in full bloom and with it comes the need for very necessary general reminders and updates which come on the following pages of this Newsletter. Please reference the Carters Cove web site at www.carterscove.info for detailed community related information, application forms and prior Newsletters. Enjoy the rest of spring!!

House to House Inspections



If you were notified in the fall of last year of the need to provide maintenance to the exterior of your home and you have not done so already, now is the time to ensure that you are in compliance and will not be cited. **The next round of House-to-House inspections will take place the first week in June 2010.** The community's detailed architectural guidelines are on the website — www.carterscove.info. Please remember, approval from the Carters Cove Architectural Review Committee (CCARC) is needed for all outside alterations. Following are general notes on exterior items that will be covered during the house-to-house inspection:

- ⇒ Decks and Fences: All decks are to be constructed of pressure treated lumber or composite material (Trex like). Clear sealant is the preferred finish treatment. If you intend on using a colored stain, approval of the CCARC will be necessary. It is the expectation that decks and fences will be stained at least every two (2) years and not exhibit severe discoloration and a weather-beaten appearance.
- ⇒ Siding and Paint: No application is required to replace existing siding if the replacement's style and color will remain the same. Repainting is necessary when paint looks worn and deteriorated to a very noticeable point — an application submitted to the CCARC is required. The updated approved list of colors for the community are on the website or can be obtained by contacting Tidewater Property Management at (443) 548-0191.
- ⇒ Front, Storm and Screen Doors and Windows: Front, storm and screen doors must coordinate with your home's existing house colors and fit the existing door frame. External security bars or gates are permitted on basement windows only.
- ⇒ Toys and Play Items: Toys and play items are not to remain stored at the front of homes. While being used, it is okay for the toy items to remain in place temporarily but they must be returned to in-house storage before nightfall.
- ⇒ Trees: All homes are required to have a tree in its front yard. If your tree has been removed it must be replaced. Trees are to be trimmed on the owner's property and should not hang over sidewalks.
- ⇒ Trash Items: The community's Covenants prohibit the storage of lumber, metals, bulk materials, refuse or trash on any Lot. The house-to-house inspection will take place after the dumpster pickup days — use the dumpsters as an opportunity to properly clear your Lot of any of the above mentioned items.



Lawn Maintenance



Lawn areas are required to be kept mowed to a height not exceeding four inches (4"). This has been an obvious challenge for some homes — setting up a weekly maintenance routine should avoid your home's lawn from exceeding the standard and being subject to citation. If you are not able to personally provide for your lawn's maintenance, consider contracting with a local landscaper. If you need contractor recommendations, feel free to contact Tidewater Property Management. After repeated notification, persistent violators will be subject to their lawn areas being mowed involuntarily and the expenses involved charged to their account.

Community Infrastructure Needs

Work Completed:

Over the past year the Carters Cove Board has endeavored to upgrade the community's major infrastructure items by contracting for concrete sidewalk repair; playground component enhancement, landscaping upgrades, etc. Please bring any areas observed in need of repair or maintenance to the attention of the property management company.



Work To Be Done:

As a result of the removal of massive amounts of snow, several common area lawns and shrubs sustained damage. While the Budget has been significantly impacted by the recent snow events, over the next few months the Board will be seeking to repair the damaged turf and shrub areas. Your patience with these ongoing efforts is appreciated.



TRASH DISPOSAL

A very noticeable Carters Cove problem has been ongoing issues with trash disposal. Plastic trash bags, some opened with their contents strewn in the surrounding area, seem to be omnipresent on the days surrounding trash pick up. A request is being made that you do your part to maintain the wholesome appearance of the community by only using **lidded trash containers** to dispose of trash. The containers can be purchased relatively inexpensively at your local hardware store. This is an item that will pay for itself shortly after purchase and will be of benefit to yourself as well as the community.



Stray Cat Problems

While cats are adorable pets, an excess number of stray cats currently exist in the community and they have become a problem. If any of the stray cats belong to your household, please ensure they are kept indoors at all times. Animal Control Law actually requires all pets to be leashed when outside a home. Howard County Animal Control's suggested solution is to use traps. The Carters Cove Board wants to employ the County's suggested means of addressing the problem only as a last resort. Once again, please be certain your pets are under your control at all times when outside your home.



Helpful Telephone Numbers

Howard County Police Department:

Emergency	911
Non-emergency	410-313-2200
Southern District	410-313-3700
Drug Tip Line	410-290-DRUG
Report Gang Activity	410-313-STOP
Website	www.hcpd.org

Other Numbers:

Animal Control	410-313-2780
License & Permits	410-313-2455
Trash & Recycle	410-313-6444
Water & Sewer	410-313-2058
Child Protective Services	410-872-8700
Consumer Affairs	410-313-6420
Traffic Engineering	410-313-2430
Metro Crime Stoppers	1-866-7LOCKUP
FBI	410-265-8080

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This is your community newsletter and your comments and articles are welcomed. Send information you would like to dispense to the community such as informative articles, meeting notices, bulletins, etc. to Tidewater Property Management at: rjordan@tidewaterproperty.com or email the board at: <http://www.carterscove.info/contact-us>

*The Carter's Cove Board is actively seeking volunteers for Committee roles — if you are interested please email the Board at the above address.