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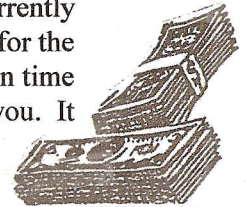
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MOST IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

After several years of offering a discount to property owners who pay their assessments early, the Board has had to discontinue the program for the year 2010-2011. Much of our reserves was spent on what we hope is the last “gypsy moth” spraying for many years. However, these reserves have to be built up again for future emergencies. Instead of increasing your assessments, it was decided not to offer the discount for early payment. We hope you appreciate our efforts to keep your assessments from increasing in these times of financial stress on everyone. **Statements, as usual, should be received by April 1, 2010.**

LEGAL FEES MOUNTING: There are several property owners whose accounts are currently in the hands of our attorney for collection. This causes an additional outlay of money for the homeowner when settlement is reached. To avoid this, please pay your assessments on time and if you need a payment plan, call for one right away and we will try to work with you. It will save you money in the long run.



ROADS:

Work continues on maintaining our roads and there are plans to do some road grading and pipe replacements beginning in the spring of 2010. There may be some clean fill available as a result of this work and anyone needing the fill should contact our roads’ chairman, Grover Cleveland, (570) 595-2162 and get your name on the list.

STREET SIGNS:

We hope you have noticed the new Speed Limit signs in and around the community here at Spruce Hill Farms. We had a bit of vandalism with our signs early this summer and called in the Township Police to alert them. Hopefully, these were isolated incidents which will not happen again. However, there are some street signs that were destroyed and/or totally removed and these will be replaced in the spring when it is warmer weather for digging and painting. Also, our Pool Sign was vandalized and will have to be repaired or replaced.

Please keep your eyes open to anything suspicious and alert the police. These replacements cost money and ultimately the costs have to get passed along to all who live here.

SPLASHES FROM THE POOL



There are plans for repairs to be made to the pool this year. Even though the pool is not used by many in the development, maintenance is of utmost importance and must go on regardless of the usage.

Lifeguards - are always in demand and sometimes hard to find. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position either full or part time when someone is ill, please call Chelsea Aleksich, at (570) 595-3544.



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LEAVES ABUNDANT IN THE AREA...

We all hated the gypsy moths the last several years because they caused us to stay indoors during the most pleasant weather in the mountains. However, now that they seem to be gone, we are inundated with falling leaves covering the ground, the roads, etc. We didn't realize how much the moths ate!

Just a reminder, however, that our Rules & Regulations (GR10) state that there is no burning of refuse permitted in SHF unless confined to a barrel. Please exercise good common sense, either use the leaves as mulch for your garden or blow them into the woods for natural purposes.

PESTICIDE CAUTION !!!!!

How many of us are already looking forward to an early spring, enjoying the flora and fauna in anticipation of a bumper crop of wild blueberries? We don't even have to weed, feed, etc., to enjoy this bounty of nature. Many times we take all this for granted. It has recently come to our attention that these acts of nature can be lost if the balance of sun, rain and pollination gets skewed. Pesticides used to eliminate other annoying insects, or even discourage deer from eating your plants, can

be hazardous to the pollination process. Read your labels carefully before using these products as some of the balance of nature is in your hands. **Protect our environment!**

E-MAIL:

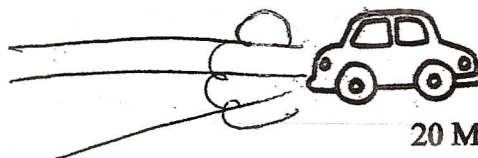
The Board is expanding its use of the E-mail system so information can be disbursed in a timely manner to all property owners. We would like to include you in this process and have provided a line for you to print your e-mail address when you pay your assessment.

WEBSITE:

Our Webmaster, Peter Ruggiero, is always looking for information of interest so he can update our Website. He can be reached at: webmaster@sprucehillfarms.org.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE POOL PAVILION HERE IN SPRUCE HILL FARMS ON JUNE 12, 2010.

Be sure to come out and offer your suggestions and/or help in keeping our development a beautiful place to live.



20 MPH speed limit.