## Whispering Hills is 25 years old ... Please be reminded of the following:

Original Hard-Wired Smoke Detectors: All Whispering Hills units were built with hard-wired smoke detectors that have a useful life of approximately ten (10) years. If you have not already done so, you should replace the original hard-wired smoke detectors with brand new hard-wired smoke detectors, preferably with a battery back up.

When was the last time you checked your smoke detectors?

<u>Carbon Monoxide Detectors</u>: Carbon monoxide is invisible, odorless, colorless, tasteless and *deadly*. Carbon Monoxide can come from your furnace, hot water heater, stove or a motor vehicle running in a garage. **Do you have a carbon monoxide detector on each floor?** 

Hot Water Heaters: The average life of a hot water heater is 7 to 10 years. In most cases, water heaters fail gradually, but not always. Some of the signs of imminent failure include water accumulation beneath the heater, a hissing or whistling sound characteristic of a worn valve and chronic hot water shortages during period of normal demand.

When was the last time you had your hot water heater inspected?

**Furnace:** The area around your furnace, hot water heater or dryer should not be used as a storage area. These gas-operated units have open flames and require proper air circulation to operate. The louvered doors are in place to provide ventilation to these appliances. Furnaces should be inspected and cleaned annually.

When was the last time you changed your furnace filter or had your furnace inspected?

**Dryer Vent:** Each dryer is connected to an outside vent. This vent must be checked for lint buildup/clogs and cleaned yearly or more if you do large amounts of laundry. *It is not sufficient to just clean the dryer lint filter*. A clogged dryer vent is a potential fire hazard that impedes your dryer's efficiency and uses more energy.

\*When was the last time you had your dryer vent cleaned?\*

Washing Machine Hoses: The hoses that come with new washing machines and many replacement hoses are of low quality, usually lasting no more that 4 or 5 years. Homeowners should consider purchasing a pair of high quality washing machine hoses. Always turn off the water to your washing machine when it is not being used.

How old are your washing machines hoses?

Homeowners/Tenants Insurance: Ask your insurance agent if your policy is a HO-6 or equivalent. Do not assume you are adequately insured. One major insurance company consistently denies homeowner losses stating that the HOA is responsible for everything attached to a building. This is not correct. Be sure you are properly insured.

When was the last time you upgraded your homeowners or tenant insurance?

Winter Parking: There is NO PARKING from 3:00 am to 6:00 am From November 1st to April 15th on Village of Chester Streets: Whispering Hills Drive, Peach Lane, Apple Terrace, and Clubhouse Place are Village of Chester Streets. Portions of some Whispering Hills driveways are designated as "SNOW ZONES" and parking is not permitted in any designated "SNOW ZONE" from the time a snowfall exceeds one (1) inch until eight (8) hours after the snow stops falling.

## \*\*\* Snow Zones are Located at the End of Sections \*\*\*:

⇒ 1800 •1900 • 2900 •3100 • 3300 • 3600 • 4000 • 4200 ⇔

⇒ The traffic circle at 1900/2000 is a Snow Zone ⇔

⇒ Between 3411 and 3413, two (2) parking spaces are marked Snow Zone ⇔

## Violators of the pooper/scooper and leash laws will be fined!