



Meadowlark



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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THE MERRIEST EVER & A GREAT 2008

We hope your Christmas was the Merriest ever and your 2008 will be great! Your board has several items on the agenda for this year, not the least of which is getting a new directory published and increasing member participation in our events and activities. In 2008, the pool will be open before school is out. We had several problems opening the pool last year and we will not allow maintenance problems to again delay our opening in 2008. For the clubhouse and pool, we will look at video surveillance security, several maintenance items and some appearance issues.

Our planned activities will include: Easter Egg Hunt—Pool Opening Party—Pool Closing Party—Visit from Santa. Plus, we will have the Yard-Of-The-Month, Halloween Decoration and Christmas Decoration awards. I cannot tell you how popular the YOTM Program was. I guess a hundred buck gift certificate to a fine restaurant makes mowing in the summer heat a bit more tolerable. We appreciate your efforts.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DECORATION AWARD WINNERS

Your board cruised the neighborhood and saw a LOT of well-decorated homes for Christmas. There were at least a dozen that were in the running for the top of class. In fact, we could not narrow it down to two, so we chose three, and frankly, if we had the money, we could have easily made ten awards. Congratulations to all who decorated so well and thank you for your time, effort and GREAT looking homes! In lot number order the winners are:

#14—the Zehntners, 1650 Brierbrook

#25—the Oakes, 1563 Brierbrook

#196—the Samuels, 1593 Bubbling Brook

POOL & TENNIS COURT ACCESS CARDS

If you are past due on your association dues, your access card will be turned off.

Once you get your dues caught up, it will take ONE WEEK to get it turned back on. Every year, when the pool opens, we get several calls from members that their cards do not work and usually it is because we turned them off because their dues have not been paid. If your dues are not current, please do not expect that your card will be turned on the minute you pay the dues. It will be turned on within ONE WEEK, NOT immediately. So, the moral of this story is : If you do not pay your dues, you do not use the pool, tennis courts, or clubhouse.

If your card does not work and your dues have been paid, let us know NOW so we can fix the problem before the rush.

Last year we had several people using the facilities that were not members, or had their access cards cut off and were using someone else's card. In 2008 we have plans to check those who use our facilities and be sure they are both members and are current in their dues. It is not fair to the vast majority of those of you who do pay your dues on time and live in our neighborhood to allow those who are in arrears or outside our neighborhood to have the same access.

FREE USE FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Some of our members have suggested they might be interested in getting a group together for social activities. We certainly encourage those people to organize such activities and are willing to help wherever we can. The use of our clubhouse is absolutely free for such activities as well as any youth activities for our children. Although, there is a no rental fee, we still must collect the \$75 cleaning deposit. We have had an instance or two where the free use folks have not cleaned up properly costing our association additional money. If you leave it the way it was when you came in, you get your deposit check back in full.

FACILITIES RENTAL—YOUR DUES MUST BE CURRENT

Just a reminder that rental of our facilities requires that your dues be current and paid in full. We encourage facility use, but our policy is firm and your dues must be paid before you have access. Again, we require a \$75 cleaning deposit for ANY facility use. If you choose to not leave the facility sparkling clean, the way it was when you rented it, we WILL keep your deposit and call Merry maids to clean up. Once more, our policy is firm on this matter. Thanks for your help in keeping our facilities one of the best in Germantown.

100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN

Since we found out that the Wolf River side of the old Wal-Mart parking lot was below the 100 year flood plain level, I have been wondering if any of our association homes were also below that level and potentially in danger of flooding. I know, I know—I have way too much time on my hands, and based on the amount of rain (or lack thereof) we received last summer, flooding is not top of mind for most of our association flatlanders. BUT, we who live in the flatlands need something to worry about and this is as good as anything. I am pleased to announce that -NO we are not. Based on the new Flood Hazard Area maps (didn't know there was such an animal did ya) we are outside the 100 year flood plain area and have less than a .2% chance of flooding. I know the flatlanders will now sleep better at night.

SECURITY AND CRIME ISSUES

I am sure many of you are aware of the problems we had last summer at the common area, plus the home break-ins in our neighborhood. Most recently we have had large graffiti spray painted on our fence. Most of you know how I feel about area security, and that it will only get worse. Unfortunately, we do not and will not have the funds available to secure our entire neighborhood. However, we can take minimal action to secure and protect our common area. Securing our common area will also help protect our families as it will eliminate one source of criminal and teenager attraction. Plus, if done properly, it will alert criminals to the fact that they might be caught on camera if they attempt crime in our neighborhood. One of my goals for 2008 is to begin to secure and protect our common area. Like most things, a proactive approach will save money and better serve our residents.

YOU MIGHT BE A COP IF ...

Having a couple of cops in the neighborhood, and having spent several years as a cop myself, all three of us can attest to the legitimacy of the truths below :).

- It occurs to you suddenly one night that you are policing the Twilight Zone.
- Your idea of a good time is an armed robbery at shift change.
- You call for a criminal record check on anyone who seems friendly toward you.
- You can identify a negative “teeth to tattoo” ratio just by looking at a person.
- You believe the government should require a permit to reproduce.
- You plan what you're going to have for dinner while loading your sidearm.
- You refer to your night-stick as a “dork slayer”.
- You believe that “too stupid to live” should be a valid verdict.”.
- You think caffeine should be available in IV form.

Board Members & Captains

Board Members

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DON'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT IT SECTION

signmeup@farmingtonmeadows.org: We are collecting your emails for association notices and events. If you have not already done so, please send an email to include your family name and address and lot number if you know it. Our email program has recently started and we want to include you. We have 53 residents signed up so far. Our goal is 208. Thanks for your help.

RESIDENT BUSINESSES

Roxanne Murray Daws—Mary Kay Consultant—Home# 756-4556

Howard (Pat) Oakes—Landscaping and lawn mowing—Home# 461-1904; 1563 Brierbrook

NEIGHBOR SERVICES

BIG NOTE: We will be redoing these for 2008 so be sure to call or email Bob Metz to be included: Telephone # Home: 757-1710, Work: 759-0932;
bob@farmingtonmeadows.org

Math Tutor:

Mary Hill—Home# 756-0143; Cell# 486-8252; 1581 Bubbling Brook

Lawn Mowing:

Matthew Clemons—Home# 753-5779; 7967 Sunny Creek

Cody Sims—Home# 737-0082; 8028; Sparkling Lake Cv

Baby Sitting:

Elizabeth Clemons (16 yrs old, has references) - Home# 753-5779; 7967 Sunny Creek

Chelsea Sims (15 yrs old, has references) Home# 737-0082; 8028 Sparkling Lake Cv

Laura Duncan—Home# 755-7820; 1667 Golden Fields

Music:

Roxanne Murray Daws—violin and viola lessons, also, Contractor and a member of “The String Quartet of the South; performing at weddings, receptions, parties, etc.

Home# 756-4556; 8010 Breezy Creek

Laura Duncan—beginning piano—Home# 755-7820; 1667 Golden Fields

Spanish Tutor:

Ms. Mildred—a native Spanish speaker and school teacher can tutor your child in Spanish—Home# 751-7376

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**Farmington Meadows Neighborhood:
Germantown's Best Kept Secret**



Message From Your President

Crime is a problem everywhere in the mid-south. Unfortunately, Germantown used to be much, much more safe than it is today. Our association had two home break-ins and a suspicious encounter in 2007. That compares to just 6 felonies in ALL of Germantown just 20 years ago. Lack of an adequate police presence, increased ingress and egress points, and general lethargy on the part of the Germantown City administration to consider crime a priority issue all contribute to making us less safe now than even 5 years ago. Plus, our neighborhood is on the edge of Germantown Road, but relatively secluded, which invites the criminal element to assail our area. Consequently, it is incumbent upon each one of us to be vigilant and help protect our area and our families ourselves. For some associations, crime has gotten so bad that they have had to hire security firms to traverse their neighborhood to help keep crime and vandalism down. WE do not now nor will we have in the future the money to hire a security firm or be able to secure our association with video surveillance. So I encourage everyone to be vigilant, aware and concerned about your neighbors. If you see anything at all suspicious, please call the police, and of course I am ALWAYS available for ANY problems in our neighborhood.

Some have suggested a neighborhood watch problem, which I believe is a great idea. However, no one has stepped up to help organize, plan, and maintain such a program. Anyone who would be willing to organize or even help with a neighborhood watch, please call me, or better yet, become a board member and manage the implementation.

2008 will be GREAT!

Bob Metz



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