



MEADOWLARK



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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SANTA IS COMING ... SANTA IS COMING ...

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 2ND—12:30PM—2:30PM

Don't miss this one! If you ever believed in Santa Clause, this one will bring back your childhood. Grandma & Grandpa, bring your grand kids (or course your kids are invited too but we won't post their picture on our web site). We will have milk and cookies and a craft ornament making table for the little ones.

Be sure to come early as there was a large crowd last year!

HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATION AWARD WINNER

DAVID AND CATHERINE HAYS—1643 BRIERBROOK

Your board toured the neighborhood and saw a LOT of well decorated homes for Halloween and we thank you for all your efforts. It really dressed up the neighborhood. But we only had a single \$100 gift certificate to the new Bittersweet restaurant and all the board members had already had dinner. So, thanks David & Cathy for your decorations. I am sure many, many people enjoyed them.

CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATION AWARDS

In December, we will award TWO (that is 786 minus 784) homes a Christmas Decoration award. Last year there were so many well decorated homes we thought it would be difficult to choose just one, so we decided to give out two awards just to make the job easier for your board. So when you see a group of people driving buy eyeballing your decorations, it is just your board cruisin' the neighborhood.

Your board is open to bribery, so if you wanted to leave some cookies and milk out by the curb, we will take it into account as we make our decision. I must admit, oatmeal raisin is my favorite and my cholesterol is a bit low so I drink whole milk. Paper plates and cups are fine, but fine Italian china and true crystal glass could help put you over the top. We have not decided on the awards yet, but they will certainly be a cut above a three buck gift certificate to the Dollar Tree—we promise!

THE DUES INCREASE DID NOT PASS

Thank you for your vote and participation. We appreciate your attendance at the meetings and value your input. The final tally of eligible voters was 52% for and 48% against. For the measure to pass, 67% of the votes had to be in favor. Thank you again for participating and being part of the process

10% OFF ON SECURITY & STORM DOORS AT LOWE'S

Thanks to our member Jeff Madeksho, our association members can get a special deal at the Lowe's in Germantown. We hope to have a Lowe's special offer on a regular basis. The store manager there is Troy Abbott. He and his staff will be able to help you with any questions. To get your 10% discount, just tell the store folks helping you that you want your "Farmington Meadows Home Owners Association" discount, which is 10%.

Through December 2007, you can get a 10% discount on stock or special order Security Doors and Storm Doors. Installation services are also available but not discountable.

DON'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT IT SECTION

- signmeup@farmingtomeadows.org. We are collecting 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 51 residents signed up so far. Our goal is 208. Thanks for your help.

Neighbor Services—Anyone who wants a listing here call or email Bob

BIG NOTE: We will be redoing these for 2008 so be sure to call or email Bob Metz to be included. 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., has references) Home#753-5779 - 7967 Sunny Creek
•Chelsea Sims (15 yrs., 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

RESIDENT BUSINESSES

- Roxanne Murray Daws—Mary Kay Consultant Home# 756-4556
- Howard (Pat) Oaks—Landscaping and lawn mowing Home# 755-2991 1563 Brierbrook

A FEW SNIPPETS FROM THE CURRENT LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD!

- "A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls."
- "It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it."
- "Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?"
- "I was raised in the West. The west of Texas. It's pretty close to California. In more ways than Washington, D.C., is close to California."
- "If you're sick and tired of the politics of cynicism and polls and principles, come and join this campaign."
- "What I am against is quotas. I am against hard quotas, quotas they basically delineate based upon whatever. However they delineate, quotas, I think, vulcanize society. So I don't know how that fits into what everybody else is saying, their relative positions, but that's my position."
- "One word sums up probably the responsibility of any Governor, and that one word is 'to be prepared'."
- "We must all hear the universal call to like your neighbor like you like to be liked yourself."
- "The most important job is not to be governor, or First Lady in my case."
- "If people can judge me on the company I keep, they would judge me with keeping really good company with Laura."

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Was the proposed dues rate increase to high? Absolutely! Did I vote for it? Positively! Was it the right thing to do? 100%!!! I believe the rate increase should have been a bit lower, but the majority of the board believed \$157 was the required amount. When I first joined the board and found out we had borrowed all this money, strictly for maintenance items, and had a large balloon payment due in 2010, which we could not pay, I personally disagreed with that approach and made it clear to my fellow board members I would not be on the future board that had to refinance the balloon, but, I would enjoy continuing as a board member is we could figure out how to pay off the balloon payment. Thus, the dues increase was born.

I personally believe financing "maintenance" is a bad idea for our association and avoids the board's fiduciary responsibility. For years the board has been primarily a maintenance crew for the common area. I believe we had the opportunity to change the board's responsibilities and the way it operates, by becoming more proactive, forward looking and involved with ALL our members in areas beyond just common area maintenance. I also believed it was important to break the cycle of inappropriate and ever increasing borrowing, along with the establishment of an emergency fund. Furthermore, our are is starting to show it's age, and many things are changing for our neighborhood in a negative way, one of the most problematic being crime and security. Unfortunately, proactive approach, neighborhood involvement and minimizing of future problems takes money we do not now have, and will not have in the foreseeable future without borrowing again. The status quo of attacking problems after they become problematic is both expensive and irresponsible. So yes, I did vote for the dues increase, even though I thought it was too high, because the alternative was unacceptable to me.

I strongly urge those folks who are concerned about how the association spends your money, to become a board member. It is enjoyable, interesting and worth your time. We have had many members thank us for the programs, activities and communication your board has provided in the last year, and we will continue to do so for the upcoming year. You will enjoy being on the board and I urge your involvement and participation. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Bob Metz



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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD REALTORS