



MEADOWLARK



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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FARMINGTON MEADOWS HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ELECTIONS!

Cast your vote by September 12th!

The ballot is enclosed in this newsletter. Vote for one person in each position. If you have any questions, feel free to call Bob Metz at 901-757-1710 or send me an email at bob.metz@farmingtonmeadows.org.

OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED HELP. We welcome any resident who wants to help on the board. The current board members are all great people, and you will be surprised at how much gratitude your fellow association members will express. So just write your name in for President or Secretary, or any other position, and vote for yourself. **Come on down!!! It will be fun.**

YARD OF THE MONTH—OUR FIFTH 2008 WINNER

Jack & Virginia Skinner - 1620 Brierbrook

Apparently a Hundred Bucks worth of food and a thirty-dollar sign brings out the grass and shrub lover in a lot of us. I even planted grass seed TWICE this year just to keep up with the others on my block. Jack & Virginia didn't have to plant any grass, but I'll guarantee you their water bill was higher than mine and their lawn shows it.

Thanks a bunch for your hard work Jack & Virginia and a great looking lawn



Residential Neighborhood

It does not make me proud that I had to bring the power of our association residents to bear regarding what appeared to be an automotive repair business being run out of a rental house in our association. The occupants who were the crux of the problem have moved on. We live in a RESIDENTIAL area with families, children, and older folks who do not want to be subjected to the problems and appearance of operating a very visible and highly unsightly business run out of a rental property, or any other property for that matter. However, the occupants did threaten me with bodily harm and civil and legal action, which I did not appreciate, and I am not sorry to see they have moved on.

I truly appreciate the tremendous support of so many of our association members who took the time to call and email me offering assistance and help. I thank you very much for your calls and emails. It means a lot to me.

No End Of Year Party—Need Your Vote

The majority of your Board voted to not have an end of year pool party this year, so I will need you to get me your board member votes by mail, email or telephone. Please have them cast by September 12th so I can get the results in the September Newsletter. If you want to be on the board—write your name in and vote yourself. You will probably be a shoe in! Last year we only had 14 ballots returned, 8 of which were board members.

Clubhouse and Facility Rental

We encourage our members to use our facilities for their personal events like birthday parties and special occasion parties. We are taking special care this year to make sure it is looking good and a pleasure to use. We require a \$75 deposit for each day of rental use. It is the renter's responsibility to completely clean up EVERYTHING after are finished. I have instructed Kelly, our board member who handles the rentals, to absolutely, positively keep the deposit of any party who does not clean up 100%. It is not appropriate to use member dues to clean up after the mess someone else has created.

Also, just a reminder that the facilities are FREE of charge to social activities that benefit our residents. So, if you are looking to start some sort of local club, contact me, Bob Metz, for details.

Did You Know That ...

- Dashing horses kicking up mud (among other things), splashing the passengers riding behind them, led to the invention of the dashboard, a term which survives today.
- The day after October 4, 1582 was October 15, 1582.
- Robert E. Lee is the only person to date to have graduated from West Point military academy without a single demerit.
- Thomas Crapper is credited with inventing the modern-day toilet, and Otto Titsling with inventory the brassiere. Major General Joseph Hooker allegedly paid prostitutes to accompany his soldiers in the Civil War.
- The product's full name is WD-40 Water Displacer, which was perfected on the fortieth attempt.
- "Bookkeeper" and "bookkeeping" are the only words in the English language with three consecutive double letters.
- The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
- Alaska is the most northern, western, and eastern U.S. state.
- Isaac Asimov is the only author to have written a book in all 10 Dewey-decimal categories.
- The storage capacity of the human brain is about 4 terabytes (4,000 gigabytes).
- Honey is the only food that cannot spoil.
- Powdered non-dairy creamer is flammable.
- If done perfectly, any Rubik's Cube combination can be solved in 17 turns.
- The fingerprints of koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.

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NEIGHBOR SERVICES

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

Spanish Tutor

Ms. Mildred, a native Spanish speaker and school teacher can tutor your child in Spanish. Home# 757-7376

Home Cleaning Service (recommended by Donna Staub on Sunny Creek)

Jon Walker has owned and operated Walker Cleaning Service for 14 years. They clean gutters, decks, houses, drives, and pool decks. Although not a member of the association, he lives very close to the neighborhood on Malabar Drive.

For services, please call on Walker at 647- 2213.

RESIDENT BUSINESSES

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

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



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our facilities are in good shape and your board has consistently authorized spending the necessary money to do proper maintenance and repair to be sure they stay in good condition. The key is to attack any problems as soon as they occur and stay ahead of the maintenance curve. But, it takes an active board and money. We can continue to keep our facilities in tiptop shape and better our financial status by continuing to increase our dues by 5% each year and being proactive board. Assuming no catastrophic events occur, in about 6 to 8 years we will be able to have a decent "rainy day" fund so we don't have to go begging to the bank when we have big money needs.

I encourage you all to support the need of future boards to get our dues in line with our current and projected expenses so our association can be put on sound financial ground.

Your support and help are very much appreciated and I thank you.

Bob Metz



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