



MEADOWLARK



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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EASTER EGG HUNT—SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

March 15th—10:00 AM—Clubhouse—don't be late!

The Easter Egg hunt is for all the children. Grandparents—we encourage you to invite YOUR children to come and participate with your Grandchildren. AGES from 1 month up to and including 11 years old. We will be prepared for a BIG crowd, so come on down.

NEW LIGHTING FOR THE COMMONS AREA

Many of you are aware of the vandalism and improper use problems surrounding the commons area, most of which occur at night. Some of the problem is coming from our own members. The North side and parking lot area is quite dark. Most vandals and criminals do not like light, so your board has decided to upgrade the lighting around the clubhouse area rather than install a video security system. It is much less costly to upgrade the lighting system than it is to install a video security system. If the additional lighting does not reduce the problem, then it would be advisable to install a video system.

NEW 2008 DIRECTORY IS HERE

I apologize for the directory being a bit late. The problem is totally mine. Unfortunately, I still have to work for a living and January and February were much more busy for me than normal. We have printed plenty of extras, so we will not run out like last time. Also, if you did not get one, or lose it in the future, we have you covered—just call.

YARD OF THE MONTH STARTS IN APRIL

It's Back!!! The wildly popular (at least to those who won) YOTM. Starting with the month of April and ending with the month of September, we will once again be awarding a yard of the month sign for your yard AND, as a special thank you, a \$100 gift certificate to a local extraordinary restaurant. (For those of you who know me, YES, I do consider Waffle House an extraordinary restaurant, but the board over ruled me on this one.)

Here is how it works: About mid-month (starting in April), your board members will cruise the neighborhood and determine a winner. Around the end of the month we will contact the winner, stick the sign in their yard, and give them the \$100 gift certificate. Only one caveat, a lot can only win ONCE per year. As the ultimate sacrifice, your board members cannot win.

This year, the winner will be chosen BEFORE the current month's newsletter comes out. Last year, we chose the winner at the end of each month, which was too late to get it in the current' month's newsletter. See how bright your board is!! We learn from our mistakes.

HOME SECURITY SYSTEM DISCOUNT OFFER

Everyone knows how I feel about the safety and security of our area. From the very beginning of my term I have urged each of us to be vigilant and look out for each other. Unfortunately, we have had several incidents of car and home break-ins over the last two years. One of our members, a victim of a car break-in, has asked me to urge all our members to not leave anything valuable in your car which would make it a target for a break in.

One of our members uses Mautz security system and is quite happy with them.

I am NOT recommending or endorsing them, but I have contacted them and they are willing to make a special offer to our FMAH Members on a basic home security system. Below is their offer to our members. Just mention you want the "Farmington Meadows Special". This special is valid through September 2008. The costs is \$175 for the purchase and installation of the basic system explained below and 6 months of free monitoring service. After 6 months, the monitoring service is \$23 per month.

The FMHA Special Basic System at \$175 and 6 months of free monitoring includes:

- 1 Keypad
- 2 Sirens
- Installation in a home.
- 3 Door Sensors
- 1 Motion Sensor

Mautz Security can be reached at 377-3277.

They are located at 7895 Stage Hills Drive, Bartlett, TN 38133.

I highly recommend you look into a home security system of some sort. It is a known fact that burglars, vandals, and undesirables generally avoid homes with a well-posted security system. Those people are not interested in trouble; they only want your stuff so they can buy drugs. In fact, the higher the concentration of security systems in a given area, the less likely it is that undesirables will intrude into an area. Also, if you have any sort of dog at all, even a small one that likes everyone, it is wise to post it on your property. A posted "beware of dog" sign (s) can be as good as a security system.

VACATION AND HOME SECURITY CHECK LIST

PLEASE, PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED SAFETY INFORMATION. IT COULD SAVE YOU AND/OR A NEIGHBOR!

Enclosed you will find a form you can complete so that while you are away the Police department can check your house. There is also a list of recommendations from the Police department.

You will also find a Home and Personal Security Survey put out by the City of Germantown. It is a great way to determine how safe you and your family can be.

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.

101 WAYS TO ANNOY PEOPLE

Yeah—I really DO have 101 ways but wanted to keep the newsletter to a manageable size.

- Leave the copy machine set to reduce 200%, extra dark, 17 inch paper, 98 copies.
- Leave your turn signal on for fifty miles.
- Claim that you must always wear a bicycle helmet as part of your “astronaut training”.
- Forget the punch line to a long joke, but assure the listener it was a “real hoot”.
- Make beeping noises when a large person backs up.
- Do not add any inflection to the end of your sentences, producing awkward silences with the impression that you’ll be saying more any moment.
- Holler random numbers while someone is counting.
- Drum on every available surface.
- Staple papers in the middle of the page.
- Order a side of pork rinds with your filet mignon.
- ONLY TYPE IN UPPERCASE.
- Pay for your dinner with pennies.

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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

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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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we move toward vacation time and houses being unoccupied for days at a time, I urge everyone to keep an eye out for your neighbor. If you are leaving town for a while, I urge you to fill out the Germantown Police Department form so they will check your house. This not only is a benefit to you, but also helps every one in our association as the greater the police presence, the less likely criminals are to enter our area. Thanks a bunch for your help and see you at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Bob Metz



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