



# 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.

## THE WINTER DOLDRUMS

For ME, it is just so cold to do much more than sit by the fire and whimper about how cold my feet are. My wife pins a “no-whining” button on me this time of year, but it doesn't work. OK, so I love it hot and cannot wait for summer. This is also the time when your board is planning activities for the rest of the year, so we would like to give you a look at our plans through September, in reverse order.

- October—four new board members installed.
- September—Board Elections. Terms start October 1st. Four Board positions are up for election. They are:
  - President (currently Bob Metz—I will not be seeking re-election)
  - Secretary (currently Cindy Middleton)
  - Director #1 (currently Chuck Blaha)
  - Director #3 (currently Eric Sciara)
- Late August or Early September—Our Summer's end pool party.
- Late May or Early June—our Big Splash Beginning of Summer Pool Party.
- April or May—Video Security system installed at the Clubhouse.
- April—Yard of the Month program begins, and will run through September.
- March 15th—Association Easter Egg Hunt.

## NEW 2008 DIRECTORY COMING OUT IN LATE FEBRUARY

I am working on the 2008 directory and soon will send it to the printers.

**IMPORTANT**—Check your listing in the 2006 directory and your last billing statement and let me know if it is NOT correct. If NOT, let me know **ASAP** so I can make the changes. We pull the information from our accounting records, so if you are new since 2006, you will be in our new directory. Thanks for your help.

## 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.

## FINANCIALS

Included with the newsletter is our 2007 year end financial statement. We had budgeted a \$4000 additional payment toward the balloon payment due in 2010. However, that would leave us with only a \$500 reserve for the year which we felt was cutting it to close. Any slight hiccup in the air condition system, pool pump system, or lighting system, meant we would either have to borrow more money or postpone the repairs or try to collect the money from our members. Consequently, we felt it financially prudent to hold the money for emergencies since it is inevitable under any projection scenario that we would have to refinance the balloon anyway. The good news is we came in on budget and did not have to use the \$4000. If you take out the \$4000 our available excess was \$583 versus a budgeted excess of \$531.

In my opinion, one of the over-riding precepts of your board is prudent and financially responsible spending of your money in the pursuit of activities and enhancements to our area that benefit the majority of our members and make Farmington Meadows a better and safer place to live. I congratulate my fellow board members on a deft execution of our plan. They are all dedicated and thoughtful people and I urge your to thank them for their superior stewardship.

## 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.

## DON'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT IT SECTION

- [signmeup@farmingtomeadows.org](mailto: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.

## EAT TOO MUCH OVER THE HOLIDAYS? HOW ABOUT A LITTLE FOOD HUMOR!

"I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead. Not sick, not wounded, dead." - Woody Allen

"I like children—fried." - W.C. Fields

"Maybe there is no actual place called hell. Maybe hell is just having to listen to our grandparents breathe through their noses when they're eating sandwiches." - Jim Carrey

"Researchers have discovered that chocolate produces some of the same reactions in the brain as marijuana. The researchers also discovered other similarities between the two but can't remember what they are." - Matt Lauer

"Nouvelle Cuisine, roughly translated, means: I can't believe I paid ninety-six dollars and I'm still hungry." - Mike Kalin

"Is Elizabeth Taylor fat? Her favorite food is seconds." - Joan Rivers

"If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat and drop it?" - Steven Wright

"I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time". So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." - Steven Wright

Just in case you like Steven Wright—Here are a few more from him:

"I went to the bank and asked to borrow a cup of money. They said, "What for?", I said, "I'm going to buy some sugar."

"I installed a skylight in my apartment...the people who live above me are furious."

"I replaced the headlights in my car with strobe lights, so it looks like I'm the only one moving."

"I had to stop driving my car for a while...the tires got dizzy."

"I went to a general store. They wouldn't let me buy anything specifically."

"Some people are afraid of heights. Not me. I'm afraid of widths."

"I went to the museum where they had all the heads and arms from the statues that are in all the other museums."

## BOARD MEMBERS

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## NEIGHBOR SERVICES

**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

**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 gear up for 2008, I am looking for ideas from our members. As you know, I believe your board should work to improve our area and make Farmington Meadows an even better place to live. Unless I win the lottery and achieve my dream of moving my entire extended family with me to live the rest of my natural born days in Aruba, they are going to bury my ashes in the South East corner of my lot. So let us think long-term and come up with some ideas and thoughts about what YOU would like your association to do and look like for the next several years.

Improvements and concepts take time to nurture and grow and we need to have some goals for our association. Unfortunately, my major project of entire neighborhood security went down in a ball of flames with the failure of the dues increase. So here is your chance to send me your ideas. There are no bad or silly ideas. We are looking for your input and help. You can call me at home—757-1710—or send me an email—[bob.metz@farmingtonmeadows.org](mailto:bob.metz@farmingtonmeadows.org)—or drop me a letter to Bob Metz, FMHA, P.O. BOX 38826, Germantown, TN 38138-0826. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Metz



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