



MEADOWLARK



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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HELP! - We Need Your Name by Mid-August!

We need two people to become board members starting in October. Chuck Blaha, our world famous neuro-scientist has volunteered for another term and Cynthia Mealer has volunteered to be the Director in charge of the grounds. We are fortunate to have Chuck and Cynthia on our board for the next two years. Both are hard workers and concerned association members. **BUT, we still need the help of two more.** Think about becoming a board member. We need your name on the list by mid-August. Here is your opportunity to have a say in the direction of your association. The open positions are: President & Secretary. Get me your name by August 15th so I can get it into the newsletter for the September vote.

Four current board members each have one year to go on their term: Tom Bartlett, Kelly Richert, Doris Sojourner and Rick Wyckoff.

YARD OF THE MONTH—OUR FOURTH 2008 WINNER

Chuck & Teresa Weinman - 7936 Gayle Lane

I am amazed—Again and must say THANK YOU !!! The yards in our area are looking SUPER. I do not know if the Yard-Of-The-Month program has anything to do with it, but a hundred bucks as a “Thank You” doesn’t hurt. Chuck and Theresa were exceptionally excited about receiving the \$100 gift certificate to local restaurants. I think they have been diverting money used for food to help pay for mower gas, and their yard showed it. If gas gets much higher, I’ll be mowing with a 1940’s style push mower! Stay tuned for winner number five next month.



LAURA DUNCAN TAKING OVER AT THE POOL

Laura Duncan, daughter of Mike and Gail on Golden Fields will take over our pool manager position when Margaret goes back to school. Laura's responsibilities will be the same and we ask you to give her the same respect and consideration you have given Margaret all summer. When you see her, say HI, introduce yourself and ask her for any help you may need.

As I stated earlier this year, our association is very, very fortunate to have an outstanding group of young adults living here. We can be exceptionally proud of them, and Laura is another shining example of our neighborhood's youth. With youngsters the caliber of Laura and Margaret, we can be confident that our area, and even our country, has a bright future ahead of us. Thank you both for helping us out this summer.

Laura Duncan:



Pool & Clubhouse Looking Good

Margaret Day, our pool manager, has been working hard painting, painting, and painting even more. Perhaps you have noticed how good the tables and chairs all look. All the wood tables, metal tables, and chairs, umbrella stands and the entire fence line have a heavy coat of good quality paint. With a bit of TLC they should stay looking good for many more years. PLUS, Rick Wyckoff has also worked hard fixing tables, umbrella holders, the fence tips and all sorts of little maintenance things that just needed to be done. Thanks Rick and Margaret for your hard work. The area is looking really sharp.

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.

WARNING! WARNING! You NEED to be Warned!

Yes, it is true, many products need some sort of warning or admonition about it's use. But gimme' a break! Find below some actual warning labels on products:

On a Swedish chain saw:

"Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals."

In a US guide to setting up a new computer:

"To avoid condensation forming, allow the boxes to warm up to room temperature before opening." (Problem – the instruction was INSIDE the box.)

On a Korean kitchen knife:

"Warning keep out of children."

On a Taiwanese shampoo:

"Use repeatedly for severe damage."

On a blanket from Taiwan:

"Not to be used as protection from a tornado."

On a Japanese product, called poscoll, used to relieve painful hemorrhoids:

"Lie down on bed and insert poscoll slowly up to the projected portion like a sword-guard into anal duct. While inserting poscoll for approximately 5 minutes, keep quiet."

On a can of insect spray:

"Kills all kinds of insects! Warning: this spray is harmful to bees."

On an ocean buoy for determining the position of submarines:

"Protect form seawater."

Seen on a camera:

"This camera only works when there is film inside."

On a can of windscreen de-icing spray:

"Spray works in sub-zero temperatures."

On a helmet mounted mirror used by US cyclists:

"Remember, objects in the mirror are actually behind you."

On a hotel provided shower cap in a box:

"Fits one head."

On a packet of Sun Maid raisins:

"Why not try tossing over your favorite breakfast cereal?"

Our Apology

In last month's newsletter, the folks who print and mail our last newsletter for free for us, inadvertently left out one page and printed another page twice. The omitted page contained information referenced in the "President's Message" section and made the "message" appear out of context, to say the least.

The folks who print and mail our newsletter sincerely apologize for this omission. For your edification, below is part of the omitted page from last month's newsletter, which is the City of Germantown's response to a complaint by one of our association members.

CITY OF GERMANTOWN REPORT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAX MIXSON

Tracking ID: 20851

Request Type: Illegal use of residential property for business purposes.

Request Location: Golden Fields 1611

Location Details:

Request Date Occurred: 6-13-2008

Request Details: Farmington Meadows Homeowners Association is very upset about the use of this property as an auto repair shop. This has been reported before but nothing has been done. Please monitor this address and you will see what is going on here. Please help.

Status: Closed

Status Details: Updated by Staff 6/16/2008 with resident at 4:00pm I asked if vehicles were being worked on or being repaired. He informed me his is not working a repair shop. All vehicles have current tags and are operational. He did tell me he has changed oil and spark plugs, but does so in the garage. The vehicles belong to him and his children. There was no sign of vehicles being worked on. —Mac Mixson

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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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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our association board consists of 8 association members. When the board has all 8 on it, the board tasks are easier as there are more people to help. Right now, we have 4 board members who have one year left on their term, one board member who will commit to a second two year term and a resident who has volunteered for the next two years—giving us 6 board members for the next term. We have elections every year, but, frankly, it is no contest. There has not been two people who wanted the same position since the 80's, and in the last election there were only 18 people who voted. We need two more people on the board, and if you volunteer—your in.

Here is your chance to work with six other excellent people in shaping the future of our association. Over the last 2 years, your board has done much to improve maintenance of the facilities and reduce both the future workload and cost.

I have been asked to run again, but I made it clear to every board member two years ago that I strongly disagreed with the past deficit spending and financing our future through bank loans. I told them that if we did not get a dues increase to bring us out of the borrowing money situation, I would not run again. However, if things change in the future, and our association is able to eliminate our debt and put us on sound financial footing, I would be happy to run again.

These past two years have been rewarding to your board and myself, and the number of residents who have made positive comments about the work of your board has been extraordinary.

I thank you all for the opportunity.

Bob Metz



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