



MEADOWLARK



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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POOL PARTY DATE—JUNE 7TH FREE FOOD!

- Saturday, June 7th
- Free Food—Noon to 2:00PM
- Party ends at 3:30pm
- Got Dessert? Bring it on and share it. Some of the best desserts **EVER** come from our members.

We will have an activity for the kids and **PLENTY** of food.

YARD OF THE MONTH—OUR SECOND 2008 WINNER

Joe & Karen Ford—1611 Brierbrook

Yes, it happened again, we stuck a sign in their yard and awarded them a \$75 gift certificate to local restaurants. Thanks a bunch Joe & Karen for your hard work, high mower gas cost and high water bills to come—we really appreciate it. Talk about seeing things change, Joe and Karen moved here in 1979 when Brierbrook was a dirt road, mowers didn't have motors and the weed whacker wasn't even invented yet. Their yard looked great, but, once again, I was amazed and proud about how many yards looked REALLY, REALLY good. In fact, our whole area looks as good as I have ever seen it. Thank you all for making our little patch of earth really stand out.

Just a reminder we will be choosing a new winner in the middle of each month through September. Board members are not eligible (yes, there was some whining in the board meeting) and you can only win once in a year.



POOL PERSON HELP HIRED

We had eight young adults from our association apply for the "Pool Helper Position" and I am very proud to say they were all very polite, intelligent, and upstanding teenagers, ALL of whom would have been great at the job. We want to thank all of you for your interest and talking with us about the position.

Unfortunately, we could only hire one person, and that person was Margaret Day, Daughter of Sharon and Russ. Margaret will work through July. Then, we are fortunate that Laura Duncan will take over for the remainder of the year, except the holiday weekend, and service as a back up for Margaret. Laura is the daughter of Mike and Gale. Both young ladies are superior examples of the fine young folks we have in our association. We are all very fortunate.

Margaret and Laura will be working during the week and on the weekends and are available to help our members if so needed. However - THEY ARE NOT LIFEGUARDS! They are there to do maintenance work on our area, keep it clean and attractive, and assist our folks. Margaret and Laura are very outgoing and personable, so please introduce yourself and thank them for helping us out this summer. Meet Margaret below, and in July we will have a picture of Laura.



IMPORTANT POOL RULES

We will have a sign in sheet near the entrance. We are asking everyone to sign in when they use the pool. Your help and support is truly appreciated. Margaret and Laura are not "pool police" but we have given them instructions to ask people to stop what they are doing if they see or hear someone violating our rules. We ask that you respect our young ladies and help them help us keep our pool a fun and family oriented fun spot that our members want to use.

A—ONLY Members, with dues in good standing, and their guests, are allowed to use our pool. Guest limit is 5 per family.

B—Any member allowing someone else to use their card is subject to having their card cancelled for the remainder of the summer.

C—No profanity, obscene conduct, smoking, glass containers, gum, pets, running or sitting or hanging on the rope.

D—Pool hours are 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Our goal is to protect your valuable asset, ensure it is appropriate for our families and make sure it is used only by our members in good standing. Thanks for your help.

My Apologies

Our yard sale was May 10th and I was unable to put out the street signs and advertising the Sale on Saturday morning. I got up early to put them out, but only got as far as the living room couch before I decided that movement and I were not getting along to well. I apologize to all the yard sellers and hope I did not cause anyone a serious problem.

Parking Lot Repaired and Sealed

You will notice the parking lot is really black and the lines really white. We had several sinking spots and cracks that needed repair and it was way past time to reseal it. If future boards can take care of any future sinking areas and cracks when they appear and reseal it on a regular basis, we are told the lot should last another 10—15 years.

September Board Member Elections

We need three people to become board members starting in October. Chuck Blaha, our world famous neuron-scientist (not kidding), has volunteered for another term. Chuck is a hard worker, an avid association supporter and our web master. We are fortunate to have Chuck on our board. Thank you for your continued service Chuck.

Start thinking 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—Director #1. Get met your name by August 15th so I can get it into the newsletter for the September vote.

Just a Few Bits of Beatles Trivia:

- “We don’t like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.”
Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.
- The Beatles, with Pete Best on drums, made the group’s TV debut performing Roy Orbison’s ‘Dream Baby’ on the BBC show ‘Teenagers’ Turn’ in 1962.
- Paul McCartney wrote the song ‘Lovely Rita, Meter Maid’ for the album Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band after getting a parking ticket from a female warden in Abbey Road.
- The Beatles won a contest held by Mersyside Newspaper to see who was the biggest band in Liverpool in 1962. One of the main reasons they won was because they called in posing as different people voting for themselves.
- The Beatles got their name from a line in the movie ‘The Wild Ones’. Lee Marvin’s character said the motorcycle gang wanted Marlon Brando’s character back, even the beetles (he was referring to the women in the gang). They changed the ‘ee’ to ‘ea’ so it was like the musical term ‘beat’.
- ‘Hey Jude’ was written by Paul in his car. Paul was on his way to visit Julian, John Lennon’s son, who was disturbed by his parents’ divorce. Paul wrote this song to cheer him up.
- The Beatles song ‘Dear Prudence’ was written about Mia Farrow’s sister, Prudence, when she wouldn’t come out and play with Mia and the Beatles at a religious retreat in India.
- Paul McCartney’s song ‘Yesterday’, which was voted the most popular song of the century by a BBC poll, had music written before the lyrics. Paul used the working words ‘scrambled eggs’ before coming up with ‘yesterday’ while composing this song.
- The Beatles featured two left handed members, Paul, whom everyone saw holding his Hoffner bass left handed, and Ringo, whose left handedness is at least partially to blame for his ‘original’ drumming style.

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• Cody Sims – Home#737-0082—8028 Sparkling Lake Cv

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•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

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Occasionally, we all hear someone talk about how today's teenagers are worse than those of our era, or how tough our future will be because our teens are so much trouble these days. I am telling you those people are DEAD WRONG! Having had the honor of talking with eight teenagers from our association, I am even more convinced the future is so bright I Gotta wear Shades.

These young adults were intelligent, well spoken, appropriately dressed, outgoing, and most of all, GREAT representatives of our youth. I wish we had the opportunity to hire all of them because it was very, very difficult to make our final decision.

We all should be exceptionally proud that these young folks reside in our area. We are all very fortunate to have teenagers like these represent our association and I want to personally thank them for their interest in helping us out this summer. I appreciate it very much.

Bob Metz



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