



MEADOWLARK



Farmington Meadows Homeowners' Association

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NEW BOARD PRESIDENT—KELLY RICHERT

We have a new Board President—Kelly Richert. Kelly has been on the board for several years and has been elected the President of our board for the next two years. Thank you Kelly for stepping up as our board leader. We appreciate it and Thank You very much.

I just have to do this—SORRY!! - “What’s the difference between a Board President and a Pit Bull?”.

You will find Kelly is very active in our association, works hard to do the right things and will be a very effective and gracious board President. When you see Kelly out and about, tell her thank you for her service and hard work. She certainly deserves it.

YARD OF THE MONTH—OUR Sixth 2008 WINNER

Donna & Doug Wagner - 1574 Bubbling Brook

This is the last one for this year. The Hundred Bucks worth of food and the thirty-dollar sign go into hibernation until next year. Donna and Doug were thankful for the free food, as they had spent a lot of money on grass and shrubbery and it shows.

Thanks Doug and Donna for helping make our neighborhood look extra nice.



New Board Members

We have two NEW Board members—Cynthia Mealer and Sharon Day. Both have lived in our area for a long time and are concerned about our neighborhood and its well-being. We could not have had two better people help us out. Cynthia's husband, Bill, is a past president and Sharon has been a precinct captain for two years. Welcome to the board. We appreciate your service.

Best Dressed & Most Scary Halloween House

Break out your Halloween lights, your scary lawn stuff and your giant pumpkins—it's back—the \$100 gift certificate for the best-dressed and most scary Halloween House. Just prior to Halloween your board will be cruising the neighborhood to determine the winner. Frankly, one of our board members is open to bribes, so a couple of Milky Ways or Peanut Butter Cups out by the curb could turn the vote in your direction.

Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road?

I kept the "News" part short because I just HAD to put this in my last Newsletter!!!

BARACK OBAMA: The chicken crossed the road because it was time for a *change*! The chicken wanted *change*!

JOHN MCCAIN: My friends, that chicken crossed the road because he recognized the need to engage in cooperation and dialogue with all the chickens on the other side of the road.

HILLARY CLINTON: When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure right from Day One that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road. But then, this really isn't about me.

GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

DICK CHENEY: Where's my gun?

COLIN POWELL: Now to the left of the screen, you can clearly see the satellite image of the chicken crossing the road.

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with that chicken. What is your definition of road?

AL GORE: I invented the chicken.

JOHN KERRY: Although I voted to let the chicken cross the road, I am now against it! It was the wrong road to cross, and I was misled about the chicken's intentions. I am not for it now, and will remain against it.

AL SHARPTON: Why are all the chickens white? We need more black chickens.

More About The Chicken

DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on *this* side of the road before it goes after the problem on the *other* side of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his current problems before adding new problems.

OPRAH: Well, I understand that this chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN: We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed access to the other side of the road.

NANCY GRACE: That chicken crossed the road because he's *guilty!* You can see it in his eyes and the way he walks.

PAT BUCHANAN: To steal the job of a decent, hardworking American.

MARTHA STEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No bird gave me any insider information about crossing.

DR. SUESS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die in the rain, alone.

JERRY FALWELL: Because the chicken was gay! Can't you people see the plain truth? That's why they call it the "other side". Yes, my friends, that chicken is gay. And if you eat that chicken, you may become gay, also. I say we boycott all chickens until we sort out this abomination that the liberal media whitewashes with seemingly harmless phrases like "the other side". That chicken should not be crossing the road. It's as plain and as simple as that.

GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why a chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

BARBARA WALTERS: Isn't that interesting? In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart warming story of how it had experienced a serious case of molting, and went on to accomplish its lifelong dream of crossing the road.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

JOHN LENNON: Imagine all the chickens crossing roads together.

BILL GATES: I have just released eChicken 2008, which will not only cross roads, but will integrate with those that lay eggs. Henhouse Explorer is an integral part of eChicken 2008. This new platform is much more stable than previous versions.

ALBERT EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road pass beneath the chicken?

COLONEL SANDERS: Which way did he go?

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

Baby Sitting

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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
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My term is up and this is my last newsletter. I want to thank everyone in our association for their support and help. It has been a super two years for me and I am certain Kelly will be a terrific President and leader.

Some have asked me to be on the board again. However, next year I will be attending 13, possibly even 15, trade shows around the nation and I just do not have the time to participate on the board as an effective member. I do appreciate your inquiries and thank you again for your support.

The dues increase did not pass, but I hope that future boards will consider it again. In my opinion, our neighborhood's most critical long-term concern is the security of our members and their homes. For less than \$60,000, we can video secure our ENTIRE 208 home area making us one of the most secure non-gated areas in Germantown. Crime is on the increase and, unfortunately, our neighborhood is in an area of opportunity for criminals. If you are not concerned about the future security of your family and property, you should be.

Bob Metz

MESSAGE TO OUR PRESIDENT

The neighborhood thanks you for all your time, effort, and obvious concern for it's well being. We hope you consider the board when your trade shows slow down. You have been a great asset to the board and continue to be a great asset to the neighborhood.



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