



MEADOW LAKE ASSOCIATION  
24678 Lake Meadow Drive  
Harrison Twp., MI 48045

April-May 2006

# MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

## AH YES: Spring

Yes we did miss sending out a March, 2006 newsletter, so for those of you who are super organized, and keep all of these in a neat orderly file someplace, March is not going to show up.

Now we have April, with its green grass, early spring flowers, and late spring showers are well underway. Our winter went well, as did the start of spring. And for Baseball fans, we can once more hope that our Tigers will do as well as our Pistons and Red Wings have been doing and start winning as the "voice of the turtle" is once more heard in the land! (aka Ernie Harwell)

## COMMUNITY SPRING CLEANUP!

Terry Entwistle, our Vice President in charge of grounds is planning for a day in May of trash and debris cleanup.

This could be a good chance to get to know your neighbors and visit with those you have not seen all winter.

He would like to do this the first warm Saturday in May. If you want to participate, call Terry Entwistle at 791-2040.

Items to be picked up will be paper trash, tree branches etc. Having a trash free landscape, both in front of our own units as well as in front of our neighbors, benefits us all. Some of our folk are handicapped and unable to do this for themselves, or may be too busy with their jobs to bother, and we could all benefit by a community walk through. Who knows, maybe we will even share a meal or a snack at someone's house, or at a local fast food place (being careful of course, not to leave more trash!!)

## WELCOME: NEW CO-OWNERS:

We have three new co-owners. Angela Maglia, and Gary Mertens, and Robert & Lois Allen. These people have joined our community. We hope that your stay at Meadow Lake is an enjoyable one.

## NO FOOD ZONE

I don't know if this applies to winter or spring, but there was reported to me that someone has been putting bread and scraps of food on the ground.

THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA, as we have many ground animals that will eat this food and be attracted to our complex. Some rodents such as mice and rats are definitely undesirable, and other animals such as rabbits, skunks and squirrels are a nuisance, particularly to folks who have gardens, as they tend to munch on plants and bulbs. Incidentally I have been told that mothballs in your flowerpots may help deter squirrels and rabbits from digging in or munching on your flowers. I haven't tried this yet, but last year on the advice of a garden supply shop owner, I tried blood meal fertilizer and found it did work quite well, and also benefited the plants.

## LARGE ITEM TRASH PROBLEMS

Our trash collection company, Waste Management must be notified at least 24 hours in advance if it is to pick up large items, i.e. furniture, carpeting, or other items that will not fit easily into the regular Friday Morning pick up.

Sometimes the company that brings new appliances will agree to take care of the old item for you without even charging a fee, or for a small fee. Ask when arranging for delivery. That will resolve the problem of having to store items in your garage, or home until a date you pre arrange with the trash company.

If you decide to have your **LARGE** items picked up by our trash removal company, please call Waste Management at least twenty-four hours prior to pickup day. Their phone number is: (586) 791-5458. They may ask you for the account number for our complex. That account number is: 705622 for Meadow Lake Condominiums.



## **ASSOCIATION FEES**

This material is now available on our website [www.mymeadowlake.com](http://www.mymeadowlake.com).

Association Dues not only pay for landscaping and snow removal, but also pay for major repairs as well as maintenance of our buildings, parking lots, and our private road. They pay for trash removal, water and sewage fees, and for insurance for our buildings and grounds. Co owners are advised to purchase their own condominium insurance for items not covered by the association's policy.

Association Dues are payable on the 1st of each month and are considered timely if received by the 5th of the month. Dues received after the 5th are subject to a late fee of \$5.00 per day.

Payments should be made out to Meadow Lake Association and mailed to: Meadow Lake Association, 24678 Lake Meadow Drive, Harrison Twp, MI 48045

Please insure that the correct amount is sent each month.

Ranch (A Units)	\$153
Townhouse (B Units)	\$141
Townhouse (C Units)	\$137
Carriage House (D Units)	\$125

## **SPIDER SPRAYING**

Again this year the Association has contracted for spider spraying. We have found that this spraying has really helped, not only with spiders but also with wasps, hornets and even fish flies.

The spraying will take place May 9th or May 10th, depending on the weather.

Please keep your windows closed during the spraying and for at least three hours afterwards. Be careful also with your pets during and after the spraying.



If you do not wish to have your Unit sprayed, please call Terry Entwistle at 791-2040 and leave a message asking to be placed on the "do not spray" list.

## **GARAGE SALE**

Pauline Nyboer will be heading up a garage sale this year, if there are enough co-owners who want to participate. If you are interested, please call Pauline at 790-2760, and let her know. If we have a good response the date of the sale will be advertised.

## **LANDSCAPING**

Now that the spring/summer season has arrived, the condition of our lawn is noticeable. The Board has received input from co-owners regarding our lawn service company and their inadequacy in keeping the grounds in good condition. We could not agree more.

The Board met on April 24<sup>th</sup> and discussed this matter with our new lawn service, Metro Detroit Landscaping. This new company is taking over our current contract with Kodiak Tree and Lawn Service. Metro Detroit Landscaping is the lawn service utilized by the Detroit Institute of Arts and has been in business for 21 years. We informed them of our dissatisfaction with our current landscaping company. They were receptive and willing to address the problems with lawn condition, bush trimming, weed control, picking up debris, etc. Metro Detroit Landscaping applied the first fertilization for crab grass control on April 15<sup>th</sup>. A second application will be done around May 15<sup>th</sup>. This application will include a herbicide to kill the weeds. In addition, spot spraying for weeds will be done between now and May 15th. In early June, seeding will be done, in the bare spots throughout our complex.

More applications will be made as needed, based upon grass and climate conditions to maintain healthy turf and weed management. Metro Detroit Landscaping informed us that either a supervisor or the owner would be working with the lawn crew whenever they are here. They stated that it may take awhile to improve the lawn condition, but they will do what they can. Watering the lawn will assist in keeping our grounds in good condition. If you have any concerns or questions regarding our grounds, please feel free to contract one of the Board members and we will be happy to address them.

## **Meadow Lake Board Members**

President:	Linda Bieschke	790-3017
Treasurer:	Pauline Nyboer	790-2760
Secretary:	Tracy Marasco	792-6696
Grounds:	Terry Entwistle	791-2040
Maintenance:	Al Goodrich	248/842—6431
Newsletter volunteer:	Mary Seiber	790-4330

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