



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

October 2005

MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

ANNUAL MEETING

The Meadow Lake Association Annual meeting will take place on November 10, 2005 at Rosso Hall at 7:00 pm. Rosso Hall is located at the corner of L'Anse Creuse and Townhall Roads, Northeast of the intersection of Crocker Blvd and Metropolitan Parkway.

Each Co-owner has received – by U.S. Mail – notice of this annual meeting and a ballot to elect new Board of Directors.



It is vital that the Association receives at least 66% of the ballots in order to have a quorum to conduct the business of Meadow Lake. This is why it is **SO IMPORTANT** that you take the time to mark your ballot. Perhaps enclosing

it with your monthly Association Assessment Fee would be convenient for you.

Of course, if you attend the Annual Meeting, you may bring your ballot with you and turn it in then. And we do hope that all of you will attend the Annual Meeting.

This is the time to express your opinions, suggestions and concerns about Meadow Lake. It has also proven to be a good time to meet your neighbors and learn what concerns them.

Critters

Meadow Lake is having a problem with wild animals, Squirrels, cats, and birds. Please do not feed or put out food for squirrels, birds or cats. This food only attracts wild animals into Meadow Lake.

During the summer months, we have been trying to capture moles that are creating havoc in a couple of co-owner units. Putting out bird seed and opening cans of cat food, and leaving them on co-owner porches, attracts wild animals into Meadow Lake. Please watch also that critters are not feeding on your holiday decorations.



LAWN SERVICE?

The Board has received many letters from the co-owners at Meadow Lake regarding their complaints/grievances about the way our landscaping company is mowing our lawn, trimming our bushes & weeding around our complex. Thank you for your letters of concern; it gives us an idea of what needs to be addressed. Since we have received many letters with the same complaints, we decided to address them in our newsletter. Yes, we too, are aware of the many problems that our landscaping company has incurred and are trying to resolve them with the landscaping company. The Board has been having discussions for possible remedies and is working towards a solution. We will keep you informed.

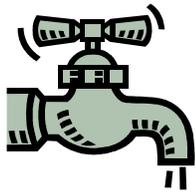
YARD WASTE

Here are the confirmed dates for the yard waste trailer to be parked here at Meadow Lake. They are October 21, 22 & 23.

Because of environmental laws, yard waste cannot be placed curbside for regular trash pickup. Thus, our landscape service provided the special truck and will see that it is disposed of properly. If you have not already cleaned out your flowerbeds, please do so by the weekend of October 21st and place your yard waste in the special truck.

PREPARATION FOR WINTER

Yes, it's that time again. Always comes too quickly, doesn't it???



It's time to clear off porches and patios by November 15th. The snow-clearing service particularly asks that porches be completely cleared so that doormats and flower pots not be in the way of the snow-clearing equipment. As has been suggested the past few years, a good idea is to store your doormat between the storm door and the regular door. That way, the mat is readily available for use – but not in the way.

The only thing that the By-laws allow to be stored on the patio for the winter is gas grills. Everything else must be cleared off.

We also ask that you turn off your outside water faucet (from the inside) by November 15th and store your water hoses and attachments indoors. After turning the valve off, please verify that all water is cleared so that there is no freezing during the coming months. If a pipe freezes and bursts, repair costs are the financial responsibility of that Co-owner. Two Board members will walk through after November 15th to be certain that these requests have been completed. If not, offenders will receive a written notice to please comply.

Leaving the screens up could lead to pitting damage to the glass windowpanes due to harsh weather.

COLD WEATHER TIPS

With news reports of increasing natural gas prices, and possibly electrical bills too, common sense measures can be taken to reduce leakage of heat, and thus save some money. One thing that



most of us in two story units have discovered is that valves in the ductwork in the basement can be changed so that most of the air is directed to the lower levels in the winter (heat rises naturally) and to the upper levels in the summer.

Another thing is to be sure that your storm window is secure in your outside door. Weather stripping can be placed around windows on the inside. Set your

thermostat a little lower than you did last year, and use alternative measures to keep warm, i.e. blankets or warmer clothing.

Make use of solar heat by directing the sunlight inside on sunny days, and closing blinds or curtains at night. Then of course, we all have that little voice in our heads from our youth. “Turn off the lights when not in use”. I also have heard that putting your cell phone and other rechargers on a power strip with a switch that can be turned off when you are not charging something will save electricity. Hopefully all the threatened rate increases will not occur, but saving money on energy is always in season.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

586-791-5458 Waste Management Company

(Call them before leaving large items out for pick up. Meadow Lake account number is 705-622.



(586) 469-5151 Macomb County Sheriff Department Dispatch. Operator. (For non-emergencies only)

And of course 911 for life and property threatening emergencies for fire, police or ambulance. Be ready to give address and directions to the operator, especially if using a cell phone.

Meadow Lake Board Members

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Treasurer:	Pauline Nyboer	790-2760
Secretary:	Tracy Marasco	792-6696
VP/Grounds:	Terry Entwistle	791-2040
VP/Maintenance:	Alan Goodrich	248/842-6431(cell)
Newsletter volunteer:	Mary Seiber	790-4330

Please remember that these phone numbers are only to be used for EMERGENCIES.