



MEADOW LAKE ASSOCIATION
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MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

WINTER

Now that January is upon us, the days will start getting longer, and the temperatures should eventually get to be less severe. I always look forward to the end of January because that is when we in Michigan really begin to see the difference in temperature, as well as sunlight.



But although we have already had our January Thaw, (in late December) we may get lucky this year and not have the below zero temps that have traditionally come in January. We no doubt have not seen the last of the snows by a long sight. So if there is a significant snow that needs to be removed please keep in mind the snow removal guidelines mentioned in the December Newsletter.

1. Streets will be plowed first, then Parking lots
2. If you park in the parking lot, then it is advised that vehicles be moved to the street, as soon as the street has been plowed.
3. After the streets are plowed, the parking lots, sidewalks and porches are cleared.
4. This process may be repeated, should we have a really heavy snowstorm.

Update on Summer Landscape Problems

This summer we had a lot of weeds and crabgrass on our lawns. We thought perhaps our lawn service was to blame. The Association spoke with two other landscaping companies and was informed that 2005 was the year for weeds. It seems that when the rain came, it came in short spurts, and there were a lot of high temperatures. Because of this type of weather, the rain never watered down to the roots of the soil. Other condominium complexes were also faced with the same problem. Leave it to Mother Nature.

GARBAGE AGAIN!

I think that I am getting paranoid about this topic. Last week, in the darkness of night, I actually opened up one of my sealed bags and attempted to move stuff (yech!) from a heavy bag to another one of my not so heavy bags, so that the guys in the morning might not reject my overly zealously stuffed and heavy bag. I am so glad that I have gloves and good antibacterial cleaners. Anyway, at least they did take all of my bags the next day.



The following was a recent experience of our board president.

It appears, at times, that some "pieces" of garbage are not picked up. I know because I put a torn car mat out on garbage day, and it was not picked up, perhaps because I didn't bag it. If there is an item that you put out on garbage day, and it was not picked up, please pick up your item, bag it and put it out on the next garbage day. There have been a few co-owners and members of the Board who have been attentive in picking up other people's garbage and holding it until next garbage day. We all know what items we've put out on garbage day, and if it is not picked up, please clear it from the lawn. I don't know about you, but it's not fun picking up other people's garbage and keeping it until next week. Thanks to all who have been gracious in clearing any leftover garbage or unwanted items from our complex.



Christmas Season was beautiful here, with many outdoor lights and decorations. Now as we are putting these away, we dream of spring, and look forward to the joys of these last months of crisp weather that mean the spring will be coming while not right away, at least within a few months.

New Association Fee Rates

With the beginning of the New Year we had our first month with the new association fees. Since we had extra room in this month's newsletter, I thought maybe a repeat might be welcomed, so here are the new fee rates for our units. As stated before, these raises are necessary as our buildings get older and need more repairs and prices for everything, including water and contracted services go up.

A unit \$ 153.00
B unit \$ 141.00
C unit \$ 137.00
D unit \$ 125.00

DE-ICER

De-icer is available to all Co-owners to use on your porch and sidewalk.

If you would like de-icer, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and put it in the plastic bag hanging on the doorknob of Terry Entwistle's unit 24619 Lake Meadow.

HUMIDITY

If signs of condensation are showing inside of your windows on either the second or first floor, you may want to lower the setting on your furnace or indoor humidifier. It was pointed out to me that since we share some of our interior walls, that the factory suggested setting on these appliances might be too high for our units. The telltale sign is moisture collecting on your windowsills, or fogging up the window glass. If you have a health problem that requires extra humidity at night, it may be useful to purchase a small room humidifier for use in the sleeping area.

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

President:	Linda Bieschke	790-3017
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.

WEB address: www.mymeadowlake.com

REQUEST FOR DE-ICER

YES, I would like de-icer for my porch and sidewalk.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____