



MEADOW LAKE ASSOCIATION
24678 Lake Meadow Drive
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MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

GARAGE/YARD SALE:

So far four people have responded to the garage sale article. We need a few more to actually hold one. The board is looking at the middle of July to host the sale. If we do hold one it will be our third such event. Our first one was held in garages with balloons and signs on the mailboxes to direct traffic. The second one was held on our front lawn instead of in the garages, due to the removal of the mailboxes. This made it easier for potential buyers to park and walk our street looking at items. There were many participants, and we had a nice day visiting with one another and selling treasures (sometimes to each other!) This will probably be a Saturday, one day event. If anyone else is interested in participating in a Meadow Lake Garage/Yard Sale, please contact Pauline Nyboer @ 790-2760.



Special thanks to Sue Moss, Debra Verwee and Mary Seiber for helping Terry Entwistle in the clean up day May 13th. Also thanks to Pauline

Nyboer and Debra Verwee for providing food and refreshments for the volunteers and the rest of the MLA Board members after they finished their annual spring walk through.

Although there were some pretty obnoxious items that made us glad we had gloves on, we were pleasantly surprised to find not that much waste paper or bottles left on the grounds. This could only be because a number of co-owners have been diligent in picking up leftover items from garbage day, and things that blow across the area adjacent to their doors. Thank you to all who do this and to those who greeted us cheerily on that cold Saturday when we were picking up.

WATERING...



I learned a new word this week. "Bibb". It's what I always called the outdoor faucet handle. It also is called a flange, or a valve. Whatever you call it, it is something we want you to use this summer. ***We want our***

co-owners to water their lawns! About two hours every other day is enough, unless of course, it rains. We preach about it every summer. Without water our grass looks shabby, and affects the mood of all who come through out property, including everyone reading this letter. I think it also effects the ant population. I have found that ants love to dig up dry yards, a lot more than wet ones. Some of us are very dedicated lawn waterers; others for health reasons of vacations don't seem to manage as well. Most of these folks know whom they are and have made an arrangement with a neighbor or friend to help them. If you cannot water due to health or other reasons, please let someone know. Often folk have suggested a sprinkling system be installed, but each time we have investigated this it has been cost prohibitive, requiring digging under cement etc. One advantage that we do have is that all outside faucets except for those on the D units were long ago connected to special meters that do not include sewage fees when they are billed, so water from these faucets is not as costly as household water is.

We would like to ask our co-owners to be mindful, to monitor the amount of water, which hits the cement. Sometimes, all it takes is a turn of the hose bibb, to adjust the water flow. We want the water to hit the grass almost all the time. If you notice that our lawn company has put down fertilizer, watering afterward will dissolve the granules and the lawn will be safe again for pets and children once the water dries. So again, one more reason to water.

Of course if it rains, then there is no problem, but why wait for the rain.

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.

SUMMER EMERGENCIES

Our nearest Emergency Room Hospital is about a mile away at St. John's North Shore Hospital or Ballard Road just off Jefferson. While this hospital is small and looks old fashioned they can diagnose and provide quick emergency treatment for minor emergencies. I was reminded of this recently when my 39 year old niece was overcome with heat exhaustion while helping her sixty something Aunt with her gardening. The next closest hospital is Mt. Clemens General. This is a larger, full service hospital, located about three miles from Meadow Lake on Harrington east of Groesbeck.

I had cut out the hospital page out of an old phone book and had it posted in my personal desk area, so I don't have to look up numbers under duress. It works. St. John North Shores Hospital 586-465-5501; Mt. Clemens General: 586-493-8000. That page also lists St. Josephs on 19 Mile Road as well as all of the St. John Hospitals in our area.

Fortunately with the help of the Internet and a brief call to the North Shores Hospital, We were able to handle the heat exhaustion situation on our own, but should I have needed quick assistance to get her hydrated, the nearness of North Shores Hospital was comforting.

A word to the wise and I am wiser myself as a result of this experience. When working in the sun or heat drink plenty of water. If you have people helping you, provide them with cold refreshing water and be sure that they drink it. Heat exhaustion is no picnic, and can result if life threatening conditions.

UNSIGNED LETTERS



It is Board policy to ignore and throw out any letters received that are not signed. If you have a legitimate issue to address to the board, please be sure to sign your letter. If you recently wrote an anonymous letter, please have the courage to re address your issue, and sign it this time. Anonymous written letters are not dealt with, just thrown away

SIMPLE MAINTENANCE YOU SHOULD DO

June is usually the month when the cottonwood trees share their "fuzz" with us. This "cotton" can damage your air conditioner outside your Unit, so please take a few minutes and clean it all off. A simple hosing will do this. The same applies to lawn clipping, and other debris, but the cottonwood is by far the stickiest stuff that **MUST** be removed! If owner negligence causes the unit to fail, the Association will not be responsible for replacement.

CURRENT LANDSCAPING PROJECTS

1. If you park your car and leave it for periods of time without moving it, would you, on the days that the lawn service is here, move it 18" back from the edge of the parking lot, so that it clears the grass. When our landscaping company use their weed whipper's, they will not go around the cars that are parked close to the grass. The result is that the grass does not get cut, and it looks sloppy.

2. Our bushes will be trimmed on **June 17, 2006**. If you do not want to have your bushes trimmed, please put a "**Do Not Trim**" note on your porch or bushes stating this, so that the landscapers can see this and not trim them.

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

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