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# MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

## **WORTH REPEATING...**

*This item was in the newsletter a few years ago  
but it is worth repeating.*

Do you leave the door unlocked between your kitchen and your garage?

Because we have electronic garage door openers, it is possible for thieves to open your garage door by searching different combinations on their own garage door openers – thus gaining entry to your garage.

If your inside door is unlocked, it gives the potential thieves access to your home, your belongings and your safety. Also, if you leave your car outside with a garage opener conveniently fastened to your sun visor or dashboard, a thief could break into your car and using the opener, gain entrance to the garage. We are glad that we have a feeling of security around our complex, but it does not hurt to be a little cautious.

Some co-owners are still leaving their monthly association dues in a bag on Treasurer's door to save the postage; however, they are doing so at their own risk. If their check gets lost or stolen that is the responsibility of the co-owner and not the Association. You will probably have to pay a stop payment fee because you will have to issue the Association another check for your dues. The best way to pay is by mail. U. S. Mail.

## **WHAT, WHO, WHEN, HOW**

If you have a concern about your unit or a situation in the common area, or in another co-owner's unit, what do you do? First of all, think "timing". If this is something that needs immediate attention, contact the board member whose area is involved, If for example it is a snow problem, say a sidewalk was missed; you would call Terry's number because he is in charge of

grounds. If it is something that does not need immediate attention, you could add a note in the same envelope as your monthly dues, and we will address it at the next meeting. Maintenance requests can be handled this way, or even addressed through the web page, if you like doing things online. If the problem is a neighbor's unknowing breaking of the rules, and you feel comfortable with that neighbor, of course you could contact the neighbor yourself, but if you don't think that will work you can report that violation in writing and let the board address it. Hopefully nothing requiring police attention will be needed but if so, please feel free to make a phone call to the sheriff, or call 911. Know that you may have to make out a police report.

## **WWW.MYMEADOWLAKE.COM**

Thanks to former board member Alan Goodrich, Meadow Lake Association has a handy website where folk who have internet access can go to find quick access to important Meadow Lake Documents such as Meadow Lake Master Deed and By Laws, Amendments to By Laws, Air Conditioner Replacement Policy, Gas Grill Policy, Sump Pump Failure procedure, and Satellite Dish Policy, as well as copies of previous newsletters from over the years. These are important documents, which you may need. If you are one of the unfortunate ones, who has lost your copy of the master deed that you should have received when you purchased your unit, this is a place you can go to check things out if you have a question. While not a legal replacement for the printed master deed, it will help you to find information about the complicated business of living in a condominium community.

Other items include Maintenance Request forms and a list of board members responsible for different

service areas, a listing of services provided through your association dues, a statement of what these dues are, although this needs to be updated to include the 2007 increase, and information you may need if you are in the process of selling your unit.

Some information on this site is provided in PDF format requiring the use of the free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you don't have this it can be downloaded from the site.

## **SPRING FORWARD**

### **On March 11th**

*Starting in 2007, daylight time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.*



*On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time. These dates were established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. no. 109-58, 119 Stat 594 (2005).*

*Not all places observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it. Indiana adopted its use beginning in 2006.*

- In 2006, daylight time began on April 2 and ended on October 29.
- In 2007, daylight time begins on March 11 and ends on November 4. *[New law goes into effect.]*
- In 2008, daylight time begins on March 9 and ends on November 2.

Previously we did not observe these clock changes until April through October. I know that it will be hard to get used to this happening just when we are relishing the earlier sunrises, but it's what we have to live with. The compensation is a later sunset

## **“Spring Walk Through” Coming in Near Future**

Soon it will be time for the Meadow Lake Association Board of Directors to make their annual “Spring Walk Through.” This team effort allows us to examine each building for damage that may have

occurred over the winter, and to make arrangements for repair.

While we carefully look over the exterior of each building, some things that need attention could be missed. If you know of anything at your Unit or your building that needs fixing such as: downspouts, window repair, brick damage, caulking, etc., please mail the association a note. That will be a tremendous help in keeping Meadow Lake structurally sound and visually attractive.

## **ICE AND SNOW**

Now, that we have had two snow/ice storms, we are wondering if we will ever see spring come in. We will. At least it has always shown up in the past. In the meantime, I know several of us noticed that our snow removal team was late in removing the snow from in front of the mailboxes the first time they cleaned. Terry Entwistle has talked to the landscaping company and they will be sure to get this important area the next time we have a snow.

When the snow melts, check your downspout. If something (Usually ice) is blocking water from flowing through it, see if a light tapping with perhaps a wooden broomstick shakes the blockage through. The reason you want your downspout to drain water is to keep ice jams from forming further up. I know from personal experience the damage an ice jam can do to a roof.

If whatever you try on the ground fails to drain the water, please don't hesitate to call a board member, especially if you think a pileup of snow and ice is forming in a dangerous way on your roof. Under no circumstances do we recommend co-owners climbing up or doing anything else that would endanger you or your neighbors.

## **Meadow Lake Board Members**

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