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MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR



IN YOUR EASTER BONNET With all the SNOW upon it!

Hasn't this been a strange year for weather? I heard on WJR this morning that the temperature on Christmas Day 2006 was higher by far than the expected temperature for Easter Sunday. Then I hear that the following week is not to be much better. My Crocuses came up and smiled, only to get frozen two days later. Yet, they say nobody is out buying down jackets, and I still plan to wear a springy looking outfit under my woolen coat on Sunday.

So far there are two items unique to this newsletter. One is a proposed Garage/Yard Sale for this summer. The other is upcoming spider spraying, which we have found provides many benefits beyond lowering the spider population around our homes.

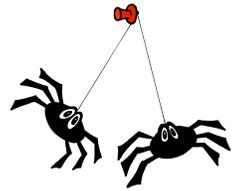
GARAGE SALE

Terry Entwistle is planning for a garage sale in May. If there are co-owners who want to participate they should call Terry at 791-2040 and express their interest. This will more than likely be a porch or yard sale. A few years ago after the new mailboxes were set up, we held this event as a yard sale with folk setting up tables along the roadway. It was a fun time to visit with neighbors as well as more attractive to people from the community to drive through than having the sale in our garages.

Last year we attempted this, but there was not enough interested. The sale will be for one day only, on May 5th, the first Saturday In May, unless it rains, in which case we will have it on May 12th. Please let Terry know if you wish to participate.

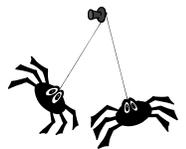
SPIDER SPRAYING.

Again this year the Association has contracted for spider spraying. In previous years this has really helped, not only with spiders but also with wasps, hornets and even fish flies. I wonder if it has had any impact on the fact that the ants have stayed away from my kitchen this year too?



We will only be spraying in the spring this year rather than twice, as in the past. The company we have hired guarantees that one spraying will be sufficient.

The spraying will take place May 22nd or May 23rd, depending on the weather. Be sure to keep your windows closed if you are leaving home for any reason during this week. If you do leave your windows open while you are at home, keep an eye out for the truck, so you can close them in time. Last year, I went for a walk, thinking that because I had not received a note saying they were spraying on a particular day that I was safe. When I returned from my walk the guys were just setting up to spray, and the trucks had not even been there when I left. I was able to get upstairs and close the windows just in time.



Of course you will want to be careful that your pets do not get exposed to the areas that are being sprayed. You will also want to watch small children very carefully during these few days too. If you are concerned, please call to place your unit on the DO NOT SPRAY list.

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.

“SPRING WALK THROUGH”

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.

CLOG-FREE DRAINS*



If you’ve got problem sinks, showers and bathtubs with drains that are always backing up, there are easy ways to keep your drains clog-free.

What you need is a half-cup each of baking soda, and white vinegar. When you anticipate the drain won’t be in use, dump the baking soda down the drain, add the vinegar and let this concoction sit and foam for a half hour. Then pour at least a gallon of hot tap water in after it. Allow this to sit for six to eight hours.

If your drain is not running as free as you would like, repeat this every other day or so. After finding success all you need do is repeat this every month or two. Caution: Since we have plastic rather than metal drainpipes, do NOT use boiling water.

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

CLEANING STAINED CONCRETE*

If your concrete driveway, or garage floor looks like an Indy-500 pit stop, here’s a cleaning recipe for you.

First, soak up the grease with cat litter. I would guess the cheapest gravel cat litter would work just fine. Cover the area with a generous amount and grind it in with the soles of your shoes. Sweep it up and properly dispose of the soiled material. Next, saturate the area with a cola beverage, working it into the concrete with a stiff bristle broom but not allowing it to dry. Once the cola has stopped fizzing, flush the area with clean, fresh water.

Whiten the gray stain that remains with a solution of one cup of powdered laundry detergent and one cup of liquid chlorine bleach in one gallon of very hot water. Finish the job with a final rinse.

If your vehicle is leaving spots on the driveway, try this solution to keep our cement looking good.

*Both of the above hints were taken from “In and Around the House” by James and Morris Carey, a syndicated column in the Macomb Daily from March 29, 2007, and contributed by our VP/Grounds.

FOR SAFETY: WATCH YOUR SPEED!

We have a low speed limit in our complex for a reason. Many of our residents enjoy walking, and we have short driveways with limited maneuver space for cars. There are also some children who live here as well as pets that are walked, hopefully on leashes. It is not always easy to watch for cars, let alone people, kids, or pets. It is down right scary if someone decides that our speed limit should be thirty five mph or higher. Please exercise caution and slow down until you get to the end of the drive. I think this means that your newsletter editor, has to watch out for her lead foot as well. I will try. You all try too. *Remind your guests, too.* Thanks.

IN SYMPATHY

Meadow Lake Association extends its Sympathy to the family of John Gerowski of Meadow Lake Condominiums, who passed away on Easter morning, April 8, 2007

