



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

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MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

GARDENING NOTES

Thank you to all of the co-owners who are diligently watering the lawn. And thank you also to those ambitious folk who are bringing beauty to our complex with their flowers and pots on porches. Thanks, too, to Pauline Nyboer who is responsible for the two urns that greet us each time we enter our complex. Spring and summer blooms bring cheer to any neighborhood.



One or two hours of watering every other day is sufficient. Watch that the water is not going too much into the street. D units have a problem with this since the spigot on the porch is metered at a higher rate than the other spigots. We encourage D unit owners to befriend their neighbors in the A or C Units and ask if they may use their faucet. If you do use a neighbor's hose, treat it with care and replace it as you found it. When working in the sun or heat, drink plenty of water. Dehydration is no picnic.

BAGGING PLANT WASTE

If you want your plant waste to be picked up by our landscaping company, please use PAPER bags. *If*

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you use plastic bags, do not be surprised if the Landscaping crew does not pick them up. Paper bags MUST be used.

Save the plastic bags for your garbage. For gardening waste, heavy-duty paper landscaping bags can be purchased from grocery or garden supply stores. The landfills in which our yard waste is deposited require paper rather than plastic bags. Paper garden waste bags should be placed under the meters by the D Unit garage, close to the day that the landscapers come.

HANDY PERSONS AND ODD JOBS

Pauline Nyboer has recommended the following person as a handy man. Brent Spiro is his name and his phone number is 586-790-8393. According to his flyer he does plumbing, carpentry, electrical as well as gardening chores. I do not know if he is licensed.

A Co-owner has asked that we remind folk to clean out their dryer vents. Check the back of the dryer and as far up the vent line as you can get. Also check where it comes outside, if you are in a unit with a basement. Handy brush kits for this procedure may be purchased from Target and other stores. Perhaps this is something that a handy person could do for you if you are unable to do so. This should probably be done at least once a year. More often than that if you do a lot of laundry. **Serious fires can result from lint if it gets too hot.**

HELP NEEDED

Please call Mary Seiber at 790-4330 if you can volunteer to help distribute our newsletter in a timely manner each month. Leave a message if you get the machine including how I can reach you. Thanks!

BARKING DOGS!

We recently had a complaint about an incessantly barking dog. If you own a dog that barks too much, please stay with your dog outside so he/she does not disturb your neighbors. According to our Bylaws, Section VI, Article 5, states: "... any animal shall have such care and restraint so as not to be obnoxious or offensive on account of noise, odor or unsanitary conditions. No animal may be permitted to run loose at any time upon the Common Elements, and any animal shall at all times be attended by some responsible person while on the Common Elements." This includes picking up after your animal as a common courtesy. I smile when I see a dog walker with a bag or pooper-scooper.



BEWARE OF SCAM ARTISTS.

One of our residents was recently the victim of a scam involving interior painting. This person has been working the area under the name of Mike Williams. Eric Williams, possibly a relative, was sentenced to 30 months in jail on May 15th for working this same scam in other condo complexes in Macomb County. Mike Williams tried this on one of our co-owners after Eric was jailed.

Regardless of the name, **DO NOT GIVE MONEY** or a check or credit card information to anyone whom you do not know, no matter how competent they may appear. Both of these young men appeared to be reliable, and knowledgeable about home improvement. They have deceived a number of pretty smart people in the county. Don't let yourself be one of them. Soliciting, going door to door, is forbidden in our complex. If anyone comes to your door please inform him or her of this rule and politely ask him or her to leave. If you suspect a scam, call the Macomb County Sheriff's office and report it.

A scammer may *even* represent himself as being approved by the association. That is easy to say, but also easy for you to verify. IF IN DOUBT, call someone or write a letter if there is time. DO NOT give money to or trust a stranger.

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



CONGRATULATIONS



To two new married couples in our Meadow Lake Community. The Estradas and the Entwistles. There must be a love bug loose. Watch out Single People, you could be next!

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 most sticky stuff that MUST be removed! If owner negligence causes the unit to fail, the Association will not be responsible for replacement.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Sue Bolger has offered to fill the remainder of the term for the secretary position on our Board. Long time secretary Kay Shaw is helping her learn the ropes of this vital position. Thank you Sue, and Kay.

Meadow Lake Board Members

President:	Linda Bieschke	790-3017
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Please remember that these phone numbers are only to be used for EMERGENCIES. Write a letter when you can. It is easier to work with and documents your issue. Maintenance can be handled quickly if you have Internet access, through the web. Otherwise write a letter. Thanks.

WEB address: www.mymeadowlake.com