



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

July / August 2007

MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

KEEPING COOL!

Your air conditioning unit will work better if you keep the outside unit clear of dust, dirt, and plant debris. This can be done simply with your garden hose and a nozzle, or possibly with a brush or broom. My air conditioner service person prefers the hose and water method. Also, if your furnace filter needs to be changed, change it. That will also help with the functioning of the air conditioner.

Other hints:

- Keep furniture and other items from blocking your registers.
- If you have a two-story unit, you can find shut off valves in your ductwork in the basement. Remember: Cold air travels downward, so you will want to leave all vents on the top floor open in the summer, but you may wish to close some of the downstairs vents to see if it makes a difference in your unit. Once you get it to where you are comfortable, don't forget to reverse the process when it gets cold outside. Heat rises.
- Use fans, to circulate the air in the room. This works in both the winter as well as the summer. I don't have a ceiling fan so I use a quiet floor fan in my living room, slanted toward the ceiling in the dining room.
- This circulates the cold air both from the stairway, and the living room vents so it circulates throughout the downstairs area.
- Keep hydrated! This includes drinking at least eight glasses of water daily. Water is the preferable beverage. You can also run cold water over your arms if you become overheated. Some folk use a damp washcloth on the back of their neck and on the forehead to keep cool.



CONTACTING THE ASSOCIATION

While there are several ways of doing this, the MOST EFFECTIVE is to *Write a letter!!!*

Requests/complaints are brought before the board at our monthly meetings.

Unless, something is urgent, this is how it is handled. When the secretary receives the mail, she sorts it and passes the letter on to the appropriate person or persons to address it. If it is maintenance, it goes to Bob Butts. If it has something to do with grounds, it goes to Terry. All others get routed to the president, treasurer or are kept by the secretary.

If the letter is a request by a co-owner to add something around their unit to improve their grounds area, or a request for new windows or something of that nature, the Board has to come together to approve that request. Most of the time we do that on a monthly basis at our board meetings. While this might not be quick enough for some people, we do the best we can.

Emergency requests are handled immediately by the co-owner calling us.

Our board generally meets the 3rd Monday of every month; so if a co-owner wants a response to their non-emergency request/complaint addressed sooner, mail it in around that time.

The Board cannot address every letter that's mailed to us on a daily basis especially if it's a request where the board needs to approve it because there are 5 members on the board and all 5 need the opportunity to vote on a matter.

Please Keep in Mind.

If you have maintenance issues and Internet access, you may access our web site, at mymeadowlake.com. and file your request there.

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.

Meadow Lake Board Members

President:	Linda Bieschke	790-3017
Treasurer:	Pauline Nyboer	790-2760
Secretary	Sue Bolger	292-5797
VP/Grounds:	Terry Entwistle	791-2040
VP/Maintenance:	Bob Butts	791-9833
Newsletter volunteer:	Mary Seiber	790-4330

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

DID YOU KNOW?

That the bylaws that affect how we all live and breathe at Meadow Lake are readily available online at www.mymeadowlake.com?

That according to the bylaws, your dog or cat must be no larger than 30 pounds?

Our annual meeting is the first week of November. In September the board will be mailing to all co-owners "Candidacy Forms" for anyone who wants to run for the Board this year. There are 3 positions on the Board that are up for re-election. A term is for 2 years. The candidates will be elected at our annual meeting in November."

MORE TRASH TALKING

We still have some co-owners who are using garbage bags that are too thin. These are usually the white kitchen type bags. We also still have raccoons, blackbirds, and other critters that check out garbage out at night and rip open these thinner bags. This causes a big mess, and someone ends up picking up the residue. This is not a pleasant way to treat your neighbors. If you run out of the thick bags, perhaps if you got up early in the morning to put out the thinner bag, the critters won't have so much opportunity to mess things up. It is best to secure your garbage in a thick bag and tie it tightly so Rocky Raccoon and his buddies don't make a picnic on our lawns.

Five Raccoons were seen going through the trash at the end of the street by the court area last month. They tore open only the thin white bags.

THANK YOU

- To those who called to volunteer to help distribute this newsletter. Hopefully we will get a system worked out for this monthly.
- To all who have kept our complex beautiful by watering the lawns, and caring for the beautiful colorful flowers we see everywhere, even in the hot dry season we just experienced.
- To all of those who day after day, smile, wave, drive safely, and in general make Meadow Lake a great place to live.
- To our board members who manage to keep this complex running in an orderly, well maintained manner.
- To Alan Goodrich, who while no longer a board member, still maintains our website.
- To all those others who help from time to time, either on community projects, or just help their neighbors out when they need it.

Have a Great Summer!