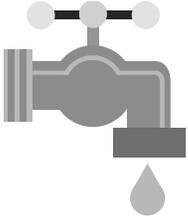


MEADOW LAKE ASSOCIATION  
24678 Lake Meadow Drive  
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# MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR



## WATER BILLS

One of the advantages of living in a condo is that some things like water bills in our case are paid by the group of co owners rather than by individuals. Unfortunately one of our buildings had a really high water bill recently. While I am sure that co owners in that building have already been notified and are diligently checking to see if anything in their unit is at fault, it presents a good time for each of us to check our faucets, and toilets to see if there are leaks we are not aware of. Sometimes a handyperson can fix these with a washer, and sometimes a plumber is needed. We all suffer when bills are excessive. One easy way to check a toilet is to drop food coloring into the tank and check every half hour or so to see if the water in the bowl becomes the color of the food coloring. If it does, there is a problem. Check for a worn flapper in the tank first, but keep after it until the unit passes the color test.

## MYSTERY PICTURES

Found: Wrapped in an old Hudson's Bag a few years ago by a lady who walks though our complex, several photo studio type photographs. They were taken by the Craines photo studio in Detroit and are mostly black and white or sepia toned. There are five smaller photos of a toddler along with a communion photo of a small child. There are also two graduation style photos of lovely young ladies, possibly sisters, both with long chestnut brown hair done in somewhat of a long pageboy style, possibly from the 1940's or early 50's.

If you think you may know who is the owner of these mystery photos please contact Margaret Zacharski (791-2477) or myself (Mary Seiber 790-4330) Hopefully the photos can be returned to their rightful owner.

## FALL CLEANUP

**OCTOBER 19-21 Weekend**

Autumn is officially here. Thank you to all of you who did such a splendid job of keeping things green and beautiful around Meadow Lake. We have all enjoyed the beautiful displays other co-owners have maintained. Believe me, those of us who don't garden much anymore, certainly appreciate all of the work that you folk have done that we get to enjoy.

Now it is time for us to think about the winter. We want all garden spaces to be cleaned off before the snow flies.

For your convenience, our landscaping company, Emerald Green will have a truck on our street on the weekend of October 19, 20 & 21st for weeds, flowers, and other yard waste. It is requested that we use brown paper bags of the type sold in hardware or grocery stores for this purpose. You may also use other types of brown paper bags, or simply dump the plant only residue into the truck. NO PLASTIC, EITHER BAGS or FLOWER CONTAINERS will be accepted by the landfill. If anyone who knows me wants a big bag, I just purchased five for \$3.19 plus tax at Kroger's today. I won't need that many. I figure with tax that's 65 cents/bag. (M. Seiber)



## RANCH UNIT FOR SALE

Please contact Karen Everett, the daughter of John Gerowski, the previous owner of this unit which is located at the front of our complex. Karen's number is 586-412-8421.

## 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](http://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](http://www.mymeadowlake.com)? Thanks to Alan Goodrich for maintaining this easy to use site.



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Meadow Lake Association Annual meeting will Monday, November 19, 2007. at Rosso Hall at 7:00 pm. Rosso Hall is located at the corner of L'Anse Creuse and Townhall Roads, Northeast of the intersection of Crocker Blvd and Metropolitan Parkway. 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."

We have not yet had any response to our appeal for people to run for the board. If you can be tough and professional as well as understanding and kind, this is a great opportunity not only to be involved in decisions being made that effect your investment in your home and neighborhood, but it is also a chance to get to know your neighbors for many years to come. As a former board member I can attest to the fact that my time on the board has been of value even after my term had ended. Someone out there may have the ideas to make things run even better than they are. Being on the board is your chance to do this. Please consider being a candidate.

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Thanks to Terry Entwistle for maintaining contact with our landscapers and other contracted companies as we transition from summer to fall and winter. Also for all of the behind the scenes and incidental jobs he has done for folk that go above and beyond the call of duty. Terry, you are a great neighbor to have here at Lake Meadow.

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### MORE on Dripping Faucets:

We got the following from a chart that our sister complex, Meadow Creek had in their newsletter about leaking faucets.

- A slow drip wastes 12 gallons of water a day and would fill a 15' x 8' x 5' pool in a year
- A fast drip wastes 20 gallons a day and would fill a 20' x 10' x 5' pool in a year
- A small stream wastes 70 gallons a day and would fill a 45' x 15' x 5' pool in a year.

The pool measurements are for reference only.