

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

Jan. - Feb. 2008

MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

Please let us know if you don't get a newsletter. We can always run more off. It looks like the box by the mailboxes is working, as long as the snowplows don't knock them over. Thanks to Al and Terry for implementing this convenience.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS & ELECTIONS

Since I was one of the seniors who did not get an absentee ballot, or an application in the mail for one for the January 15th election, I did some investigating and this is what I found. Harrison Township had previously sent applications to all voters over 60 years of age, and if they filled them out and returned them they would get an absentee ballot. A wonderful timesaving method for some, a necessity for others. Unfortunately a legal action in Wayne County last year has expanded to affect us all, and it has disrupted the process. My phone call to the Township clerk's office enabled me to get on a "permanent" list. A friend commented that being over sixty seemed to be a pretty permanent condition, and of course she IS right, but apparently you have to be placed on the permanent list.

At the Harrison Twp. Board meeting on February 26, 2008, it was decided to send out the absentee ballot applications to all registered voters who are sixty or older before the next election. On these ballots will be a check box, where you can request to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list. Whether you vote or not, return the form with the box checked, unless you KNOW that you are already on this permanent list. The Township clerk will also be sending information to those registered voters who are under sixty offering them information on how they can receive an absentee voter application, should they qualify.

If you are not registered to vote you may do so at the Township Clerk's office or at the Secretary of State's office. You can also fill out the forms online

REMINDER: Renting or Leasing

Co-Owners are reminded that if contemplating the rent or lease of your unit, you must first notify the Association at least 10 days prior to entering into such agreement. Please refer to Section 13, Article VI (Restrictions) of your By-laws for additional information. It is important that the Association is kept informed of new residents and accurate contact information for all residents.



PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL

When it snows, it is imperative that all residents park their vehicles in the street AFTER the street has been plowed and salted. This is important so that the parking lots can then get fully plowed and salted. Then, there will be plenty of parking spaces available to all residents who are entitled to their own spots in parking lots. All residents are also reminded that we are all entitled to two (2) parking places on the premises, one is your garage and the other is your assigned spot designated by A, B, C or D.

If you have more than two (2) vehicles, which is not the case with most Meadow Lake residents, it is your responsibility to make different arrangements for your third vehicle. Also, try to be careful to stay within your assigned parking lines in parking lot. We realize that sometimes it can be a little more difficult during a fresh snow but we do have to be considerate of our neighbors that also need their parking space too. Thanks for your consideration.

ASSOCIATION FEES AS OF JANUARY

As stated in the annual meeting new rates are:

A Units: \$165/ B Units \$151/

C Units \$148/ D Units \$135

Increased maintenance expenses as our units age are the main reason for this increase. If you have not read your annual letter, you may have money coming to you IF you replaced an air conditioner or windows in the past few years.

SAFETY CONCERNS

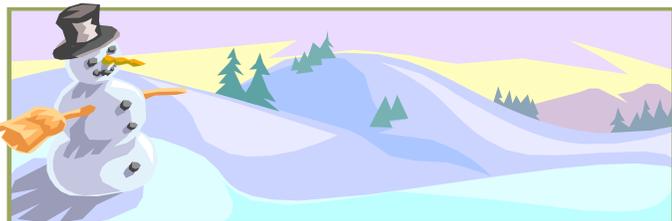
It is a very good idea to have a working smoke alarm if not two in strategic places in your unit. A Carbon Monoxide alarm is also a good thing to have. We found out recently that these alarms are strong enough to detect smoke and fumes that may travel from unit to unit, so having one not only will protect you but your neighbors as well.

A recent article in the newspaper (Detroit News?) stated the fires are more frequent in the winter and can come from many sources including unattended space heaters. It's a scary thought, but its reassuring to own a detector that can make enough noise to detect a problem, whether of your own making or from other sources.

If you are one who likes to back into your garage and you have a CO1 detector, be sure your inside door is closed so the fumes from your car do not set it off!

THANKS TO ALL

Who have been patient with this winter weather. To those who move their vehicles to the street or garage, so we can get a good clearing of our parking lots. Personally, I am losing patience with winter. C'mon Spring, lets get with it. Forget the Ground hog's shadow! Enough is enough.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

1-800-796-9696 Waste Management Company
Please note this is a NEW number.

(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: Alan Goodrich 248/842-6431(cell)

Treasurer: Pauline Nyboer 790-2760

Secretary Sue Bolger 292-5797

VP/Grounds: Terry Entwistle 791-2040

VP/Maintenance: Robert 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 please document by writing a letter. Thanks.

WEB address: www.mymeadowlake.com

REQUEST FOR DE-ICER

YES, I would like de-icer for my porch and sidewalk.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE: _____

FILL OUT AND PLACE IN BAG ON DOOR OF 24619
Terry Entwistle VP/Grounds