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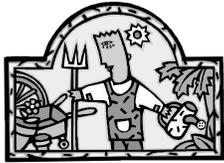
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MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

SPRING THINGS

I've seen the yellow and purple crocuses, and the blades of tulips coming out of the ground and perhaps by the time this letter reaches your hands, more actual blooms will be showing in our complex. Time and again folk have commented on how pretty our complex looks with flowers, trees and green grass. Often this was a deciding point for them to move here, although I am sure many other factors are involved. Our landscaping gives us a feeling of spaciousness although we really do live closely with our neighbors, and hopefully peacefully as well. One often wonders why we need rules. Well it is because of that closeness, and the peaceful living experience we came here to enjoy. That is why we ask you to drive slowly, and not have more vehicles parked outside than the space can allow. It's why we hire landscapers, and why the trash should not be put out until evening. Spring gives everyone a sense of well being after a long hard and dark winter. I often think that many resolutions supposedly made at New Years are often followed through once the weather is warmer. It's a time for greeting our neighbors as they work in their yards, or walk our streets. Welcome spring with all that it promises. Life is good here at Meadow Lake. Get out and enjoy it.



YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED

Many outdoor faucets were missing Backflow Preventers. We have recently installed new ones where they were missing. This is a drinking water safety precaution and is required by Harrison Township. Please do not remove these devices. Should you have one that appears to be malfunctioning, please send in a maintenance request.

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, or if you have access to a computer, let us know via our website indicated below. That will be a big help in keeping Meadow Lake structurally sound and visually attractive.

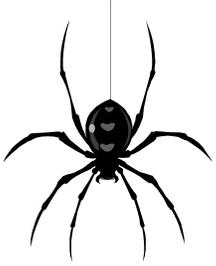
FEEDING ANIMALS

PLEASE do not put out food for strays or wild animals. We realize some folks are trying to do a kindness for our various critters but feeding squirrels, skunks, birds, mice, etc. only makes for a bigger problem for all of us especially since the far end of our complex is right on top of a "mini-woods". Recently, one of our residents had a problem with skunk odor permeating their home and felt it was in part due to neighbors putting food out for the animals. Please don't encourage the animals to roam around our buildings.



Squirrels can cause problems with wiring if they get into attics, and food left on the ground attracts mice, rats, and other undesirables.

SPIDER SPRAYING.



Spider Control Inc. will once again be treating the outside of our buildings this year. Scheduled dates are Wednesday May 7, 2008 with an alternate of Thursday May 8, 2009 should the weather or wind prevent the May 7th spraying.

Be sure that your windows and doors are closed; cover your BBQ grills, and patio furniture. Keep children and pets inside until the application has completely dried, which usually takes about an hour. Also remove items from your balcony railings.

If you have any questions or if you want to opt out for health reasons please call Terry Entwistle at 791-2040.

GETTING THINGS DONE

When maintenance or landscaping service is needed around our complex, the Board has discussed the idea of making some jobs available to co-owners that have the applicable skills and are interested in making additional money.



When available, these opportunities would be posted in one of our curb boxes along with contact information.

Meadow Lake Board Members

President:	Alan Goodrich	(248)842-6431
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Please remember that these phone numbers are for EMERGENCIES only. Please send an email, note, or letter for non-emergencies. Written communication documents your issue and is easier to work with. Thanks.

WEB address: www.mymeadowlake.com

SQUEAKY GARAGE DOORS?

If your garage door is squeaking, it is safe to use WD-40 on the hinges. Do not get this oily substance on the tracks, or on the chains, but it is OK to oil the many hinges on either edge of the door. I did mine in mid winter and discovered that it reduced the noise quite a bit. I missed the bottommost hinge and when it rounds the curve at the top of the opening that is when it squeals the most. Once it is warm I plan to hit this one with oil and hope to have a much quieter door as a result.

My guess is that the hinges will last longer too. From what I have read it is safe to clean the dust off the tracks with a clean dry rag and to oil the hinges, but it is not advised to get anything not intended for garage doors on the tracks. It's amazing what a little oil and TLC will do. There are products out there specifically for garage door maintenance. Follow directions when using these products.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:



1-800-796-9696 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.*

