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# MEADOW LAKE ADVISOR

## YOUR DUES AT WORK

You may have noticed someone working on all of our outdoor security lights. Some lights had exposed wiring and others were no longer securely attached to the building. Each light was inspected and repairs were made as needed.

Above and beyond all of the regular expenses of insurance, Lawn and Snow care (Always a big one!) and water bills for 72 units all of which are contracted items covered in your annual report, these improvements or repairs were paid for recently.

\$93.00	New Bushes and Grass Seed
337.00	Plumbing Repairs
\$2,052	Security Lighting updated

## SUDDENLY SUMMER!

The beautiful touches of reds, and pinks and lavenders and some yellows are appearing gradually on our porches and in our yards. Some of us had to do a quick run around a couple of weeks ago due to predicted frost, but now the summer is here. Well not officially, but as I type this it is almost ninety degrees outside and whatever gardening gets done is done with an eye on the heat and not becoming dehydrated. We look forward to a beautiful and relaxing June, July and August. Thank you all of you who put forth such an effort to keep our complex colorful and beautiful through the growing season. As you water, and use the outside hoses please let D unit owners use your water supply if they ask. The faucet on the D unit porches is metered at the same rate as indoor water unlike the other outdoor faucets which are metered at a much lower rate.



## BUSH AND SHRUB TRIMMING

VP in charge of Grounds has informed us that Trimming of bushes and shrubs will be happening soon. If you do not wish to have your bushes trimmed because you prefer to do this work yourself, you will want to put out signs around your bushes immediately to inform the crews of this.

Four new large bushes have been planted at the spillway end of our property, to add to the natural beauty that surrounds us here at Meadow Lake. Also, thanks to Terry, Pauline and others who have worked on the flowers and landscaping at the front of our property.

## AUTO SAFETY

Recently, one of our co-owners came out to head for work in the morning and found that her car was gone. It had been stolen sometime in the late evening or early morning. Residents are encouraged to give thought to the security of their car making sure to keep it locked whenever it's parked outside. If you have an alarm, make sure to use it. If you don't have an alarm, you may want to consider having an alarm installed, or using a club type device to lock the steering wheel. ALSO, do not leave garage door opener controls in a visible place in a car kept outside your garage. If they can break into your car, they can use the remote to break into your garage as well.

Persons, who stop their cars at the mailboxes, should not leave car doors open on the street side. Someone driving by may not be alert and could hit the door.

## DRYER VENT CLEANING

A recent article in UCOM, a journal for Michigan Condominium owners and associations stresses the dangers of clogged dryer vents. Many fires have started because the built up dust and lint in vents catches fire. These fires are dangerous and often cause costly damage to homes and lives. It is imperative that we keep our dryer vents clean.

Since I managed to misplace my UCOM magazine I went online and found this information from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

*Many of us do not have the physical ability to do everything listed in this article. It may be necessary to hire a handy person to do some of the work. A recommended handyman, Brent, lives in Meadow Creek, a neighboring complex. His number is 790-8393. Sue Bolger and others have used his services and recommend his work. He will give free estimates.*

CPSC Document # 5022, June 2003 says in part:

### Overheated Clothes Dryers Can Cause Fires

To help prevent fires :

1. Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct is blocked.

2. Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically. Check the outside dryer vent while the dryer is operating to make sure exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent or the exhaust duct may be blocked. To remove a blockage in the exhaust path, it may be necessary to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Remember to reconnect the ducting to the dryer and outside vent before using the dryer again. Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up.

Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter.

Have a qualified dryer service person clean the interior of the dryer chassis periodically to minimize the amount of lint accumulation.

3. Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, which provides maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil type duct can more easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.

4. Take special care when drying clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents, or finishing oils and stains. If possible, wash the clothing more than once to minimize the amount of volatile chemicals on the clothes and, preferably, hang the clothes to dry. If using a dryer, use the lowest heat setting and a drying cycle that has a cool-down period at the end of the cycle. Perhaps you could avoid using a dryer at all for items thus soiled. Remember, oily rags combust.

### 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.*

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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 Requests can also be handled quickly at [www.mymeadowlake.com](http://www.mymeadowlake.com) if you have Internet access. Thanks!*