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# 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 change the flow of air so that cold air travels to the upstairs where it can filter down in the summer, and reverse the flow in the winter so the hot air is in the downstairs rooms and filters upward. Most units have valves in the basement that can change the flow
- Use fans, to circulate the air in the room. This works in both the winter as well as the summer.

## AT & T WORK

In case you noticed all the work being done by the AT & T trucks the first weeks of August, there was a problem that made it necessary for them to dig up our cement in order to access lines where they have a right of way. They will assume responsibility for the replacement of cement and other damages. In the past when this particular utility has had to do work on our grounds, they have done a commendable job of restoring the grounds that they had to damage.

Thank you to all residents in that area who had to move their vehicles or were otherwise inconvenienced by the work being done.

## HANDRAILS

We have some information about porch Handrails for those of you who may be interested. Bill Atkinson of Kimeron Contractors, a longtime contractor here at Meadow Lake has installed handrails at other sites and is interested in providing that service for us. As we have several different front entrances with some having more steps than others you will need to telephone him at 586-790-5660 in order for him to stop by and give you an estimate. He can also provide you with information about a nearby street that you can drive through should you want to see what the rails look like. This installation would be at co-owners expense and is expected to start at approximately \$350.00. Please call Bill directly for further information or to obtain an estimate.

I have called Bill, and found that the railings he is planning are wrought iron and will be secured at the porch as well as the sidewalk level. While not totally supportive they can give assistance for those of us who would feel more secure with a railing. Since a handrail addition will be at the co owner's initiative, maintenance, including painting will be the co owner's responsibility as well.

## PLEASE REMEMBER

When replacing plumbing fixtures, do not use plastic tubing to connect the fixture to the water supply. Use copper or braided stainless tubing which has a much higher burst rating and is readily available in various sizes from local home improvement and hardware stores. The cost is minimal and greatly reduces the chance of a broken pipe. Co-owners with upper floor washers (typically D units) should use similar water supply line hoses for connecting their washer to the water supply.

## A HAPPY ENDING

Recently, a co-owner has shared with us her experience when needing her furnace serviced. We're told that she first called a popular local heating and air conditioning contractor. After checking out the furnace, she was informed that there were cracks in the furnace and her entire system would need replacement at a cost of \$7000. Somewhat taken back by that report, she decided to get a second opinion and called for service from the same company that is used at her work (Accu-Temp Heating and Cooling, 586-776-2065). It ended up that the furnace did not need replacement and was repaired for \$150.

Morale of the story. Sometimes a second opinion lends perspective on a problem.



## CONSIDER SERVING ON THE BOARD

The Meadow Lake Association Annual meeting will this fall. Date and place are yet to be confirmed. There are 2 positions on the Board that will be up for re-election. A term is for 2 years. The candidates will be elected at our annual meeting in November."

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. Only voting co-owners are eligible for office.

We are a self-managed corporation, and thus are able to save excessive costs that hiring a management company would incur. Board members have much responsibility, but also contribute much to our life here at MLA.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

To all who have planted and cared for flowers, and used your creative skills in gardening to make Meadow Lake a beautiful place this year.



Newcomers still comment on the natural beauty of our surroundings, and while our board members and landscapers are diligent in keeping an eye on things, you who add beauty with your colorful spots of flowers here and there are much appreciated. It shows that you care. Thank you.

### 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.*

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