

The Meadow Lark

A Monthly Publication by and for the Residents of The Meadows, a Family Condominium Community



OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

**Saturday, April 18
2:00 pm**

Come to the clubhouse and enjoy some ice cream with us! You won't be able to miss us; we'll be the one's outside with lots of ice cream and fixings. We'll have several flavors, toppings, sprinkles, cones and cups.

Parents, bring your children! Children, bring your parents! Bring your neighbors! Lets take this opportunity to meet and greet our community, and kick our Spring off to a roaring start.

Hope to see you there!!



Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, April 2 and 16, 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse. Residents and Co-Owners are encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted online and at the Clubhouse on the Tuesday before the meeting. Minutes available upon request at The Meadows office and online at mymeadows.net.

Women's Self Defense Clinic: Saturday, April 4, 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

Social & Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, April 6, 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

Security Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

Pool Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse.

Looking forward...

Pool Passes:
Saturday, May 9, 9-11 am
Wednesday, May 20, 6-8 pm

In This Issue!
New Procedures for Pool Passes and Registration Form

Meadows Office
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Phone: 703-830-4464 • Fax: 703-815-0755
E-Mail: meadowsoffice@verizon.net • Website: mymeadows.net

24-Hour EMERGENCY ONLY
Service First: 1-800-309-4709

Towing
Battlefield Towing: 703-378-0059

Security
703-628-9481

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703-368-0500
Call for special pick up, Thursdays only

The Meadow Lark is published each month exclusively for the benefit of the residents and owners of The Meadows. It is the official publication of the Council of Co-Owners and is under the purview of the Board of Directors. News items, personal ads, and such are welcomed and should be placed in the large mailbox in front of the Clubhouse. The deadline is the 20th of each month. Personal ads must be 25 words or less, on 8½x11-inch paper. Include your name, Meadows address, and telephone number. The Meadows does not endorse any advertisers.

EDITORS
Dick and Lydia Miller

Classified Ads

Ads must be resubmitted, in writing, each month. Email your ad to meadowsoffice@verizon.net

CARPET INSTALLER – 20 years experience. Free estimates. Repair, restretch, water damaged areas. One room up to 20 yards is \$75. Call 703-815-2549.

Busy Month for the Meadows Standing Committees!

These committees are holding meetings this month at the Clubhouse on Strasburg Drive.

Social and Recreation Committee: Monday, April 6, 7 pm

Security Committee: Tuesday, April 14, 7pm. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Pool Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 pm

As always, residents and Co-Owners are invited to attend any committee meeting.

Council of Co-Owners
The Meadows
6100 Strasburg Drive
Centreville, VA 20121

THE MEADOWS VISITOR PARKING PASS

PERMIT IS INVALID IF ALL INFORMATION IS NOT CLEARLY PROVIDED!

DATES (14-DAY LIMIT) _____ to _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ LICENSE # _____ STATE _____

I AM A VISITOR AT _____

Please observe reserved parking • Speed Limit – 15 mph
This pass must be visible and displayed on dash of car at all times.
This pass is automatically void if user is a Meadows resident!

This pass can be copied or additional copies can be obtained from the Meadows Office. You may also access copies at the Meadows Website at www.mymeadows.net under ONLINE FORMS. Please see the bottom of the pass for the regulations in the use of this permit.

PAID AD

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The President's Corner

Spring is here!! The grass is greener, the flowers are blooming; and our new landscape contractor has already started trimming back. Our landscape committee is looking into new plantings. Look forward to seeing a better cared for Meadows. We are also starting the painting and rail repair cycle on Golden Oak, and are preparing to have brickwork done in that area as well.

So, as we prepare to keep our neighborhood up, we need your help. Sometimes trash and recycling blows away before it can be picked up. If you see trash on our grounds, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Please dispose of cigarette butts properly. Don't put your trash out until 5pm the day before pickup. When walking your dog, please pick up after your pet. All these things help improve our community, and keep the Meadows a pleasant place to live.

Check out the calendar for upcoming events: Committee Meetings, Ladies Self-Defense Class, Ice Cream Social (my personal favorite), and lots more.

~ Joy C. Foshier

Board of Directors Motions

At the March 5 Meeting:

- Passed a motion to authorize spending \$306 for the swim team's league dues.
- Passed a motion to approve an Architectural Review Form (ARF) for lattice on a balcony.
- Passed a motion to approve proposals costing \$5569 by Katchmark Construction for roof repairs.
- Passed a motion to grant an appeal to approve placement of a bench on the Common Elements.
- Passed a motion to write off prebankruptcy debt of \$4391 for a collection case.
- Passed a motion to hire a person for the vacant maintenance position.

At the March 19 Meeting:

- Passed a motion to accept a bid of \$1609 for three large holly bushes from Merrifield Garden Center.
- Passed motions to accept bids from HLS of \$1207 for nine shrubs to be planted around the pool and \$3850 to replace approximately 450 feet of landscape timbers.
- Passed motions to approve ARFs for two satellite dishes, an existing fence, a condensate line repair and a new front door unit.
- Passed a motion to deny installation of a ventfree gas fireplace.

- Passed a motion to accept a bid from Katchmark Construction of \$1380 for repairs to four roofs.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid from Culbertson of \$5280 for damaged brick replacement.
- Passed a motion to accept bids from Middledorf of \$70,690 for exterior painting and \$7840 for power washing of the fronts of all buildings on Golden Oak.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid from Reliable Rail of \$2700 for railing repairs.
- Passed a motion to accept a waterproofing bid from Doyle Remodeling of \$8900.
- Passed motions to accept bids from Commercial Concrete totaling \$57,740 for sidewalk and step corner repairs.
- Passed a motion to deny placement of a trampoline on a rear patio.
- Passed a motion to deny a towing reimbursement request.
- Passed a motion to not charge for a dog violation but warn of a \$50 charge for future violations.
- Passed a motion to deny a request to waive violation fees.
- Passed motions to accept the attorney's recommendations on two delinquency cases.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

Important Pool Pass Information for New and Renewal Passes

It's hard to believe, but pool season is right around the corner! We are pleased to announce that we have made some changes to simplify the process for issuing renewal pool passes. If in the past you received a pool pass with your photo on it, you will not need to come to the Management Office or a pool pass session to get your 2009 pool pass. Simply complete the enclosed Pool Registration form (also available on-line at www.mymeadows.net) and return it to the Management Office by mail, email, fax or hand delivery. For after-hours convenience you can also leave the form in the council mailbox located in front of the Clubhouse. Provided your account is in good standing, once we have received your completed registration form your pool passes will be updated, re-printed and either mailed to you or left at your front door. Keep in mind that it will take several days for your passes to reach you once the registration is received, so plan ahead to ensure you are able to enjoy the pools as the pools open. Only the 2009 pool passes will be accepted by pool staff.

For new residents or those who have not had a photo pool pass before, you will need to attend one of the pool pass sessions at the Clubhouse in order to have your photo taken and pool pass issued. The dates and times of these sessions are included on the front page of this issue. If you are a new resident you will need to be sure that a copy of your settlement sheet or lease agreement is on file with the office. If not, please bring the document with you to the pool pass session. If you are not sure, feel free to contact the Management Office to find out if we have your documents already on file. You will also need photo identification and completed Pool Registration Form (enclosed in this issue). Be sure to attend one of these sessions as you must have a 2009 pool pass to enter the pools.

It is important for new and existing residents to remember that your account must be in good standing in order to receive a new or renewal pool pass. Tenants should check with their Landlord to confirm account status as The Meadows is unable to discuss accounting information with Tenants under any circumstances.

We hope the changes to the renewal process will reduce the lines and wait time and create a convenience for our returning pool patrons. As always, if you have any questions please contact the Management Office.

Fire Regulations

- Kerosene, or any fuel heaters, are forbidden by Meadows regulations.
- Residents should not store combustibles in furnace rooms. It is a serious fire hazard and is against County and Meadows regulations.
- Smoke detectors are required on *each level* of homes in The Meadows.
- Residents should maintain a fire extinguisher in their units. It should be rated at least 2A:10BC.



Security Totals

January 15 – February 14, 2009

Vehicles Ticketed: 16
Vehicles Towed: 10

Calls for service and/or situations involving or requiring security assistance, by street:

Avocado Court: 0
Cool Oak Lane: 1
Golden Oak Court/Road: 6
Rustling Leaves Lane: 4
Saguaro Place: 4
Saint Germain Drive: 7
Strasburg Drive: 11
Turin Lane: 4

Calls referred to police/fire/rescue: 9

A/C UNITS

If you replace your A/C unit, you must install it inside your utility room.

NO EXTERIOR UNITS ARE ALLOWED

Bits & Pieces

■ Spring Planting

Spring is fast approaching and many residents are planning on putting in flowers and other plants. Before planting, please check the 'Meadows Rules and Regulations'. If you have any questions, please contact the Meadows Office. The contact information is on the back of this issue.

■ Air Conditioners

Now is the time to have your air conditioning unit cleaned and checked to insure safe and efficient operation during the hot months to come. Many firms offer specials on AC check-ups and cleaning during the spring. If you replace your AC unit, you must install it inside your utility room. You must submit an ARF Form for approval. These are on-line or pick one up from The Meadows Office. No exterior units are allowed. This work must be done by a licensed and insured provider.

■ The Meadow Lark On-line

The Meadow Lark will be available on-line on our website www.mymeadows.net beginning in July. It will longer will be delivered to your front door beginning this July. More to come.

■ Lost & Found

In the Meadows Office, 703-830-4464.

■ Website: mymeadows.net

Pool Pass Dates

The dates for pool passes for those who do not have a photo pass from 2008:

Saturday, May 9, 9–11 AM

Wednesday, May 20, 6–8 PM

Those with 2008 photo passes should send their completed Pool Registration form to the office and their passes will be updated, reprinted and delivered to them.

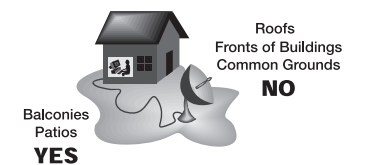
Home Improvement Series

Ceiling and Attic Fans

The lack of good ventilation seems to be a problem in many Meadows homes. Ceiling fans have helped to remedy this. Many Co-Owners have installed these in the kitchens, den/dining rooms and bedrooms.

Attic fans help to move the heated attic air during the hot summer months. This helps to cut down on air conditioning needs and also helps to keep the upstairs more comfortable on the warmer evenings when the use of air conditioning is not really warranted. *Pre-approval is needed.* You must submit a Meadows ARF Form. Forms are available on line at mymeadows.net or from The Meadows Management Office. Please allow time for this process. Remember that any installation must be done by a licensed and insured contractor.

Satellite Dishes in The Meadows



Women's Self-Defense Clinic

Saturday, April 4 • 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse

A self-defense class for women will be presented at The Meadows by the National Security Alliance and US Security Solutions, Inc. The class is free of charge to female Meadows residents age 15 and above. Due to the nature of the program it is asked that children under 15 and males of any age not attend this class. Dress comfortably (as you normally would).

For more information and to sign up as class space is limited, please contact The Meadows Office at 703-830-4464.

Remodeling?

Any desired changes to the exterior or interior of your unit must be submitted on an ARF or Request for Interior Alteration form to the Board of Directors for approval PRIOR to the change being done.

