

The Meadow Lark

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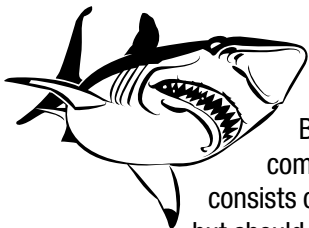
Further Review Needed

Proposed Parking Changes

First of all, the Board would like to thank all of the residents who took the time to submit comments on the proposed changes to our parking rules as well as those who came to the Board meeting. The response was overwhelming, and it was good to see so many people take an interest in something that is happening in our community.

Some of the comments were positive, while quite a few expressed concern over several issues, most notably elimination of the third parking sticker and the number of guest passes allowed, and to a lesser extent requiring a Meadows address on licenses and registrations and only allowing a vehicle to occupy the same space for 7 continuous days. The Board recognizes that these are important issues, and as a result will be giving the proposed rules another look, and some changes will be made.

Once these changes have been made, they will be posted on the website and be available in the office, and residents will be given another opportunity to review them and make comments. The Board apologizes for giving such a short period for the last review, this time more time will be afforded.



Swim Team News

By now the swim team will be practicing getting ready for the coming season. We have a *new* coaching staff this year, which consists of Glenn deGuzman and another coach who is still being sought but should be in place soon if not already. Glenn comes to us with a great deal of previous experience, and is looking forward to working with your children trying to refine their strokes and extend their endurance. It is important to attend the practices, as with any sport, the more you do the activity the better you get at it. Practices will be in the evening, Monday through Friday, from 6:00 until 7:00 PM until school gets out.

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Swim Team Fundraisers

The swim team will be holding two fundraisers at nearby shopping centers. The first one is Baskin and Robbins Night, on Tuesday, June 8 from 6 to 8 PM. The second one is at Tropical Smoothie on Tuesday June 22 from 4 to 8 PM. Both of these businesses have agreed to donate a percentage of their sales to the swim team, all you have to do is tell them that you are there to support our swim team when you make your purchase.

SWIM TEAM CAR WASH

Sunday, June 6
Noon to 4 PM

Shell Gas Station
Colonnade Shopping Center
(near Outback)

June

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, June 3 & 17, 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.

Swim Team Parents Committee: Monday June 7, 7:00 PM

Pool Committee: Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30 PM

Social and Recreation Committee: Monday, June 14 at 7:00 PM

Residents and Co-Owners are welcomed and encouraged to attend any committee meeting. All meetings are held in the Clubhouse.



Pool Hours:

May 29 – June 23

Monday–Thursday 4 PM – 8 PM
Friday 4 PM – 9 PM
Saturday 11 AM – 9 PM
Sunday 11 AM – 8 PM

June 24 (*last day of school*)

Thursday 4 PM – 9 PM

June 26 – September 6

Monday–Thursday 11 PM – 8 PM
Friday & Saturday 11 PM – 9 PM
Sunday 11 AM – 8 PM

Holidays

Independence Day 11 PM – 6 PM
Labor Day 11 AM – 8 PM

The President's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who presented their thoughts and concerns regarding the new parking rules both to the office and at the Board Meeting. It is refreshing to see so much interest in our neighborhood, and we received a great deal of good feedback. We have done another review of those rules, and will have them out to the residents soon for a second review. We want to do what works for everyone in our community; please remember that there are only 1.6 parking spaces per unit.

The pools are open, and the swim team is gearing up. If your children are interested and have not signed up yet, check the calendar for meetings/signup opportunities.

Lastly, please do not leave food on the common grounds for our wildlife. I can assure you that the squirrels and bunnies are well fed. Besides being against the rules, food left out also attracts other "wildlife", such as rats, raccoons and the like. Please be sure to make use of the trash cans in our common areas.

~ Joy C. Foshier

Board of Directors Motions

- Passed motions to approve four Architectural Review Forms (ARF) and one Interior Alteration Request.
- Passed a motion to purchase gift cards for the maintenance staff.
- Passed a motion to approve the draft of the parking rule changes.
- Passed a motion to purchase a \$50 gift card for the Meadows Outstanding Student.
- Passed a motion to purchase two new grills for the pool area out of reserve funds.
- Passed a motion to approve a parking request.
- Passed a motion to accept a payoff amount for a delinquent account.
- Passed a motion to reduce a violations charge to the \$50 administrative fee.
- Passed a motion to deny a request to modify a previous decision regarding a satellite dish.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid from HLS of \$2970 for landscape timber replacement.
- Passed a motion to defer making changes to the rules related to pets.
- Passed a motion to deny a request for a visiting dog.
- Passed a motion to make some changes to the proposed parking rules and then seek additional public comment.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid from PSI of \$8750 for restriping and asphalt repairs.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid from HLS of \$1603 for four landscape improvement projects.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid of \$1192 from Katchmark Construction for roof repairs.
- Passed a motion to ban weapons in the office, clubhouse and pool areas.
- Passed a motion to hold only one Board meeting a month during July, August and September.
- Passed a motion to hire a swim team coach.
- Passed a motion to write off pre-petition debt and report post-petition debt to the credit bureaus and close the account of a delinquent former Co-owner.

At the May 20 Meeting:

- Passed motions to approve four ARFs and one Interior Alteration Request, and deny one ARF.
- Passed a motion to spend approximately \$15 on plantings for the main entrance.
- Passed a motion to approve installation of an exterior HVAC unit.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

Security Totals

April 16 – May 15, 2010

Vehicles Ticketed: 22

Vehicles Towed: 2

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

Avocado Court: 3

Cool Oak Lane: 13

Golden Oak Court/Road: 13

Rustling Leaves Lane: 7

Saguaro Place: 6

Saint Germain Drive: 5

Strasburg Drive: 12

Turin Lane: 5

Calls referred to FCPD/FCFD: 8

Summer Board Meetings

Due to busy summer schedules and the fact that there is generally not as much community business during the summer, The Meadows Board of Directors will conduct only one meeting a month during the months of July, August and September. Those meetings will be on July 15, August 19 and September 16.



Fire Safety

- 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.
- Residents should not store combustibles in furnace rooms. It is a serious fire hazard and is against County and Meadows regulations.
- Kerosene, or any fuel heaters, are forbidden by Meadows regulations.

Glory Days Receipts

The Herndon Swim League (of which The Meadows Sharks Swim Team are a member) is in partnership with Glory Days Restaurant. During the months of June and July the league will receive 10% of total sales on copies of receipts submitted to their marketing department.

The Sharks are helping with this project, and you can also help. Anyone in the community can turn in Glory Days receipts which are dated in either June or July. Please make sure it is not the credit card receipt which cannot be accepted, but the regular receipt provided by the restaurant. You can ask your server for an extra copy of your receipt.

You can turn in these receipts to one of the swim team representatives or place them in the black Council mailbox located in front of the clubhouse in an envelope marked for the swim team. Thanks to anyone who can help out with this project.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Held



Sully Crime Prevention Officer PFC Brett Katinsky presented a Neighborhood Watch update on May 16 in the Clubhouse for

our residents. He addressed concerns expressed by the residents about crime in The Meadows. Information was provided on how to report suspicious or unusual activity and potential crimes to the police, such as the recent catalytic converter thefts and DIPS (drunk in public) issue specific to this neighborhood. Attendees were also informed about the free Fairfax County Police Department services available such as how to properly mark your personal property or obtain a free home-safety inspection. Additional information is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police.

Swim Team, from page 1

The team will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts starting June 4, and orders can actually be taken through Wednesday, June 9. Doughnut delivery will then be done on Saturday, June 12 at 9 AM. Thanks in advance to all those who will be selling doughnuts for the team, and those in the community who will be purchasing the doughnuts.

Three other fundraisers are coming up that the community is invited to participate in. The first is a car wash. Is your car dirty? The swim team will be holding a car wash at the Shell station in the Colonnade Shopping Center on Sunday, June 6 from Noon until 4 PM. Bring your car up and get it cleaned by our swimmers! Then there is a Baskin Robbins night, on Tuesday, June 8 from 6-8 PM. A percentage of all sales during that time will go to our swim team. Finally, Tropical Smoothie will also be donating a percentage of sales to the team on Tuesday, June 22 from 4 to 8 PM.

The first meet of the season will be held at home on Saturday, June 19. We will be swimming against Foxfield. Our next meet will also be at home, on Saturday, June 26 against Four Seasons. Come out to see the Sharks in action!

Here is the schedule for the first part of the season:

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, June 1	Practice Starts	6:00–7:00 PM
Friday, June 4	Donut Sale Starts	
Sunday, June 6	Car Wash	12:00–4:00 PM
Monday, June 8	Baskin Robbins Fundraiser	6:00–8:00 PM
Wednesday, June 9	Donut Orders Due	
Saturday, June 12	Donut Delivery	9:00 AM
Saturday, June 19	Meet vs. Foxfield*	8:30 AM
Tuesday, June 22	Tropical Smoothie Fundraiser	4:00–8:00 PM
Saturday, June 26	Meet vs. Four Seasons*	8:30 AM
Wednesday, June 30	Meet @ Bradley Farm**	4:30 PM

** Away Meet * Home Meet

Curfew in Effect

In 1997, in an effort to protect our children, and to curb loitering and vandalism as well as to prevent more serious crimes, the Board of Directors enacted a curfew for minors under the age of 18. Our Property Manager has received complaints from residents about youngsters being out late at night and making a lot of noise already this spring. We wanted to be sure that everyone knows about this resolution.

The curfew policy resolution states that persons under the age of 18 cannot remain in or on the common elements between the hours of midnight Friday to 6 AM Saturday, between midnight to 6 AM Sunday, or between 10 PM and 6 AM of the following day on any other day of the week. This is extended to 11 PM when school is not in session.

Exceptions are made when the young person is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or person 21 years of age or older who has responsibility for the custody of the minor; or if he or she is on an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian without stopping or detouring; engaged in employment, school or church activity; or in a bona fide emergency.

Consequences of violations of the curfew rule and loitering ultimately are the responsibility of the parents. If your child is a continual, flagrant violator of the curfew, it is the parent who will have to answer for any further actions, such as a covenant violation hearing or assessment of charges against Co-owners for violations committed by the Co-owner, their family, tenants, guests or invitees.

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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 making the change.

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