

# The Meadow Lark

August 2011

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

## Meadows Outstanding Student



The 2011 Meadows Outstanding Student is Sedona Boren, who was a sixth grader at Centre Ridge Elementary School this past year. Sedona who is 12 has lived in The Meadows for the past four years and has two siblings. She was an A student, whose favorite subject was math.

Sedona was a member of the After School Art Club. Her awards included the P. E. Good Citizenship Award, Excell Award and the President's Education Award. She likes to play soccer and make her own artistic creations. With her family she likes to play mini

golf, have family game nights, and go hiking and skiing.

She will attend Liberty Middle school in September, and says, "I am excited to attend a new school and meet new people."

Sedona provided the following note to the Board of Directors: *Thank you for choosing me to be the recipient of the Meadows Outstanding Student Award. I appreciate the wonderful and generous gift card very much. I am honored to have been given this award and I will always remember that moment forever. Sincerely, Sedona Boren*

## Swim Team News

The swim team has wrapped up what started out as a rather slow season on a very positive note. Many new people have joined the team, and the parents have been very active in running the meets and providing activities for the swimmers.

We had four home meets and four away meets this year, as well as the season-ending All-League Meets where teams from all ten teams in the league came together for a large meet.

The season ended with the team banquet, then a visit to Splashdown Waterpark, and was capped off with a carwash to earn funds for a proposed winter swimming program.

## Swim Team Donators

The Meadows Sharks Swim Team has been so successful because of the many local businesses who have sponsored the team. The major sponsors this past season were Burger King, S & S Heating and Cooling and Tropical Smoothie Café.

Donations were also made by The Laser Tag Group, Milwaukee Frozen Custard, Dinner Done, Great American Restaurants, Eggspectation, Carrabba's, Glory Days, Charlie Chasing's, Dominos, Papa John's, Rosemary Thyme, Blue Water Grill, Outback, Velocity 5, IHOP, Red Rocks/Little Italy Deli and Applebees.

Thanks go to all these fine businesses, please support them as friends of The Meadows.

# AUGUST

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, August 18, 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](http://mymeadows.net).

**Executive Committee:** Thursday, August 18, immediately after Board meeting.

*Residents and Co-Owners are welcomed and encouraged to attend any committee meeting.*

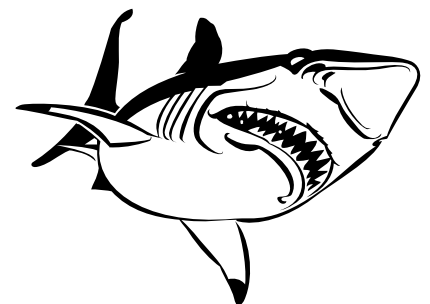


### Pool Hours:

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

### Holidays

Labor Day 11 AM – 9 PM



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## President's Corner

We are all aware that the warm and humid summer weather is upon us. As individuals, we should drink sufficient water, use sunscreen and, if necessary, limit our time outdoors. And, very importantly, be sure that our unit doors and windows are locked if no one is home. Lock doors even when someone is home. When the temperature is pleasant, be vigilant about leaving windows partly open to let fresh air in, particularly in lower units. A bit of caution can go a long way in continuing to make The Meadows a safe community.

~ Joan Orvis

## Board of Directors Motions

*At the July 21 Meeting*

- Passed motions to approve two Architectural Review Forms for outside air conditioners.
- Passed a motion to reaffirm two email votes concerning approvals for a waterproofing job and a roof repair.
- Passed a motion to deny a towing reimbursement request.
- Passed motions to deny appeals concerning a towing reimbursement and placement of satellite dishes.
- Passed a motion to allow return to work for an employee.
- Passed a motion to propose some minor changes to a renewal contract.

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## Bits & Pieces

### ■ It is Time to Register!

If you are a new resident or have a child entering school for the first time, please register your child now. Staffing for teachers and funding depend on enrollment. Please call 703-227-2600 to make an appointment to enroll your child at Centre Ridge Elementary School.

### ■ Curfew Reminder

The Meadows has a curfew in effect for minors under the age of 18. Please refer to The Meadows Rules and Regulations.

### ■ Announcements

Submit your announcement to The Meadow Lark. The deadline is 20th of the month. Please include your name, address and contact information. This information will not appear in The Meadow Lark. See the back page for fax or email information.

### Satellite Dishes in The Meadows



## Security Totals

May 15 – June 14, 2011

Vehicles Ticketed: 82

Vehicles Towed: 11

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

Avocado Court: 4

Cool Oak Lane: 5

Golden Oak Court/Road: 7

Rustling Leaves Lane: 4

Saguaro Place: 6

Saint Germain Drive: 11

Strasburg Drive: 6


Turin Lane: 5

Calls referred to FCPD/FCFD: 5

### The Meadows



## 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.

## 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.*



*The following is a reprint of an item in the original sales brochure published by the Minchew Corporation in 1971.*

## **Newgate – The Larger Dream**

Newgate, today, is a rolling pasture. It has been scarcely touched by urban growth, despite its nearness to Washington, DC. It lies just beyond the suburban sprawl that has pushed into Fairfax County.

But Newgate was not always so pastoral. Its recorded history dates back to 1649 when Charles II of England chartered the land around what is now Centreville to Lord John Culpeper. At that time, however, the area was known as Newgate.

It became an important crossroads for travelers during Colonial days largely due to a business disaster of one of the founding fathers, Robert "King" Carter.

Carter discovered copper-bearing stones on the surface of land near Newgate and began to mine it. The plan was to ship the ore to England for refining. But the Lee family had bought all the land along the Potomac and Carter couldn't get his ore to the river for the water transportation he needed.

The only thing for him to do was build his own road from his Frying Pan Mine along what is now Route 50 to Kamp Washington and on down to Occoquan. The determined Carter wrote in a letter that he was going to "get my wagons and ox carts from Frying Pan and make a track to Occoquan" and he did it. The road was completed in 1729 and it opened the entire area to the Potomac.

Unfortunately, word soon came back from England that the copper ore wasn't rich enough to pay its own freight so Carter closed down his mine and his neighbors quickly began to put the new road to good use to transport their own goods—primarily tobacco.

Other roads were opened up and the Newgate Tavern became a popular resting place for many travelers including such divergent personalities as George and Martha Washington and P.T. Barnum's 24-inch-tall wonder, Tom Thumb.

During the Civil War, forty thousand Confederate troops encamped in and around the area, by then renamed Centreville. The first Confederate rockets were fired there and the Confederate battle flag was designed by two Centreville sisters who intended it as a burial shroud for fallen soldiers but soon discovered it was being carried into battle as a symbol of Southern pride.

Then, during the winter of 1861-62, the Confederate Army withdrew to Richmond, the Union troops moved into Centreville to take over and residents fled their homes. Many never returned and the homes and area began to decay.

But Newgate cannot remain the pastoral place it is. It lies astride the most important junction of highways in the Virginia suburbs. It lies just south of Dulles International Airport. It is within a 30-minute drive of Washington and is within one of the fastest growth areas in the United States.

## **40th Birthday**

The actual celebration of our community's 40th birthday will be held at the end of the year, at the Annual Meeting in December. So we will have a full year to celebrate the milestone of turning 40. The actual birthday of July 10 recently passed, the community was opened for sales on July 10, 1971.

We are looking for suggestions concerning what to do at the Annual Meeting to mark this momentous occasion. A cake is being planned, if you have any other ideas please email them ([meadowsoffice@verizon.net](mailto:meadowsoffice@verizon.net)) or drop a note in the black Council mailbox located outside the Clubhouse.

## **Trivia Answer**

Last month the question was what was the original name of Strasburg Drive. In some early maps around the time The Meadows was built (early 1970s) this road was listed as Debell Drive. The Meadows was carved out of part of the old Debell family farm. This family is still present in the area, they owned the old Newgate Inn in the Newgate Shopping Center for many years, and also Sullys Restaurant in Chantilly until a couple of years ago.

Council of Co-Owners

**The Meadows**

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