

The Meadow Lark



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



Swim Team News

By now the swim team will be practicing getting ready for the coming season. Here is the schedule for the first part of the season:

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, June 3	Donut Orders Due	
Saturday, June 6	Donut Delivery	9:00 AM
Saturday, June 6	Suit Fitting Day #2	12:00 PM
Tuesday, June 9	Baskin Robbins Night	6–8:00 PM
Saturday, June 13	Car Wash at Sunoco	8 AM – Noon
Friday, June 19	Hot Dog Night	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 20	Meet vs. Foxfield*	8:30 AM
Wednesday, June 24	Meet @ Reflection**	5:15 PM

** Away Meet * Home Meet

Our coaching staff this year will consist of new coaches Patrick Moore and Maria Marcotte. These coaches will be 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 are in the evening from 6:00 until 7:00 PM until school gets out.

The team is now selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, and orders can actually be taken through this Wednesday, June 3. Doughnut delivery will then be done on Saturday, June 6 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.

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The Final 'Paper' Meadow Lark! We Are Going High Tech and Green!

Just a reminder that this will be the LAST issue of the Meadow Lark that will be delivered to your front door or mailbox! Beginning with the next issue, July 2009, The Meadow Lark will be delivered exclusively to our website at www.mymeadows.net. Simply click on the link titled "Meadow Lark" in the left hand margin of the homepage, under the "Main Menu" heading and you will be taken to a screen that will contain links to the current and past issues of the newsletter. Simply click on the link for the issue you would like to view and it will appear on your screen. You can print the issue or read it on your computer screen. If you would still like to receive a paper issue of the newsletter, please mail, email or fax your request to the Management Office and we will continue to mail your issue each month or you can pick up a copy in the office shortly after the first of each month.

This change will not only make the newsletter 'greener' and more easily accessible for our Co-Owner and residents, but it will also cut costs for The Meadows as we will no longer incur the expense of printing 800 paper copies, postage (for off-site Co-Owners) and the monthly door-to-door delivery charge.

June

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, June 4 and 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.

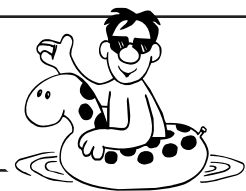
Swim Team Parents Committee: Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse

Pool Committee: Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse

Tech Committee: Sunday, June 7, 4:00 PM in the Clubhouse

Security Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse

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



Pool Hours:

May 23 – June 17

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

June 18 (*last day of school*)

Thursday	1 PM – 8 PM
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June 19 – 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

Updated Rules and Regulations Now Available Exclusively at www.mymeadows.net!

This winter and spring the Board of Directors, along with Management, have been working hard to update The Meadows Rules and Regulations. We are pleased with the final product and hope you will find it as useful and relevant as we do.

We are excited to announce that in an effort to cut costs, make the information more accessible and operate in a 'greener' fashion, we will be posting the updated Rules and Regulations on our website instead of printing, mailing and delivering them. This will make the Rules available to you at home or anywhere else you have internet access, reduce our printing and postage costs, and save more than 27,000 pieces of paper and more than 838 envelopes! Of course, if you would like to receive your copy of the Rules and Regulations on paper you can email, fax or drop a note in the office and we will print a copy for you.

Please take some time to review the new document and become familiar with the updates and changes. We hope the revised Rules and Regulations will be helpful to you and will enhance your experience at The Meadows.

Board of Directors Motions

At the May 7 Meeting:

- Passed a motion to waive the cost for a swim team sponsor to advertise in the *Meadow Lark*.
- Passed a motion to approve an Architectural Review Form (ARF) for a condensate line.
- Passed a motion to authorize Brooke to take a CAI course costing \$30.
- Passed a motion to allow a router to be installed for computers in the clubhouse.
- Passed a motion to no longer allow closed sessions of committee meetings.
- Passed a motion to adopt the final version of the new Rules and Regulations.
- Passed a motion to place the new Rules and Regulations online and issue printed copies only to those residents who request them.
- Passed a motion to purchase a gift card for the Meadows Outstanding Student.
- Passed a motion to accept a waterproofing bid from Doyle remodeling in the amount of \$9100.
- Passed a motion to accept roofing bids from Katchmark Construction totaling \$2270.
- Passed a motion to accept a tree trimming bid of \$9750 from Valley Crest.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid for street sweeping of \$2765 from F & J Service Co.

- Passed motions to waive two trash violation charges and not waive one other one.
- Passed a motion to turn information concerning four delinquent Co-owners over to the credit bureaus.
- Passed a motion to deny two requests to waive previous violation charges.
- Passed a motion to hire two swim team coaches.
- Passed a motion to renew the security contract with U.S. Security Solutions for \$149,968.

At the May 14 Meeting:

- Passed motions to approve eight ARFs.
- Passed a motion to join the Sully District Council at a cost of \$10.
- Passed a motion to approve a waterproofing bid of \$8900 submitted by Doyle Remodeling.
- Passed a motion to allow installation of a heat pump on the Common Elements.
- Passed a motion to give Security a key to the pool pump rooms.
- Passed motions to deny waiving two violation fees and waive one other violation charge.
- Passed a motion to deny waiving violation fees, late fees and legal fees.
- Passed a motion to report one delinquent Co-owner to the major credit bureaus.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

Security Totals

April 15 – May 14, 2009

Vehicles Ticketed: 38

Vehicles Towed: 7

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

Avocado Court: 2

Cool Oak Lane: 4

Golden Oak Court/Road: 6

Rustling Leaves Lane: 1

Saguaro Place: 7

Saint Germain Drive: 3

Strasburg Drive: 2

Turin Lane: 5

Calls referred to police/fire/rescue: 4

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.



Classified Ads

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.

FOR SALE – Kenmore Stack Unit Washer/Dryer XL Capacity. 16 years old. Well maintained. Good working condition. \$350/obo call Kim at (703) 802-7589.

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.

Bits & Pieces

■ Look for Discount Coupons

Coupons from three eateries in the Centreville (Giant Food) shopping center in this issue are good for the entire month of June. Let's patronize our local businesses!

■ Air Conditioners

If your AC unit emits squeaks or other noises, it needs to be serviced for efficient and safe operation. If you replace your air conditioning unit, you must install it inside your utility room. *Exterior units are not allowed.*

■ Announcements

Miss Emma Rose Baker, age 5, is happy to announce the engagement of her Grandmother, Veronica Baker to Charles Anderson of Turin Lane.

Congratulations to Michael Liedtke, son of Bill and Anne Liedtke of Strasburg Drive, on his graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University on May 16 with both Bachelor and Masters degrees in Elementary Education.

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.

■ Lost & Found

In the Meadows Office, 703-830-4464.

■ Website: www.mymeadows.net

Street Sweeping Scheduled for June

As part of The Meadows Spring Cleaning, we will be sweeping the curb lines and parking areas of the property on **Wednesday, June 3.**

To ensure proper cleaning and prevent any possible vehicle damage, we ask that you please remove your vehicles from the property **by 7:00am on Wednesday, June 3.** Vehicles may return after 5:00pm.

Please note that the rain date for curb sweeping will be Friday, June 5th and the parking restrictions will adjust accordingly.

Please note that The Meadows and/or F&J Services will not be liable for damage to any vehicle not moved prior to 7:00am.

Meadows Staff is Tired!

Spring is always very hectic at The Meadows, but this year is proving to be exceptionally busy! On top of the routine spring maintenance projects like exterior paint and concrete, readying the pools for opening, issuing pool passes etc., this year the Board has authorized additional projects and our committees are buzzing with activity! All of this has left our staff dazed and confused, so if you see them try not to mention their red eyes, slumped posture or weakened voice.

Some of the projects they have been working on this spring are listed below:

- Getting the newsletter ready for on-line publication
- Reviewing and revising the Rules and Regulations
- Assisting with our committees that have been extremely active this year
- Exterior paint cycle on Golden Oak Court/Road
- Power washing of the front exteriors of the current paint cycle (Golden Oak Court/Road)
- Breaking in and training a new grounds contractor
- Replacing many of the landscape timbers on the current paint cycle (Golden Oak Court/Road)
- Tree trimming
- Establishing a long-term tree maintenance plan
- Replacement of trip hazard sidewalks, walkways and curbs
- Replacement of damaged bricks on painted brick buildings, retaining wall and other locations
- Replacement of eight sets of front curved staircases
- Street sweeping
- Replacement trees in front of upper pool
- Pool pass issuance
- Prepping pools for opening
- Roof repairs
- PLUS all of the normal day to day duties and responsibilities

Satellite Dishes in The Meadows



Swim Team News, from page 1

Two other fundraisers are coming up that we need community participation in. The first is Baskin Robbins night, on Tuesday, June 9 from 6–8:00 PM. A percentage of all sales during that time will go to our swim team. Is your car dirty? The swim team will be holding a car wash at the Sunoco in Centreville Square on Saturday, June 13 from 8:00 AM until Noon. Bring your car up and get it cleaned by our swimmers!

Team swim suits will once again be available, there is a new suit this year. The team fundraisers will subsidize as much of the cost of the suits as possible. The second try-on date to determine what size you need to order is this Saturday, June 6 at Noon in the Clubhouse. The suits need to be ordered by June 7, and cannot be returned.

The first meet of the season will be held at home on Saturday June 20. We will be swimming against Foxfield. Our next meet will then be on Wednesday, June 24 at Reflection. Come out to see the Sharks in action!

Sharks Fundraising

Swim team members will be selling **Krispy Kreme doughnuts** for \$5 a box through Wednesday, June 3. They will be delivered starting at 9 AM on Saturday, June 6. If no one has come to your door, you can order by calling Bill Liedtke at 703-830-1898.

The Meadows Swim Team hold a **Car Wash** to raise funds on Saturday, June 13 at the Sunoco in Centreville Square II. Please come out and support the swimmers, and get your car cleaned for the summer!

Special Thank You

I would like to extend a very special thank you to the following people for making the Outback Fundraiser a huge success for The Meadows Sharks: Pete Dittamo, Proprietor of the Centreville Outback Steakhouse for his generosity, Jose Acosta, Outback Food Tech and swim team parent for working his magic on the grill, Tania Acosta & Nyesha for serving up the fabulous food to our residents, Norma Reid for assisting in making things run smoothly, Barbara Prescop for her relentless marketing, Gabriel Acosta for being an awesome Lil Helper, Jasper for supporting his Mom and most importantly...all of the residents that came out to show their support! Here's to continued success this season!

Council of Co-Owners

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The Visitors Parking Pass will no longer appear in The Meadow Lark.

Please visit www.mymeadows.net and click on Meadows Business in the sidebar menu, then on Forms and Files and scroll down to On-line Forms and click to find the Visitors Pass. If you prefer, visit the Meadows Office to pick up copies.

Meadows Resident Coupon

Tippy's Taco House

Phone 703-830-1333

**\$5 OFF any food purchase
of \$25 or more**

(alcoholic beverages excluded)

Dine in/carry out

Offer for the month of June 2009

Meadows Resident Coupon

**Charlie Chiang's
Restaurant**

Phone 703-266-7300

15% OFF any food purchase

(alcoholic beverages excluded)

Dine in/carry out

Offer for the month of June 2009

Meadows Resident Coupon

Baskin Robbins

Phone 703-314-8467

**10% OFF all purchases,
\$3 off of any cake \$20 or more**

Offer for the month of June 2009