

The Meadow Lark

August 2010

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

Diljot Kochhar

Meadows Outstanding Student – 2010



Each year The Meadows recognizes the Outstanding Student from our community who is graduating from Centre Ridge Elementary School. The recipient of this award is selected by the 6th grade teachers at the school on behalf of The Meadows Board of Directors. The award is based on citizenship, academics, effort and attendance. This student's name is inscribed on a plaque which is displayed in our Clubhouse. This is the 32nd year that this award has been presented.

This year's winner is Diljot Kochhar, who has lived with his parents here in The Meadows for the last eight years. He had an A average in his academics, with his favorite subjects being science, math and social studies. Diljot received a letter of commendation signed by the president of the Board of Directors and a \$50 Visa gift card. The award was presented by Lydia Miller at the Centre Ridge 6th Grade Award Ceremony at the end of the school year.

Diljot was involved in many activities while at Centre Ridge, including being a Patrol, a member of the Band, and both an Ambassador and a Rambassador, which involve peer mediation. He also received the President's Award for Educational Achievement, a Certificate of Citizenship and an attendance award (which he has received every year since kindergarten) at the award ceremony.

Diljot is accomplished in Taekwondo, holding a 1st degree black belt and has earned trophies and superior performance awards when competing in the sport. He also plays soccer and basketball for SYA and enjoys reading. He spends time with his family going to religious places, playing games and watching television. He said that he is proud to live in The Meadows because it is a safe place with a nice environment. He is both excited and nervous about moving on to Liberty Middle School this fall. Congratulations to Diljot, and best wishes as he continues his education.

Final Parking Plan Approved

At the July 15 Board of Directors meeting the final parking plan received approval. A few more changes were made from the version that was available for review during the early part of the month of July. The most significant change is that for those units that have three licensed adult drivers and apply for and are granted a third sticker, they will only be eligible for one visitors hang tag. The other change is that vehicles receiving a warning ticket will be eligible for towing if the violation is not corrected between 24 and 72 hours later. The longer window will be in effect during weekends and holidays.

The Board is still discussing exactly when this plan will be put into effect, and how long the overlap period will be when the old rules will still apply. Implementation should begin sometime this fall.

AUGUST

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 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.

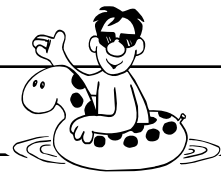
Parents Swim Team Committee: Monday, August 9, 7:00 PM

Pool Committee: Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 PM

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

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 August and September. Those meetings will be on August 19 and September 16.



Pool Hours:

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

The President's Corner

Here it is—August again. Its hot; its sticky. So, come on up and enjoy the pools. The water is great! The swim team season has ended; but there was a lot of fun and personal achievement for all swimmers. Hope you caught one of the meets.

If you need to update or replace your air conditioner, please be aware there are new requirements for installing an outdoor unit. Just contact the office and they will give you all the information you need.

I have been noticing that, once again, the outside trash cans are filling up quickly. It appears that people are placing household garbage and bags of dirty disposable diapers in the outside trash cans. This is not their purpose. Please retain your home's garbage in your trash bin until trash pickup days (Mondays and Thursdays).

The new parking rules have been voted in. Please check the website and the *Meadow Lark* for further information about the institution of the new rules.

~ Joy C. Foshier

Board of Directors Motions

At the July 15 Meeting:

- Passed motions to approve five Architectural Review Forms (ARF) and deny one ARF.
- Passed a motion to approve the new parking plan.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid from PSI for asphalt repairs in the amount of \$6736 plus 75 cents per lineal foot for path repairs.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid of \$18,924 from Commercial Concrete for concrete repairs.
- Passed a motion to allow a change in location for a reserved parking space.
- Passed a motion to affirm the hiring of two swim team assistant coaches.
- Passed a motion to write off pre-petition debt and close a case against a delinquent former Co-owner and report the post-petition debt to the credit bureaus.
- Passed a motion to accept an extension until the end of the year for our security contract.
- Passed a motion to award a bonus to our head swim team coach.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

Are You Exposed?

During recent property inspections it has been noticed that at some Units the insulation covering the electric wiring and gas lines running from the meters into the utility closet have deteriorated, which could eventually result in exposed wiring. These sections of wiring and gas lines belong to the Co-Owner and it is the Co-Owner's responsibility to maintain them; however, we have been made aware that the utility companies will often perform this work at no cost. Please take a moment to inspect your wiring and gas line and contact the utility company or a certified electrician to make any necessary repairs as soon as possible. You can reach Washington Gas at (703) 750-1000 and NOVEC at (703) 335-0500.

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.

A/C UNITS

If you replace your air conditioning unit, you may install it inside your utility room or submit an ARF for proposed exterior installation.

Security Totals

June 15 – July 14, 2010

Vehicles Ticketed: 26

Vehicles Towed: 4

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

Avocado Court: 1

Cool Oak Lane: 5

Golden Oak Court/Road: 8

Rustling Leaves Lane: 2

Saguaro Place: 11


Saint Germain Drive: 12

Strasburg Drive: 10

Turin Lane: 2

Calls referred to FCPD/FCFD: 9

Fire 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. 
- 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.

Satellite Dishes in The Meadows



Lost & Found

In the Meadows Office – 703-830-4464

Meadows Website
www.mymeadows.net

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.

■ Lost & Found

In the Meadows Office, 703-830-4464. Please check the Lost & Found at the pools for items left there.

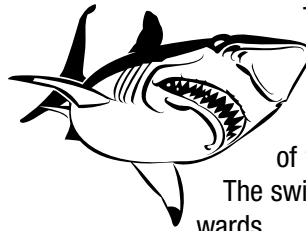
Noise Reminder

In the warm months we like to spend time outside enjoying the warm weather and socializing with friends and neighbors. We need to remember to minimize disturbances to others even when we are outdoors. Loud music and boisterous conversations can create a lot of unwanted noise for others. During any season residents of upper units should be especially careful of heavy walking and running in their units in the late and overnight hours.

Please remind children to be respectful of others while playing: avoid rowdy horseplay and loud games near windows and patios, never use items from neighbor's porches or patios and do not bounce balls on the exterior of the buildings.

Swim Team News

As of this writing, the swim team had only one more meet left which is the season-ending All-League Meets. We have added a few new members recently. The size of the team is a little smaller this year at about 30 swimmers.



Thanks to all those who supported a swimmer in our swim-a-thon held on July 11. This was our final fund raiser for the year. Thirteen swimmers (including our two assistant coaches) participated and together swam a total of 830 laps of the pool (13 miles) in just one hour. Well done, swimmers!

The swimmers were treated to pizza donated by Papa John's afterwards.

Thanks also to those in the community who have volunteered to help with the swim team this year even though they do not have a swimmer on the team, and of course to all of the parents who have also helped run our meets this season.

Many local businesses have contributed to our team this year. Our biggest sponsors have been Burger King, S & S Heating and Cooling, Baskin Robbins, Tropical Smoothie and NOVEC. Many area restaurants have donated gift certificates or other items, most notably Chipotle, Dunkin Donuts, Tippy's Taco and Papa Johns.

We Need Your Eyes

The Meadows employs only four full-time and one part-time staff members. Since staff can't be in all places at all times we ask that you contact the Management Office by phone, fax or email when you see an issue needing attention, such as a detached shutter, loose railing or missing shingle. Staff may already be aware of the issue or actively working on getting the issue resolved, but it is possible that the issue you observed has not yet been detected by our staff. As they say, it's better to be safe than sorry, so please call/email the office with the details.

Our staff does all they can to keep up with the ever-present maintenance needs of our 39-year-old property, but we need our residents to take part in the process. Also keep in mind that the maintenance work on the property must be prioritized to ensure that safety issues are resolved before those that are of a more cosmetic nature.

Celebrations Being Planned

The Meadows Turns 40 – Next Year!

Believe it or not, The Meadows will celebrate its 40th birthday next year. Despite what it says on the marquee as you enter the community on Strasburg Drive (that The Meadows began in 1972), in fact The Meadows opened on July 10, 1971.

A celebration of this anniversary will occur next year. That leads to the question of what would our residents like to see done to mark 40 years of being a community? The Board of Directors is beginning preliminary discussions about how to recognize this milestone, and would like your inputs.

We are also looking for people to volunteer to help not only plan this recognition, but to assist on the day of the actual function. If you have ideas concerning how to celebrate our birthday, or would like to help with the planning and execution of the celebration there are several ways you can let us know what you think. You can email to this address, meadowsoffice@verizon.net, or drop your comments in the black Council mailbox in front of the Clubhouse.

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