

The Meadow Lark

September 2010

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

Begins October 18

New Parking Implementation

The issuance of new parking stickers will start on Monday, October 18, and will continue for nearly two months. More details on this will appear in the October *Meadow Lark*. The new parking rules recently passed by the Board of Directors will then take effect on December 14, with a one-month period during which tickets will be issued which are applicable to the new rules, with full towing being started on January 17, 2011. During this one-month grace period vehicles which are in fire lanes or in violation of the old rules may still be towed.

The new parking rules are posted on our website, www.mymeadows.net, or a copy can be picked up in our management office in the clubhouse. Please read them and become familiar with them, there are some changes. Most notable is that there will no longer be paper passes allowed to be used for visitors, as of December 14. Starting on that date, you must use the new Visitor hang tags which will be issued to each unit as part of the restickering which is being done as part of this change of our parking rules.

Scholarships Awarded



Two of our swim team members were awarded Meadows Sharks Scholarships by the team at the team's awards banquet. These were awarded to graduating seniors Becca Liedtke and Taylor Reid. Taylor has been a member of the team for 12 seasons and Becca for 15 seasons. Becca also received one of the six Hern-don Swim League scholarships awarded at the All-League Meets. These scholar-

ships are awarded annually to recognize long-time swimmers who have made contributors to their teams and the league. Applicants must describe the impact of swimming on their life and provide material on how they have contributed to their team. Congratulations to both of these swimmers.

Candidates Wanted!

If you wish to declare your candidacy for a seat on the 2011 Board of Directors, please do so before September 15 in order to ensure that your name appears in the initial list of candidates published in the October *Meadow Lark*. A biographical information sheet will be available at the office in September and must be submitted before October 15 to have a biography appear in the November *Meadow Lark*.

To declare your intentions, call the Office at 703-830-4464.



Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, September 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.

Social and Recreation Committee: Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM

Pool Committee: Tuesday, September 14, 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 during the month of September, on 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

Pools close September 6

The President's Corner

Wow, its September and back to school. Be extra careful of all the children getting on and getting off school buses. Don't forget that the pool is open through Labor Day weekend; come and get your last strokes in for the year.

For those who use the asphalt paths within the neighborhood, they have all been resurfaced. They are without cracks and breaks, so enjoy. We will also be restriping parking spaces on Strasburg, Saguaro Place and Court, and Turin Lane at the end of this month and the first of September. We will be holding our yearly Hallow'een decorating contest on Oct. 31, so start planning now!

And for a few congratulations: to Sandy Porter for her upcoming nuptials; to Liz McKaveny for her recent engagement; and again to Liz McKaveny for being a recipient of the Citizen of the Year award in the interest of public safety presented by the Fairfax County Police Chief Rohrer at a special ceremony that occurred in July.

~ Joy C. Foshier

Board of Directors Motions

At the August 19 Meeting:

- Passed motions to approve Architectural Review Forms (ARF) for a brick patio, patio fence and storm door and deny approval for an ARF for a satellite dish.
- Passed a motion to approve a bid of \$1030 for removal of a dead tree and stump grinding submitted by Valley Crest.
- Passed a motion to affirm email votes taken which approved the banning of two individuals, tree removal and for installing two air conditioning units.
- Passed a motion to accept a bid of \$131,997 from USI for renewal of our master insurance policy.
- Passed a motion to make the effective date of the new parking rules December 14.
- Passed a motion to rescind a previous vote to go out to bid for a security contract.
- Passed a motion to add provisions previously approved to the existing security contract.
- Passed a motion to deny reinstatement of pool privileges.
- Passed a motion to deny two requests for parking reinstatement.
- Passed a motion to deny two requests to waive violation charges.

- Passed a motion to deny a towing reimbursement request.
- Passed a motion to modify the minutes of the May 20 Board meeting.
- Passed a motion to issue a letter regarding communication with the Board to a Co-owner.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

Overcrowding

Residents are urged to contact the county's Zoning Department at 703-324-1300 as well as the Health Department at 703-246-8421 to report suspicions that there is overcrowding in a particular unit. Quite often, overcrowding brings about health violations.

You are urged to call these agencies first and then call The Meadows office. Whenever the office is notified by residents of these concerns, our property Manager contacts these agencies. These tactics establish a record of complaints with the agency and The Meadows Management.

Note – Our Property Manager, Brooke Arcia, checked to see if Zoning is still taking and responding to calls on overcrowding. Zoning Supervisory personnel assured her that they are taking and responding to calls, but they are backed up due to myriad complaints. Response will take several weeks.

Security Totals

July 15 – August 14, 2010

Vehicles Ticketed: 28

Vehicles Towed: 12

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

Avocado Court: 3

Cool Oak Lane: 6

Golden Oak Court/Road: 11

Rustling Leaves Lane: 5

Saguaro Place: 7

Saint Germain Drive: 6

Strasburg Drive: 6

Turin Lane: 2

Calls referred to FCPD/FCFD: 7

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

■ School's In!

School begins Tuesday, September 7. Please exercise extreme caution while driving through The Meadows at stop signs and school bus stops. Remember to come to a complete stop when school bus lights are flashing, whether you are approaching from the front, rear or side of the bus. Parents—please go over safety rules and behavior expectations at bus stops and on the buses with your child(ren) before school begins.

■ Regular Furnace Maintenance

It is critical to ensure safe and efficient operation of your furnace regardless of the age of the unit. Many heating and air conditioning companies offer discounted specials beginning in September.

■ Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The furnaces and most hot water heaters in The Meadows use gas. It is imperative that all homes have a working carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas which can cause death.

■ Needed

Your fall birthday and anniversary announcements! Tell everyone all about it! Send your announcement to meadowsoffice@verizon.net or drop it in the large black mailbox in front of the Clubhouse by the 20th of the month. Please include your name, address and phone number. These will not be printed.

■ Lost & Found

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

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.

Sharks End Season

The Meadows Sharks ended their season at the 18th Annual All-League Meets held at Four Seasons. This season the Sharks were led by first-year head coach Glenn deGuzmann, as well as assistant coaches Becca Liedtke and Taylor Reid. The highlight of the meet for the team was that the team can boast a league champion, as Jonathan Martin won the Championship boys 8 and under breaststroke race in a time of 27.39 seconds. Two Sharks' swimmers took gold medals in the All-Star portion of the meet, as Mary Grace Aguirre won the girls 8 and under breaststroke and Rania Alul won the girls 11-12 breaststroke. Taking third place bronze medals in the All-Star meet were Jacqueline Sandoval in the girls 11-12 butterfly and cousin Maria Sandoval in the girls 11-12 free-style. The Meadows also took a fourth place by Priya Beasley in the girls 13-14 breaststroke and a fifth place by Anamol Sitaula in the boys 11-12 freestyle.

At the team's season-ending banquet many awards were presented. Coaches awards went to Daniel Portilla, Ariana Feagan, Mary Grace Aguirre, Priya Beasley and Jon Galdames. Named as most improved swimmers were Cynthia Sandoval; Reem, Rania and Nisreen Alul; Anamol Situala; Luis Chamarro; Megan Muntean; Alexia Anazco and David Beasley. Swimmers of the summer went to Syrah Choudhary, David Beasley, Gabriel Acosta, Reem Alul, Maria and Jackie Sandoval, Daniel Portilla, Taylor Reid and Becca Liedtke. The final awards were for the most valuable swimmers in their age group. These awards went to Jonathan Martin, David Beasley, Jon Galdames, Luis Chamarro, Chris Jones, Alexia Anazco, Cynthia Sandoval, Ariana Feagan, Megan Muntean, Jackie Sandoval, Priya Beasley and Becca Liedtke, with the award for overall most valuable going to Chris Jones for the boys and a tie between Becca Liedtke and Megan Muntean for the girls.

Installing Exterior HVAC Units

Recent EPA changes in air conditioning and heating standards have made future maintenance and availability of interior HVAC units much more difficult. While there should be no problem maintaining an existing interior unit for the rest of its useful life, units installed in the near future will have difficulty finding a machine that will fit into the utility closet and obtaining the refrigerant for these units will become pricey. Eventually, the refrigerant currently used will no longer be available and these units will not be able to be recharged.

As a result of these changes, The Meadows Board of Directors reconsidered allowing HVAC units to be installed on the Common Elements. Going forward, Co-Owner's who would like to install an HVAC unit on the grounds will need to follow the steps below:

- Any Co-Owner wishing to install an HVAC unit on the Common Elements must submit their request in writing to the Management Office.
- Once a request is received, an appointment will be made for The Meadows Maintenance Supervisor to meet with the Co-Owner and/or the Co-Owner's HVAC contractor to review the specifications and provide detailed requirements for the installation.
- After this meeting the Co-Owner must submit a completed Architectural Review Form (ARF) outlining the agreed upon details of the proposed installation, an Installation Agreement and a copy of the contractor's license. The Board of Directors will then review the documents and make a determination on whether or not to approve the installation.

REMEMBER: ANY HVAC UNIT INSTALLED ON THE COMMON ELEMENTS WITHOUT WRITTEN BOARD APPROVAL MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED AT THE CO-OWNER'S EXPENSE.

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