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WELCOME!

The WMHA Board welcomes our newest team member ...Ms. Betty Powell will assume the roll of Financial Director. Ms. Powell a long time resident of Whispering Meadows brings her financial/CPA credentials to our team. Actually Ms. Powell is a returning member of the team having performed our Financial duties years prior. The Board looks forward to working with Betty and her return to the Association team. At the same time we would be remiss if we did not thank Michael and Cindy Thomas for their long time service and contribution to the Financial needs of Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association. The Financial portion of the Association has grown significantly over the years.

INTRODUCTION

“ A Good Community starts with Good Neighbors!”

Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, 331 homes serving the WM subdivision of Novi, MI. WMHA's mission is to protect and promote our neighborhood interests and the health, safety and general welfare of all our residents. You're encouraged to share, communicate, understand, interact with neighbors in the WM tradition, respect the rights, privileges, aesthetics and interests of the neighborhood. The Association actively works to connect neighbors to one another and to those issues that directly impact them to nourish a thriving, rooted and inclusive WM friendly neighborhood. Do abide, honor and respect the *Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions*. That is, duration of boats, trailers, campers & motorhomes in driveways. No unregistered or commercial vehicles parked in driveways, fences, no above the ground pools, wood piles, sheds, our commons, pond and Sandpoint Lake, unleashed dogs and cats. If possible no cars parked in the street. The sole purpose of our WMHA is to preserve and enhance the value of our property, improve the environment and quality of our neighborhood.

BE A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR

Dog owners pick up! Respect our neighborhood, don't put dog poop bags in the Commons receptacle! Dogs and Cats *must be leashed*, City Ordinance. Cats love to roam, dig in your landscaping, water your parked car wheels and instinctively hunt! **ALL TRASH CANS MUST BE stored inside your garage or at the back of your home OUT OF SIGHT!!** If your trash cans are not stored properly you are in violation of our CCR's and will be dealt with accordingly. Any noise, suspicious activity, loitering, vandalism, disrespect etc. will not be tolerated! WMHA and our partnership with the Novi Police Department remains. Call NPD immediately if you witness *anything* suspicious or uncomfortable!

COVENANT CORNER

Many of us bought our homes years ago however, we have many new neighbors since then. At the time of our purchase we agreed to abide by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (a.k.a. CCR's) A printable link can be found on our City Website. It is recommended that if you do not possess a copy you should print one for your edification and file. The Architectural Control Committee reviews and makes decision on all requests from homeowners to make changes to their properties. The ACC tries to assure that all changes to properties conforms to appropriate guidelines. Approval from the ACC must be obtained prior to the start of almost every external modification, improvement or addition.

2018 NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRYWAY ENHANCEMENT MATCHING GRANT

The Neighborhood Matching Grant Program established by the Novi City Council provides funding assistance to Novi's Homeowner Associations. The matching funds support the efforts to enhance neighborhoods through high-quality entranceway beautification projects. Many of these approved programs can be seen close by, Turtle Creek, Meadowbrook Lake, Charrington Green to name a few. Whispering Meadows has completed all criteria for the program and presented our application to the Review Committee and completed the mandatory financial, structural, estimates and photographic requirements. All designated information has been submitted for review and approval by the designated deadline. Neighborhood/Associations are eligible for a 50% matching award up to \$5,000 at the City's sole discretion. We have been notified that all requirements have been met and all materials received by City Committee. The City requires a completed application, current budget, documentation reflecting Association current and previous spending on landscaping and maintenance, well defined and scaled plans of the proposed project and a map with project location identified plus photography of present existing entryway sign. The completed application and all attachments have been submitted to the City Manager's office. We remain anxious and look forward to approval so that we may begin the project this Spring. We are confident you will be pleased and proud of the new WM Entranceway Sign when complete.

SANDPOINT LAKE PARTNERSHIP RENEWED

Whispering Meadows is fortunate to share a very beautiful and pristine lake with our long time partner Cross Winds West. This year we are happy to announce that a new partner, the Heights of Novi apartments has joined us. We have invited and encouraged their participation over the years and at last they have. The three partners share in keeping our Lake clean and free of algae. It is also tested for water purity. This cost sharing enables the partners including WM to keep 6 aerators operating 24/7, algae spraying and removal plus water testing. Our frontage is to the South and West of the Lake however, with the co-op venture we have access to the entire Lake. Our very diverse population of wildlife including water fowl, Ducks, Geese, Heron, Egret all visit our lake. That also includes our Deer, Coyote, Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Muskrat, Hawks and yes, the Novi Eagles. It also supports, Turtles, frogs and rumor has it very good sized Fish. We have a large Private Property sign posted at the West end of Sandpoint Lake....a bench to sit and enjoy the view!

FROM THE DESK OF OFFICER TIM FARRELL

"See Something/Hear Something...say Something!" If and when you ever see something that is unusual or suspicious, please report it to the Novi Police Department. Trust your Instincts!
(Officer Farrell 248-348-7100 ext.8024/ tfarrell@cityofnovi.org)

* **School Bus Violations** - The police department continues to receive violation complaints from bus driver's from the various school districts that service school children in our city. Please remember, and pass onto other driver's in your household, that you must not pass any school bus that has their red stop lights and stop sign activated.

* **Identity Theft & Fraud Crimes** - With the increase in technology the types of theft and fraud we have reported are escalating. Please double check all your personal information and be certain you have as many security features activated as possible. Some of these would be pass words, virus controls, notification settings etc. Be aware of who you are speaking with and verify credentials.

2018 PLANNED WHISPERING MEADOWS ACTIVITIES

The Board has approved the following planned Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association activities: We look forward with great anticipation for your enthusiastic participation.

1. Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale - June 15/16, 2018.
2. July 4th. American Flag Celebration - June 25/26, 2018 (Flag hand-outs)
3. House Beautiful Contest - June 21,2018 Judging...
4. Whispering Meadows Neighborhood Picnic Commons Party-August 25, 2018
5. Christmas House Decorations Contest– December 20, 2018
6. Christmas Eve Luminary Celebration
7. TBD/Details to Follow #4...

2018 WHISPERING MEADOWS DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

The complexion, culture and diverse demographics of the Whispering Meadows neighborhood has changed over the years. It seems apparent that we have come full circle since 1979/80. That is the approximate year many of us moved into our new neighborhood. We were much younger than, our children grew up and attended Novi Schools, went onto College, got married etc. Those of us that are the original owners are now retired, Grandparents and enjoying the so called "Golden Years". However, many of our former neighbors have moved into Condo's, moved into smaller homes or moved to Florida. That my friends started the cycle of our neighborhood, the new neighbors bought those homes, moved in and started their families...thus the cycle. Therefore, it would be enlightening to know how Whispering Meadows has changed. We have new owners, we have owners that have perhaps been Association members for 10 years or more...etc. If at all possible could we tabulate how many pre-schoolers we have? How many children do we have in K-6th grade? How many students in 7-9th grade? How many students in High School? How many Students do we have in College? This demographic information will enable the Board and our many committees to ascertain what activities, programs, information and communications would be best suited for our Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association. Please email myself or any one of us on the Board with numbers only, no names required i.e. J. Doe household has 2 pre-school children or J. Doe household has 1 H.S. student and one in college. We can tabulate and better understand the now complexion and age demographic of Whispering Meadows. If you have any additional pertinent information that you deem important please pass that along as well.

FEED BACKYARD BIRDS

We enjoy birdwatching and feeding birds because they brighten up our back yards and entertain us with their antics. However, birds also play an important role in maintaining environmental balance. They pollinate plants, scatter seeds so new plants can grow, control insects and recycle nutrients back into the soil. Bird populations are so diverse, large and widespread that it would be virtually impossible to gather all the data they need without the help of our backyard bird enthusiasts. So enjoy the many birds that live and visit Whispering Meadows.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's are like glue...even when you can't see them...
they're holding the family together!