



WHISPERING MEADOWS NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

“ A Good Community starts with Good Neighbors!”

Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, 334 homes serving the WM subdivision of Novi, MI. WMHA’s mission is to protect and promote our member’s interests, health, safety and general welfare of all our residents. You’re encouraged to share, communicate, understand and 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 address issues that directly impact them to nourish a thriving, rooted and inclusive friendly neighborhood. Do abide, honor and respect our *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 or cats. *If possible* no cars parked in the street it’s a safety issue. The purpose of our WMHA is to preserve, grow and enhance the value of our property... improve the environment and quality of our residential neighborhood/community.

THANK YOU !

The Board is thankful for all of those residents who respect the rules and governing documents, pay their dues on time, remember that everyone is a volunteer, ask questions and try to understand issues and most importantly continue to volunteer to help solve problems, assure the success of planned programs and being a good WM Citizen. We thank those who serve on various committees that are so very essential to our Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association.

HEADS UP !

Your Whispering Meadows Association 2019 Dues statements are in the mail.

BE A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR!

WMHA Finances are on solid footing and have continued to remain in the black. Read the CCR’S it explains what you are responsible for as a WM Citizen. We still have violations as it relates to: **TRASH CANS MUST BE STORED INSIDE YOUR GARAGE OR BEHIND YOUR HOME OUT OF SIGHT!!** **“LOT SHALL BE KEPT FREE OF WEEDS AND WELL MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES”**. **Please maintain your properties appearance and upkeep !** WMHA and our partnership with the NPD continues... Call NPD immediately if you witness *anything* suspicious or uncomfortable! Please respect our posted Neighborhood speed limit and drive cautiously. It is unfortunate to note most of our speeders live in Whispering Meadows!

DELINQUENT WMHA DUES!

Non payment of WMHA dues is among one of the top problems the Board faces year in and year out. At the present time we have \$3,442. in unpaid dues that have cut into our budget! Unfortunately, we have neighbors that for whatever reason opt not to pay dues and therefore disrespect all of those that do. We have members that owe as much as \$596, \$501, \$248 and others. The Board is reaching out to those delinquent members and asking that you contact any member of the Board or our Financial Director to make payment arrangements or mail your check ASAP! The unpaid dues do accrue interest and liens are placed against the title to their homes. The Association does have legal counsel and will initiate proper proceedings if necessary.

2018 PLUS PARTIAL ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Clean-up of playground area including equipment check, state mandated mulch addition, landscaping, tree trimming, pruning and removal from playground for children safety.
2. Tree limbs trimmed on 9 mile berm and Commons Neighborhood tree removal from yards.
3. House Beautiful and Christmas House Decoration Contest judging and awards.
4. Annual Christmas Luminary and 4th of July Flag hand-out Program.
5. Quarterly WM Newsletters and distribution to all Whispering Meadows members.
6. City of Novi Grant application, filing and \$5K Entranceway Award won!
7. Renewed partnership with NPD and our assigned WM Police Officer Woodley.
8. Whispering Meadows road repair, panel construction, curb replacement and new speed control signage throughout entire sub-division.
9. Grant Award Approval, new entranceway sign, masonry, electrical and landscaping completed.
10. WMHA Budget Balanced and all Association invoices and contracts paid in full on time.
11. Architectural Control Committee approvals, reviews, violations and communications transacted with membership interaction, cooperation and endorsement of CCR's.
12. Renewed Co-op partnership with Cross Winds Condos maintenance of Sandpoint Lake.
13. Whispering Meadows Neighborhood Picnic.
14. Whispering Meadows Children's Easter Egg Hunt.
15. Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association Annual Meeting.

CO-EXISTING WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CRITTERS

We are fortunate to have such a diverse population of wildlife residing in Whispering Meadows. However, we do have several critters such as Squirrels (gray and recently black and those little guys the fox squirrel), raccoons, skunk, opossum, woodchucks, fox and coyotes. As much as we enjoy this co-habitation they can slip into the pest category. The biggest problem we have is humans...Do Not Feed Our Wildlife! The more we do the more comfortable they feel living near us. Those critters including our Deer that are rewarded through direct or indirect feeding will eventually lose all fear of humans and see us, our yards and our pets as food sources. Those critters that are comfortable in your yard will feel the same in everyone's yard. Most critters will keep to themselves. But on occasions may demonstrate no fear. This is not normal and do not approach the animal.

FROM THE DESK OF OFFICER SCOTT WOODLEY

“SEE SOMETHING/HEAR SOMETHING...say Something!” The posted speed limit on 9 mile road between Haggerty/Meadowbrook is 35 mph. NPD is targeting this area heavily so beware!

Contact NPD with any concerns about suspicious people/vehicles at the time of the incident. This allows Novi Police to respond to the incident more expediently. It enables NPD to investigate the incident more effectively and identify the subjects to determine if there is reason for concern or action required.

NOTE: A link to holiday related safety. However, most of the info is beneficial all year. <http://cityofnovi.org/Reference/the-6/Call-Out-Articles//VIN4-EnjoyASecureHolidaySeason.aspx>.

Always check all doors to be certain they are locked prior to bedtime. Check garage doors to be certain they are closed! Illegal entry via open garage doors invites access to your home via unlocked inside garage doors.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST

Whispering Meadows certainly showed their Christmas spirit and that translated into the many homes that displayed beautifully decorated colorful lights. If we coupled the House Decorations to the Christmas Eve luminary display I am confident even Santa was impressed. Good job folks! The time, energy and thought that went into this seasons display was awesome. Our select panel of judges slowly drove down, up and around our sub-division viewing and enjoying all of the incredibly creative Christmas House decorations this past season. According to our panel of judges it was a very difficult decision this year with so many deserving entries. It was determined after considerable deliberation that the Grand Prize Winner goes to the Berrelez's, 22449 Sunrise Blvd., 2nd. Place...21815 Arbor Lane, 3rd. Place 40518 Mill Ct. East, 4th. Place 40376 Ladene Lane and 5th. Place 21547 Sunflower Road. The Judges due to the abundance of several other notable displays presented an Honorable Mention to the following entries: 27740 Shadybrook Drive, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, 22047 Clover Lane, 22004 Greentree and 21800 Sunrise Blvd. Congratulations to all our neighbors that lit up Whispering Meadows with Christmas Lights and Holiday cheer! Again, Congratulations to our \$100 Grand Prize Winner!

CAUTION ! CAUTION !

Whispering Meadows resident please be aware of the fact that ice covered ponds and lakes are very dangerous and should be noted. We have two bodies of water, Sandpoint Lake and the WM Retention Pond on each end of our Subdivision, East and West Commons. We do not encourage Winter activity on either as noted by our posted signs. Our varied weather conditions, temperatures, water features and underneath water movement contribute to an uneven thickness at the surface. Even though the ice may appear to be thick enough to support a person or persons and/or animal, this inconsistent ice can give way at any time. Parents please communicate to your children that this is extremely dangerous and potentially fatal. It is discouraged to walk , ice fish or skate on the lake or pond in the Whispering Meadows Commons areas. Please be SAFE!

RAIN = INCHES OF SNOW?

In the U.S. on average, an inch of rain produces about 13 inches of snow! But, the actual ratio depends on the wetness of the snowfall. An inch of rain may result in only 6 inches of heavy, wet snow...the hard to shovel variety that kids love for snowmen, forts and snowballs! Or you can get 3 feet of the dry, powdery stuff that does not hold together but is a skier or snowboarder's delight. And, the kids love this stuff too because it usually means a snow day...no school!

WHISPERING MEADOWS DUES INCREASE (revision)

It was inevitable and we have not had an increase in several years however, with the increased cost throughout our Association responsibilities it has become imperative that we increase our working budget revenue. That is, maintenance, insurance, co-op partnering, utilities, accounting, improvements, activities, legal etc. Consequently, the 10% dues increase will be activated for 2019. Your new dues amount will be \$85.00 not \$84 that was communicated in the last quarter Newsletter. The reason for the additional \$.30 was simple, easier to work with a round number. If we have caused any confusion please accept our apologies. As stated our 2019 Statements are in the mail . If you have any financial difficulties or concerns making payment please contact a Board Member.

WISHING YOU A HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR !

WHISPERING MEADOWS ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2019 @ 7 PM

NOVI CIVIC CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS