

WHISPERING MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ISSUE | JULY 2021

2021 EVENTS

Food Trucks

Every other Tuesday
Beginning March 2
Ending November 9

Annual Picnic

August 21

Free Curbside Days

September 19

Halloween Decoration Contest

October 27

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

October 29

Diwali Decoration Contest

November 4

Santa Visit

December 4

Christmas Decoration Contest

December 18

Luminary Distribution

December 21 & 22

*all dates are subject to change

A Letter from our WMHA President

Hope this newsletter finds you well. Summer is a great time to enjoy our beautiful subdivision. I cannot help but notice the positive updates some residents have been making to the exterior of their properties. Please touch base with our Architectural Control director, Matt Hannah, before embarking on structural changes to your home exterior or property.

As you know the City of Novi has awarded our trash collection to a new company, GFL. We have all had to deal with four large trash receptacles for several weeks. Once the old receptacles are picked up, per our CC&Rs and city ordinance, the two remaining receptacles "...must be placed within a totally enclosed building or placed upon an area of the rear yard of the occupant's property...." Visit cityornovi.org/trash for details. You can avoid an awkward conversation with your neighbor, an Association Board member, or a city compliance officer by following this simple rule. The Association CC&Rs are designed to keep our community well-kept and desirable.

The Board cannot help but notice there are several homes not in compliance with the landscaping CC&Rs. Overgrown landscape and weeds are not only unsightly, but they deter from curb appeal in our community. The Board will continue to address these concerns with individual homeowners until properties are compliant. We all benefit by beautifying our properties and enhancing our curb appeal.

As I mentioned in my last article, the Board is working with attorneys to clarify CC&Rs language. They are a couple weeks away from delivering those updates.

Although goose traffic has been down noticeably this year, Goose Busters have identified 3 families of Canada geese which are coming over from Haggerty through Crosswinds. We are hoping they will be gone soon. The projection for next year is a significant reduction. We set our current contract for only 9 months, due to our small budget and would be looking to increase to a 12-month contract, if needed.

Second request 2021 dues invoices were mailed out on April 15th with an "on receipt" due date. 318 out of 338 homeowners (94.08%) have paid their 2021 dues. The 3rd dues reminder will be mailed out on July 15th with a \$5 late fee added. We have six residents who have one year (2020) in back dues. Paying on time reduces costs for the Association and allows us to pay for common services. It has been several years since dues have been increased, but with our increased costs of services I am anticipating a Board increase for 2022 within our Bylaws.

Your Board meets monthly to address Association business. All questions and comments which come to the Board get discussed at these meetings. Any decisions are communicated back to the resident.

If there is anything, we can do to make your experience here more enjoyable, please let us know. Our Board email address is wmhboard@gmail.com. Our official Facebook page is "Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association."

Warmly,
Paul Warner

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WM ANNUAL PICNIC

We are excited to host our 2021 annual picnic on August 21st from 2-6pm in the playground Commons area. We have been working very hard to plan a picnic full of fun and community! This year due to COVID (the battle between planning and ever-changing regulations) and limited budget we have had to change a few things from previous years. The Association will be providing ice cream, soda, water, beer, wine, games for kids and adults, music, 50/50 raffle, and craft/vendor tables! A food truck will be available to purchase food.

If you own a small business, like to make crafts, or work for a company you would like featured, please email Nicole O’Neill ASAP at wmhaboard@gmail.com. We are excited to support our neighbors.

Please continue to watch our Facebook group page for updates (Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association).



Class of 2021

We would like to congratulate all our Whispering Meadows 2021 graduated Seniors. We are proud of everyone and wish you all the best as you begin your next adventure!



WORKING TOGETHER

We would like to thank all the Association members, Board members, and their children who came out to volunteer to help clean and add mulch to our playground Commons area. This area is used by all ages and welcomed by so many. As an Association it is our responsibility to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the area.

This was an incredibly large task, but over the course of two days, the member volunteers were able to pull weeds and distribute over 40 yards of mulch throughout the playground Commons area. Doing it ourselves saved the Association hundreds of dollars and gave those who worked the sense of a job well done. Thanks again to our helpers!

When you visit the Commons area, please do your part to maintain its beauty.

It is our hope in the future to inspire more volunteers to help beautify all of our Commons.



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POLICE NOTE

Did you know Whispering Meadows has a police liaison assigned to us from the City of Novi? Officer Tim looks after our sub regularly and reports back any concerns. He stated over the last month he has found “no problems.” He would also like everyone to know there are many services the NPD provides.

- Civilian Pistol Safety Class
- Home Watch Program
- Drug Take Back Program
- Craigslist Transaction Meeting Place
- Residential & Commercial Security Survey.

If you would like more information on these programs, please visit



www.cityofnovi.org and search community programs.

Officer Tim placed a speed warning radar in our subdivision in May. It is imperative that you watch your speed while driving through the subdivision. He has also increased patrol in regards to speeding within our subdivision.

Please feel free to contact Officer Tim with concerns. In case of emergency always dial 911.

Home Beautification Honors

Whispering Meadows pride was on full display as so many homes were in contention for one of five coveted House Beautiful yard signs. Again, the secret panel of judges had difficulty determining the winners. The outstanding selections are listed below. Congratulations to these owners and well done to all our residents who keep WM beautiful!

21714 Zisette Dr



22157 Shadybrook Dr



40571 Ladene



22389 Mill Rd



22401 Mill Rd



Moving?

We hate to see you leave this incredible subdivision! If the tough decision to move has been made, we would like to help ease the process a bit. Email the WMHA Board for a letter of good standing. Your mortgage company is going to request this letter and they usually like to wait till the clock is ticking. To be proactive and make sure you are not slowed down, request this document when you first decide to put your home up for sale. Also, verify your home is compliant of all WMHA rules and regulations to ensure nothing will hold your home sale from occurring. We will provide any documentation needed and assist you in any way we can. Best wishes.

New Disposal Service

By now you should have received a new garbage bin and recycling bin. The City of Novi has partnered with GFL Services. If you have any questions and/or concerns please contact the city.

We thank you for continuing to follow City of Novi and the WMHA regulations.

As a reminder the City of Novi issued the following information:

Per city ordinance, you should not put out waste or recycling bins earlier than 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection day. It is the responsibility of both the property owner and the property occupant to place refuse at the designated collection site within a refuse bin sealed container or plastic bag to prevent objectionable odors, or spillage of refuse upon any public or private site. All receptacles must be removed from such areas no later than 12 hours following the actual collection. Trash receptacles must be placed within a totally enclosed building or placed upon an area of the rear yard of the occupant's property so as not to create a nuisance to surrounding residents.

Stay Connected

Have you heard about how to stay connected with your neighbors? There are many ways to stay connected whether it be a nice note on their mailbox, a wave hello, or a good old driveway chat. We also want you to know that you can stay connected through the internet. WMHA has a Facebook page, an email, and posts to the City of Novi website!



wmhaboard@gmail.com

Please feel free to email the board directly for any questions, comments, and/or concerns.



Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, All WMHA news, updates, events, etc. will be posted to this site regularly. To find this group, make sure you type in the entire name of this group and you will see the WM sign off of 9 mile in the group logo.



www.cityofnovi.org

The city site has our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions as well as board info and newsletters.
