



WHISPERING MEADOWS NEWSLETTER

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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 it has become a safety issue. 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!

It is unfortunate the Board is receiving an incredible amount of complaints from our members. These complaints are about care and upkeep of your property. This has never been an issue in WM and it’s disturbing. Do read your CCR’S it will explain what you are responsible for as a WM Citizen.

ALL 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”**. WMHA and our partnership with the Novi Police Department remains. Call NPD immediately if you witness *anything* suspicious or uncomfortable! Please maintain your property appearance as communicated in our CCR’S...

COVENANT CORNER

Well...at last it’s that time of year! Spring is in the air perhaps shorter than past years however, at last its here! With Spring many of us begin new projects, landscaping, decks, home improvements, planting etc. The many activities that take place throughout Whispering Meadows are at times not reported for proper approval with our Architectural Control Committee for review. The ACC reviews all requests from homeowners that relate to our CCR’s if required before starts. The ACC assure all changes conform to guidelines. AAC approval must be obtained prior to the start of almost every external modification, improvement or addition. Contact Leon Naronzy. *A disturbing number of complaints relating to homeowner property care has been reported!?*

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THANK YOU!

The WMHA Board would like to congratulate all members who have paid their dues and are current. By paying your Association Dues in a timely manner you actually save the Association (yourselves) money!

When we have to send out second notices you pay for the stamps, stationery and administrative time. Please pay and send your Annual Dues check promptly. Unfortunately legal fees for lengthy overdue members eventually come into play as well...

It is the responsibility of each owner to keep his property free of weeds and debris. All landscaping and lawns shall be maintained at all times...

In no event shall more than two (2) dogs be kept or harbored on any lot...

2018 NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRYWAY ENHANCEMENT MATCHING GRANT

We have been notified and congratulated on winning the 2018 Matching Grant Award. The Neighborhood Matching Grant Program established by the Novi City Council provides funding assistance to Novi's Homeowner Associations. Our Award is \$5,000 toward the final cost of our new planned entranceway project. The funds support the efforts to enhance neighborhoods through high quality entranceway beautification projects. Whispering Meadows completed all criteria for the program and submitted and presented our application to the Review Committee and completed all mandatory financial, structural, estimates and photographic requirements. Neighborhood/Associations are eligible for a 50% matching award up to \$5,000 at the City's sole discretion. The Board has retained a Design firm to partner with us to create and implement the new entranceway project. We are gratified and proud to have been awarded this grant and will be engaged in the near weeks to come. We would like to thank the Committee, City Council and City Manager's Office for this recognition. 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 is pending. We have invited and encouraged their participation over the years and at last they are in the process of consideration. 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! The Lake is Private Property and its use is only for residents of Whispering Meadows!

FROM THE DESK OF OFFICER SCOTT WOODLEY

"SEE SOMETHING/HEAR SOMETHING...say Something!" If and when you ever see something that is unusual or suspicious activity, vehicles etc. Immediately report it to the Novi Police Department. We will dispatch a car right away...Trust your Instincts! NPD will handle the problem. (Officer Woodley 248-348-7100 ext.8064/ swoodley@cityofnovi.org)

* **SPEED LIMIT IN WHISPERING MEADOWS...**a simple reminder to all residents that with the warm weather brings out our children. Residents are reminded to keep their speed at 25 mph. A digital speed reminder was placed on S/B Sunrise near Ladene. Hopefully this assisted you as a reminder to slow down!

* **SOLICITORS ETC.** - It is best not to answer the door if you are not expecting anyone. This is beneficial in not having to address unwanted solicitors. 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 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE, June 15/16, 2018...

We look forward to another fun and successful Whispering Meadows Neighborhood garage sale. Having a garage sale is not hard to do. All it takes is time, a few organizational skills, a touch of marketing and you will be on your way to turning your unwanted stuff into cash! Do be certain you clean and fix the items you place on sale. Do some homework and check websites like Craigslist and eBay to get an idea of how to price collectibles, antiques and whatever...also, give yourself room to negotiate and know before hand how low you are willing to go. Remember everybody is playing lets make a deal! Avoid where possible table pricing i.e. all items \$1 on table...this can lead to losses because there will always be some folk that will say they got their items off the \$1 table. So do your homework, organize, promote, market and have fun...meet your neighbors. Remember your trash is somebody's treasure...Good luck and hope y'all make some cash!

SPRING LAWN CARE AND TUNE UP

Like so many maintenance projects, things go smoother with better results if you properly prepare...Spring time is the time we get ready for lawn growing and mowing...

Sharpen mower blades to ensure clean cuts. A dull blade tears the grass leaving jagged edges. It is recommended that you sharpen your mower blades monthly or have a sharp spare...

Tune up the mower with a new sparkplug and air filter. Your mower will run better.

Buy fresh gas...gas that's been left to sit over the winter can accumulate moisture that will harm small engines. This is especially true for fuel containing ethanol.

Clean up your lawn... time to get out the leaf rakes and remove twigs and leaves that have accumulated over the Winter. Cleaning up debris clears the way for applying fertilizers.

Fertilizing, both in the Spring and Fall are good times to feed your lawn.

Aeration punches small holes in your lawn so water, fertilizers and oxygen reach the grass roots.

NOTE: 'Lot shall be kept free of weeds by the Owner thereof. All Landscaping and lawns shall be well maintained at all times.' This has apparently become a concern of several of our Homeowners who have contacted the Association and reported their concerns regarding this apparent problem to the ACC voicing their concern. Please take care of your property...it is your responsibility and part of being a good neighbor.

NEW SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT WHISPERING MEADOWS

Recently it was brought to the attention of the Board that our neighborhood signage was weathered, non legible and aged. The member concern was discovered by the Board and communicated back to those concerned residents that it would be handled via proper channels. It was...As I am confident you have noted our 25 mph, Neighborhood Watch, Children at Play, Yield and all Stop signs are replaced and new. Also, NPD placed a digital speed sign on Sunrise as a deterrent to those guilty speedsters in our neighborhood. **Note:** To those resident members that do have sign poles on your property please check to be certain your tree branches are not covering the new signs. If your tree branches do cover the sign please remove those branches...

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HOUSE BEAUTIFUL 2018

Judging will be June 13th. Top 6 receive the coveted
“HOUSE BEAUTIFUL” yard sign...\$100 Grand Prize!

AMERICAN FLAG HAND-OUT!

June 27/28, 2018/ 4-6 PM/Sunrise Commons

WHISPERING MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE! /August 25, 2018 / 2-6 PM Food! Brew ! Bounce House!
Pony Rides! Fun! Details to follow...