



Meadowbrook Lake

November – December 2013

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President's Report

Late fall is upon us and winter is soon approaching. With winter comes Santa in the Park! **Santa will be coming to visit our neighborhood on December 14th @ 10:00 a.m.** Please stop by the park to find out if you have been naughty or nice and to have a small treat with us.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **January 14, 2014**. As always, please let one of the Board members know if you are interested in attending or if you have a matter that you would like to have discussed at the meeting. We also strongly encourage you to consider joining the Board next year. **Many positions will become available for the 2014-2015 fiscal year**, with the first meeting of the new Board to be held in August 2014. If you would like more information about the Board, please contact any of the current Board members or consider attending one of our upcoming meetings to see how things work. It is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood and meet many of your fine neighbors.

Vice President's Report

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our "newest" neighbors of MBL Sub:



- *Tom McDevitt @ 41429 Chattman*
- *Paul & Kathleen Miska @ 22854 Penton Rise*
- *Justin & Jessica Angerstein @ 22715 Meadowbrook*
- *Brian & Jen Welch @ 23035 Balcombe*
- *Jeff & Amy Jones @ 23871 Gilbar*
- *Susan Gray @ 23002 Gilbar*
- *Tom & June Szpytman @ 23259 Ennishore*
- *Rick & Velesa Osteen @ 23085 Balcombe*

If we missed your name in this newsletter, please reach out to any one of the current board members so that you can be "officially" welcomed.



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Secretary's Report

Updating of the Meadowbrook Lake Subdivision (MBL) Directory: As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are currently updating the MBL directory. To date, we have only received updates from about 25% of the MBL residents. As we are currently targeting the publishing of the new MBL Directory sometime in mid-January 2014, *we would ask that you please submit your information no later than December 22, 2013.*

Please provide the following information so that we may update the directory:

1. **Your name and your spouse's name**
2. **Your address**
3. **Name(s) and age(s) of any children residing at your address (if applicable)**
4. **Your contact information (phone number and/or email address).**

Please submit your information to Andy Kawada at arkawada@gmail.com OR you can drop off a printed copy of your information @ 23007 Gilbar.

Treasurer's Report

Annual Subdivision Dues for the period July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014 were due July 1, 2013. Of our 150 residents, 135 of our neighbors have paid thus far. We look forward to the remaining 15 residents to remit their dues in the near future.

Past Due notification letters were prepared and sent to 27 residences on November 1, 2013. As a result of these reminder notices, 12 of the 27 Past Due homeowners have remitted their dues. If you are unsure of your current status, please contact the Treasurer to confirm your balance. Otherwise, please remit your entire outstanding balance as our neighbors depend on one another to support the Meadowbrook Lake Subdivision.

Current status of our past due accounts for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 include 4 residents totaling \$560.00. For those residents, please contact the Treasurer to arrange for a workable payment plan to bring your account status to current and avoid further collection efforts and liens placed on the homeowners' property.

Annual Subdivision Dues are used for: maintenance, improvements and increasing the safety of our park and common areas. Other examples include the funding of insurance and sponsoring social/family events throughout the year. These types of expenditures coupled with the volunteer help of your neighbors, provides a wonderful community and place to live. Your prompt remittances are greatly appreciated.

Parks:

Just a reminder that the park is available for our collective use. Please help to keep it clean and in good shape for everyone's use, report any abuse to a board member or to the Novi Police. This winter, the walk will be kept free of snow for the walkers in the area. The monuments will be decorated for Christmas this weekend. Additionally, we are currently looking at improved lighting systems for all of the MBL monuments in the future.

Concerned Homeowners:

Several concerned residents want to make the subdivision aware of a snow removal company with which they have had negative dealings. Flyers were recently distributed by this company to residents' mailboxes trying to solicit business for this year. More information about the company can be found on the Better Business Bureau's website, www.BBB.org. It is highly recommended that before hiring any contractor due diligence is performed on that company.



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Architecture's Report

If you are doing exterior work on your house, or constructing an exterior structure, please remember that you need Board approval. The City of Novi will not sign off on plans without Board approval. Additionally, without Board approval any changes that are made may have to be taken down. Work that needs Board approval are such things as, adding a swimming pool, additions, changing the façade, adding/changing a fence, and adding/changing a deck, among many other projects. To avoid any potential issues, or if you are considering an external project and have questions, please contact me, **Ryan Byrd** at 517.420.3178, or RyanJByrd@yahoo.com.

Civics' Report

Residents are reminded to bring belongings into their homes from their cars. This is especially important for purses and laptop cases or anything that looks like one (in another part of town a woman had her window broken and her diaper bag stolen). It takes very little time to smash a window and take a bag from a vehicle.

The fire department will be teaching adult and child CPR on 12-04-13. Click the link below for more information or go to cityofnovi.org, <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRec/Programs/HealthAndSafety.asp#CPR>.

If you like historical landmarks, there are several located right here in Novi. Check out the link below from the Novi Historical Commission. <http://www.cityofnovi.org/Community/History-Landmarks.pdf>.

Lastly, residents are reminded to clean up after their pets. Many residents still encounter pet feces in their yards on a regular basis. This is also common in our sub park. Please be courteous to your neighbors and follow City ordinances by cleaning up after your pets

Social's Report



It's official! The North Pole has contacted us and Santa will be in the Park on December 14th @ 10:00 AM. (Rain date will be the 15th.) We ask that gifts be wrapped (\$20 limit), and label with child's name. **All gifts can be dropped off at the Savela residence at 22646 Penton Rise.** Coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts will be provided for all to enjoy.

Merry Christmas/ Happy Holidays to all!





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