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President's Report – Lynn Kocan

Happy New Year! With the holiday season over, the Board has resumed its monthly meetings. Board members have been very diligent about gathering estimates for numerous projects, like placing boulders between the trees on Ennishore to deter vehicles from damaging the park, lighting the entrance signs, and completely reconstructing the entrance signs (which will have to comply with the City's ordinances). We have been having considerable discussion about the priority of these projects, but are being very conscious of our budget. We welcome your comments or your attendance at any meeting; just contact a Board member. Our next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16.

Santa in the Park was enjoyed by all. Other than the 8-10" of snow we got recently, we've been very fortunate. With Easter so early this year, we sure hope the mild weather continues. **Hold the date open for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 am.**

Also, as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, we are looking for volunteers to serve as Board members. This is a great opportunity for residents to make a positive and lasting contribution to the neighborhood. Please consider serving a 2-year term on the Board; elections are in June with our first meeting in August. Contact any current Board member to answer questions you may have.

Vice President's Report – Colleen Schultz

To help keep the Board updated of any new residents who move into our beautiful subdivision, please let me know. I will make sure they are "officially" welcomed. Also, if you hear of the passing of one of your neighbors, please let me know – we want to extend our condolences. Please contact me at any time.

Welcome

Welcome to our new neighbors at: Tammy and Jeremy Hargis at 41479 Glyme.

Secretary's Report – Andy Kawada

Please contact me if any of your contact information such as email address or phone numbers have changed as I will use this information to update our MBL Subdivision Directory. Printed hardcopies of the newsletter will only be provided under special circumstances.

Treasurer's Report – Tom McDougall

Congratulations, as of November 2015, all collectible delinquent dues have been collected. We also received one payment for 2017 dues. In addition, we have received an additional \$350 in late payment fees during the Fiscal Year 2016.



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Do Not Knock Registry: The Novi City Council has amended the chapter of the City Code that covers Peddling and Soliciting. The ordinance creates a "No Knock Registry". Residents who sign up for the Registry will be able to restrict peddlers, solicitors or both from coming to their homes. (*Note: Representatives of religious or political organizations, who are distributing information, are not subject to the requirements of the local law.*) An optional 8x8 vinyl cling is available by registering at <http://www.cityofnovi.org/City-Services/City-Clerk/Do-Not-Knock-Registry>. It will be mailed to you within 1-2 weeks.

Peddlers and Solicitors, who are issued permits from the City allowing them to go door-to-door, will be required to download the current "No Knock Registry" list each day.

Architecture's Report – Ruth Kawada

Please remember that you need Board approval when changing the façade of your house, adding on to your house, or adding a pool, among other things. (The City of Novi will not sign off on plans without Board approval.) Any changes made without Board approval, or against the subdivision by-laws may be forced to be taken down. To avoid any potential issues if you are considering an external project and have questions, please contact **Ruth Kawada at rak48375@yahoo.com or (248) 449-9075.**

Parks – Sue Subject

- 1) The backstop in the park has been replaced by Novi Fence so it should be ready for some great baseball games for years to come!
- 2) Even though we haven't had a ton of snow this winter (thankfully!), Steve Lazarus has kept the pathways cleared whenever there has been more than 2 inches of snow.
- 3) Rob Ledbetter continued to cut the park grass through the end of November since the warmer weather hung on that long. He also trimmed the trees in the park along Ennishore in mid-December (since he had to wait until after the first heavy frost.) Rob is onboard to continue maintaining the park for the 2016 season.
- 4) In November, someone drove their vehicle through our park and did donuts that damaged the park grass. If anyone sees this happening or knows any information about who may have done this, please call the Novi

Police and let a Board member know! Because this happens almost yearly, we got quotes for putting in boulders or posts along the outside of the park along Ennishore to keep cars out. Both options would be about the same price but the Board decided they liked the idea of the boulders better if we decide to go forth with the idea. We are currently trying to decide the priorities of several big projects with respect to our budget. We will keep you updated as what projects we will pursue.

- 5) We received quotes from DTE and an engineering company to get lights to the monuments at Ennishore and Chattman. We won't go forward with that project until we determine as a Board if we want to totally replace those monuments and include the lighting as part of that project. Replacing the monuments would be very expensive based on the restrictions set by the City of Novi. Again we will keep you updated as further decisions are made by the Board.
- 6) Lastly, **PLEASE CLEAN UP** after your dogs in the park. After the snow melts, all the dog deposits will be on the grass and ultimately some unlucky person will be stepping in them!

Ecology Report – Bill Smedley

Lake samples were collected late November and indicated the following levels:

- North inlet (the feed off Chattman from the wetland to the north) = 120
- South lake area (near the park) = 20

The next set of samples will be taken in April/May. Three samples will be taken, one each from; the North inlet on Chapman, the feed from the east off of Meadowbrook, and a deeper lake sample.

I am also working on creating a neighborhood bird list of species observed in the Meadowbrook Lakes Subdivision. I hope to have this completed and posted to the MBL website within a month or two.

Civics – Amy Jones

The City of Novi has hired a consultant company to help develop a Thoroughfare Master Plan, which will help guide transportation planning for the next 5-25 years. The consultant is seeking input from community members in regard to development of the plan. Residents, visitors, and business



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members of the community can post comments regarding transportation in the City of Novi. Citizens can visit the following website to post comments, in a specific category or merely general comments. Posters can register their name or remain anonymous –

<http://www.communityremarks.com/novi/>

Novi Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy also encourage residents and visitors to the City to look out for each other and report any suspicious activity to police. “We all must work together and remain vigilant in reporting suspicious behavior or events,” Molloy said. “If you see something, say something.”

Home Safety Tips While Away

- *Ask a trusted neighbor to tend the yard, shovel the snow, pick up the mail/newspaper and watch your home when you are away or have a trusted friend or relative house sit in your absence.*
- *At least two light timers should be set to turn the lights and TV on and off in a logical sequence when away for an extended time period to give the appearance that someone is home.*
- *The motion detector or other alarm system (if you have one) should be activated when you leave home.*
- *Make sure all doors and windows are locked when you leave, even if you have an alarm system*

Tickets are on sale now for the always highly anticipated State of the City Address in Novi. This year's address will take place Tuesday, May 3 at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Breakfast is at 7:30am and is included in the \$25 ticket price. However, the speech portion, which starts at 8:45am, is free and open to the public.

How to Report any Snowplow sod damage to your property

If you notice that sod damage has occurred on your property due to City of Novi snowplows, please call the Department of Public Services at **(248) 735-5640** to report the damage. DPS will quickly create a service report to make temporary repairs now, and then make the permanent repairs for you in the spring, when sod is available.



Social's Report – Jann Pascoe

The MBL Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 am in the park.

SAVE THE DATE!!!



**MBL's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
MBL Park**

**Saturday, March 26, 2016
10:00 AM**



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