

## President's Report - Lynn Kocan

What a great Fall we had! We were very fortunate that the weather was perfect and attendance was great at our annual picnic--over 135 residents. We thank everyone for their generosity in sharing a dish to pass.

**SAVE THE DATE** for Santa in the Park on Saturday, December 16, at 10 a.m. More information included with the Social report.

**New Entrance Signs** - The two new entrance signs at Nine Mile/Ennishore and Meadowbrook/Chattman were completed the end of September. In Spring we will add mulch and replace any missing plants. We are especially grateful to the City's grant program which is contributing \$5,000 towards the project. Our cost (after the grant) is \$12,100--right on budget. Because of the investment which is required and the need to rebuild our reserve fund, the other two entryway signs on Meadowbrook Road will be updated in a couple of years--at which time we will be able to apply for another grant.

Thank you to *Jim and Linda Johnson* and *Godfrey and Tina Fenech* who permitted the stone masons to use their electricity during the build-out of the signs. It's the generosity of neighbors that makes our subdivision so special!

**Dead Trees and Broken Lights** - We just removed 2 dead trees in the park, and there are lights that were broken out in the pathway that need to be replaced. These projects require substantial funds. Because of these expenditures, our plan to replace the solar lighting with LED lighting at the two new entrance signs during this fiscal year is currently on hold.

**Roads** - Chattman and Ennishore (from Nine Mile to Gilbar) have been re-blacktopped. The City backfilled and seeded along the roads. We were surprised to be part of the City road updates and are pleased with the new asphalt.

**Lost and Found** - After the picnic we found a phone cable left at one of the tables close to the buffet table. Please contact Lynn Kocan if this is yours.

**Student helpers** -If there any teens in the subdivision who are willing to rake leaves, etc., to help out neighbors, just contact Lynn Kocan.

## Vice President's Report - Colleen Schultz

**Tim and Jennifer Kirk, 23070 Ennishore.** Tim is an optometrist at Town and Country Eyecare at Nine Mile and Novi Road. Jennifer is an RN and handles case management. They have two children, Emily (25) and Matt (21).

**Timothy and Heather Goodchild, 22823 Penton Rise.**



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**George Wilke**, 22692 Ennishore, beloved husband of Christine for 57 years, passed away on October 3rd. George and Chris moved into Meadowbrook Lake in 1976. George was a draftsman and part owner of Hy Tek Systems. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and gardening. He was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and received a lung transplant in 2012.

**Wayne Spence**, 22863 Gilbar, passed away on September 24. Wayne was predeceased by his parents, Shirley and John. The family moved into Meadowbrook Lake Subdivision in 1968. Wayne loved to play golf. He always said that his final resting place would be at "The Nineteenth Hole."

## Architecture - *Rael Blair*

Please remember that you need Board approval when changing the facade of your house, adding on to your house, adding a pool, or otherwise changing the exterior of your home or property. Please also remember the City of Novi will not sign off on plans or issue a permit without Board approval. Any changes made without Board approval, or against the subdivision by-laws, may result in being forced to be taken down. To avoid any potential issues if you are considering an external project and have questions, please contact Rael Blair at [rael.blair@gmail.com](mailto:rael.blair@gmail.com) or (313) 574-8333.

**Special Note On Fencing:** Our Deed and Restrictions require residents who plan to put in **any** fencing to get prior approval from the Board. Fencing has been allowed for pools, as they are required by City ordinance. We have noticed the addition of fencing along the lake, which is getting higher and, in some instances, has been installed up residential property lines from the lake towards the house. We understand the desire to keep the geese from wandering the back yards and the Board is making arrangements to have a goose round-up next year. Our goal is to balance the desire to keep geese out while maintaining an unobstructed view of our beautiful lake and neighborhood. **We are asking those residents who have fencing along the side lot property line, coming from the lake towards the house, to please remove this fencing, as this is a violation of our Restrictions. Given the weather change we understand this might not be possible until the spring.**

## Secretary's Report - *Andy Kawada*

**Contact Information:** 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 current MBL Subdivision Directory. Printed hardcopies of the newsletter will only be provided under special circumstances.

For the latest information about our great city, check out: [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org)

## **Yard Waste Deadline is Saturday, November 25**

Just want to get an early reminder out there that the Yard Waste Deadline is fast approaching. The deadline this year for curbside disposal of yard waste is **Saturday, November 25**. It's Saturday because there is no pick-up on Thanksgiving - which means Thursday becomes Friday and Friday becomes Saturday. Once the deadline passes, Waste Management will NO LONGER pick up yard waste from the curb. You will either need to store it in your garage until April, find somewhere to take it or have a landscaping company pick it up. For more information on about yard waste pickup and what you need to do, visit [cityofnovi.org/trash](http://cityofnovi.org/trash).





## Parks - Alan McGowan

This past month we removed a couple of the dead pines in the park and trimmed a maple that was hanging over the swing set. In the spring, we will be adding seed to the area where they removed the trees. As for the lights in the park, I am currently waiting to hear back from the company that we received a bid from for additional information about the lights (before we move forward with this project). Please remember to pick up after your pets and report any damage to the park immediately to a board member.

## Treasurer's Report - Tom McDougall



Thanks again to all residents who have paid their dues. Currently there are 4 residents who have an outstanding balance. The association's collection policy states that after July 1, there is a \$25 late fee for any unpaid dues. Sixty days after the due date (September 1), an invoice is sent by certified mail. If payment is not received within 30 days of the written notification, a Homeowners Association Lien will be filed for the amount of the dues, late fees and the cost of filing the lien with the State of Michigan, Oakland County Register of Deeds.

A notice to all past due residents was emailed/mailed last month.

In addition to our normal dues payments, we have received \$425 in late fees and \$275 in payments from prior years.

## Ecology Report – Crystal Sitar

Water Testing was done on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Compared to the May 2016 Report that was last completed, the Lake bacteria is greatly reduced. Of course this is variable throughout the year.



The State of Michigan requires a single sample to be under 300 E-coli per 100ml to be considered safe for swimming. To see more information on surface water testing please visit <https://www.oakgov.com/health/services/Pages/Environmental-Health.aspx>

You can find information on testing requirements under beaches.

### May 2016

<b>Park</b>	35 e-coli
<b>East Inlet</b>	1203 e-coli
<b>North Inlet</b>	240 e-coli
<b>Total Coliform:</b>	<b>216</b>

### September 2017

<b>Dam</b>	39 e-coli
<b>Chattman inlet</b>	133 e-coli
<b>Mid Lake</b>	21 e-coli
<b>Total Coliform:</b>	<b>48</b>

There have been reports of coyotes in the area, also sightings of raccoons out during the day. Raccoons are nocturnal and should not be seen during the day. Please be cautious when letting your pets outdoors. If you see animals that may cause potential danger please notify the Novi police to handle **248 348-7100**

It's been a number of years since Meadowbrook Lake has conducted a goose round-up. In order to participate, we will need a signed petition with 70% approval from lake land owners and a resolution from



the City. There is a \$200 non-refundable fee to apply for a permit by June 1. Additional cost for capture and transport would be required (from \$500-1500). Capture dates are between June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting this process early in the year to ensure that we are able to have everything in before the deadline.

## Receive Notifications re: City Emergencies or Traffic Emergencies



Nixle keeps you up-to-date with relevant information from your local public safety departments & schools. During the recent water problem in Oakland County, many residents had questions regarding their water safety and the recovery timeline. One way to stay informed regarding this type of issue and others is to subscribe to Nixle.com. You will be asked if you are a resident, then you will need to provide your zip code to enroll. You can choose to receive updates by text or by e-mail.

## Little Library at Meadowbrook Lake

There's a book for everyone and our little library is a great opportunity for neighbors to share a much-loved novel or trade a book! We have books available for adults and children and any book donations to the library are welcome. Please remember your audience when donating books, to make sure they are sharing-appropriate. The library is located just off Ennshore on the north side of the park path. - Thank you!!!

## Light up the Night is Friday, December 1

Friday, December 1 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., is the annual free holiday event at the Novi Civic Center Campus. Enjoy "Light up the Night" with fireworks, s'mores, Santa visits, a craft show and more at the Novi Civic Center. Train rides and a variety show will be offered at the Novi Public Library. There is something for everyone at this family-friendly event! Please go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) for more information on Light up the Night and additional community events.

## Shredding Day is Saturday, December 2

Do you have old and unneeded documents taking up space in your home? The first Saturday of each month is Shredding Day for City of Novi Residents. This service is offered by Corrigan Record Services, for \$5.00 per person, hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon.



**Address:** [45200 Grand River Ave, Novi MI 48375 US](http://45200GrandRiverAveNoviMI48375US)

## Adopt a Family this Holiday Season

The holiday season is fast-approaching! Adopt a family is a program designed to assist the low-income families living in Novi during the holiday season. Once again, Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) has partnered with the Novi Goodfellows to coordinate efforts to serve as many families as possible, NYA is looking for families to participate in "adopting-a-family" for 2017. For further information or to donate, please contact the Novi Youth Assistance office at 248.347.0410.

## Social Report - Teresa Oblak



The 2017 MBL Picnic in the Park was a great success. Thanks to all who participated in our gathering. Our final count included 48 families with 98 adults and 35 children (very similar to last year's event)!

Mark your calendar, Santa in the Park will be on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM. If you would like to participate, please dropped a wrapped gift at 41608 Chattman (beginning December 10<sup>th</sup>) with your child's name clearly printed. There will be donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate to enjoy while Santa distributes presents to the children. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture Santa hitching a ride from the Novi Fire Department.

As we look towards the end of the year, it would be great to feature our very own residents' favorite memories from 2017 in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. Consider all the great events and milestones that have happened during the last 365 days (fishing, water fun, graduation parties, or new landscaping)! Please feel free to send a picture with a short description to [teresa.oblak@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.oblak@gmail.com).



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