

THE LARK

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MEET CONNIE LISCOMB, EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARY



Connie and Vin Liscomb moved to Meadow Hill two years ago, buying a unit sight unseen, except for online pictures. They were moving back to CT from North Myrtle Beach, SC where they had lived for six years and saw the MH unit as fulfilling their needs. And we are so glad they chose to join our community rather than returning to Manchester where they lived before moving south.

The Liscomb's just celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. They are the proud parents of three sons and eleven grandchildren. Connie has a background in Finance, with concentrations in auditing, compliance, real estate management and investment research. As impressive as that background is, Connie is as proud that she and Vin have been entrepreneurs, having owned several small businesses over the years, such as a diaper service, printing company, financial consulting, as well as a gift shop at the Hartford Hilton

Hotel. Each of these business opportunities gave them the chance to test their creative talents and teach business skills to their kids. Taking an idea through the creative process and making the business happen has been very exciting for both of them.

In terms of philosophy of life, Connie boils down her focus to "The Five F's" – Faith, Family, Friendship, (Physical) Fitness and Future. Every year, she devotes attention to make sure she maintains the proper balance in her life in each of these life segments. Not everyone can distill their life philosophy so clearly.

Connie joined the Meadow Hill Executive Board in 2019 for a three-year term, serving since last June as Board Secretary. She and Vin had previously been involved in their South Carolina community and know that one of the best ways of knowing what goes on in a community is maintaining some level of involvement. She is also involved at River Church and the Community Center Food Pantry. As an avid reader, Connie was quick to join the Meadow Hill Book Club. And she and Vin joined the Pickleball group last year.

Historical research is a personal interest of Connie's – especially local history and any cultural elements associated with places they plan to visit. They love to explore the Northeast, having lived in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire but with family living in New Jersey, Georgia and Connecticut, they get plenty of chances to explore all over. Take the chance to sit down with Connie for coffee and you'll be amazed as to how rich her life has been and how rich yours is having her in this community.

HOW TO GET INTO YOUR GARAGE DURING A POWER OUTAGE

Like many Meadow Hill residents, I was locked out of my garage during the power outage a few weeks back. I was lucky we had one car outside. Do you know that your automatic garage door can be opened by a key in an emergency? The key is used to release a cable, which you pull from outside the garage door to release the door from its automatic opener mechanism. This allows you to manually pull open the door.

Every unit was given a key to the lock in the center of the garage door a few years ago when the garage doors were replaced. Maybe you purchased your unit since and didn't get a key, or you misplaced it. If you need one, see Darien Covert for a key to use to make a duplicate for yourself. He has one for every garage, unless an owner borrowed and did not return it. As a specialized key is required, I was sent by the local hardware store to L.E. Whitford Lock on CT Boulevard in East Hartford for a copy. Luther Weeks, Executive Board President

Let's

SPRING

into BINGO!

Monday March 30th 6pm

The Clubhouse

Volunteers needed; please contact Kim T. @ 203.915.4125

WELLES TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Welles Turner Memorial Library Movies – The First Friday Movie this month in the Library's Friends Room is "Yesterday", released in 2019, telling the story of a musician who finds himself in the improbable world where no one has heard of the Beatles. This showing is at 2:00pm on March 6th. No registration is required.



Tax Free in Retirement – Join Mike Alimo of USA Financial & Tax Services to learn about strategies that can help you get closer to a tax-free retirement. No company-specific products will be discussed, and there will be no sales or solicitations. **Date:** March 5 from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Seating is limited so call quickly for registration, at 860-652-7720

RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER

Be sure to check out [The Sharing Tree](#) online or at the Community Center for this month's calendar of events. Classes of potential interest this month: Computer Basics- Email on March 3rd, and the AARP Tax AID program. Call quickly for registration. Also check out the upcoming bus trips for a chance to visit some pretty exciting places.



INCOME TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE



AARP is assisting with Income Tax returns again this year at the Riverfront Community Center. Call or visit the Center to schedule an appointment for your Federal and State Income Tax return. In addition, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. These services are offered at Manchester Community College, 161 Hillstown Road in Manchester and Goodwin College Business and Manufacturing Center at 1 Pent Road, Room 104 in East Hartford. No appointments are required.

GLASTONBURY ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Glastonbury Adult and Continuing Education [Course Listing](#) was released a few weeks back and there are a ton of great day and evening classes available. It's not much of a risk to sign up for a class and who knows, you could smile all the way home from every class!!



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – from last month’s article



A few people have called to remind us, after reading the Transportation for Seniors article in the February Lark that (1) the Dial a Ride option only pertains to transport within Glastonbury and (2) The A.D.A. Transportation option will not apply to pick up at Meadow Hill as we are outside the pick-up area.

Do You Fly Often? Here are Six TSA Rules to Remember

- 1 – Solid foods are permitted in carry-on’s. Non-solid foods must follow the 3.4 oz. limit and must be placed in a quart sized clear plastic bag.
- 2 – Eating utensils are permitted in carry-on’s.
- 3 – Medications and prescriptions are permitted in carry-on’s. Liquids may need to be repackaged in 3.4 oz. bottles.
- 4– Creams and lotions are considered liquids. Anything you can pour, pump, spread, squeeze, smear, spray or spill is considered a liquid, subject to the 3.4 oz. limit in carry-on’s.



- 5 – Expensive jewelry should stay on while you go through screening. This reduces theft risk, unless the jewelry triggers the x ray at which point you will be asked to remove it.
 - 6 – You can bring plants on a plane, unless the plant type is prohibited by state regulations. Undeveloped camera film must be inspected at the beginning of the screening process.
- And if your interest is how to get through the TSA screening process as quickly as possible, remember that you can get pre-approved for TSA Precheck or Global Entry and if you have the Mobile Passport app on your phone, that helps. Follow the TSA guidelines for packing carry-on’s and finally, pack your belt in the carry-on and wear slip off shoes to quicken the screening process.

REMINDER: LANDSCAPING DO-NOT-TOUCH LIST



Imagineers mailed out a Do-Not-Touch Authorization form in their February 1st letter to all Meadow Hill owners. If you wish to take care of the maintenance of the garden areas adjacent to your unit, which includes trimming, pruning, weeding, mulching, removal of dead trees/shrubs, etc., you must complete the form and return it to Lauren Figge at Imagineers by March 15, 2020. Remember, it’s an “all or nothing” arrangement for garden maintenance; you cannot selectively use Highlight Landscaping for some services but not others.

KEY DATES

March 3	Book Club	March 8	Daylight Savings Time	March 17	Board Meeting
March 4	Game Day	March 17	St. Patrick’s Day	March 30	Bingo

MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

Clubhouse – The Clubhouse is open for all residents every day. Come enjoy the gym, play pool with a friend or check your email. In the event of a scheduled rental, board meeting, etc., the upstairs room will be closed.

Clubhouse Rentals - For all rentals and scheduling of the clubhouse or Hollister House, please contact Marge DeMay at 860-633-6599, Unit #90.

Greenhouse - Remember to water your plants. We are fortunate to have this amenity for protecting our plants. Check to see that your plants are labeled with your name and unit number. Happy Gardening !

Lark Submissions Please contact Gene Flynn at 860-212-7347 for more information on submitting articles and notices.

Game Day – will be held on Wednesday, March 4th from 1-3pm at Hollister House. Come alone or bring a friend. Great chance to meet new people and try some new games. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Sue and Emil Ostrowski at 860-781-8026.

Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to learn more, please call Carol Frederickson at 860-633-0158.

March: The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead.

April: The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck.

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To Email Management staff or Board Member click on <https://tinyurl.com/MHillContacts>

BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm in the Clubhouse.

Listening Session February 11 7pm at the clubhouse

THE NEXT MEETING

March 17th

1:30 PM

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Current and previous meeting minutes can be found at www.meadowhill.net

Hard copy minutes are available at the clubhouse office one week following the meeting.

MEADOW HILL COMMITTEES

Advisory committees play an important role in Meadow Hill. They provide information and work that improves Meadow Hill beyond what the Board and Manager can do without assistance. If you would like to contribute to making Meadow Hill even better or if you feel your views or those of your area are not fully represented on a Committee, consider joining a committee. Here is a list of current committee chairs.



Amenities: OPEN

Budget: L. Abbott(C/L)

Nominating: L. Abbott(C/L)

Grounds: M. Proulx(C), C. Liscomb(L),

Trees: G. Flynn (C), T. Lombardo (L)

Stables: E. Lembo (C), E. Litke(L)

Social: S. O'Leary(C), L. Abbott(L)

Rental: M. DeMay (C), L. Weeks (L)

Communications: G. Flynn (C), L. Weeks (L)

Friends of the River: R. Bouchard (C), B. Kolwitz (C), L. Abbott(L)

Vegetable Garden: D. Fillion(C), L. Abbott(L)

Maintenance: L. Weeks (C), E. Litke(L)

Greenhouse: S. MacGregor(C), L. Weeks(L)

Rules: L. Weeks (C), L. Abbott & T. Lombardo (L)

Key: (C) – Chair, (L) – Liaison

REQUESTS AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Committees and Residents should submit agenda requests and reports to Imagineers 10 days before the monthly Board meeting.

To email Board Members or submit work orders refer to the MeadowHill.net.