

THE LARK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

COVID-19 affects Meadow Hill as a Condominium and as an over-55 community differently than the larger community.

We are fortunate that Connecticut Law provides workable options for Meadow Hill business to continue. Many states do not. Live Board Meetings which would risk the health of unit owners, staff and management are not required. The Board can vote without a meeting via email and is doing that to handle routine and critical business, including timely responses to COVID-19. Board Meetings can be conducted by video and conference call technology, providing unit owners the opportunity to attend or submit comments in advance, unit owner votes can be conducted by mail-in ballots. Going forward we will likely be using all of these tools.

Most of our residents are more susceptible to harm from the virus than younger folks. On the other hand, with most of us retired, it is easier for us to stay home and maintain our distance. I recommend we all keep in contact with others via phone and video options like Skype and Facetime, while finding ways to continue to exercise. If anyone is concerned or has difficulty shopping etc., please reach out to your friends and neighbors at Meadow Hill.

CARONAVIRUS UPDATE

COVID - 19 stands for Coronavirus disease 2019. The Coronavirus scare has changed our daily habits and isolated us for several weeks now. As a community, it is important to come together and support Meadow Hill residents who are healthy but self-quarantined and not getting out - especially single member households. Why not check on your neighbor to see if there is anything that might be needed at the store or some medical attention that is not being addressed. If you are alone and need assistance, reach out to medical professionals, the Police Department or if unsure, call your neighbors to help figure out what to do.

Now is the time to prove why Meadow Hill is more than an address - we are a community.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases.

For the most recent information on the Coronavirus contact:

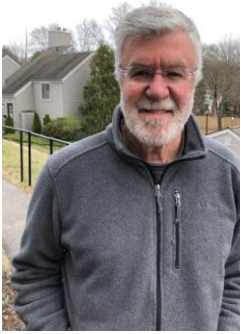
CDC website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

General questions call 2-1-1

Hartford Healthcare 24 hour hotline at (860) 972-8100.

For local closings - Please check the Glastonbury Town website for local impacts. Click on the yellow coronavirus alert at <https://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/> for the latest closings and cancellations. As of this writing, most agencies are closed including Parks and Recreation, Riverfront Community Center (Senior Center), Wells Turner Memorial Library, Youth and Family Services.

TOM LOMBARDO – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER



Tom Lombardo moved to Meadow Hill fifteen years ago. Tom had previously lived in a bachelor pad at Bushnell Tower in Hartford. When he decided it was time to purchase a home, he had to decide between the condo at Bushnell Tower and a condo at Meadow Hill. He loved the vibe at Meadow Hill and, luckily for us, he chose a lovely two-story condo with a beautiful back yard space which recently got a brand new large patio added.

Prior to his retirement, his career in Hartford was at Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, where he could walk to work from his home in Bushnell Tower. He worked at this company for 30 years, retiring in 2012. Prior to that, he worked for several years for the law firm of Joe Fazzano. After he retired from HSB, he worked for a year at a French Engineering company called Bureau Veritas. Tom did his undergraduate schooling at Providence College and received his law degree at Western New England College.

Tom joined the Meadow Hill Executive Board in 2019 as Director. In addition to his duties on the Board, Tom fills his days working once or twice a week for John Tierney Funeral Home on an as-needed basis whenever there is a funeral or during calling hours. He also plays golf at least once a week. Sounds like several other Meadow Hill retirees.

During Tom's career at Hartford Steam Boiler, he had work that involved a lot of global business, much of it involving Japanese business people. Because of this, Tom was interested in all things Japanese and wanted to learn the language. He enrolled in a Japanese language class at The University of Hartford. His language instructor turned out to be Nobue Nakamura (the 7th most common name in Japan). Tom and Nobue now live together along with their beloved toy poodle, Oliver (Ollie).

Tom has one son living and working in New York City. Nobue has two daughters living in New York City and one daughter living in San Francisco. Nobue is a citizen of Japan and has a planned trip to Tokyo in May to see her family of origin.

If you visit Tom you will see a guitar jauntily sitting in a guitar holder in the living room. Tom gives a big smile when he talks about his guitar playing and past life as a member of a local band. The band was made up of very dear friends from throughout his life and was called "The Vomitones". Maybe we can get them to play at our next Christmas Party. This also explains Tom's keen sense of humor and love of life.

Meet Tom at the next board meeting or walking around the grounds with Ollie and thank him for his work on our Board of Directors.

MEADOW HILL BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

The winter days have left you saying, "I need something to do...". Something to engage my brain, interact with people, help my Meadow Hill community. How about working on the Meadow Hill executive board? That satisfies all the qualities of a worthwhile activity just mentioned, and more! That time to investigate becoming a board member is approaching.

The Meadow Hill annual meeting will be held in mid-June and **I'm looking for nominees for 4 open board positions**. We overload on our national politics and feel like no matter what we say or do, that nothing gets done. Here is a great way to be involved very locally and have a direct say as to how we govern our own HOA. Think about it! Think about how your talents would benefit Meadow Hill.

Talk to me or Connie Liscomb, who is helping me with nominations, or any board member about what is involved. I'm sure any of them would be glad to share their experiences as a board member.

Larry Abbott, Nominating Committee Chair

RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER

All Senior and Social Service programming have been cancelled until further notice due to the coronavirs.

Please check the town website at <https://www.glastonbury-ct.gov/> for the latest information regarding town services including:

- Help with groceries and household chores or errands
- Support of or from the food bank
- Resources for daily essentials and mental health.



ELECTION DEADLINES



The Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed to June 2, 2020

the Democratic and Republican parties will be holding primaries. If you are not registered or are an UNAFFILIATED voter (Connecticut's term for an Independent who does not want to affiliate with a party), you have until NOON on June 1, 2020 to register in person with either the Democratic or Republican Party. For mail registrations or online registration May 28, 2020. But the best day to register is always TODAY!

As long as you are 18 on or before NOVEMBER 3, 2020, you're eligible to vote in a Primary at age 17. Check the Glastonbury Registrar's website if you want to mail in your registration form or register online.

SCAM ALERT

Residents should please be aware of the following scams:

There have been several unverified reports elsewhere in the country of people posing as personnel from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), who are going door-to-door, allegedly conducting a corona virus (COVID19) survey or investigation. The CDC is NOT conducting any such investigation and residents should NOT grant people claiming to be from the CDC access to their homes. Residents should instead contact police

immediately at (860)-633-8301, and select option 8. Police have no information that CDC is conducting phone surveys either, and people should NOT provide personal information over the phone. Please share this with your friends and colleagues.

Scammers may use COVID-19 as an opportunity to steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. In some cases, they might tell you they'll send you a Coronavirus test, masks, or other items in exchange for your Medicare number or personal information. Be wary of unsolicited requests for your Medicare number or other personal information.



REQUESTS FOR VEGETABLE GARDEN PLOTS

Anyone interested in a garden plot down by the river for the 2020 season needs to put in your request for a full or half sized plot. The size of a garden plot is determined by the number of owners requesting a plot. The cutoff for requesting a plot is May 1st and should be made to David Fillion, unit #182, lfillion@cox.net or 860-299-3313. Your request needs your name, unit # and lot size.



WEED CONTROL



There are many eco-friendly methods for controlling weeds, including:

- Pull them out
- Behead them – so they won't go to seed and spread
- Pour boiling water on them
- Salt them
- Pour vinegar on them
- Brew a batch of weed killer. Works great for poison ivy.
 - 1 gallon white vinegar
 - 1 cup of salt
 - 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap

RECYCLING

Please be aware of the rules around recycling at Meadow Hill. Our trash areas belong to all of us and need to be kept clean and organized. Recycling bins are **blue**. Our Meadow Hill Rules state:

Rule 17: Recycling of Materials

17.1. All Unit Owners and Residents shall comply with the Town of Glastonbury Recycling Guidelines and place items in Specific Bins located around Meadow Hill for Recycling and for Trash.

17.2. The Association will post an updated pamphlet on recycling to all Meadow Hill Trash Bin Units.

17.3 Depositing plastic bags of any description in Recycling Bins is strictly prohibited.

KEY DATES		
April 1 - April Fool's Day April 8 – Passover April 5 – Palm Sunday	April 10 – Good Friday April 12 – Easter April 15 – Board Meeting - Electronic	April 15 – Tax Day NOW July 15 April 22 – Earth Day
MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES		
Clubhouse and Hollister House – During the coronavirus shut-down, use of the clubhouse and Hollister House will be limited to no more than 3 people per room. Clubhouse and Hollister House Rentals - Rentals discontinued until coronavirus shut-down has ended. 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. Bingo – Cancelled.	Game Day – Cancelled. Usually held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm at Hollister House. Come alone or bring a friend. Great chance to meet new people and try some new games. Refreshments are served. Questions? Call Sue and Emil Ostrowski at 860-781-8026. Book Club – Cancelled. Usually 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. Upcoming books to read: <u>The Women in the Castle</u> by Jessica Shattuck. <u>Ordinary Grace</u> by William Kent Kruger	
MANAGEMENT COMPANY		
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To Email Management staff or Board Member click on https://tinyurl.com/MHillContacts		
BOARD MEETINGS		
THE NEXT MEETING		
Monthly Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm in the Clubhouse. Listening Session May 12 7pm at the clubhouse	April 15th 1:30 PM Meeting will be electronic	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.
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.		