

THE LARK

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**to our local Heroes in Healthcare, Public Safety,
Grocery/Food Distribution and other Essential Businesses
including our Maintenance and Imagineers Staffs !!!**

GLASTONBURY CITIZEN RECOGNIZES AIDA MISHRIKY

Congratulations to Aida Mishriky, Unit 24 for being recognized in the *Glastonbury Citizen* for her volunteer work making masks for others. Like others within Meadow Hill who have had their sewing machines busy since March, Aida has worked tirelessly to make and donate over 200 face masks using a pattern she found online. Her masks have been distributed to healthcare workers and other members of the community. Her motivation - both the need to be productive during home confinement and having two granddaughters as nurses. And Aida has used her church - St. James Episcopal - to be her distribution arm. Aida is a prime example of seeing a need and jumping in to fill it. We are proud to call her our neighbor and thank her - and her granddaughters for their important work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MEADOW HILL BOARD



The Meadow Hill Annual Meeting voting occurred via mailed ballots this year, with results counted and announced at a public Zoom videoconference on June 10, 2020, and with a subsequent Board meeting held the same day for officer elections. Connie Liscomb and Larry Abbott continue in their multi-year terms, also continuing as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. With four open positions announced for voting, three nominations were made with the mailed voting ballots. Elected to a one-year term was Luther Weeks (President). Toni Dolan, elected to a three-year term, was also elected Vice President and Sandy

O'Leary was elected as a Board Member for a three-year term. One unfilled position remains on the Board. Congratulations to the entire 2020-21 Executive Board and to all the other community volunteers giving service to Meadow Hill.

Thanks to our "retiring" Board Members - Ed Litke and Tom Lombardo - for their service to Meadow Hill, their expertise, and the care they brought to their roles.

MEETING YOUR NEIGHBORS – JOHN AND ROSEMARIE VOLLINGER



We continue our Meadow Hill series on nonagenarians – residents in their nineties. Meet the Vollingers, although they look a little different today. This picture is on their wedding day, 74 years ago. At 99 and 95 years old, they may be the oldest couple here at Meadow Hill, or at least one of the oldest couples. And John says that they are still very deeply in love. Both of them grew up in East Hartford and married after John left the Marines.

Rosemarie and John raised two sons and a daughter, with two living locally and one in California. They are proud to have three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. John Vollinger actually built their first house in East Hartford and after 25 years, contracted to have their second home built in Simsbury.

After 25 years in Simsbury, they moved to Sun City Center, Florida. One of the unusual things they both did in Florida was to join a writing club and work on their memoirs. John later went on to publish the military years segment of his memoirs in a book, which most of us certainly haven't done!! After ten years, although they loved the Florida lifestyle, they moved back to CT to be closer to their children. They have resided in Unit 97 for about a dozen years and love Meadow Hill. Seeing the horses here reminds them of the horse they had in Simsbury for their daughter, Susie.

John was a lawn bowling enthusiast in Florida and after moving to Meadow Hill, was a founding member of the MH Beer Club. He still considers himself a Marine and was honored one year by being selected the Grand Marshall in the Memorial Day Parade. Rosemarie has always prided herself as an excellent cook. One of her specialties was a Swedish Blitz Torte, which sounds yummy. Everyone here at Meadow Hill has different backgrounds and life experiences and it is a pleasure to get to meet folks with interesting lives. You don't often meet someone "pushing 100". Wave and say hello to Rosemarie and John as you pass by their porch which faces the Clubhouse.

CHECK OUT THESE ONLINE MUSEUM EXHIBITS WHILE HOME-BOUND



Ok, several months into this confinement, many of us are climbing the walls. For those with computers, we have opportunities to at least see and hear performances and exhibits online. The Hartford Courant recently ran a listing of museums with online exhibits that you might want to check out. A quick visit online might be entertaining! Watch The Courant for online music performance listings as well.

Florence Griswold Museum – Five exhibits can be seen online at www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art – Check out their website www.nbmaa.org/online for exhibits, chats, activities and video lessons. They are also presenting a collaborative exhibit with **The Glass House** in New Canaan, found at <http://www.nbmaa.org/exhibitions/annalbers>.

Mark Twain House and Museum – Check out their 3D virtual tour at www.marktwainhouse.org/.

Yale University Art Gallery – See recent photography exhibits at <https://artgallery.yale.edu> or their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/yaleartgallery.

Artspace (New Haven) - Large exhibit with many artists. <https://artspace.newhaven.org> and go to the Flat File menu select on the top of the home page to open their archive exhibits.

Wadsworth Atheneum – An audio tour of the latest exhibit is available at www.thewadsworth.org. Video highlights of past exhibits can be found there too.

Connecticut Historical Society – At www.chs.org/, visitors can see exhibits, including Remembering G.Fox & Co, The Ambassadors of Folk and a Historic Timeline of Connecticut's LGBTQ Community.

Mystic Seaport Museum – Two historical exhibits are available by visiting www.mysticseaport.org. Side benefits of looking at these exhibits online include not having to dress up, and to view the exhibits with your favorite beverage in one hand. CT has several more museums, many of which have online exhibits so if you have a favorite not included in this listing, check it out.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Thanks to our Maintenance and Grounds Committees and to Staff for their fine work recently. The sidewalk repairs have been planned for some time but we are grateful to see the trip hazards removed. And those beautiful new plantings throughout the complex bring new life and "House and Garden" quality vistas wherever we look. And thanks to Darien and Mike for their continual efforts to keep Meadow Hill so picturesque.

NEED A MASK?

The town of Glastonbury is supplying paper and cloth masks to those who need one.
Request a free mask at www.glastonbury-ct.gov/mask.



RED LIGHT ROULETTE

If you have driven since mid-March, you have probably noticed less traffic than usual, but some drivers appear to be going faster. They may figure that police won't pull people over, to avoid person to person contact. But regardless of their thought process, driving faster and breaking other traffic safety rules puts safe drivers even more on the defensive. AAA recently reported that incidents of deaths caused by drivers running red lights have been increasing steadily over the past eight years. Now, with aggressive driving being observed more often recently, this trend may escalate even further. Don't be the person who treats yellow lights like green ones or think that "I can beat that red". As you approach intersections, be prepared to stop, use good judgment and tap the brakes to slow your vehicle down in case someone else decides to run their red light. Also proceed with caution once your light turns green, for the same reason. Even if you pride yourself as being a good driver, we still have to watch for those who aren't.



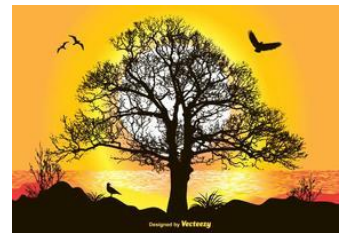
PLEASE BREAK DOWN YOUR BOXES



With so many of us ordering products online and recycling boxes we are filling our recycle bins more than ever these days.
Please remember to break down the boxes in order to accommodate the larger quantity of cardboard.
Thank you!

GROUND'S COMMITTEE SPRING UPDATE

Spring planting projects are either under way or completed. Some of the projects include annual mulching, adding annual flowers and perennials around the Meadow Hill sign on Main St, adding plantings and a couple of landscape boulders to some areas along Hollister North and South, and adding three new Eastern Redbud trees near the tennis courts. Thanks to Darien and Mike for their ongoing efforts to keep Meadow Hill so beautiful. We'd like to welcome three new members to the Grounds Committee: Kim Trela, Vicky Germani, and Todd Blais. Their knowledge, energy and enthusiasm are welcome additions to our team!



AMENITIES UPDATE

The Executive Board announced at their June meeting that due to liability issues, with advice from our attorneys and CT Condominium resources, the Meadow Hill Pool, Clubhouse and Tennis/Pickleball courts will remain closed due to COVID19 for now. The Board will revisit the discussion of any possible reopening at the July 15 Board meeting.

WELCOME TO SEVERAL NEW RESIDENTS

COVID19 has impacted how we greet our new neighbors. Linda Fillion, our Welcome Ambassador has not been able to visit new residents, so we are greeting them in The Lark and properly socially distanced around Meadow Hill. We encourage all new residents to reach out to the Lark staff or Board Members if they have questions. Greetings to the following new residents:

Kathryn Houston in Unit 89, phone 860-608-3277
 Patti McNamara in Unit 164, phone 860-918-0188
 Audrey Hurley in Unit 28, phone 860-558-1633

Diane Wilcox in Unit 53, phone 860-729-0393
 James and Nancy Fuda in Unit 248, phone 860-729-0354.
 Len Matyia in Unit 85.

Please extend a welcome to all our new neighbors and make them feel at home within the living restrictions we all are under.

MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

Clubhouse and Hollister House – Closed until further notice due to the coronavirus.
Clubhouse and Hollister House Rentals - Rentals discontinued until further notice due to the coronavirus.
Lark Submissions Please contact Gene Flynn at 860-212-7347 for more information on submitting articles and notices.
For Rent: Adirondack family camp on lake. Sleeps six adults, four kids. Call Betsy and Jack Raycroft, 860-306-4976, Unit #77.

Game Day – Cancelled. Usually held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm at Hollister House is cancelled until further notice due to coronavirus.
Book Club – Cancelled. Usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 at the Clubhouse is cancelled until further notice due to coronavirus. The following titles will be discussed whenever we resume:
The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck.
Ordinary Grace by William Kent Kruger.
Bingo – Cancelled.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm. July meeting will be electronic. Information on how to connect will be forthcoming from Imagineers.

THE NEXT MEETING
July 15th

1:30 PM

Meeting Will be Electronic

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

Hard copy minutes are no longer available at the clubhouse due to the coronavirus.

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.