

# THE LARK

December 2020

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## MEET MEADOW HILL BOARD MEMBER – SANDY O'LEARY



Long time Meadow Hill resident, Sandy O'Leary, is one of our residents who volunteers her time to be a member of the Meadow Hill Board of Directors. She was voted in to her position as Director for a three year term. Sandy has many interests in addition to her job as a real estate agent in Glastonbury but still manages to donate her time as a board member which entails lots more time than just monthly meetings.

Sandy was born in Hartford, CT to a family of four children, Sandy being the oldest. She attended St. Peter's School and Hartford High School.

She has been a resident of Glastonbury for 55 years and a real estate agent for 50 years. She is an elected member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for more than 40 years.

Among Sandy's interests and hobbies are exercising (biking, spinning, pool and walking) and gardening. She spends as much time as she can with her 9 grandchildren (ranging in age from 17-28, six girls and three boys).

She also enjoys travel and has been to Germany, where she did a bike trip along the Mosel River, and has toured Ireland, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Sandy has also been an integral part of the Social Committee at Meadow Hill for the last few years, serving as chair of the MH Social Committee. She has planned many activities for us, including last year's Sports Day at the tennis courts, the Halloween Party, Octoberfest Party, 4th of July celebration and helped our community last month celebrate John Vollinger's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sandy tells me she wanted to join the Meadow Hill Board because she likes to be involved in the community and make positive differences here. Sandy brings all of her experience and expertise to our Meadow Hill Board to help bring continuity in the community, care for its aesthetics and strengthen its social community.

In Sandy's words "I care deeply about my community and am very happy to be here. It's a strong Board that I am very happy to be part of."

We would like to thank Sandy for bringing us together as a community and for her service on the Meadow Hill Board of Directors.

## KEY DATES

7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> Hanukkah begins at sundown  
16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> Winter begins  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

## NEWS FROM OUR TREASURER



The Meadow Hill Executive Board approved the 2021 budget at the November board meeting. The proposed budget, with a 2.26% common fee increase, will be presented to unit owners to vote on at an annual meeting in December. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 9 at 7 PM**. It will be held electronically via Zoom. The alternate date, in case weather should cause power outages or such, is Monday, December 14 at 7 PM.

Unit owners will receive notice of the meeting, with Zoom instructions, by mail, from Imagineers, our management company. Owners will also receive the budget and the new fee schedule in the mailed packet. So be on the lookout for that mailing! See you on Zoom!

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

**During the holiday season, we like to express our sincere appreciation to Darien and Mike for going above and beyond for us this year.**

You may express your gratitude with a holiday gift in either of the following ways:

- **Contribute toward a group Holiday Bonus:** Please make checks payable to Meadow Hill, Inc with the notation "Holiday Bonus". The checks should be mailed to Sheila Duncan at Imagineers, 635 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT, no later than Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Contribute individually** by making a personal gift to them.



## A NOTE FROM THE VOLLINGER FAMILY

We would like to thank the Meadow Hill community for the wonderful celebration of John Vollinger on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, in parade, friends gathered, and the Marine veteran's ceremony. Both John and Rosemarie have enjoyed the company of great neighbors and friends. Being very practical, John is saving the balloons for the next Meadow Hill person to reach 100. Sadly, Rosemarie, passed away peacefully on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, after a long and full life for which we are thankful. She will be greatly missed.

## Old Man Winter is upon us!



### When we expect cold temperatures and accumulating snow PLEASE

- Move your car away from the parking areas next to garages before the storm begins.
- Do not park in front of a garage door.
- Do not park in the three spaces in the island by the Clubhouse.
- Remove your entrance mat(s) as they can be drawn into the snow blower and cause damage or shred your mat. After the storm ends, when plowing and snow blowing are completed, you may replace your entrance mat.
- Turn on roof-heating cables (if you have them) when snow begins to fall. They can be turned off when the roof is clear of snow. Use of the cables reduces the risk of you and/or Meadow Hill suffering ice damage.
- Arrange to have roof-heating cables turned on if you will be away during potentially snowy weather.
- In very cold weather open cabinet doors under sinks on outside walls to let in warmer air.
- On very cold nights, let faucets drip to keep pipes from freezing.
- If you're able to do it, turn off the water valve to outside faucets.
- Don't forget to water plants in the greenhouse.

## DIGITAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH JEFF WEISELBERG

You may remember the fun we had last year at our Christmas Party with Jeff and his Christmas Music. Well, he will be on a Zoom session as part of the Town of Glastonbury events, on Wednesday, December 23 at noon-1:00. It is a free concert. All you have to do is call Senior Services at 860-652-7638 and request an invitation to the concert. A Zoom link will be send to your email. On the date and time of the concert you just click on the Zoom link and you will be prompted to launch the Zoom meeting/concert. If you don't have a Zoom account, the link will prompt you to download the app. It is easy, safe and fun!



## GLASTONBURY HAPPENINGS



### **Medicare Annual Open Enrollment runs through December 7, 2020.**

Now is the time to review your Medicare coverage plans. Be sure to read all notices sent to you from your insurer(s) as there may be changes in your plan(s) that may affect your coverage and costs in 2021. During Open Enrollment you can: join or change a Part D plan (prescription drugs); return to original Medicare from Medicare Advantage Plan; or enroll in or change Medicare Advantage Plans.

For more information you can call your plan directly, call Medicare (1-800-633-4227), go to [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), or call one of the trained counselors at the Riverfront Community Center (860-652-7634). Talk to Theresa Buckson or Susan Parrotta in the Social Services Dept.

### **GLASTONBURY SHARING TREE**

The Glastonbury Sharing Tree is a quarterly newsletter for Glastonbury Seniors. If you don't receive it in the mail and would like to, call 860-652-7638. The newsletter is chock full of great information about everything Glastonbury. Below are a few of the excerpts from the Fall/Winter newsletter.

**Wellness Calls:** If you would like to be added to the wellness call list please call 860-652-7638 and leave a message and your phone number. Guess What: It helps us to talk with you, too!!!

**Birthday Celebration:** If you are having a birthday please call 860-652-7638 and let us know the date of your birthday at least a week ahead of time. On your birthday one of us will call you or if possible, visit you from our cars to wish you well.

**Snowflake Holiday Celebration Drive** – Thursday, December 10th (Snow date Monday December 14) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Come dressed in your favorite holiday sweater or decorate your car with a holiday bow. Holiday gift bags/cards will be distributed. Please enter the parking lot at the north driveway closest to Naubuc Ave. To Register: RSVP to 860-652-7638 by noon Friday December 4, 2020

## THINGS TO DO DURING COVID QUARANTINE

- Learn a foreign language (purchase CD's or download a language app like Duolingo).
- Have fun with jigsaw puzzles (maybe some friends would like to trade with you).
- Crossword puzzles (check out AARP for all kinds of games, including crossword puzzles).
- Enjoy looking at past travel photos.
- Watch old films that were Oscar winners in the past (examples, 2020 Parasite; 2019 Green Book; 2018 The Shape of Water; 2017 Moonlight; 2016 Spotlight).
- Knit or crochet.
- Video chat with friends and family.
- Coloring books. They're not just for kids.
- Make a list of things you are grateful for.
- Take a walk around Meadow Hill. Always lovely.
- Do Genealogy research.
- Online classes (maybe a cooking class?).
- Write notes to our servicemen/women to thank them for their service. **Here are some writing tips:**
  - ✓ Be positive. They are meant to uplift and encourage.
  - ✓ Be thankful. Be sure to communicate your appreciation for the soldiers' sacrifices and dedication to us and our country.
  - ✓ Be respectful. These women and men have earned it more than most of us!
  - ✓ Be kind. Remember most of us have never and will probably never have to endure the difficulties that these soldiers have experienced.
  - ✓ Be encouraging.
  - ✓ DO NOT include your email or mailing address.
  - ✓ DO NOT use your last name.
  - ✓ Leave them unsealed for inspection or they won't go.
- **Send them to:**  
Support Our Troops®  
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33613.

## QUOTES THAT MADE ME SMILE

- “Don’t wear headphones while vacuuming. I just finished the whole house and realized the vacuum wasn’t even plugged in.”
- “If I have ten chocolate cakes and someone asks me for one, how many do I have left? That’s right. Ten.”
- “If you laugh a lot, when you get older your wrinkles will be in the right place.”

## LARK EMAIL RECIPIENTS

If you are a household with more than one email address, and you would like each one to receive the monthly Lark edition, please forward your name and additional email address to Denise Weeks at 860-918-0209.

## MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

**Condolences** - to John Vollinger and the family and friends of Rosemarie Vollinger who passed away on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Condolences** - to Lynne and children of Terry Clemens, unit 32 who died on November 9th.

**Welcome** - new resident Kathy Hoogewerff, who recently moved into Unit 44. Her phone number is 860-338-3784.

**Greenhouse** - The greenhouse welcomes your tender perennials. Please label containers with name and unit number, and limit quantity to 3 large or 4 small plants. Make sure plants are insect-free and watering is your responsibility. Sandy MacGregor, Chair.

**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.

**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 Covid19.

We will be recommending one or two books a month for folks to read based on recommendations from book club members.

This month’s book is:

- Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips, 2019, 256 pages.

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

**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.

**Bingo - Cancelled.**

**Camp Rental:** Adirondack camp available for rent. Spring and Summer 2021. For details, please contact Jack Raycroft at 860-306-4976

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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.**

**Meetings will be electronic.**

**Information on how to connect will be forthcoming from Imagineers.**

**THE NEXT MEETING**  
**December 16th**

**1:30 PM**

**Meeting Will be Electronic**

**Current and previous meeting minutes can be found at [www.meadowhill.net](http://www.meadowhill.net)**

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