

THE LARK

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MEET BOB MEHORNAY



Bob Mehornay is one of Meadow Hill's most tenured residents, living here for 44 years. And he has made his mark here for sure. His personality is somewhat laid-back but he catches you off guard with anecdotes and fascinating interests.

Bob is a Kansas City, MO native, came to the East Coast to go to Williams College and fell in love with New England. After college and two years in the Army, Bob began his career in the retail industry, beginning in a management training program and progressing through roles as a buyer, store manager and later in sales. You know he's been around a long time when you hear that he worked for 10 years at Lord & Taylor and then 21 years at Sage Allen. He closed his career back at Lord and Taylor as a salesman at Westfarms Mall. You could say that he had the full tour of duty in retail and enjoyed it.

Some of you have met Bob's partner, Fred Caraccio who moved in with Bob two years ago after several years of a long-distance relationship between Glastonbury and Hudson, NY. Fred has also had an interesting life, having grown up in Brooklyn, NY and moved around, working a goat farm in Tennessee, doing legal work in NY and Wisconsin and settling into Hudson, NY before moving here.

Bob has had a lifelong interest in music, theater, art and architecture. And you may or not be aware that Bob was instrumental in developing the garden slope that is alongside Hollister Way North, south of the tennis courts. Bob worked initially



with former residents, the McNeish's and Connie Abbott to transform a muddy hill into a spectacular garden. And Bob gives Fred plenty of credit for introducing more colorful perennials and annuals to the garden over the past two summers. Fred does lots of research to generate great ideas for enhancing the garden. And anyone who walks or drives by it, certainly drinks in the beauty of the garden. For many years, Bob also had a plot in the MH Community Garden by the river – until both gardens got to be too much upkeep.

Bob and Fred love Meadow Hill and many people who live here. They get together regularly for dominoes and dinner with MH resident friends, Connie, Geri and Carolyn. And you might catch Bob walking his dog, Cheyenne early in the morning or later in the day. Stop him and tell him how much you enjoyed reading about his intriguing life.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION AND OFFICER SELECTION



For the second year in a row, the Meadow Hill annual meeting and Board elections took place virtually due to COVID19. Toni Dolan and Sandy O'Leary (both until 2023) and Connie Liscomb (2022) continued into their next terms in accordance with prior year elections. Luther Weeks (2022), Jim Fuda and Angelo DiMarco (both until 2024) are newly elected Board members. Subsequent to the vote, Toni Dolan was chosen as President, Jim Fuda as Vice President, Connie Liscomb as Treasurer and Luther Weeks as Secretary for the year. Congratulations and great thanks to all for your leadership.

AMENITIES UPDATE

A notice was sent out on June 10th by the Executive Board, announcing the reopening of the pool, the horseshoe and shuffleboard courts and the tennis/pickleball courts after a lengthy COVID 19 closure. Of course, we have some new rules to abide by for all these amenities which are posted outside each one. Please be considerate of others when capacity maximums are reached and share the amenity by limiting your time using them. For the foreseeable future, no guests/visitors are permitted to use these outdoor amenities. You are also asked to bring your own sanitizing supplies to clean off any equipment/furniture before using them. No dates are announced as yet to reopen the clubhouse, the gym and Hollister House, although we hope to see them fully available by the fall.



Special thanks to the Executive Board for their careful oversight of the moral, legal and financial exposures while attempting to reopen the amenities as quickly as practical. Thanks also to the Amenities Reopen Subcommittee which worked diligently to analyze exposures, investigate plans of other condominium communities and provide recommendations to the Board. The subcommittee members: Toni Dolan, Connie Liscomb, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx and Norma Flynn also had a great balancing act as they worked independently but with a constant view of both the concerns of the Board and many Meadow Hill residents. Keep praying to keep the virus under control!!

SAFETY ALERT



Most of us are aware of reports of recent car break-ins and car thefts in Glastonbury. While not reported at Meadow Hill, we have read stories in the Courant, the Glastonbury Citizen and Glastonbury Facebook page, and broadly covered at a recent Town Council meeting about the rash of car thefts in town. Many thefts are the result of cars and garages left open and unlocked with valuables inside including key fobs, wallets and purses. The thieves work quickly, in one instance stealing a car while residents were taking groceries into the house. Not to panic anyone but let's be smart - residents are encouraged to keep garage doors closed, cars locked and not leave valuables in the car. And certainly, be sure to call 911 to report any suspicious activity. We are, after all a community that looks out for one another.

VOLUNTEERISM



Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. It strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities. Meadow Hill has many volunteers working on the Executive Board or Committees, helping neighbors or volunteering elsewhere in the community. We would like to acknowledge all volunteer activities and, perhaps, give volunteering ideas to other residents in areas of interest to them.

If you would like to share some of your personal volunteer activities, we would like to feature them in an upcoming Lark, either with or without your name. Please contact Norma Flynn at 860-841-0845. Thanks.

OUR MEADOW HILL WELCOMING AMBASSADOR



Linda Fillion

Our longtime Welcoming Ambassador (similar to the Welcome Wagon), Linda Fillion has formally retired from the role and we give her a **BIG THANKS** for her efforts over the years to welcome new MH residents.

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Maloney has been selected to help welcome new residents. Our thanks to Nancy for stepping up to enrich our community.



Nancy Maloney

NEW MATCH GAME



Future issues of the Lark will showcase a match game of pictures showing four current resident pictures, with four baby, youth or young adult pictures to match. If you'd like to be a part of the picture game, contact Gene Flynn at 860-212-7347 to arrange for taking your photo and a picture of your old photo. Let's have a challenge to be sure all five Meadow Hill sections are represented!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



For **Community Center Events** check the [Sharing Tree](#).

For **Library Events** check their [event page](#).



LARK SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all who responded to our survey on The Lark. We heard from about one third of the households. While a community newsletter can't be all things to all people, we received confirmation that most of what we do is meeting or exceeding your expectations. Here are some comments to more fully explain our current/future goals:

- Many MH residents are already well versed in use of the quarterly, online Glastonbury Senior Center Sharing Tree and therefore don't need The Lark to repeat that information. We will tone down coverage of Senior Center and Library events but always include the link to the Sharing Tree.
- The Lark Resident Notes area handles announcements of new residents and recently deceased residents, among other information. But in response to a few survey comments, this section also includes personal ads to sell, rent, giveaway or want to buy items. Requests to place a free ad should be directed to Gene Flynn at 860-212-7347.
- We have some residents without computers and unable to see our electronic newsletter. The Lark Team will work with the Executive Committee to assure that budget dollars are available for paper copies to be provided to these residents. We have a stop/gap measure in place today to give them copies.
- Great feedback on our use of landscape and people pictures, along with our recent Pet Match games. We have a couple other ideas up our sleeve to insert more community fun.
- Comments were provided to add Letters to the Editor, a contractor recommendation section and a bulletin board. Our Resident Notes ads mentioned above can accommodate anyone interested in a referral or seeking an item. Letters with resident concerns are best provided directly to Imagineers.

Thanks to all who provided feedback. The Lark Team appreciates your time and comments.

PICKLEBALL RETURNS TO MEADOW HILL



Pickleball is back and all are welcome to cheer on or participate!
Monday's at 6PM.
We have some new participants this year, so don't be afraid to try it!!

COMMUNITY LISTING UPDATES NEEDED

Has your phone number or email address changed?
If so, please notify Imagineers staff so that the community listings can be updated.

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, email changes and ads.

Bingo - Cancelled.

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 suggestions is reader's choice.

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.

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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

July 21st

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.

July Lark Editor: Gene Flynn; Lark Designer: Denise Weeks