

# THE LARK

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## Introducing Dawn Faucher



Please say hello to one of our newest Meadow Hill Board members, Dawn Faucher. Dawn and her wife Andrea Martelli have been residents since the Spring of 2018 when they moved from a large house in Northampton, MA to #54 Hollister Way South. Due to health concerns, the house was getting too much to take care of, thus a condo unit, much to the benefit of Meadow Hill. They have a standalone home with two stories and a porch, which Andrea has taken over with her billiard table. Do they have any competition out there? Dawn and Andrea have been married for 13 years. She tells me that mutual friends of theirs persuaded them to meet even though Dawn lived in Northampton, MA and Andrea lived in Brooklyn, New York. It was a perfect match.

Dawn was voted Treasurer of the Meadow Hill Board in June at the first meeting of the new Board and brings lots of experience to the job. She is currently Director of Alumni Relations and Development at the Graduate

School for Social Work at Smith College in Northampton. Part of her job is to raise money for scholarships for their students. Her latest efforts produced 3 million dollars in scholarships funds. I must give this a "wow!"

Andrea works as a Nurse Practitioner at St. Francis Hospital Cancer Center. They have a daughter, Willow, who works for the London School of Economics, and a son, Alex, who lives in Brooklyn, New York. Dawn and Andrea can often be seen walking around Meadow Hill or down by the River with their two dogs. Albus is a 13-year-old black Labrador and Violet is a 2 year old chihuahua. They all took part in the Pet Parade last year around Meadow Hill.

True to her nature as a busy and interesting woman, Dawn has many hobbies: swimming, painting (acrylics – mostly landscapes), cooking, travel and animals (particularly horses). She is hopeful that the stable will have a resident horse sometime in the future. She grew up competing on Equestrian teams and in 1986, was named to the Athletic Hall of Fame at Holyoke College. Earlier this year, she and Andrea spent time at a dude ranch in Tucson, AZ. We hope you get your wish Andrea.

When asked why she decided to join the Meadow Hill Board, and as treasurer, she simply said that she was raised to 'give back' and she believes very strongly in volunteerism and has taught her two children the same thing.

Please say hello to Dawn and Andrea when you see them and thank Dawn for her upcoming, very important role, as Treasurer of Meadow Hill Executive Board.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Rules Committee** - Now that the governing documents, Declaration and Bylaws, have been adopted, the next step in the process is a review of the current rules of the association. The latest version was approved in 2019; however, a new review would insure compliance with the new documents.

The committee members are Jim Fuda, Sandy O'Leary, Christine Keating, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, Vicky Germani and Toni Dolan. They have been actively engaged in the review process, after doing research and gathering background information, and have had four meetings to date.

Once a final draft is developed, and recommendations submitted to the board, the draft will be distributed to the community for comments. We are anticipating a final draft for the September meeting. By Toni Dolan, Chair

**Rebuild Committee** - Progress is being made. After months of behind-the-scenes activity and preparation, visible progress on the rebuilding of the fire damaged units is beginning to take shape. Demolition was completed at the end of June, construction materials have started to be delivered, and rebuilding has begun.

The Town issued the Building Permit after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend allowing for the ordering of additional materials and for the scheduling of work crews to



perform the construction. Over the next few months, we expect to see substantial progress taking shape with a targeted completion date by the end of the year.

The Rebuild Committee and the Board are continuing work behind the scenes to maximize receipt funds from our insurance provider and developing a plan to fund any shortfall. The Board will continue to keep the residents informed of our progress. By Jim Fuda and Connie Liscomb



**Polinator Garden Update** - The Meadow Hill pollinator garden has aroused a great deal of interest and is really beginning to flourish. Located along the Hollister North fence line near the tennis courts, the natural wildflower “mini-meadow” contains many varieties of naturally occurring flowers that provide food and habitat for pollinators such as butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. As you may have noticed, it also provides a different kind of beauty to the MH campus, complementing the landscaped gardens more commonly found



throughout the grounds. This project is our first effort to respond to the growing need to support our critically important pollinators. If successful, we hope there will be more such projects in the future. If you haven't seen it, please stop by and take a look, but please resist the temptation to pick a flower or two. They are there for everyone to enjoy – and more importantly, to nourish and support our pollinator populations.

Many thanks to the volunteer watering team whose efforts were crucial in helping the garden get established: Ellie Augur, Nancy Maloney, Mike and Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, Susan Wallace, Reg Wellington, Mike Yingling, Lydia Zimmerman. By Mike Proulx



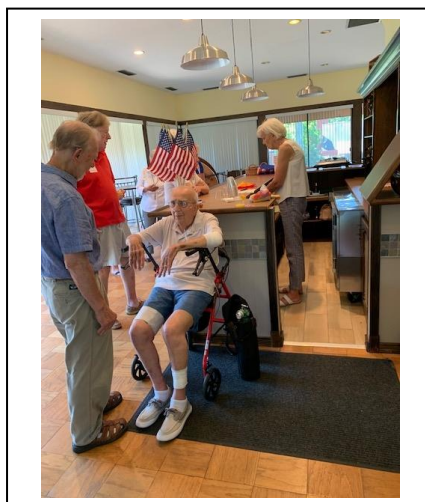
**Grounds Committee Reminder** - Fall is a great time for planting, and it will be here sooner than we think. The Grounds Committee is already starting to plan our fall projects. If you have a suggestion for a planting project to improve the appearance of a common area at MH, please contact a member of the Grounds Committee. Better yet, volunteer to join the team and help keep MH a beautiful place to live! By Mike Proulx



# Meadow Hill Brunch Is A Hit!!!



The Brunch held on Sunday, June 26 was very successful and well attended by 68 residents and a few guests. The menu started with mimosas served by Bartender Donna Goselin. A newcomer to Meadow Hill, Victor Cassarino, prepared a variety of quiches including two gluten free quiches. There was a variety of fruits, yogurt, granola and bacon prepared by Dana Kubachka. Everyone had a great time. The club house looked like the 4th of July with all the decorations. Thanks to my great committee Ann and Victor Cassarino, Patty McNamara, Donna and John Whalen, Dana and Cub Kubachka, Hazel and Dick Brimley, Linda Fay, and Lucille DeMarco. Sandy O'Leary-Social Chairman



## MEADOW HILL POOL



The weather has been absolutely glorious, and it seems as if MH residents have been taking advantage of our beautiful pool, which Mike fastidiously cares for.



Enjoy it while it lasts!

## UPCOMING MEADOW HILL EVENTS

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** - Mark your calendar now to join us on Wednesday, September 28th at the clubhouse for an informational seminar with Glastonbury Police Officer Michael Magrey. Situational awareness, criminal trends and several other topics will be covered. More information will be coming in the September Lark. By Bonnie Brooks

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Mark your calendars for Bingo to begin again on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30. A flyer will be distributed. By Kim Trela

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



The [Sharing Tree](#) is a quarterly publication that is packed with important Glastonbury information, events, educational courses, travel and much more. Check it out!!

For **Library Events** click [here](#).



## Everyday Assistive Technology

AARP CT is hosting an event series in conjunction with the New England Assistive Technology Center at Oak Hill on the topic of "Everyday Assistive Technology". The six-part series will provide attendees an opportunity to learn more about how widely available devices and new technologies can help older adults and people with disabilities live safely and independently at home.

All events take place at Oak Hill, 33 Coventry Street in Harford and are free. The August event will take place on August 22 from 12p.m. to 2 p.m. and is about – Routines with Alexa vs Google. The link below will give you all the details you will need if you are interested.

<https://aarp.cventevents.com/OakHillAugust>

## MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

**Condolences** -to Betsy Raycroft and family on the death of Dr. Jack Raycroft on July 24th. Jack was a positive energy and quite involved in the Meadow Hill community. We will miss him.

**Welcome** to Tee (Theresa) Purcell, new owner of Unit 50. Please stop by and wish her well at Meadow Hill. Her phone number is 203-866-2861.

**Clubhouse:** Clubhouse now reopened. See posted rules.

**Hollister House** – remains closed 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.

**Tennis and shuffleboard courts** are now reopened.

**Pool** – is now open for residents and guests.

**Crafts and Needlework** – If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and enjoy giving items to those in need, please contact Linda Fillion at 860-559-5504 for details. Items such as baby hats, booties, lap robes and prayer shawls are really appreciated by Middlesex Hospital.

**Garage Rental/Purchase Wanted** – Our newest residents, Harris and Nancy Berloe, seek a garage for rent or sale. Please stop by unit 74 or call 917-603-4650.

**Bridge Players Wanted** - Please call Carolyn at 860-430-1046.

**Bingo:** Resumes Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Flyer to follow.



## MEADOW HILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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. Below are the committee chairs, liaisons from the Board and Committee members. Let's all thank these community members for their work to make Meadow Hill a great place to call home.



**Budget** Dawn Faucher (Chair), Larry Abbott, Connie Liscomb.

**Clubhouse Rental:** Danielle Merritt, Imagineers

**Communications:** Gene Flynn, (Chair), Toni Dolan (liaison), Luther Weeks, Denise Weeks, Mike Proulx Norma Flynn, Nancy Maloney; Mary Anne Costerella

**Grounds:** Mike Proulx, (Chair), Sandy O'Leary, (Liaison), Todd Blais, Vicki Germani, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx

**Long Term Study Committee:** Jim Fuda, (chair), Larry Abbot, Dave Faxon.

**Maintenance and Amenities:** Jim Fuda, (Chair), Ron King (liaison), Vin Liscomb, Bob Kolwicz, (Stables, Greenhouse, Garden as subcommittee): Stables TBD, Greenhouse, Sandy MacGregor; Garden, Dave Fillion.

**Nominating:** Ed Litke, David Faxon

**Rules:** Toni Dolan, (Chair) ; Jim Fuda, Sandy O'Leary, Vicki Germani, Kathy McCarthy Proulx, Chris Keating

**Social:** Sandy O'Leary, (Chair), Members as assigned

**Trees:** Gene Flynn, (Chair), Ron King, (Liaison), Roger Bouchard, Bob Kolwicz

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### BOARD MEETINGS

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

**THE NEXT MEETING**  
**August 24th**  
**AT THE CLUBHOUSE**  
**1:30 PM**

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.

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