

THE LARK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Meadow Hill has been dressed up for Fall with the addition of the pumpkins, hay bales, and beautifully colored mums! Many thanks to Mike Proulx and the Grounds Committee for their vision and to Darien and Mike for placing them so creatively!

As you will see from the many different articles in this edition of *The Lark*, there are many activities and projects being worked on by committees of the board. There is much to be done and I do want to acknowledge and thank the members of the board for the incredible amount of volunteer time that they give as well as providing their knowledge and expertise from a variety of different employment and background histories. This work is supported by many committees whose service is so vital to the overall health and wellbeing of Meadow Hill. Please take note of the names of those listed in this edition of *The Lark* and give each of them acknowledgement when you see them out and about.

Jim Fuda has written about the goals of the Long-Term Committee and the latest update on the Rebuild of Units 6 and 10. The Rules Committee's work is ongoing and hopes to have a final draft of the revised rules for the November board meeting. In the meantime, please do familiarize yourself with the current rules so that you can make a comparison between the two and provide comment when they are presented. Tree Committee continuously monitors the health of our trees allowing us to have that beautiful treescape as we drive into the complex.

The Budget Committee is currently working to review the 2022 Budget and Financial Statements and to develop the proposed 2023 Budget Capital Project Plan and Reserve Analysis. Under the leadership of Dawn Faucher, Treasurer, the expertise and experience of Connie Liscomb and Larry Abbott has been invaluable to informing the process.

Soon, new signage will be installed that will provide some clarity and efficiency for Town of Glastonbury personnel when responding to an emergency. The intricacy of our "pods" provides us with a village-type environment, but are not easily discernable to our visitors, but, more importantly not clearly visible to those who need to reach our units quickly. Many thanks to Gene Flynn for recognizing this conundrum and taking a proactive approach in bringing about a resolution!! Gene spent countless hours working with key Town of Glastonbury police and fire staff and Darien Covert to find the most accessible path to each unit.

We recently had an emergency where a resident inadvertently left the car running in the garage all night causing potentially serious health issues to the residents in the two units above. One resident was transported to the hospital with high carbon monoxide levels and was there for two days. The other resident also had concerning levels but chose not to be hospitalized. ***The important issue here is that each of us must pay attention to the carbon monoxide and smoke detectors when they warn us of potential danger.*** We cannot ***assume*** that the detectors are malfunctioning and ignore their signal. If you should hear an alarm, you should immediately call 911 as the emergency responders emphasized when they were here on site during this event as well as to me during a conversation that I had with the Fire Chief afterward. Dispatchers are trained to receive these calls and to walk through the steps you need to take should you have this experience. Thankfully, both of the residents have recovered, but this could have ended up in a tragedy that none of us want to consider.

Meadow Hill continues to be a wonderful community in which to live with people who care about and watch out for each other. All of the efforts above reflect this community spirit and willingness to help.

Please consider offering your time and talents to build the capacity of our committees to meet all of the many activities that are being planned now and for the future health, safety and beauty of Meadow Hill.

The Nominating Committee will soon be at work recruiting new board members, so you can contact Connie Liscomb, Ed Litke, or Dave Faxon to express your interest in becoming a board member and/or to offer any nominations.

Toni Dolan, President

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

‘The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing’ Unknown

MIDTERM VOTING IN GLASTONBURY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 – NEW VOTING LOCATION

*Vote
Nov 8th*

Time to vote in this important contest for several critical positions in our Midterm elections. We will vote for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General as well as State Senate and State Representative. Meadow Hill’s new voting location is at Hopewell Elementary School at 1068 Chestnut Hill Road. Don’t miss this opportunity to have your say in our government.

Get to the polling station!!!

PICKLEBALL AFICIONADO

Little did I know when I hit that first Pickleball at Meadow Hill a few years ago I would be hooked! Most of us were brand new to Pickleball, but Bob and Tillie Kolwicz were our guides. The Litkes had played before and between those folks, we got some basic guidelines and just had fun!

As time passed the participation of Meadow Hill residents who were interested or able to play had dwindled so I decided I wanted to really learn the rules and how to score so that I could keep playing. I was lucky enough to find a coach and others to play with at a private tennis club in East Hartford. Mary Martin was the coach there but now coaches at the Bloomfield Racquet Club. She made it fun and understandable. I found that in order to have options of times and days to play, I needed to join other clubs and organized groups. By doing so I met many new friends and have many opportunities to play.



At first, I was concerned that some old injuries would surface, but was pleasantly surprised to find that I actually feel better doing something that challenges me and makes me happy! I feel strongly that one should take a few lessons to prevent injuries and learn the basics. I continue with my yoga practice in order to stay as flexible as possible. I see a number of seniors (all shapes and sizes) playing and enjoying themselves out there. Is this the new old age elixir? Maybe so! It seems there are Pickleball articles in all of the media touting the growth of the sport and its popularity with all ages.

As winter starts to set in and we tend to get ‘cabin fever’ what better way to shake things up! Check out some of the indoor court options where you can take a few lessons and start having fun. I am currently playing at three private clubs and one other outdoor park group in Rocky Hill. That group’s leader is an amazing 86 yr. old woman!

What can I say? Yes, I’m hooked. I have been encouraged by many kind-hearted players and I want to encourage you in the same way. Please feel free to contact me (860-797-7945) if you have any questions or just want to chat about this amazing sport.

Robyn Castano

Rebuild of Units #6 and 10



CONSTRUCTION

Progress continues. The building is enclosed with the installation of doors and windows. Interior framing substantially complete allowing the start of the plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems. Installation of the rough plumbing began the week of October 10th. Unit Owners will meet with the Imagineers construction team at the end of October to start the interior finish selections. The current schedule provided by Imagineers is a January completion date.

The Committee is working with Rob Bouvier, our insurance agent and Attorney Scott Sandler to continue our negotiations with the insurance company to reduce the gap between cost of the project and the insurance proceeds received to date.

Jim Fuda

LONG TERM COMMITTEE (LTC)



The Aluminum Wiring Remediation project took two major steps forward after the approval of the funding by the Unit Owners on September 14th. On October 4th, Toni Dolan as President and Jim Fuda as Secretary executed the closing documents for the Line of Credit with Windsor Federal and Loan effectively securing the funds for the project. On October 11th, the contract with Alwire of Cromwell, was fully executed and delivered allowing the materials to be ordered and the scheduling of the work to begin. The LTC will meet on October 20th with Bill Thompson of Alwire to kick-off the project, define the schedule and convey unit owner specifics learned from the informational meetings in August and September. Following the October

20th project kick-off meeting, the LTC will provide an update to the community on the schedule including the timeline and specifics of the Special Assessment payments.

We are discussing our next priorities for evaluation and will update the Board and the Community of our 2023 priorities in our January report to the Board. We have started initial discussions on irrigation and grass restoration and are planning to have further discussion jointly with Grounds, Trees, and Maintenance to develop an integrated plan for Meadow Hill if feasible and affordable.

Jim Fuda

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SEMINAR AT MEADOW HILL CLUB HOUSE

On September 28th Officer Michael Megrey of the Glastonbury Police Force presented this very important topic to Meadow Hill residents at the club house. Many topics were discussed by Officer Megrey as part of his PowerPoint Presentation.

Some key points brought up were:

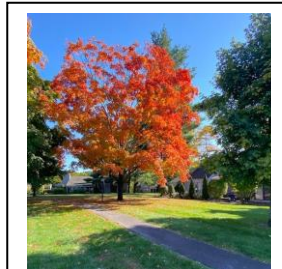
- Most likely place for ambush style crime is in transitional places, such as gas stations and parking lots.
- While out in our community we should always be paying attention and not be distracted by our devices.
- Think about what information about yourself you advertise to other people (bumper stickers, what you talk about loud enough for others to hear, do you flash around money)
- Avoid selective attention (focusing so much on one thing that we lose the ability to notice other things)
- For women, keep your purse secure so that it cannot be snatched.
- When going to your car, have your keys ready and lock the car doors as soon as you are inside.

Many more points were brought up. If you would like a complete overview of the presentation, please call Norma Flynn at 860-841-0845. We thank Officer Megrey for taking the time to help us understand this very important topic. Glastonbury is not immune to crime!

Norma Flynn



FALL COLORS AT MEADOW HILL



GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE



The pollinator garden has continued to flower beautifully through the autumn. By this writing, the garden may have been mowed down. Don't be alarmed! That is the normal maintenance for a natural "meadow" such as this. Late-fall mowing helps the wildflowers self-seed so the garden will come back next spring without any further planting. We would like to thank Gerry Whittemore for her donation of a red bee balm plant, which should produce beautiful flowers and be a magnet for honeybees and butterflies next year.

We are looking for a good location to add a second pollinator garden in the spring. Since pollinators tend to stick to a localized range and not travel long distances, the preferred strategy for creating a "pollinator pathway" is to place gardens about a quarter mile away from each other, so we will be looking on the South side of the complex for our next site.

Fall projects are completed, and include new plantings, fall decorations, and aerating/topsoil/seeding in many locations. Thanks to residents who

suggested projects and to Darien and Mike for their hard work. Suggestions that were not implemented this fall have been added to the list for spring.



Due to a decline in participation on the Grounds Committee, it is necessary to suspend the section liaison program. Concerns, questions, or suggestions should either be directed to Imagineers in the form of work requests (the preferred method) or forwarded to Mike Proulx by email at rangernice@hotmail.com. Also due to our shrinking participation, we really need new volunteers. No physical work is involved, just a desire to help plan how to keep Meadow Hill a beautiful place for all residents to enjoy. Contact Mike Proulx if you would like to help. Mike Proulx

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY GARDENERS

After November 1, the Community Garden closes after an extended season. Please remove all stakes, cages, plastic ground material or anything that would affect the roto-tilling in the spring. Have a good winter. Remember: spring is coming. David Fillion

GREENHOUSE UPDATE

Residents are reminded to label up to 3 large or 4 small perennials before placing them in the greenhouse. Make sure your plants are insect free. Watering is your responsibility. Questions may go to Sandy MacGregor, Greenhouse Chair.

CIGARETTE BUTTS

Meadow Hill walkers have noticed lately more cigarette butts being disposed of on MH property. Rule 6.12. No accumulation of rubbish, debris, garbage or unsightly material will be permitted in the common areas or common properties of Meadow Hill, Inc. except in designated trash storage areas. Although this rule does not address cigarette butts specifically, it does come under the category of debris and it certainly takes away from the beauty of the Meadow Hill Grounds. Please dispose of your cigarette butts in the proper way.

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](#).



MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

Extend a MH welcome to Brenda Berke, the new owner in Unit 102, phone number 860 463 8262, and Roni and Leslie Rottner and their dog Tyler in Unit 21, phone number 860-874-8434. Glad to have you in the Meadow Hill Family!

Correction: The current Meadow Hill phone directory incorrectly lists Kathy Flanagan's phone number. The correct number is 860-338-4029

HELP WANTED - Do you have local area grandchildren who could assist with snow shoveling this winter? Our usual part time shoveling crew is not returning this winter. If you know someone who might be interested, contact Darien Covert regarding this parttime job.

Clubhouse: Clubhouse now reopened. See posted rules.

Hollister House – remains closed until further notice due to use by the construction contractor.

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.

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

Pool – closed until next summer

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.

Book Club – If anyone is interested in returning to Book Club Meetings at the clubhouse, please contact Norma Flynn at 860-841-0845.

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

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

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

Maintenance and Amenities: Jim Fuda, (Chair), Ron King (liaison), Ray Dolan, 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, 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
November 16, 2022
AT THE CLUBHOUSE
1:30 PM

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.

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