

# THE LARK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings:

I think you will agree that Meadow Hill is a scenic property with an aesthetic charm, from its proximity to the Connecticut River, to the unique and varied amenities offered, and the well-maintained grounds and landscaped areas. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area, and we benefit greatly from the attractive appearance. The greater asset, in my opinion, is the sense of community: neighbor helping neighbor. Many of us have moved into Meadow Hill from other living situations, many of which were living in or on private property. We had the privilege of designing and planting the landscaping, using our plots of land for whatever recreational or personal enjoyment that would enhance our chosen lifestyle. We lived in a community setting in many cases, with neighbors with whom we had a cordial relationship, but we were ready to help one another if a need arose, or often just to borrow a "cup of sugar" or have a cup of coffee. However, there were limits to what we could do in terms of local and state regulations that we were expected to adhere to.

When moving into a condominium setting, we are in a similar yet different type of community. Condominium living requires a set of rules and bylaws that have been established to provide a reasonable standard for maintaining the continued attractiveness of Meadow Hill, the protection of property values and the encouragement of friendly, neighborly relationships. As you know, this board has developed a revised set of rules that are consistent with the newly adopted Declaration and Bylaws that are the governing documents established under the Common Interest Ownership Act of the State of Connecticut. The Association board has the responsibility and the legal authority to protect your rights and privileges and to act on behalf of the best interests in the community as a whole and we need your help to fulfill our obligations.

Volunteers are critical to the overall function of the association and there are many opportunities for residents to participate. One of the many advantages of living in an age-restricted community like Meadow Hill is the background, work experience, skills and talents of the residents. In addition to being good neighbors, many in our community have offered to bring their gifts as volunteers. There are standing committees that are seeking help, there are short-term tasks or ad hoc committees that require a limited commitment focused on a particular area or issue, and, of course, there is the Executive Board.

Each one of these groups is seeking people who have an interest in helping to build on the work done previously by other volunteers, and there are a lot of tasks that require many hands to lighten the work load. One common response to being asked to volunteer is that one doesn't have enough experience to be on the board, or doesn't have the time to commit, or that they are too new to know and/or understand the history or background of Meadow Hill. I would ask that you set aside any reticence that you might have and take a leap of faith in yourself! Commit to a one-time social event, or a time-limited committee assignment, or agree to have your name put in nomination for the board (there are different terms of office from one year to three years).

Please read the list of committees and consider volunteering your time for something that looks interesting to you or challenge yourself to learn a new skill. We really need to expand our volunteer resources. Meadow Hill will continue to be the welcoming, cordial, and aesthetically beautiful community only if we find volunteers that are willing to help.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

Toni Dolan, President

## REBUILD UPDATE



Construction is continuing with siding installation and the start of the interior work on fit and finishes. Eversource is in process of replacing the underground wiring to the units and the garages. The work is partially complete with the digging of a trench and the installation of a conduit. Placement of the electrical wiring and connections to the units and the garages will be the next step. The project has experienced a slight delay in the scheduling of the gas company installing gas meters to allow heat to the buildings. The contractor is currently

using temporary heat to allow the workers to perform the interior work. The electrical contractor has experienced a supply chain delay in the delivery of the electric panels, which is delaying making the connection from Eversource. Imagineers and their electrical contractor are working to minimize this delay. While the overall project has progressed well, these delays have pushed the schedule to the end of February for completion.

Rob Bouvier, our insurance agent and Attorney Scott Sandler continue our negotiations with the insurance company to reduce the gap between cost of the



project and the insurance proceeds received to date. Letters have been sent to Unit Owners #6,10,14,50, 76, and 78 and contact made to explain the claim process with their insurance agents under their HO6 policies.

Let's all hope that these delays can be solved, and the project stay on target so that our residents - Toni and Ray, and Molly - can return to the Meadow Hill community. Jim Fuda

## RECIPE FOR DELICIOUS COOKIES



Hello fellow bakers! My name is Kathy McCarthy-Proulx and today I'm sharing with you my German grandmother Anna's Soft Sour Cream Pantry Shelf cookie recipe. Mike and I have been making this recipe for over 45 years. We generally tend to make the cookies as cutouts for Christmas but have also made this tasty recipe for Valentine/St. Patrick's Day, Fall/Thanksgiving or as an anytime cutout cookie. I top the cookie off with buttercream frosting and decorate with various designs and sprinkles. These cookies are also delicious with chocolate frosting much like a half moon cookie.

### Pantry Shelf Cookies from Kathy McCarthy-Proulx

2 cups sugar

1 cup butter or shortening (we use butter)

3 eggs

1 cup sour cream or buttermilk (we use sour cream)

1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking soda

1 Tbsp baking powder

4 1/2 cups sifted flour

1 Tbsp vanilla or almond extract (we use almond)

Cream together sugar and butter. Beat in one egg at a time. Add sour Cream. In a separate bowl, mix together the dry ingredients. Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture. Add the flavoring last. Chill overnight (This is important - the colder the dough, the easier it is to work with). Flour the work surface and roll the dough in a fairly thick layer. Cut out, bake on ungreased sheets at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until lightly brown on the bottom. Don't overcook. Makes 60-80 cookies.

A couple of hints: When rolling, use only enough flour to keep the dough from sticking. Excess flour will make the cookies drier. Use fairly large cookie cutters. Avoid intricate shapes - they are hard to cut, and these cookies rise quite a bit, so intricate patterns tend to "fill in" and lose their shape.

## HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, CONNIE



Longtime resident Connie Abbott just celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday with a celebration at her home with her many friends. Connie has a long history in real estate in Glastonbury and was involved with the design and marketing of Meadow Hill from its inception. Connie served several terms on the Board of Directors, often as president and has been one of Meadow Hill's biggest cheerleaders. Congratulations to you Connie!

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

People will forget what you said,  
People will forget what you did,  
But people will never forget how you made them feel.

### KEY DATES

Feb 2 – Groundhog Day	Feb 15 – Board Meeting
Feb 12 – Super Bowl	Feb 20 – President's Day
Feb 14 – Valentine's Day	

### 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](#).

### Senior Survey Deadline Extended

The deadline for completing the Senior Center survey has been extended to the end of February. It's important to hear from as many seniors as possible so if you haven't already completed the survey, please, [click here](#) to add your voice to the conversation or pick up a printc copy of the survey at the the Riverfront Community Center, Town Hall or the Library. Every 5 years the Glastonbury Senior Center ungergoes a reaccreditation process. It's an opportunity for the staff to eveluate what they have accomplished in the previous five years and set goals for the future. The survey is part of that process.

### MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

**Condolences** to the family and friends of Lydia Zimmerman (#221) who passed away on January 9, 2023.

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

**Book Club Book Club.** The MH Book discussion meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 in the clubhouse. The book for February 7th is "When the Apricots Bloom" by Gina Wilkinson. March Selection is 'Solito – a Memoir' by Javier Zamora.

**Tennis and shuffleboard courts** – closed until spring

**Pool** – closed until next summer

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

**Looking for a Mah Jong game** - or would you like to learn how to play this fun game? Please call Ann Cassarino at 561-504-3299

**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.

## 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; Chris Keating

**Grounds:** Mike Proulx, (Chair), Sandy O'Leary, (Liaison), Todd Blais, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, David Fillion, Pete Rothfarb

**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, TBD.

**Nominating:** Ed Litke, David Faxon, Connie Liscomb

**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.

**REGULAR MEETING**  
February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE

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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