

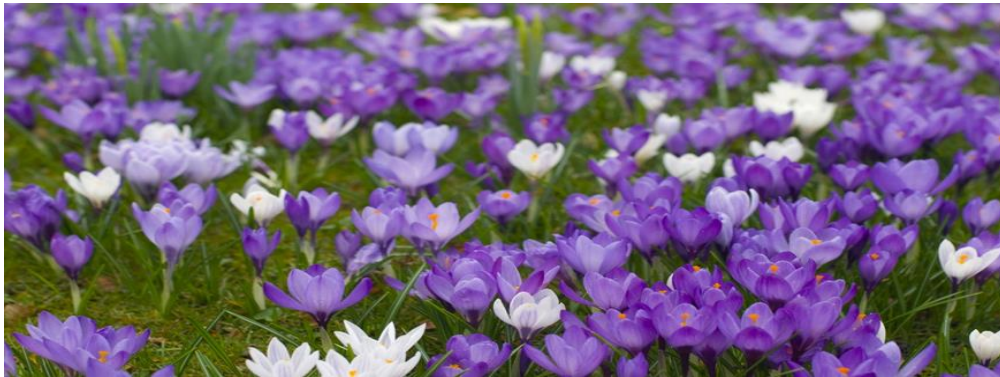
# THE LARK

April 2023

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HAPPY SPRING !!!!



## Why Does Recycling Matter?



Recycling can be one of those topics talked about at family gatherings and dinner parties which can make people's heads explode or at least eyes roll. OK, we get it, stop talking about it. We have to do it for many altruistic reasons. But is our heart really behind the foundation of recycling benefits? If we are honest, for many of us, we focus more on whether we take those extra steps over to the recycle bin versus garbage can. And often we say, I'll do better tomorrow. Well, someone is going to have to pay the price tomorrow – not an easy argument when talking to older folks, who focus more on today.

We hear environmental impacts are at a critical stage in many areas – global warming, overrun landfills, polluted waters, poor air quality. And we sometimes respond to this saying "One person cannot change the depth of all those problems". And even within the Meadow Hill community, regardless of our need to live in harmony with one another, we sometimes see meager support for recycling and keeping our recycling bins and sheds properly managed. Well, I'm going to suggest to you that if all of us see recycling as less one person's role and rather being part of something bigger than ourselves, we might take recycling more seriously. Remember, on average, an American is estimated to produce about 1600 pounds of waste per year and nearly 2/3 of that can be recycled – about a half ton per person!!

For longtime residents, how many times have you seen an article in The Lark reminding everyone what is allowed and disallowed in our shed recycling bins – broken down cardboard boxes, no plastic bags as examples. And recycle flyers have been placed in all trash sheds. Yet, several times a year, complaints come in where this is not being done. And it's not just a matter of whether people followed rules – it is really a lack of respect shown to fellow residents who share those bins and just want to drop off their recycles and not contend with unnecessarily overflowing bins before trash pick-up. Or economically, for the community to avoid fines from our recycling firm on improper materials in recycle bins. Remember – blue bins for recycle!!

Don't get me wrong; I am not a recycle purist but I buy into the fact that recycling helps me live an important principle: My children and grandchildren inherit what I leave behind. As important, don't we want to preserve the beauty of God's creation? Well, maybe individuals can make a difference. (continued on next page)

Let's all try to do better with recycling and properly sharing the bins/sheds by adhering to posted rules. **If you have someone else take out your trash/recycling, please instruct them as well.** See the enclosed recycling flyer. Even better, print and post it next to your kitchen recycle bin. Make this a (mid-year) New year's resolution – help my community, town and state be part of a national and global solution. Gene Flynn



*Congratulations to Sandy MacGregor*

*Who Recently Celebrated*

*her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!*

And thanks to her friend Barbara Massey for this great photo.

### **Spring Bulk Items Clean Up Day – April 18**

Our Spring Clean-Up Day is your chance to discard up to two items per unit that are not permitted in our standard trash barrels. These bulky items may be placed in front of the greenhouse **on April 17<sup>th</sup> or by 10:00AM on April 18<sup>th</sup>.** Darien and Mike will take the items to the Transfer Station. Very heavy, bulky items may not be included (e.g. sleeper sofas, refrigerators, etc.).



### **Aluminum Wiring Project**



The aluminum wiring remediation project is continuing with 30 units scheduled to be completed by the end of March. A delay in the supply chain for red connectors will delay the project. The project will be delayed for approximately two months as the contractor waits for the delivery of the remaining connectors. The anticipated restart day is the end of May. The project, other than the supply chain delay, has gone smoothly. Kudos to our contractors Alwire Project Engineering and their electrician, Elite Electrical. By Jim Fuda

### **Welcome Home to our “Displaced” Friends!!**

Our fire-displaced residents are home at Meadow Hill. On the weekend of March 11<sup>th</sup>, Toni and Ray Dolan moved back into their unit which was damaged by the fire of January 7, 2022. Molly Perrotti was originally scheduled to return the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> but unanticipated delays changed that date. Hopefully, by the time you receive this update and barring any further delays, Molly will be back in her unit.

Work on the garages, permanent electric service to the units and all the garage units, and final site work is being completed with anticipated completion by May. The resolution of insurance funding is ongoing and will be reported at a future Executive Board meeting. By Jim Fuda

### **The Lark Team Needs Members – or the Lark Will Change**

Hi from the Lark Team. We have been together for four + years, producing this **monthly** publication as the communications arm of the Executive Board. We have had team members come and go over that period and are now left with two members writing content and one member doing the technical set up. And all three of us are involved in other Meadow Hill committees and/or non-profits. While we all love giving back to the community, we are now at a breaking point. We need others to help us write the newsletter content or we will need to scale back the content and frequency of this publication.

If you would like to have an exploratory discussion of what our team members do, contact Gene Flynn at 860-212-7347. Community feedback on this newsletter is consistently positive. Don't leave it up to others to make it happen, or for us to lose this important amenity.

## Grounds Committee Update



Some things to keep in mind as the spring planting and gardening season approaches:

- Before deciding on your gardening plans, please review the rules about what you can and can't do in the areas adjacent to your unit; see section 21 of the Meadow Hill Rules at: meadowhill.net.
- To request a landscaping/planting action, submit a work order to Imagineers. Allow adequate time for Grounds Committee volunteers and Maintenance staff to review the request and make recommendations to the Board.
- Please do not make individual requests or give instructions to landscaping company staff. Their direction comes from their supervisors and/or MH Maintenance staff.
- Yard waste should be deposited in the dump area in the northwest corner of the complex, or behind the far end of the stockade fence along Hollister Way South; please do not put it in the regular household trash bins.
- Grass seeding of selected common areas will again be done in late summer/early fall. Individual seeding requests from owners will be evaluated and prioritized based on material and staff availability and may be contingent on owner's agreement to provide watering throughout the growing season.
- If you have ideas for planting/landscaping projects in common spaces, feel free to submit them to the Grounds Committee for consideration.
- The Grounds Committee is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, contact Mike Proulx (chair) at 585-474-6698.

## Pickleball Update and Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 Clubhouse



Hey there all you Pickleball players and future players! The Meadow Hill courts are scheduled to open on Saturday April 1st. That means the nets will be up and we can play! One of the courts is lined for Pickleball (and tennis). The other one is for tennis but there's a chance it will be lined for Pickleball in the future (fingers crossed). Eventually both courts will be cleaned, painted and re-lined but for now, let's play!

On Saturday, 4/15 at 1pm, let's meet in the clubhouse on the cozy couches upstairs to meet each other and talk about the game a bit; then go to the court and do some practice. Bring your paddle (or borrow one from a friend). I may have an extra.

As you may know, Pickleball is a combination of ping pong, tennis and badminton. I've been playing for a year now and I'm glad to share a bit of what I've learned in the lessons I've taken during that time. I'll have some hand-outs as well. Safety is always a priority so be sure to wear tennis shoes or sneakers. Tripping and falling is to be avoided at all costs!

Sound good? Oh, be sure to mention this gathering to your friends at Meadow Hill, as not all of us see this article in The Lark. If it's raining that day we'll just meet indoors in the clubhouse and make plans to play in the future. Please feel free to call or text me about any of this: Robyn Castano: 860-797-7945.

## Community Garden Plot Sign-ups – By May 1



Any resident at Meadow Hill can request a community garden (next to the river) plot before the deadline of **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

A resident wishing a plot must provide their Name, Phone #, Unit # and preferred plot size **to Darien Covert, our Superintendent** at his office (leave in mailbox) next to the barn. Note: Dave Fillion is no longer overseeing this process. Plot sizes available: Full, Half and Quarter size. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, the garden will be roto-tilled and plots set for each person.



## Meadow Hill Annual Meeting and Seeking Board Candidates

The Annual Meeting for Meadow Hill residents will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. One of the main elements of this meeting is to vote for and select unit owners to serve on the Board of Directors. Outlined below are dates and information related to this important function.



1. **Early April** – Sheila Duncan, our property manager, will send out a “First Notice” letter to all residents. Included will be information about the annual meeting and procedures for those interested in running for the Board. Candidate forms will be included.
2. **Month of May** – Unit owners interested in serving on the Board will return their brief bio candidate forms to Sheila Duncan **by May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Later in May, approximately May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sheila will send to all resident the “Annual Meeting Notice” along with the bios of interested candidates. Proxies will be included.
3. **June 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** – At the Clubhouse at 7:00PM, where votes will be counted and a new Executive Board selected.

Please add all these dates to your home calendars. Thanks.

Ed Litke, Connie Liscomb and Dave Faxon – Nominating Committee

### Bird Feeder Reminder – Reminder for next month

Meadow Hill Rule 6.16 prohibits use of standard bird feeders from **May 1st to September 30th** each year, except for jelly type oriole feeders, finch thistle feeders and liquid hummingbird feeders. The rule also contains location restrictions for all bird feeders – may not be placed outside an area of four feet from the foundation of a unit or located within ten feet horizontally or vertically of another unit’s open deck.

### KEY DATES

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| 1 – April Fools Day  | 15 – Pickleball Organiz. Meeting |
| 2 – Palm Sunday  | 18 – Taxes Due                   |
| 5 – Passover Begins  | 18 – Bulk Pick Up Day            |
| 7 – Good Friday  | 19 – Board Meeting               |
| 9 – Easter Sunday  | 22 – Earth Day                   |
| May 1 – Deadline for Board Candidates and Garden Plot Requests |                                  |

### 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

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

**Book Club.** The MH Book discussion group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 in the clubhouse. April selection is ‘The House in the Pines’ by Ana Reyes.

May selection is ‘Commonwealth’ by Ann Patchett

**Tennis and shuffleboard courts** – Open April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Pool** – closed until summer

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

**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. Board president is Ex Officio on all committees.



**Budget** (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:** Darien Covert, Sandy O'Leary, (Liaison), Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, David Fillion, Pete Rothfarb, Dick Brimley  
**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, Darien Covert, Manager Coordinator.  
**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

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

<b>IMAGINEERS, LLC</b> 635 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105	Property Manager: Sheila Duncan 860-768-3419	Asst: Property Manager: Danielle Merritt 860-768-3419
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>PRESIDENT</b> Toni Dolan 860-918-7069	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Ed Litke 860-430-9611	<b>SECRETARY</b> Jim Fuda 860-729-0354
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b> Sandy O'Leary 860-916-0740	<b>DIRECTOR</b> Ron King 860-983-1685
		<b>DIRECTOR</b> David Faxon 860-430-1061

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.	<b>REGULAR MEETING</b>  April 19th at 1:30 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE	<b>Current and previous meeting minutes can be found at <a href="http://www.meadowhill.net">www.meadowhill.net</a></b>  <b>Hard copy minutes are no longer available at the clubhouse due to the coronavirus.</b>
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# Meadow Hill Recycling

## Print and Post in your Home

**The Glastonbury Transfer Station\*** (2340 New London Tpk) takes **food waste** for recycling. This includes raw and prepared foods, coffee grounds, fats and other food products.

**The Bulky Waste Facility\*** (1145 Tryon St.) takes **large, bulky items**. Meadow Hill has Spring and Fall Bulk Pick Up days, allowing residents to bring two items to the Greenhouse area for transport to the Bulky Waste Facility. Watch for dates in the Meadow Hill Lark.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collections** – Dispose of acids, gasoline, insecticides, paints and other chemicals at regional collection events held every spring or fall. Check the Glastonbury Town website for dates and locations.

\*You must purchase a Refuse Disposal Permit before using this facility.

## Our Trash/Recycling Sheds

### What Can be Recycled in our shed bins?

- Paper products – cardboard, broken down boxes, newspapers,
- Food and beverage cartons, flattened boxes and jugs
- Pizza boxes
- Glass and plastic bottles and jars
- Metals - Aluminum foil/containers, aerosol food grade containers

Please be sure to empty and rinse/clean all containers before depositing them in the recycle bins.

### What Cannot be Recycled?

- Plastic bags/wraps (check with grocery stores)
- Shredded paper
- Straws, paper cups and cup lids
- Gift wrap, tissue and bags
- Ceramics
- Prescription bottles
- Styrofoam products