

Fall 2013



# The Meadowbrook

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## Messenger

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### From the Prez...



True Confession time: In the past, I have only attended a few of the annual Association meetings. Like many of you, I imagine, the annual meetings have taken place at an inconvenient time, traditionally during the week before Thanksgiving. Although no time will be perfect for everyone, we are hoping that by moving the meeting this year to **Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Library at Haslett High school** that you will be able to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting! -Valerie

### Fresh Blood Needed



There will be two MCOA board positions opening up at the end of this year. The Directors positions are 2-year terms, starting January 1, 2014. Serving on the board is a great way to give back to your neighborhood! Please submit your name by November 9<sup>th</sup> if possible so we can place it on the ballot. Contact [board@meadowbrookhaslett.org](mailto:board@meadowbrookhaslett.org) with any questions, or to submit your name. **Write-in candidates will also be accepted at the meeting.**

### Who Owns the Entryway?

We have had some complaints in the past year about the roads and land up near the "Meadowbrook" sign by Marsh Road. **Forestview Road, from Marsh up until 50 feet (approx.) from the first stop sign is the property of HDI Developers**, as is the natural area on either side. For many years, HDI and the MCOA shared the cost of plowing and maintaining that area. With the opening of the MSUFCU, the Meadowbrook board sought to work out a more formal, written arrangement with all the involved parties. Unfortunately, **HDI has been unwilling to commit to any agreement for sharing future costs**. While this is on the agenda for the annual meeting, we urge you to contact HDI directly to ask them to work with the board to resolve this issue. **HDI phone number: 517-349-2180**.

## Wetland Concerns

The board has been contacted by a resident who is concerned about the health and appearance of our neighborhood wetlands. While a professional evaluation was done in 2010 that showed our wetlands to be healthy, we are interested in input from residents as we look at possible interventions for the future. Please join us at the annual meeting to share your thoughts, or have your questions addressed.



## From the Treasurer

As the Meadowbrook board begins to close the books on another fiscal year, I want to share some thoughts and make two requests.

As a volunteer board, we find time to handle a myriad of issues; however we are always focused on getting the most value for our dues. The current \$200 annual dues are very low compared to other associations, and our goal is to keep them as low as possible.

The Association owns the roads in our neighborhood. The two items beyond our control are snowfall and road degradation, and addressing these are by far our largest expenses. Within a few years we'll likely be repairing small sections of our roads. Though we've got a nice cushion of funds (currently~\$86,000), road repairs are very expensive. Please be aware the dues will likely creep-up as road repair becomes a pressing issue. There will be no joy in increasing dues, but the economics of road repair indicate this is inevitable.

Now my requests:

- 1) If you are able to pay the dues annually, please do so. Quarterly payments require more processing time and increase the likelihood of being late.
- 2) Please mark on your calendar the due date(s) for dues payment. Late dues necessitate reminder letters, which take additional time.

If there are any 'numbers' residents looking to get involved or just give back, please let me know; nobody is planning to be a career board member!

## Parking, Parking, and More Parking

While we have been fairly relaxed about on the street overnight parking during non-winter months, as winter is approaching, we want to remind residents that **the Meadowbrook bylaws prohibit overnight parking on the street**. Cars must be parked off the street so that plows may clear the roads and keep them safe and passable. No parking within 15ft from stop signs, and no parking on the grass. Also, **parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant is illegal, and should be reported to the police!**



## Notes and Reminders

- Did you know that the Meadowbrook Condo Owners Association has a website? Check it out if you haven't already: [www.meadowbrookhaslett.org](http://www.meadowbrookhaslett.org) Thank you to Luke Reese for continued maintenance of our website.
- Street lights that are out or malfunctioning should be reported directly Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050. Be prepared to provide them with street names and the nearest house address to the problem light.
- There have been reports of kids throwing rocks by the statue on Cedarbrook. Parents, please talk with your kids, so that we don't have to!
- Empty lots, sidewalks, and common areas are not to be used as pet poo depositories. Clean up after your pet.

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