



The Meadowbrook Messenger

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Welcome New Neighbors

The past few months have seen the arrival of moving trucks and many new faces in the neighborhood. We hope that our new neighbors are getting settled in, and starting to feel at home. If you haven't already, checkout our Meadowbrook website at www.meadowbrookhaslett.org for lots of helpful information about the neighborhood, the association bylaws, and links to other important sites.

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the MCOA annual meeting, tentatively set for **Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 7pm**. The meeting will either be in the library or the Viking Room at Haslett High School. A notice will be distributed once all details are finalized.

There are two board positions that will be up for election at the meeting. If you are interested in running and want your name to be on the ballot, it is important that you contact the board no later than **Friday, October 26 at 5pm** so we can include your name on the ballot. The meeting agenda, minutes from last year's meeting and a proxy will be distributed to all households 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Neighbor of the Year

Once again we are looking for suggestions for the "Neighbor of the Year" award. Do you know of a person or a family who makes Meadowbrook a better place to live? Someone who is always willing to lend a hand? Send us an email with that person's name, and a brief description of why you think they deserve to be recognized, and we will present the award to them at our annual meeting.

Another Appeal for Curb Appeal

Like it or not, the appearance of your home has an effect on the property value of the homes around you. Is your paint peeling? Are your gutters loose? Are weeds taking over your lawn? Keep Meadowbrook beautiful and tend to these small things, because they make a BIG difference!

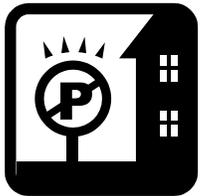
Hey! That Doesn't Go There!

Although Meadowbrook is a great place to live, like any neighborhood there are things that could be made better. Believe it or not, many of the complaints that the board receives relate to stuff being put where it does not belong thus the title of this section **“Hey! That Doesn't Go There!”**

For example - your dog's poop does not go in my yard! Nor does it go in the common area. If you catch an “offender” in the act, you can report it to the board and we will send them a letter. We won't, however, hide in the bushes and pounce on the perp. We don't get paid enough for that.



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Another example of something being put where it does not belong: Cars parked in the empty lots throughout the neighborhood. One resident noted that it gave the neighborhood a “Beverly Hillbillies” type of appearance, and while the Hillbillies had a certain charm, that is not a look that boosts property values. Cars also do not belong on the street overnight. Overnight street parking is a violation of neighborhood bylaws, as well as a violation of a Bath Township ordinance. In winter months, street parking interferes with snow plowing. If you see a car parked in front of a fire hydrant, please call Bath Township police and report it. This is against the law, and a serious safety hazard.

Hey! That Doesn't Go There!

Boats, campers, trailers and such are not supposed to be permanently stored on your lawn or in your driveway. Per the bylaws, they must only be stored in a closed garage. This does not mean that having your camper or boat in your driveway as you prepare for, or return home from a trip is a problem, but anything over a few days is too much.



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The area near the corner of Forestview and Meadowbrook seems to be a popular dumping spot for all kinds of... stuff. That area is owned by HDI, and per HDI's Chris Drobney, no one but his construction crews have permission to dump anything there. Not yard waste. Not kitty litter. Not Jimmy Hoffa.

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There are probably endless examples, but you get the idea. Put your dirty socks in the hamper! (Okay, that part was for my kids). You can email your own examples to the board at the address on the front of the newsletter.

Last, but not Least...

The board recently received several calls and emails regarding some loud fireworks being set off at around 1:30am. It may be that with the change in the laws restricting fireworks, some people mistakenly think that it is legal to wake their neighbors with loud noises in the middle of the night. Loud noises that wake your neighbors at 1am in the morning are still illegal! Report these incidents to the police.