



Meadows of Highland

MoH Newsletter — Fall, 2018

Board of Directors Update

Annual Meeting

President's Report—Jim DePerno

Your board along with Ed Dzioba is charged with the responsibility of managing the business and affairs of the MOH Association. I am pleased to report the state of the Meadows of Highland is good! At this time, financially we are in a good position. We have no debt and our reserve stands at \$255,000. We continue to very carefully monitor and control expenses.

The board, after a careful analysis of the facility found it necessary to increase the monthly maintenance assessment by \$24 per month due to increased costs, the age of the facility and the need to adequately fund future reserve study requirements.

During 2018 we encountered a few major non-budgeted expenses; namely a law suite defense which was filed by Merrill Trefzer, a few water-line water breaks,

and a insurance claim which resulted in being over budget by \$21,000.

Projects completed in 2018:

- Water line repairs
- Pond issues: Compliance with EPA mandates (grass carp, microbes, oxygen compressor)
- Installation of new windows and sliding glass doors in the clubhouse
- Replace damaged over head door for garage (hit and run)
- Lamp post replacements
- Continuing tree removals and replacements

Projects planned for 2019:

- Pond dredging assessment
- Garage Roof replacements
- Reserve study update
- Sealing of phase 1 & 3 parking and drive areas

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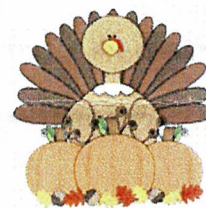
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Monthly Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Club House.

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TRASH COLLECTION

Please put your trash out after dark on Thursday evening or Friday morning in a secure container with a lid—NO BAGS

When a holiday falls during the week and trash is not collected (New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) - the pickup day will be on Saturday, so put your trash out on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Your Neighbors



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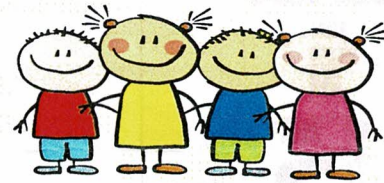
President	James DePerno	148 Bridle Path	662-0792
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Treasurer	Ellie Foster	84 Bridle Path	566-0876
Secretary	Katie Burdette	100 Bridle Path	667-2530

Please Clear the Drains.....



Please make sure the drains in your parking area are clear and free from pine needles, leaves, sticks, and debris.

If they are obstructed, the water will not drain properly and will create flooding and ice issues during the fall and winter months. Thanks for your cooperation.



The best things you can give your children, next to good habits, are good memories.

Sydney J. Harris

The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them.

Frank A. Clark

Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.

Fran Lebowitz

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Meadows of Highland Website

Our website is up and running! If you have not registered as yet, please do. To register, follow these steps:

Go to <http://meadowsofhighland.org>

The “Home Page” will display.

The left sidebar has a list of pages; click on the **Member Registration Page**.

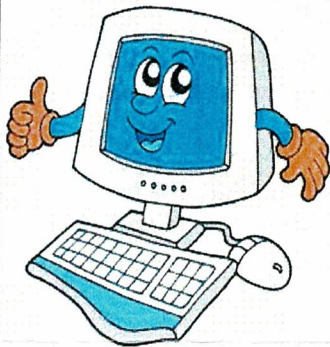
Fill in required fields and create your own username and password; then click REGISTER.

Your Member Log- In and Registration will be activated within a couple of days. Note: activation is not immediate.

You will receive emails from WordPress regarding the process.

TIPS:

Save <http://meadowsofhighland.org> in your favorites or bookmarks.



If you forget your password; go back to the “Home” page and click on **Change Password**.

If you have questions or problems, contact Ellie Foster, Website Administrator at jefoster84@verizon.net.



#62 — Sharon Merchel

#64 — Dowrey Firno

#90 — Thomas Johnson

#118 — Mark and Barbara Wagner



Let's Talk Garbage

You commented we listened.

Effective November 1st, garbage cans and recycle containers may be placed at the curb **AFTER DARK** on Thursdays.

Please remember that cans must be covered and secured. Recycle containers must be stacked so the contents will not blow out. The Association is looking into secure recycle containers. Until then, please make sure nothing will blow around the neighborhood.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Winter Parking

Please be aware of the winter parking regulations:

From November through April, parking **WILL NOT** be permitted in front of the unit's garage door or any other location other than the parking space assigned to the unit. Short-term parking for purposes of loading and unloading will be permitted.

Please advise family members, contractors, and visitors to your unit of this policy. It is hoped that all owners will comply this time; however, if an owner shall fail to comply, the Board of Directors will be forced to impose penalties in the form of a fine.



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**Want a little exercise,
but don't like the cold—
check out the
clubhouse**

There is a gym-quality treadmill, rowing machine, bike, and weight bench available.



All are good pieces of equipment just waiting to be used.

They are located in the “library”. Please feel free to use at your convenience.



President's Report (continued from Page 1)

Board Recognition & Volunteers

Jeb Bray:	Provides pro-bono legal council, a huge savings, and assists in special projects.
Katie Burdette:	Manages the clubhouse and pool, chairperson of the welcoming committee. In addition Katie publishes the quarterly news letter and assists in special projects.
Ellie Foster:	Over sees the money as Treasurer, Director of the Architectural Standards Committee and Web Site development.
Bob Blickwedehl:	Director of Maintenance and handles special projects (Maintenance garage, tennis court, pond etc.)
Special thanks:	To all volunteers who helped with pool testing and special projects

Origin of Thanksgiving in the United States

The first Thanksgiving of the newly formed United States of America occurred when General George Washington proclaimed a “Thanksgiving” in December of 1777 as a victory celebration honoring the defeat of the British at Saratoga.

Washington's first proclamation after his presidential inauguration was to declare November 26, 1789, as a national day of “thanksgiving and prayer”. President John Adams made similar thanksgiving declarations in 1798 and 1799 as did President James Madison in 1815.

During the middle of the Civil War, prompted by a series of articles written by Sarah Josepha Hale, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November of 1863. Since which time, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States of America.

Traditionally it was considered inappropriate to advertise goods for Christmas until after Thanksgiving. In 1939 with the country in the midst of The Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt reasoned that if given a longer period to sell goods before Christmas, merchants could increase profits and spending during this time. In an effort to help bring the country out of The Great Depression, Roosevelt declared that Thanksgiving should be celebrated on the second to the last Thursday of November instead of the last.

Roosevelt's declaration was not mandatory; twenty-three states went along with this recommendation and twenty two did not. Other states could not decide and took both weeks as government holidays. Roosevelt continued his effort in 1940 to celebrate his “Franksgiving” as it was termed. In 1941, Congress split the difference and established that the Thanksgiving would occur annually on the fourth Thursday of November, which was sometimes the last Thursday and sometimes the next to last.