

WHISPERING MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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2020 EVENTS

WINTER

Santa Visit
December 6

Luminary Distribution
December 16 & 17

**Christmas Home Decorating
Contest Judging**
December 17 & 18

Annual Meeting
TBD

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Please note that all dates are
subject to change

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A Letter from our WMHA President

Hello Whispering Meadows,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits as we move through these uncharted territories and into this Holiday Season. All our common areas remain open for your enjoyment during the winter months. We hope to see the continued increase of walkers, joggers, and bikers throughout the neighborhood while the weather permits.

Your Board has continued to meet monthly in various safe ways to proceed with Association business. All the questions and comments which come to the Board get discussed at these meetings. Any decisions are communicated back to the resident.

I am happy to report 329 out of 338 homeowners (97.34%) have paid their 2020 dues. We no longer have any residents with more than one year in back dues. Paying on time reduces costs for the Association and allows us to pay for common services. The Board works hard to keep our association dues low. Currently our dues are \$85 per year which covers maintenance and improvements of all Common Areas, two entrances, electrical, insurance, mailings, association activities, legal, accounting, and professional fees. 2021 dues notices will go out in January for payment within 30 days.

I have attempted to schedule our Annual Board Meeting (open to the entire membership) for a Sunday in January or early February at the Novi Civic Center. Due to COVID unpredictability, rooms are being reserved on a bi-weekly basis. Please look for a meeting announcement on the sandwich boards at the entrances and on our Association Facebook page for any updates.

A big thank you to Nicole O'Neill for not only arranging the awesome bi-weekly food trucks (which recorded record numbers of customers for some trucks) but also for organizing the well-attended Halloween Scavenger Hunt!

If there is anything, I can do to make your experience here more enjoyable, please let me know. Our Board email address is wmhaboard@gmail.com. Our official Facebook page is "Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association". Our CC&Rs can be found on www.cityofnovi.org under homeowner associations.

Warmly,

Paul Warner

Halloween Scavenger Hunt



During the week leading up to Halloween over 65 kids and their families set out to search our subdivision for the spookiest items Halloween has to offer. They also went searching for a golden egg. Each hunter received a bag full of goodies when they were done! Our golden egg was found hidden in a pine tree by John and Alec S. It was no easy task but they found it and received a gift card and huge congrats for their efforts. Many were able to find all the items on their hunt cards! We had so many that we threw all their names into a hat and drew Sara L. as our lucky winner of a gift card. We heard lots of fun stories and requests to do this again!



Winter is Upon Us

As you prepare for the winter months ahead please keep these handy tips in mind.

1. Remove vehicles from the streets to ensure that all roadways are properly and safely plowed.
2. Clean and inspect your chimney out before having your first indoor winter fire.
3. Safely secure all outdoor furniture from the elements.
4. As you try and stay warm please remember these ordinances from the City of Novi in regards to open outdoor fires:
 - All fires must be kept in a metal outdoor fireplace or some other non-combustible container.
 - You may only use seasoned dry fire wood.
 - All fire pits must be kept at least 50' from any structure (house, garage, fence, deck, etc.)
 - Provide a means that will keep the fire from spreading (garden hose, shovels, etc.).
 - Be in attendance of the fire at all times.
 - Completely extinguish the fire when done.
 - Under no circumstances can trash or yard waste/debris (leaves, twigs, branches, etc.) be burned.
5. Safely clear your roof from any debris.
6. Seal any windows or doors that may be allowing cold air in.
7. Always check on your elderly neighbors and ask if they need any help with shoveling and/or any other assistance.

If You See Something, Say Something

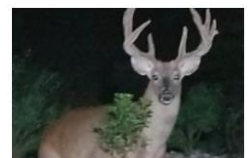
Many of us have moved into this subdivision because of how safe it is. In recent months there have been a few circumstances that have prompted homeowners to keep their eyes and ears open for any suspicious activity. We spoke to the City of Novi Police Department and they recommend keeping all valuable possessions out of your vehicles and to



lock your vehicles at all times. They also recommend installing video cameras around your home if needed. If you will be away from your home consider putting motion censored lights on your home and leaving a few lights on inside your home. Most importantly if you see any suspicious activity call the police immediately, check on your neighbors frequently, and stay diligent in your surroundings. We are incredibly grateful for our Whispering Meadows community and take pride in knowing how safe it is.

WM Wildlife Sightings

We have had so many wildlife sightings this year! Deer have definitely made their homes in our wooded areas!



Neighbor Spotlight

Spookiest Halloween House

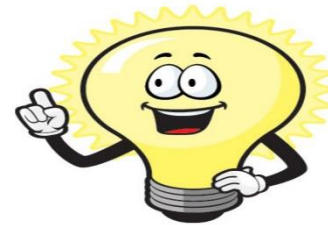
There were so many homes in the Halloween spirit this year! Our secret panel of judges had a tough time deciding on who the winner was going to be. After being pretty spooked they came to a consensus that 40576 Ladene was definitely the spookiest in the bunch! Honorable mentions go out to 21899 Shadybrook, 21810 Clover Lane, and 40079 Whispering Lane.



Did You Know?

The WMHA board frequently receives recurrent complaints from your neighbors about these items that you may not be aware adversely impacts our neighborhood aesthetic:

- Empty flower pots and plastic stored plants in plain view.
- Trash and compost bins not stowed out of sight.
- Large tarps covering wood piles, construction materials, tools, etc.
- Weeds, leaves, and yard debris not properly tended to.
- Commercial or non-operating vehicles parked in driveways or on streets.



Thank you for doing your part and being a considerate neighbor

Santa is Coming to Town!

Santa Claus is coming to Whispering Meadows on December 6th from 10am-12pm in the Commons off Sunrise. Santa will be riding in with Novi's finest firetruck and Firefighters to greet all the children and families. Everyone is welcome to bring their letters for Santa. Santa will be visited from a distance this year and we will be following ALL safety guidelines in accordance with the COVID social distancing guidelines. Please follow all of the updates for this event on our Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association Facebook page. If you have any further questions you can reach out to the board email at wmhboard@gmail.com and we will be happy to get back with you. Dress warm and have a wonderful time. Thank you, Santa and the Novi Fire Department, for helping!



Stay Connected

Have you heard about how to stay connected with your neighbors? There are many ways to stay connected whether it be a nice note on their mailbox, a wave hello, or a good old driveway chat. We also want you to know that you can stay connected through the internet. WMHA has a Facebook page, an email, and posts to the City of Novi website!



wmhaboard@gmail.com

Please feel free to email the board directly for any questions, comments, and/or concerns.



Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, All WMHA news, updates, events, etc. will be posted to this site regularly. To find this group, make sure you type in the entire name of this group and you will see the WM sign off of 9 mile in the group logo.



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The city site has our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions as well as board info and newsletters.

If you would like to receive these newsletters electronically please email wmhaboard@gmail.com
