



**MEADOW'S SOUTH HOMEOWNERS
FALL NEWSLETTER
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Friends & Neighbors,

The Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Indian River Methodist Church, Room 153. It is scheduled to begin at 10:00am but we are asking that you arrive early to allow for the registration process to be completed prior to that time. **NOTE: SELF-NOMINATION FORM IS INCLUDED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU INTEND ON PUTTING YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE COUNTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE NOMINATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY OR DROPPED IN THE HOA BOX (ENTRANCE 1) NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020. THERE WILL BE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.**

Our Attorney has completed the review of our By-Law revisions and they will be registered with the appropriate governmental entity. You will be sent a copy of the revised By-Laws with your Annual Meeting packet. They will also be available on the website sometime in January 2021.

We have 3 street lights that have been out for some time. We want to let you all know that this was reported to FPL on February 24th by our President, Katherine Call. A work order number was provided. After several weeks it was noticed that nothing had been done so Katherine called FPL again. She was informed that because it is turtle nesting season, they cannot do anything that would disturb the turtles. FPL informed Katherine that once the turtle nesting season is over, in late October, the street lights will be repaired.

Kevin has been diligent in his efforts to maintain the sprinkler system. It appears that he is doing a good job because the number of complaints about sprinklers has greatly decreased. It has been noticed that we have a large population of rabbits in our neighborhood. Rabbits cause lawn damage because they eat and urinate on the grass. This causes spot damage that expands over time as the rabbits continue to invade your yard. Our President did some research on this and found that rabbits are repelled by the smell of used coffee grounds. She has put some around the edges of her yard and the rabbits don't come there anymore. The coffee grounds do not damage the grass.

There has been a lot of work going on in the community as a result of the Board's non-compliance program. It has been good to see walls and shutters getting cleaned up and painted if needed as well owner landscape issues being cleared up.

It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the plants that are on their property, front and back. Overgrowth becomes a nesting area for rats. The Board is sending non-compliance letters to owners that fail to maintain the vegetation on their property.

The lawn crew will mow and edge only. If you have a fence you need to make sure that your gates are open, not just unlocked, so that they have access without worrying that there is a pet back there that could get out. Also, in order that the crew be able to mow your yard it is important that any items blocking their access, such as solar lighting or yard flags, be removed on the Tuesdays they are scheduled to do their work.

The Board is seeking bids for repair of two streets in our community that are in bad shape. These are the streets in front of building 1281 and the street between buildings 1283 and 1285. We are also seeking separate bids for the resurfacing of all the streets in our community. We have monies in the special account for these sorts of road repairs and it is hoped that we have enough to handle the most severe problems, the two streets. All bids will be provided to you in the packet sent out prior to the Annual Meeting. If additional monies would be required the estimated assessment to every owner will also be provided. Ultimately, the decision must be voted on by the entire membership.

Trash bags are not to be left outside your residence. If your dumpster is full do not put your bags outside the dumpster. The waste management drivers are not allowed to pick up those bags. We have 4 dumpsters in our community. If yours is full try using another one. Waste Management comes several times a week. Cardboard boxes are to be broken down before being put in the dumpster.

It has been noticed that our dumpsters seem to fill up mysteriously late at night, usually on weekends. Things that are not supposed to be put in the dumpster (ie furniture, mattresses and other household items) are being deposited in our dumpsters. Because this is happening late at night it is the Board's opinion that persons are coming from outside our community doing this. We can not prove this and ask if you see it happening, or if you have a camera that captures a dumpster, that you attempt to write down the type of vehicle and license number and report it to your Building Director.

When it comes to the recycle bins at entrance one, Waste Management has advised that plastic bags should NOT be put in those bins. If you carry your recycled materials to those bins in plastic bags dump them out into the bins and either take your bags to use again or put them in the dumpster. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

I know that it is fun to feed the squirrels around the neighborhood but this is not in the best interest of the squirrels. It makes them dependent on humans for food, therefore stifling their natural ability to find food on their own. It also makes them aggressive because they see any human as a food source. Also, and more important, feeding the squirrels brings rats for the food left for the squirrels. This is unhealthy for the entire neighborhood.

Lastly, the Board wants to remind you that the speed limit in our community is 10MPH. There are stop signs at all intersections that are to be adhered to.

Sincerely

The Board
Meadows South HOA