



# ***THE WHISPERER***

*July 2016*

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**Website: [www.whisperingmeadows.org](http://www.whisperingmeadows.org)**

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

***Barbara Fillinger, President***



### **Update on Amendments to Covenants**

Efforts to amend Section 10 of Article X of the Covenants concerning vehicle parking are on hold while in consultation with the Association's attorney. The Board of Directors wishes to act as expeditiously as possible, but must also ensure that it proceeds in the most legally appropriate way with all factors taken into consideration. We will update the Members as we are able.

**Independence  
Day**



**July 4th**

### **Status on Streets Repaving Project**

At the time of this writing, the streets repaving project is a work-in-progress. By the time this newsletter is delivered, the work may have been completed. If you're on the Association's email distribution list, you know how much uncertainty has surrounded the timing of the work to be done, notwithstanding the information provided on the City's hang tags. Whatever the status at the time that you're reading this, thanks to everyone for their patience and cooperation.

### **Clubhouse Parking Lot Resurfacing Project**

The Board of Directors voted at its regular meeting on June 20 to approve the bid submitted by Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, L.L.C., for the milling and repaving of the Clubhouse parking lot, including the removal and replacement of the concrete bumper blocks and striping of the spaces. Superior Bowen is also the contractor for the City's project for repaving our streets.



At this time, it is anticipated that the parking lot project will take two days, weather permitting. While the work is being done, there will be no access to the parking lot. The pool, however, will remain open and its systems will not be affected by the work taking place. No events are scheduled for the Clubhouse during the period in which we anticipate that this work will occur.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Continued)**

The contractor wants to complete this project prior to the repaving of our streets in Phases 1 and 2, which means it will commence very soon, or may even be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. As always, the most up-to-date information will be provided in Association-wide email messages to all members.

### **No Driving or Parking on the Grass**

Multiple instances of driving or parking of vehicles on the grass in the Common Area have been reported. Please note that at no time should vehicles of any kind be driven or parked on the grass anywhere within the community. In fact, due to the location of so many sprinkler heads along the curb, at no time should any of a vehicle's four tires leave the pavement. Our streets are wide enough for safe passage of vehicles even with a vehicle parked at the curb. The costs of repair for significant damage caused by a vehicle anywhere within the community, regardless of whether it was operated by the Owner or such Owner's agents, family, guests, tenants, invitees or contractors, will be assessed to the Owner's Lot by means of a specific assessment pursuant to the provisions of the governing documents, including Article V, Section 4(a) of the Covenants. The cooperation of all will be appreciated.

### **Trash Dumping and ...**

During the month of June there were two reports of unauthorized trash dumping within our community. One instance was the stuffing of trash by someone to the full capacity of an Owner's trash cart after it was placed at the curb for regular pick-up, and the other was a bag of yard waste left at the Clubhouse trash bin area. It is unknown whether these violations were committed by Members of the Association or outsiders. In either case, not only is it horribly bad form to foist your refuse on others to dispose of, it is a violation under Section 12.05.003 of the Independence City Code, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or six months incarceration.

If you see anyone who appears to be unlawfully dumping trash anywhere within the community, please immediately report it to either Dave King as the Chair of the Safety and Security Committee or me as the Association President, providing as much information as possible to properly identify the offender, including any vehicle license number.

And to the person who left the yard waste at the Clubhouse trash bin area, if you are reading this: It would be appreciated if, at your earliest convenience, you would go back to pick it up and dispose of it properly per the information provided below.

### **... Did You Know?**

There is a simple, legal way to properly dispose of your out-of-the-ordinary trash, recycling, and household hazardous waste by availing yourself of the services provided by the City of Independence and other entities within Jackson County. Go to the City's webpage at [www.indep.us/dropoffdepot](http://www.indep.us/dropoffdepot) or call (816) 325-7623 for the details, including fees, locations, and types of refuse accepted on which days or dates.

## **LANDSCAPE: John Zelk, Chairman**

### **Help Wanted**

This year started out great for all the shrubs and grass. We all know things can change quickly. Because we have experienced a change this month, we are again, as in years past, asking for help in watering the lawns. The sprinklers have been turned up to 150% this past week to help with the stressed areas of the common grounds. Our sprinkler system was built to water the grass only.

If you can, please water the common ground around your home on a day the sprinklers do not. Also, do not forget to water the shrubs, trees, and foundation if you can.

#### **Guidelines for watering are as follows:**

The amount of water for the shrubs should be about 1 gallon per week, same day same time.

The amount of water for the trees should be about 5 gallons per week, same day same time.

The amount of water for the foundation will depend on the side of the home, West side more than the North. It needs to be watered but not soaked. A little every other day is good.

Thank you!

Your Landscape Committee

## **CLUBHOUSE: Yvonne Hagaman, Chairwoman**

It's summer and vacation time. The Clubhouse has lots of available openings for July and August if anyone wants to have a fun, easy and inexpensive celebration with their families and friends. You can call Yvonne Hagaman at 478-6198 for reservations.

The reminders for July are: remember that the pool is not included in the Clubhouse rental and if supplies are low and need replenishing, call Yvonne Hagaman or tell your monitor.

Our old thermostats have been replaced with new digital ones that are easy to use and will hopefully control the temperature more accurately. The Clubhouse monitor for July is Terry Waits.

Hope you all have a great summer and more importantly stay cool!



**ACTIVITIES & EVENTS: *Patty Bruch, Chairwoman***

**OUR FIRST SUMMER SOCIAL WAS FUN AND A BIG SUCCESS!**



Come back for the second Summer Social on Thursday, July 21st from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Bring your favorite snack or hors d'oeuvre. The Committee provides plates and utensils, as well as water and tea.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the final summer social of the season on Thursday, August 18th.



Men's Coffee will be held on Saturday, July 16th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Clubhouse.



The Activities and Events Committee will be placing American flags in front of each home for the 4th of July weekend. Our committee will also pick them up after the holiday to reuse again on Veteran's Day.



There will be no Activities and Events Committee meeting in July.

**COMMUNICATIONS: *Ron Stephenson, Chairman***

**Contact Information Changes**

The area code for Nina Wright's telephone number is incorrect as printed in the February 2016 Directory. The correct area code, with number, is: 956-802-8654.

Mike and Peggy Howe have a new email address:  
howe8762@sbcglobal.net

Please make note of these changes.

**Trash Vendor**

Please note that the phone number listed in the Whispering Meadows 2016 Directory for "Republic", our trash pick-up vendor, is no longer correct. The correct number is **816-254-1470**.

Each resident needs to deal directly with Republic for routine matters such as exchange or replacement of trash carts. When calling Republic, after you dial the phone number, and are connected you will then press "3" for residential. It is important to provide Republic with the account number for WMHOA, and then state your business. If they insist on going through the Association office, explain that there is none. **Do not** attempt to charge anything to the account. If what you are needing to have done will incur a charge, please fill out and submit a Whispering Meadows Townhome Maintenance Request online or by hand for review. Someone from Whispering Meadows will then get back to you.

The WMHOA account number for Republic can be obtained by calling Mike Fetters at 478-0871.

**Residents are welcome to attend Board and Committee meetings.**

If you want to make a presentation to the Board, it is necessary to contact the Board President five days in advance of the scheduled meeting. All meetings are held in the Clubhouse.

**JULY MEETINGS**

Board Meeting

July 18th

7:00 P.M.

