



THE VILLAGE



VOICE

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The Prez Sez:



I want to wish a Happy New Year to the residents of Meadowlane Village. Thanks to Hempfield Township, we were given an early Christmas present in having them remove the debris from the creek. Last month's rain and snow melt had caused the water to rise almost up to the buildings. Eric Smith and I had called about 12 different agencies looking for someone who could assist us. Finally, after speaking to Rob Ritson the Hempfield Twp. Business Manager and voicing our concerns, the Hempfield Twp. Road Crew came and removed the debris and fixed the water flow in the creek. I would like to thank Rob Ritson, Mike Volpe for saving our association a lot of headaches and costs in cleaning the creek.

Just like everyone else, I have made some New Year resolutions, especially where it pertains to the association. As your President I promise to keep an eye on the bottom line of our budget. I also will attempt to keep our grounds looking the best that they can be.

I also promise to be attentive to your problems and hope that you will present them in an intelligent, kind way. I ask this because of the recent rash of phone calls I have received regarding the recent increase in the assessment. Sadly, the people who complained never attend the meetings. Probably never read this newsletter and offer little in the way of constructive suggestions to address the problem.

I am well aware of human nature being what it is. Lord knows I've spent 32 years of my life in public service and have dealt with every known issue to man. So I guess my patience is wearing thin when people

challenge what the majority has decided. They act as if they speak for all 59 units! The reality of the raise in assessments is simply this. The cost of living has risen over the last 10 (ten) years. Think about what the price of gas was 10 years ago. That alone should serve as a wake up call. We can no longer afford to run this organization on the assessment that was paid a decade ago! I believe this executive board has been very responsible in eliminating any waste in the budget. In addition, most of the landscaping work has been done by a handful of people for free. The of cost of having a landscaper remove the old mulch, put down new paper and replace it with the barn stone could not have been met with the money that we are budgeted with.

In closing I would like to thank all who have supported us in these difficult times.
Rick

Just a Reminder

When you are selling your home you need to contact the secretary for a resale certificate. Please do this when your home is sold, but before closing.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

No activities planned for this month

GROUNDS COMMITTEE



The grounds committee decorated the Gazebo for the holidays. With the change to LED lights, the committee hopes to add

more next year. Also, thanks to Erik & Stacy Smith and Rick Terek for putting the luminaries together and placing them out on Christmas Eve. I hope all got to enjoy them as they were placed out late on Christmas Eve late due to the wind. It was beautiful coming back home after midnight church services to see our community all lit up.

INFORMATION FOR ALL RESIDENTS

This information was provided to us from Rachel Moreland. We would like to thank her for giving us this useful information.

Recycling Options Available

Westmoreland Cleanways has a recycling bin in their parking lot at the GreenForge building on Donohoe Road. The bin is for mixed paper: newspaper (including inserts), magazines/catalogs, office paper and junk mail. You can collect paper in plastic grocery bags and put the bag and all into the bin. Also, the paper does not have to be separated, and paperclips and staples are acceptable.

You are also welcome to drop off telephone books, cell phones and accessories, printer cartridges (ink jet and laser), and household batteries (alkaline, rechargeable, small lead-acid) at Westmoreland Cleanways' office (Suite 101) during their regular business hours (8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday).

If you have any questions, or if you have special recycling needs (large quantities, unusual items), you should call Westmoreland Cleanways at 724-836-4129 or visit their website at www.westmorelandcleanways.org

NOTICE FROM OUR TREASURER

Please be advised: Our assessment is now \$55 per month. Letters were sent to those who sent incorrect amounts and what needs to be done to update their records.

Homeowners using the lock box. When putting your payment in the box be sure to put it **IN THE SLOT**. Some people are putting it in the front when they open the door. Doing this may cause your payment to fall out and get lost.



Thank you for your cooperation.
Betty Rua, Treasurer

ASSESSMENT FEES

Due to the increase in postage you can now put your monthly fees in the lock box which is located next to the mailboxes at the corner of Gazebo and Thistle. These are collected each day.

NOTICE FROM OUR SECRETARY

I have many email addresses of our residents, but if you are not receiving your newsletter by email and have access to email, please send your address to me so that I can add you to my list. It will reduce costs to the association by reducing the number of newsletters that need to be printed. You can send your address to me at bhendeb6855@aol.com. Thanks so much.

GOOD NEWS CORNER

Wedding Bells rang for Gerry and Kathleen Yanity. This is a very belated congratulations to them!

DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE:

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*Please use your judgment and common courtesy when calling these individuals. Calls should not be received after 9:00 pm. If the individual you need to speak with is not available please leave a message and they will get back to you at their earliest convenience.

be towed at the owner's expense.

Should you have any issue, concerns or complaints, please put them in writing and mail it to 505 Cattail Drive Greensburg PA 15601, and the matter will be addressed by the whole Executive Committee.

OWNERS

The executive board wants to remind everyone to please pick up after your pet. We have seen some remnants of the bathroom experience around various parts of the property. If you are seen not cleaning up after your dog, you will be receiving a warning letter from the executive board. There is "evidence" that not all homeowners are Cleaning up after their pets.



Parking



Please comply with the parking rules and regulations of the association. They are in place to protect the residents of the neighborhood. If people park in areas not approved, they could jeopardize the safety of the neighborhood by blocking fire and medical services. Please park in the approved areas. Residents who fail to comply with the rules will be notified, and vehicles may