

Meadowlakes POA NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from your President David Baker

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Your POA is looking forward to a new year of serving the fine residents of our community.

Our focus this year will be in four areas: asking you to approve an update to the governing principles of the POA, the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, maintaining the streets and continuing to monitor the traffic flow in and out of our neighborhoods, being fiscally responsible with your money that you contribute to the POA in the way of yearly homeowner's dues, and being responsive to each of your concerns in an efficient, courteous, friendly, and professional manner.

Your POA Board has worked for the past year updating the CCRs, seeking input from you regarding the update, and are now in the last stages of finalizing a document that we believe will accurately present a clear picture for residents and prospective residents regarding the governance of the City of Meadowlakes from the POA perspective. In the next few months, we will ask for you, our residents, to approve the adoption of the document.

We will continue to carefully assess the condition of our streets and work toward refining and adjusting a long-term plan for street maintenance to insure that we have streets in our city that are safe and comfortable for driving, walking,

and bicycling.

The operation of our security gate and the many duties performed by the personnel in that department will continue on an even keel as we strive to keep our community safe and monitor the traffic flow in and out of Meadowlakes.

The POA Board of Directors takes very seriously its fiscal responsibility regarding the monetary inflow each year from the annual dues assessed each homeowner, the fees charged for mowing lots, and the fees charged for the use of the RV storage facility. As you know, our rates in each of those areas are extremely low, comparatively speaking, and we will strive during the upcoming year to maintain those rates. However, as we all know, situations in life change and we are continually faced with new challenges.

That being said, please be assured that your POA will always strive to make sound financial decisions based on solid research and input from the residents of Meadowlakes.

Last, but not least, always feel free to contact any of your POA Board members with questions or concerns. We are volunteers who desire to make our community a pleasant and safe place to live. We will strive to respond to you in an efficient, courteous, and

friendly manner as we work together to make our city the best that it can be.

I do not want to let this communication opportunity pass without thanking Van Estill as he leaves the POA Board of Directors for the time, effort, and professional expertise that he brought to our Board in his recent service. We want to welcome Jim Woods on to the Board. Jim brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Board that will be very valuable to our city.



REAL ESTATE CORNER

Real Estate Corner

By Wayne Thelen

Homes Sold In Meadowlakes 2013 & 2014

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
January	1	2
February	4	5
March	6	5
April	4	5
May	6	11
June	4	2
July	7	7
August	10	11
September	5	8
October	5	10
November	5	8
December	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Totals.....	59	77

Average Days On The Market... 102 113

It was indeed a “brisk” year for Meadowlakes Home Sales.

Approximately 30% more homes were sold in 2014 vs. 2013

ANIMAL CONTROL BY ROBBIE GALAWAY

We have had some unusually cold weather this winter. In addition to your plants and pipes, don't forget to protect your pets on the frigid days.

Don't leave dogs or cats outdoors when the temperature drops. Regardless of the season, short-haired, very young or old dogs, and all cats should never be left outside without supervision.

Pets are sensitive to severe cold and are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia when they are outdoors during extreme cold snaps. Exposed skin on noses, ears and paw pads can quickly freeze and suffer permanent damage.

Dogs and cats are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. During walks, short-haired dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater.

You will probably need to shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather to protect you both from weather-associated health risks.

Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood.

Calls for the past quarter include:

Ten trapped raccoons removed from the city	Three barking dog complaints were received
Four trapped skunks removed from the city	Possum nesting in water meter box was removed from city
One trapped armadillo removed from the city	Two dog bite incidents - dogs were quarantined for 10 days
Two stray dogs delivered to Marble Falls facility	One dog was reported poisoned
Two stray dogs were returned to their owners	A verbal warning was given to owner of a dog that had been running loose plus dog not being registered in the city

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Charles and Willie Mae (Sissie) Henley have moved into 403 Olympia Fields. They hail from Round Mountain, Texas and love to play golf and bridge.

Another bridge enthusiast is Cory Phillips. She is at home at 43 Augusta, having moved from Horseshoe Bay, Texas. She also enjoys Mah Jongg, Book Club, and walking.

Amanda and Clay Fancher are from Burnet and have moved into 250 Meadowlakes Drive. Welcome.

122 Preston Trail is the new home of Dave and Pat Laughlin. They too enjoy Mah Jongg and walking. They also are musicians and love to participate in jam sessions.

Matthew and Dina Riley, along with their two teen boys, are now residents of 369 Meadowlakes Drive. They come to the village from San Antonio. They enjoy reading, fitness, boating, and golf.

Bill and Pam Pond are from Ft. Worth, Texas and have moved into 170 Broadmoor. Pam is a retired school teacher and graduated as an "Aggie" with the class of '85. Bill was a police detective for 38 years. They plan of traveling, golfing, and participating in several outdoor activities. You will find them at the Aggie football games. They are also members of the SASS (single action shooting society).

353 Columbine has new residents from Arlington, Nebraska. George Gage has been retired for over 12 years and was a federal refuge manager and supervisory law enforcement officer in his past life. Audrey is a retired school teacher with 34 years of experience in the classroom and another 13 years as a substitute teacher. They enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and bird-watching as well as indoor interests like cooking and reading.

We welcome Gary and Victoria Hampton to 375 Meadowlakes Drive. They moved northwest to the Hill Country from Austin. Gary was employed at Austin Community College for 35 years where he retired as Dean of Workforce Education. Victoria is a professional photographer. They, of course, enjoy outdoor activities as well as painting and cooking.

Trey and Jeremy Schlicke are the new occupants of 259 Braeburn Circle. They are recently from Spicewood. Jeremy is a Navy veteran and has just recently returned home. He is 25 and has lived in the Spicewood area where he grew up. He is a Marble Falls High School graduate and attended Texas Tech before joining the Navy from 2010 to 2014. He is hoping to go back to school and earn a degree in psychology. Trey also graduated from Marble Falls High School with the class of 2004. He loves all sports and works at HEB. Both young men enjoy the outdoors and all the activities to be found there.
