

## Meadowbrook Messenger

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## Meet Your Neighbors!

Introducing the Woodwards: Aaron, Amanda, Nathan, Kendal, and Nolan.

We have lived in the subdivision since 2007.

Aaron is a School Psychologist and Amanda is a Registered Nurse for the Healthpark Surgery Center in Grand Blanc. Nathan is a 3rd grader at Springview Elementary, Kendal is a kindergartener at the Flushing ECC, and little Nolan is 1. We love playing outside with our puppy Arya. Feel free to say hello If you see us out and about. We are a very busy family of 5.

May we feature your family in our next edition? Let us know at:

meadowbrookparkhoa@gmail.com

or

P.O. Box 613, Flushing, MI 48433



Subdivision Craft &
Garage Sale
April 27 & 28
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

It's time to start cleaning out our closets, basements, and garages!
Crafters—don't forget that this is a great opportunity to make a profit from your creativity.

We're going to have a GREAT SALE!

Visit our Facebook Page:
Meadowbrook Park Neighborhood HOA
and Website:

meadowbrookparkhoa.com

### Thinking about any outdoor

home improvements? Considering a deck, a pool, or any outdoor structure or addition of any kind? Such exterior improvements are ALL subject to the regulations and restrictions of our homeowners' association covenant. Each project must be approved by the HOA Architectural Committee before construction can legally begin. Be sure to apply for approval at: meadowbrookparkhoa@gmail.com or P.O. Box 613, Flushing, MI



Spring is here! Yay! Problem is, everything that was buried in the snow is now exposed.

Now is a good time to tidy up our yards. We can gather up any debris or items that could, and should, probably be tucked away inside our garages. Let's admit, trash cans, barbeque grilles, gardening tools, and piles of bricks and lumber aren't pretty and diminish the appearance of our landscapes. How about we all move that stuff to our garages?

In fact, our subdivision covenant <u>requires</u> us to keep our yards neat and tidy. It says,

"No refuse pile or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain on any lot."

How about we all try to get into the spirit of doing our best to keep all of our yards neat, tidy, and great-looking!



## Community Directory

We are creating a phone and address directory of all of our neighbors in Meadowbrook Park! This

will help us all communicate with—and better get to know—one another. Our community has had directories in the past, but the latest one hasn't been updated in many years.

All residents are asked to submit their directory information at our website:

( www.meadowbrookparkhoa.com ), or on our Facebook page:

(Meadowbrook Park HOA).



"Christy and I really like the newsletter! We also like the idea of the HOA BBQ, upgrading the landscaping, the meet your neighbors section, the website, and the early date release of the garage and craft sale. The new HOA is really impressing us and starting to make our neighborhood feel like it's got something good going on. Keep up the good work!! - Jeremiah (Pete) Borowski

Thanks, Pete! We'll do our best!

It is the intention of your Meadowbrook Park Homeowners Association Board of Directors to publish this newsletter quarterly. If necessary, special editions may be sent out as well. Your comments, feedback, and suggestions are most welcome. Send them to us at:

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# Winter Drainage Project in Subdivision



During February, an excavation contracting firm, employed by the Genesee County Drain Commission, refurbished a portion of the open drain ("ditch") that exists along the western and southern perimeter of our

subdivision. The excavation occurred only behind seven homes along the southwestern corner of Meadowbrook Lane.

Some residents, who had always experienced flooding in their backyards and basements, have been



seeking relief from the County. The impact of the project remains to be seen.



The County has promised residents that all damage to yards and landscapes will be repaired this spring.



At our last annual meeting of the Meadowbrook Park HOA we had the opportunity to listen to Chief Brian Fairchild discuss the township police department duties throughout the township. He reminded those present that his department is committed to serving our community with professionalism and courtesy. He explained how the department responds to calls and addressed some concerns other residents have raised with police presence in our subdivision. Chief Fairchild reminded the HOA that if any resident is leaving their home unattended for any length of time they should notify the township police department so officers can check on the residence from time to time. He also told the HOA that any signs placed on the entrance strip must only remain there no more than 48 hours. Any signs placed for longer periods than 48 hours must be removed. The chief has directed his officers to enforce that ordinance.



How about your helping with a small group that welcomes new residents to our subdivision? Or, would you like to help plan a fun event for the kids or families? Please let us know – jot us a quick email:

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#### Watch Out for IRS Tax Scams

It is tax time again, and every taxpayer needs to be alert to individuals representing themselves as the Internal Revenue Service. Every year many taxpayers receive telephone calls



regarding delinquent taxes, mistakes in your refund, and additional taxes that are due. Please be alert. If you have elderly parents, make sure they understand that IRS scams target them as a group. The following points outline just a few, but the most prevalent, of the ongoing scams to separate you from your money. Scammers do this:

**Call** to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer.

**Threaten** to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

**Demand** payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

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