

NEWS & UPDATES FROM 2016

12/30/16 - DUES COUPONS. The coupons for our Meadowlark dues just came in this week. Each homeowner received a FlexBill Coupon Book with two coupons in it. The first is for your January 1, 2017 payment. The second is for your July 1, 2017 payment. Envelopes were also included for those who want to pay by check. Also included was a letter from Kirkpatrick Management Co. explaining that you have several ways to pay your assessments. On the back side of the letter are instructions on how to access the KMC web page and use their online payment options. Just follow these instructions, and if you have questions, contact KMC at 317-570-4358.

12/30/16 - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LINDA YOUNG. Linda Young, wife of Richard on Partridge Drive, recently passed away. Linda's cheery smile and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew her. She and Richard always participated in our Meadowlark functions, attending the Monthly Dinners and Picnic, and were active supporters of the community. A Memorial Service will be held at DeBaun Funeral Home in Terre Haute, IN on January 7th, visitation 1-2, service at 2.

12/30/16 - GOODBYE 2016, HELLO 2017. As the year 2016 comes to a close, take a few moments to reflect on all the things that have happened this past year and in your life. And though there will be thoughts of moments that were perhaps not so happy ones, think about all the good things and your many blessings. Welcome 2017 with a dedication to appreciate your family, community, and country and to make a difference. Something as simple as a phone call or a greeting card can spread a little cheer into another person's life and let others know you care about them. And that's just a start. May 2017 be filled with health, prosperity, and happiness. And we hope to see you all at our Meadowlark functions.

12/21/16 - Meadowlark Coupons in the Mail. The next installment of your Homeowners Dues is payable on January 1, 2017. Kirkpatrick Management Company recently changed to a new software program, Caliber, and the Coupons for this installment were just mailed this past week. Payments are not considered past due until after January 15th, so there is plenty of time to mail your payment to Kirkpatrick. The "mail to" address will be on the Coupon.

11/14/16 - Update from Terry Jones, Zoning Compliance. Terry was a guest at our Annual HOA Meeting on Oct. 10th and at the meeting was asked if the railroad bridge on Raceway Road was going to be replaced. He checked into that and recently advised there were no current plans to do so. If you have zoning questions, Terry would welcome your call at 317-839-2561 x245.

11/14/16 - Welcome. Give a warm welcome to these new Meadowlark homeowners this summer:

Adam & Chelsi Collins, 10741 Whippoorwill

John & Monica Hovey, 10702 Oriole

Nancy Kubalanza, 1143 Blue Bird Drive

Rebecca Ping, 1119 Blue Bird Drive

David Renbarger, 10725 Crane Drive

Marcia Robinson, 10693 Whippoorwill

Kirsteen Wilkinson, 10740 Whippoorwill

We're glad to have you in our community.

11/14/16 - Newsletter. The Fall edition of the Meadowlark Newsletter will be distributed soon. A copy will be posted on the documents page. Check there for all the information.

11/14/16 - Snow Removal. Landscape Solutions will be providing our snow removal again this winter.

1. Crew will plow our driveways, sidewalks from the drive to the front door, and the streets.
2. Snow removal will occur when we have 2" of snow in Meadowlark.
3. Drives with parked cars might not be plowed.

4. Areas where cars are parked on the street will not be plowed.

11/14/16 - Drainage. Here are more details about the proposal from Landscape Solution to homeowners to handle any drainage issues in the swales between homes.

Landscape Solutions will install a 4" drain to tie together 4 downspouts to the main tile, which will drain to the ponds, at a cost of \$675 for a homeowner.

If 5 or more homeowners want this done at the same time, they will discount the cost to \$540 per homeowner.

If you are interested in having this work done, please contact Ryan Beres at 317-570-4358 right away.

10/17/16 - ANNUAL HOA MEETING UPDATE. The Meadowlark Annual Homeowners Association meeting was held on Monday night, October 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Pointe Church. 109 homeowners were represented, either by their attendance or proxy. For the first time in several years, and due to the [new amended By-Laws](#), we met our quorum to conduct official business and had the total votes needed to pass any business motions presented at this meeting. The Board thanks all residents who came out to support our Meadowlark Community.

Terry Jones, Town of Plainfield Zoning Compliance, was a guest speaker, discussing issues such as how to secure "No Outlet" signs, how neighborhood speed limits are set, and that blocking sidewalks when parking IS a violation. He answered general questions from homeowners, and briefly discussed future changes for Raceway Road at U.S. 40. Mr. Jones is open to calls and questions from Meadowlark residents and can be reached at 317-839-2561 x245.

Homeowner Roger Phillips, Precinct Committeeman, encouraged us to vote early at the Government Center and Libraries.

These officers were duly elected upon a motion from residents: President Lee Green, Secretary Shirley Hargis. The ARC Liaison was due to be elected, but we currently do not have a person serving; Vice President John Tufano is acting in that capacity for the present. Anyone interested in serving in this position is asked to submit your name to anyone on the [Board](#), which will appoint this position. Everyone was encouraged to check out the website, as all timely information is there, and we will probably reduce the number of flyers in the future.

For photos from the meeting, click here to go to the [Pictures](#) page.

Budget and expenses for October 2015 through September 2016 were discussed; we expect to meet our 2016 budget by year end, when all remaining lawn, grounds, and pond maintenance expenses are submitted. In 2016 the fence washing/staining as well as painting of house numbers on curbs came from the Reserve account. The budget for 2017 was presented, showing a slight increase for utilities. Our finances and reserves are in good shape. The only major expense we currently anticipate is to remove a large tree on Partridge. Was also reported that some people have overpayments that can be credited against their January, 2017 dues and Mary Ellen Ramsay will be contacting them.

Ryan Beres, Property Manager from Kirkpatrick, overviewed the status of the ponds and the depth readings that ASAP Aquatics is performing twice a year. These readings give us information to determine when dredging will be needed at a future time. He also overviewed the services for Lawn and Snow removal that are provided by Landscape Solutions, Ponds/ Fountains by ASAP Aquatics, and Irrigation by Kirkpatrick.

It was reported that the Board made some changes in our investments and instead of earning \$20 in interest (as in the past) our investments yielded approximately \$500. It was also reported by Ryan that Kirkpatrick will be changing banks on January 1st to Mutual of Omaha, which will allow us to also earn interest on our operating checking account. Also as of January 1st, Kirkpatrick is changing to a new system called "Caliber" which will provide Meadowlark residents many features, such as paying fees online, entering work orders for issues such as "fountain not working", viewing our individual

Kirkpatrick accounts, as well as many other new opportunities. Watch for upcoming information from Kirkpatrick.

Water drainage issues in the swales in the spring were discussed. Landscape Solutions is offering a special rate to homeowners who wish to have their 4 drains joined together and the drainage taken to the ponds. Any homeowner who is interested in having this work done should call Ryan Beres 317-570-4358 for pricing and details.

These issues were brought up for discussion by homeowners:

1. Damaged siding. Any homeowner with siding damage resulting from the lawn care should call Ryan Beres by November 1st.
2. We need additional fencing on Partridge, to Hunt wick's property line. Ryan will investigate.
3. Also, fence staining needed on Whippoorwill; to be done next week.
4. Dead trees on Crane & Blue Bird at west end of Pond. Ryan and Landscape Solutions to tour neighborhood on 10/11/16 to check all dead trees; we are due 3 new ones each year.
5. Many dissatisfied with the mowing this year: Trimming grass too short vs. height grass is being mowed; Mowers going too fast and when turning, miss cutting areas and cause ruts; blowers are blowing grass into beds or up to garage doors, instead of "off" the drives/ sidewalks. Board will conduct special meeting with Landscape Solutions in early spring, before mowing begins, to go over all of these issues and set our expectations.
6. Dog houses and Storage cabinets. Many homeowners have issues with these "out buildings" which have not been approved and they do not meet the standards of the neighborhood. Board to investigate.

9/27/16 - ANNUAL HOA MEETING ON OCT. 10TH. It's time for the 2016 Meadowlark Homeowners Association Annual Meeting! The date is Monday, *October 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Pointe Church, at Raceway and Morris St.

**Annual meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday in October, but there was a conflict with the Church this year on that date; thus the meeting is being held on Monday.*

This week you should receive a mailing from Kirkpatrick Mgmt. Co. about the meeting, and also a Proxy form. Of course, we want you to attend, but if you cannot, please complete the proxy and return it right away to Kirkpatrick in the self-addressed, stamped envelope, or give it to a board member. Also, for those who DO plan to come, please take a moment to let a board member know that. According to our newly amended By-Laws and Declaration, we will need a quorum of 25% of homeowners (attending or by proxy) to elect new officers and to be able to vote on any issues presented. And, for any proposed vote, we will need a majority (50% +1) of all homeowners (attending or by proxy) to pass a motion; so it is important you come or send in your proxy. As this is an even-numbered year, our amended By-Laws require us to elect the following officers at this meeting: President, Secretary, and Architectural Review Committee Liaison; If you would like to run for a position on the Board, please indicate that on the form from Kirkpatrick, or let a Board member know of your interest; We will also review the financials for this past year and the budget for the coming year; And we will address questions from the attending homeowners. [Click here](#) to view the meeting letter from Kirkpatrick and the Proxy Form.

9/27/16 - TRIMMING TREES. Some homeowners have either had their trees trimmed or done the trimming themselves. This is fine as long as the trees are within your property lines. We have learned that owners have also trimmed or cut down trees in the Common Area between their back yard and the pond. This is a NO-NO. When asked about this, they stated "we thought our property went all the way to the pond." This is not so. No one's property extends all the way to the pond...there is a section of land between the homeowner's yard and the pond. This area is Common Ground and is under the control of the Homeowners Association and maintenance is performed for the Association by Landscape Solutions. We ask these things of you: Do NOT trim or remove trees in the Common Area. • If unsure

where you're property ends and the Common Area begins, look at your Plot Plan or check with ARC Liaison, John Tufano. If there is a tree in the Common Area that you feel is in need of trimming or removal, contact the Ground Liaison, Leonard Stringer, or a board member. It will be checked into, and if maintenance is needed, it will be done by Landscape Solutions. If you are trimming trees on your side borders, make sure you are not creating a problem for your neighbors.

9/27/16 - POND. Concerned neighbors have asked about the algae on our ponds. In checking with our pond maintenance company, ASAP Aquatics, we have learned that what we are seeing is "Blue-Green Algae" on our ponds. This is what was reported to us by Kevin McLaughlin, ASAP Aquatics: "There are over 30,000 species of algae and in this large assortment are a group called Blue-Green. There are a couple important points about the type of algae in the pond now. Blue-Green Algae are also known as cyanobacteria. This is actually a "bacteria" that contains chlorophyll, which provides the cells energy through photosynthesis. Dealing with bacteria that looks like algae poses difficult control problems. The cell wall structure is very thick and very difficult to get product into. If you could dive down to the pond bottom, you would most likely see these cyanobacteria covering it. When sunlight triggers photosynthesis, the cells produce energy and oxygen. It is this trapped oxygen that buoys the small clumps to the surface, and then they drift to shore. This is what is happening now, with aid from the recent warm temperatures and intense sunlight. Another problem with the Blue-Green Algae is that no one understands what conditions allow them to become so prolific and displace other species of algae. It is also unpredictable as to when they will appear and disappear. Blue-Green Algae are some of the oldest organisms on earth, so they have developed defenses against most everything. It is a species that cannot be prevented from appearing and control is difficult. Special, costly products are available that provide some relief, but long term control is rare. However, the weather is starting to change, and with cooler temperatures, the Blue-Green Algae should subside." The Board is currently looking into the matter and will report our findings soon. [Click here](#) to view a data sheet that shows the difference between the Filamentous Algae and Blue-Green Algae.

9/27/16 - PICNIC A SUCCESS! By Elaine Kinkead The picnic started out as a possible disaster when I received a phone call at approximately 7:15 Saturday morning from a concerned resident to say that one side of the tent had collapsed (due to the storm we had the night before). I thought for a moment, and did what I had to do! Called Lee Green, our president! If I had to be the bearer of the bad news, he was the one that would know what to do (I was sure it was to call the tent company). Yep, he did and after a few exhausting calls and having the patience of Job, they responded and the tent was repaired and ready for our picnic on time! We had 62 paid reservations. Due to circumstances of one kind or another, 8 of those were unable to attend. We are so sorry you could not make it and want you to know you were missed! Our total attendance was 54. Also, for those that did not come, we missed you too, and hope you will plan on coming next year. It seemed like a homecoming of sorts...neighbors meeting new neighbors, old neighbors greeting each other and catching up on old and new news. Solo here's the news of the picnic. According to my thoughts and conversations with attendees, it was a great success. The weather came through for us and there were great prizes waiting to be won. First, I have to mention the great food dishes brought by all: a beautiful array of salads, veggies, casseroles and desserts, with water furnished for all by Kirkpatrick Management. This was all to go along with your choice of Pulled Pork, Chicken Wings or multiple choices of Subway Sandwiches. If you weren't sure, you could try all three. If you were not able to make it and your inquisitive mind is curious, the Prizes were for Bingo games, and fun, exciting trivia questions, mostly geared toward sports. There was a total of 10 \$25.00 gift cards to multiple restaurants won by Judy Roseto, Gene Calvert, Sharon Ash, Wanda Warren, Shirley Conner and Brenda Stringer, to mention a few. There were also 5 \$10.00 gift cards won, and 4 mums given away. We will be looking forward to next year when hopefully we will see everyone's shining faces there to join in on all the fun.

8/29/16 - AMENDMENTS ADOPTED! On August 23, 2016, the Meadowlark community held a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Pointe Church, with the purpose of adopting amendments to the Meadowlark governing documents. Thanks to all those in Meadowlark who came to the Special Meeting or sent in your proxies. Because of your participation, the meeting was a HUGE success: 84% of the home-owners in Meadowlark were represented, and 80% of all residents voted Yes to accept the amendments to the Meadowlark Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Declaration, and Plat Restrictions. Jeffrey Bellamy, attorney, explained the reasoning behind these proposed amendments was to remove information about the builder/developer that is no longer applicable, to make the wording more timely and consistent throughout all documents, and to incorporate in one place clarifications that were stated in places other than these documents. He then answered questions from those in attendance, and in his answers, explained the reasoning and the legal aspect. It was pointed out that some covenants are the same as Ordinances from the Town of Plainfield, which were restated due to their importance. The intent of other covenants is to keep Meadowlark a safe place to live and to enhance and maintain the value and desirability of Meadowlark. After Jeff's Q&A session, attendees voted and the amendments were adopted as presented. Thank you again to all who came and sent in proxies, and a big thank you to Board Members who made phone calls and visits to residents about the meeting. We hope to have this good a turnout for our Annual Meeting. And remember, be a good neighbor and follow the covenants. To view the new documents, click this link, "Articles, By-Law, Declaration, and Plat". All 4 documents have been combined into this one PDF file which has links (in blue text) that take you to different parts of the combined documents. You can print or save it to your local drive. The documents are also on the "[documents](#)" page. If you have a question, contact a Board Member. Click to go to the "[pictures](#)" page for photos from the meeting.

8/29/16 - ANNUAL MEETING. Our Annual Meeting is set for October 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Point Church. We encourage everyone to attend. If you can't be there in person, please send in your proxy. You will receive a mailing about this meeting soon.

8/29/16 - PICNIC. By now, all should have received a flyer about the upcoming community Picnic on Saturday, September 10th from Noon till 4:00. This year we have adopted a "Tailgate Party" theme, and suggest you wear a jersey to support your favorite team. We are having pulled pork sandwiches, a variety of subs, wings, snacks, and side dishes which we ask that you bring; such as baked beans, macaroni & cheese, slaw, potato salad, and of course DESSERTS. Water will be provided. Be sure to complete and turn in the form by Sept. 2nd, and be sure to list the dish you plan to bring. If you have questions, call Elaine Kinkead at 839-9032 or Mary Ellen Ramsay at 268-4758. See you there! ([Click this link to view the Picnic flyer.](#))

8/29/16 - BY-LAWS Q&A. Over the next weeks, we will be answering on the web page any questions you might have about the newly adopted governing documents. Use the "contact us" page to send us your questions. Please include the Article/Section number and which document it's in. You can also e-mail or contact any Board member with your question, and it will be passed along for us to answer on our web page.

8/29/16 - STOP SIGNS. Reminder. Please make sure you come to a full stop at all Stop Signs in our neighborhood. We see many people who do a "rolling" stop, or don't stop at all. Many are non-residents. If you feel inclined, let them know they need to abide the law and stop...that our neighborhood would appreciate it for the safety of all who live here. See the "[crime watch](#)" page for an article about the National Night Out meeting. Also see the "[pictures](#)" page for photos from the meeting. 8/

8/9/16 - SPECIAL MEETING...AUGUST 23rd. This past week you should have received a mailing with the proposed changes to the Meadowlark Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Declarations, and Plat Restrictions. We hope you've taken the time to review the proposed changes plus the Summary of

Changes overview and plan to attend the Special Meeting at 6:30 on August 23rd at Grace Pointe Church to vote to approve these changes. If you can't make the meeting, please complete the Proxy form included in the mailing, and return it to Kirkpatrick Management Co. right away in the provided self-addressed, stamped envelope. In order for the amendments to be approved, we need 67% of our homeowners to either attend or provide a Proxy to vote for the changes. The Rewrite Committee has worked diligently on these changes, with the goal to bring them up to current times, to standardize the verbiage in all documents, and to provide clearly-defined covenants for the future protection and growth of our neighborhood. If you have any questions about the content of the materials you've received, contact Secretary Shirley Hargis at 839-7366, ushargis@yahoo.com, or any Board member. And, you can always use the "contact us" page to send us your questions or concerns. We suggest you let a board member know that you plan to attend. Otherwise, you may receive a call so we can determine if you plan to be there or need to submit a Proxy form. ♦The proposed documents can be found on our "documents" page, under "Proposed Amended Documents". Check them out.

8/9/16 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BIG SUCCESS. The Annual National Night Out in Meadowlark held at 6:00 p.m. on August 2nd at the home of Brenda & Leonard Stringer, was a B I G Success! Approximately 40 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the hot dogs/coneys, baked beans, chips, and desserts prepared by the Stringers (THANK YOU BRENDA & LEONARD!). Along with officers from Plainfield Police, representatives from sponsors Wal-Mart and Target attended. Thanks to all those who came out to support our "Men in Blue" and neighborhood businesses. It was great to hear that Meadowlark is a community with little crime, and everyone was congratulated and thanked for their crime watch efforts, their concern for one another, and cooperation with the Plainfield Police.

8/9/16 - DINNER CLUB. The next dinner club night out is Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Red Robin at the Perry Crossing Mall. If you have not yet received a call and want to join the group, contact either Wanda Warren at 839-8445 or Carolyn Huber at 838-7473 to confirm your spot.

8/9/16 - WEATHER and MOWING. Doesn't seem possible that just a few weeks ago we had problems with too much rain and soggy lawns, and now we are experiencing too little rain and really hot temperatures. Many yards are overly dry. The mowing crew is doing a great job of keeping our grounds and lawns cared for, in spite of the dry conditions. Just be patient; Mother Nature will smile on us again. If you have questions or concerns, contact Ryan Beres at Kirkpatrick Management - 570-4358.

8/9/16 - PICNIC. Here's another date to mark on your calendar - Saturday, September 10th. That's our Community Picnic. Watch for more details...coming soon.

8/1/16 - AUGUST 23rd ... MARK THE DATE. The By-Laws Rewrite Committee has finalized the proposed changes to all of Meadowlark's governing documents, and you will receive these documents yet this week via U.S. mail. Mark the date Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Point Church. That will be a Special Meeting for the purpose of approving the Amended documents. ***It is of utmost importance that every homeowner either be present at the meeting or sign a proxy for the meeting.*** In order to vote on the proposed changes, we must have a quorum of 67% of homeowners present or by proxy. In the information you receive is a Proxy Form. If you can't make the meeting, please sign and send the Proxy right away to Kirkpatrick Management Co. in the stamped, self-addressed envelope we've provided. If you are not sure whether you can attend, go ahead and complete the Proxy. If you do attend, we will pull your proxy so you can vote in person. In the rewritten materials we have tried to do this:

**Change all information to show that instead of 7 neighborhoods being covered by these documents (as was originally intended by the developer) we are now only 1 neighborhood and only homeowners in Meadowlark are voting members.*

**Throughout all 4 documents, remove wording pertaining to the 7 neighborhoods and their Directors and related requirements, which no longer apply.*

- *Remove references to the Developer that no longer apply.*
- *Expand and further clarify the by-laws, declarations, and plat restrictions, to eliminate confusion.*
- *Make sure the wording on specific topics is the same throughout the 4 documents to eliminate confusion.*
- *Drop the percentage needed for a quorum to vote on business from 67% of all homeowners to 25%.*
- *Change the percentage needed to pass any business proposition from 67% of all homeowners to a majority of all homeowners.*
- *Establish clearly-defined policies for Collection of Delinquent Assessments, Collection of Delinquent Special Assessments, and the Covenant Violation Policy; to eliminate confusion.*
- *To more liberally interpret in-home businesses.*
- *Expand what's allowed for posting of signs.*
- *Allow RVs and Trailers to park for a 24-hour period only.*
- *Expand the Trash and Garbage requirements.*
- *Clarify and more liberally state what can/cannot be done under the Architectural Review Committee for lot and home improvements.*
- *Clarify parking requirements.*

Please read through all the materials we've mailed to you, and join us on the 23rd. If you can't make the meeting, please send in your Proxy right away. The Board thanks you.

◆ The proposed documents can be found on our documents page, under "Proposed Amended Documents". Check them out.

8/1/16 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd. The Annual National Night Out in Meadowlark is tomorrow, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Brenda & Leonard Stringer at 1181 Partridge will be our hosts, preparing hot dogs for our enjoyment. Bring a drink and a chair and join us. The Plainfield Police will be there, and also special guest Terry Jones from the Town of Plainfield Zoning Compliance division. Join us as we support our police, firemen, first responders, and local government as we continue to work on a strong, respectful relationship with them.

7/13/16 - OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Meadowlark is looking pretty good right now. Our gardens are blooming, adding color and beauty to our surroundings; the lawns and common areas are well maintained and looking good; the ponds are clean and the fountains are in good working order and so pleasant to listen to; the front entryway has been replanted. Did you know that some new residents have bought in our community because everything was so well maintained and appealing? Let's keep it that way. So, for those of you who have shutters, mailboxes and algae on your siding, please fix those things right away. Check the "[news and updates](#)" page for maintenance sources. We want to keep Meadowlark "lookin' good" for us and for future homeowners.

7/13/16 - DINNER CLUB NEXT WEEK. The monthly Meadowlark Dinner Club will dine at Cheddars on Rockville Road. Date is next Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. If you aren't on the call list and want to go, contact one of these ladies: Wanda Warren - 839-8445 or Carolyn Huber - 838-7473.

7/13/16 - DOG. We are glad to report that a neighbor was able to catch the stray dog, "Annie," who turned out to be a sweet-natured animal. Her owner is not able to take her, so she is at an animal shelter awaiting adoption. The "Saga of Annie" made for quite an interesting summer. Thanks to those of you who were concerned and tried to help.

7/13/16 - THANK YOU. Thank you to Richard Young for checking with Ray's Trash about their trucks leaving oil spots on our streets. They have fixed their trucks. We appreciate Richard's efforts to address this situation. Just a friendly reminder...be sure your car or that of a visitor isn't leaking oil on our streets.

7/13/16 - FOR SALE. Be sure to check the "[bulletin board](#)" page for information on patio items a homeowner is offering for sale. Might be just what you need.

6/29/16 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! As we approach our Nation's birthday celebration, take a moment to reflect on the good and right things of our America. Think about all the freedoms our country gives us. At its inception, people banded together to form this great country; people helped people, neighbors worked together, people needed each other, joining together for one cause. Recently it was said that after September 11th, 2001, the crime in New York City dropped dramatically. Why? Because people thought about others, and not themselves. People needed each other, people cared about each other, people helped each other; they were joined together. Would that we could put aside the hate, havoc, and horrific tragedies around us and once again become a nation of "one people"...caring, helping, and befriending those around us. May each of you have a wonderful 4th of July. Be safe, and be grateful for our freedom and for this country we call home. There is no other place like it in the world. Take a couple of minutes and click this link to hear John Wayne and why he loves America. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5ZGz7h0epU>

6/29/16 - GARAGE SALE BIG SUCCESS. June 11th was one of the hottest days so far this year, but it proved to be a successful day for the Meadowlark Community Garage Sale. Thanks to all those who participated.

6/29/16 - SHUTTERS, MAILBOXES, ALGAE/MOLD ON SIDING. In the Special Bulletin we distributed in early June, and also in our web page information of June 6th, we asked each homeowner to check the state of their shutters, mailboxes, and algae/mold on their siding and to replace or maintain these. We also gave you resources in the Bulletin and on our web site to help you out. Go to the "news & updates" tab and check there for the information. About the shutters, many are faded; some are broken. Here is another source, provided by a homeowner (thank you Gordon Fife): ReColor by Wipe New makes them look new again in about 30 minutes. The cost is about \$20 and is available at Ace Hardware in Plainfield and Amazon.com. Also try this web site: <http://www.wipenew.com/recolor/>. Another product is Rejuvenate Restorer Wipes (about \$15). Check out the Website: <http://www.homedepot.com/p/Rejuvenate-Pre-Saturated-Restorer-Wipes-5-Pack-RJRESTWIPES/206161494>. These products can also be used to refresh other items you might have.

6/29/16 - POND. After several weeks of letting grass grow around Pond A as a possible deterrent to the geese, we have found the test was not successful. It was worth a try, but today, the mowing crew cut back the grass around the pond. Thanks for your patience while we tested this out.

6/29/16 - DOG. The stray dog is still roaming about our neighborhood. Just yesterday on Whippoorwill, it ran out in front of a car and almost caused an accident. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Anyone who sees it roaming about, PLEASE contact Animal Control at 745-9250. And keep calling them. Perhaps if they hear from a lot of Meadowlark residents, we might see better results in trying to capture it.

6/29/16 - PHONE CALLS & E-MAILS. HOA President Lee Green has asked that you direct phone calls to Ryan Beres at Kirkpatrick Management Co. at 570-4358. Lee's work schedule makes it difficult to take your calls while he is working. Lee did say e-mails and text messages are fine, and he will get back to the sender when he is off work. You can also contact any board member if you have a question or an issue. Check the "[board](#)" page for board members' phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

6/29/16 - SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. If you observe any suspicious person or activity, please do not call Ryan Beres at Kirkpatrick. CALL THE PLAINFIELD POLICE at 839-9700 or 911 for an emergency.

6/06/16 - SPECIAL EDITION FLYER. Today a Special Edition flyer was distributed about the Garage Sale coming up this Saturday, June 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and covering other items of interest. Highlighted in the bulletin is information about:

- ◆MAILBOXES AND SHUTTERS - sources for fixing/replacing.
- ◆ALGAE ON SIDING - source for power washing service.
- ◆WEEDS/MOWING - conditions that affect mowing service.
- ◆GEESE/PONDS - test on Pond A.

- ◆STRAY DOG - picture and request for help.
- ◆TRASH - pickups when there are holidays.
- ◆IPL HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT - beneficial service. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer from IPL about this service.
- ◆OPEN FORMAT RESULTS - request for your input/interest. Click [Special Edition](#) to view the flyer information.

6/06/16 - NO FISHING. In the past few days a homeowner has seen two teen boys fishing in the pond between Swan and Whippoorwill. Talked to them and learned they were from another neighborhood. The "No Fishing" signs were pointed out and they did leave. But they were back today, and when the homeowner again approached them, they were verbally abusive. Another homeowner also reported seeing the boys. One carries a black backpack. If you see them or unfamiliar persons fishing and they are not from Meadowlark, just call the Plainfield Police (839-8700) and let them talk to them about No Fishing, fishing licenses, their language, and such.

6/06/16 - STRAY DOG. Animal Control will be placing several humane traps in our neighborhood this week to try to secure the stray Beagle that's been roaming our neighborhood. PLEASE DON'T FEED IT. We want to get her back to her family.

6/06/16 - VENDOR LIST. We just updated our Vendor List, which is found on the Documents page. Check it out for persons and companies who have done good work for residents in our neighborhood. If you have someone you'd like to recommend, please use the contact contact us page to send the information to us.

5/16/16 – CRIME WATCH MTG & OPEN FORUM. The Crime Watch Meeting is this Thursday, 5/19, at 6:30 at Grace Pointe Church. Flyers were distributed this past weekend. At the conclusion of the meeting we will have an additional time for our first "Open Forum" opportunity to informally exchange ideas, solutions, new clubs new projects, events, etc. Plan to join us.

5/16/16 - MOWING. With all the rain we've had the past couple of weeks, we've had mowing issues reported...especially ruts in the grass between homes due to the soggy ground and the equipment being used. We are in discussion now with Landscape Solutions about how this can be resolved. Also, some residents have reported trimming issues and these are also being addressed.

5/16/16 - FOUNTAINS. Issues with some of our fountains have been reported by residents. Thank you for letting us know. ASAP, our pond maintenance service, has checked all fountains and repairs are currently being made.

5/16/16 - GEESE. As reported earlier on our web page, we are letting the grass grow around the edge of the pond between Whippoorwill and Swan. Our goal is for it to become a deterrent for the geese so they won't leave the pond and wander up into our yards. Time will tell. Please bear with us as we test this out.

5/16/16 - NEWSLETTER. The Spring issue was delivered last week. Click the [documents](#) page to access it.

5/16/16 - STRAY DOG. The stray dog we previously reported about has still been seen in the area. Animal Control has twice put out a safe trap to try to secure the dog so it can be returned to its owner, but was unsuccessful. We have learned that some homeowners are feeding the dog. Animal Control has asked that we not do that. We want them to put out another trap, but the dog won't be interested in checking out the food in the trap if we keep feeding it. So, please don't feed it, and if you know anything about the dog, [HERE](#)

5/3/16 - ROSE BUSHES. The mild winter plus the hard freeze we had late spring were very, very hard on our plants, shrubs, and trees. Rose bushes were especially hard hit. Most have so much damage that they might not make it at all. We wanted to make everyone aware that weather is the culprit...

and not the weed killer chemicals recently applied. We have verified that any chemical burns would affect only the side that faces the turf, and not the entire rose bush. The damage we see throughout our neighborhood and all around our area is widespread and weather related. We expect many Meadowlark gardeners will be replacing rose bushes this year.

5/3/16 - TENT CATERPILLARS. Another issue we are experiencing is with tent caterpillars. We have seen signs of infestation in our neighborhood. Click this link to learn more about them: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tent_caterpillar. Sprays to eliminate them can be found in the Nursery section of stores such as Lowe's, Menards, Home Depot and Nurseries like Dammann's and Frazee's. Also try this web site for more information about treatment sprays: <http://bugspray.com/catalog/products/page1896.html>.

5/3/16 - BAGWORMS. These nasty insects also show up each year. They can decimate trees, especially fir trees, pretty quickly. Check out this web site for more information: <http://www.pestproducts.com/bag-worm.htm>.

5/3/16 - WEEDS IN GRAVEL BETWEEN HOMES. Landscape Solutions will be killing off the weeds in the gravel between the paired-patio homes in Meadowlark at no charge to us. Thanks LS!

5/3/16 - MAILBOXES AND SHUTTERS. Many of the mailboxes and shutters in Meadowlark are in need of repair or replacement. In the 4/11/16 issue, we told you about the special discount Otto's is giving us for mailbox replacement. Check the Otto's article on the [bulletin board](#) page for more information. Also, now that our community is 15 years old, many shutters have faded and are in disrepair. These need to be painted or replaced. If you don't, you may receive a violation letter telling you they must be handled by a specific date. So, please be proactive and take care of both your mailboxes and shutters.

5/3/16 - GEESE. We are letting the grass grow at the edge of the pond between Whippoorwill and Swan Court as a test to keep geese from coming from the pond up into our yards. We'll keep you posted.

4/25/16 – YARDS. Application of weed killer to kill off the dandelions, clover, and other creeping weeds, was finished last Monday. They will be out again the first of next week to check the grounds and apply additional weed killer if necessary. If you have any issues with your yard, call either the HOA President, Lee Green, 845-5557 or our property manager, Ryan Beres 570-4358.

4/25/16 - NEWSLETTER. The spring Newsletter will be distributed the first part of May. Many of the things in the Newsletter are available to you immediately on our website.

4/25/16 - NEIGHBORHOOD. All seems to be going well in Meadowlark. Spring is finally here and trees, bushes, flowerbeds and yards are starting to look great. If you plan to make any changes to your home or lot, be sure to read all the "Do's and Don'ts" on the Arc intro page. And, remember that new installations require a change request submission to the Architectural Review Committee and also their approval before work can be done.

4/25/16 - PONDS. Some ponds are showing signs of either algae or grass clippings floating on the surface. This is being investigated and will be addressed shortly.

4/25/16 - PREVIOUS POSTINGS. Be sure to check the news & updates page for postings from past issues.

4/25/16 - ROAMING DOG. The small beagle-mix (?) dog is still wandering through the back yards and common grounds in Meadowlark, and possibly in our neighboring communities. The Hendricks Co. Animal Control has been out, but haven't spotted him. He's extremely wary, and won't come when called. Here are a couple of pictures, taken long-range. If you know anything about this dog such as where he is sleeping, feeding, etc., please contact Shirley Hargis, 839-7366 and I'll coordinate with Animal Control. He is not aggressive and doesn't seem to be a threat to anyone, but we need to help him find "his people."

4/18/16 - UPDATES FROM YOUR HOA PRESIDENT:

***YARD MAINTENANCE.** The new fertilizer company (a division of Landscape Solutions) was out last Friday the 15th to spread weed killer and fertilizer on the front and side yards. They came out again today, the 18th, to finish up the rest of the yards and the common grounds. The mixture they are using should take care of dandelions, clover, and creeping weeds and is safe for children and pets. Remember that the HOA pays to have all yards sprayed for weeds and fertilization. For those who pay for outside services, this improved service could save you money. Just give the mixture a couple of weeks to do its work. If there are questions or concerns, give a call to either the HOA President, Lee Green, 845-5557, or our property manager, Ryan Beres, 570-4358.

***BY-LAWS AND COVENANTS REVISIONS.** The By-Laws and Covenants, and all other documents that govern our homeowners and the Association, are in final review by the attorney. This means that within the next couple of months, Kirkpatrick will be mailing the revised materials to all homeowners (the registered owner of each property). The Board will then conduct a door-to-door campaign to either get your commitment to attend a Special meeting (TBD) to vote on the revised materials, or to secure your proxy to allow a board member or neighbor to vote on your behalf at the Special meeting. You will be notified of the Special meeting date, time, and location soon. This is your chance to have a part in the changes that allow us to bring the documents up to today's standards. These documents will set the tone for current homeowners and future homeowners who want to be part of a neighborhood working for the betterment of all residents in Meadowlark. When you receive the documents, PLEASE read them and plan to attend the Special meeting or to give your proxy. Questions? Contact Lee Green, 845-5557.

***DINNER CLUB.** This club is meeting Tuesday, 4/19, at 6:00 p.m. at Grindstone Charley's on Rockville Road. If you have not been contacted and want to attend, contact Wanda Warren, 839-8445, RIGHT AWAY to get in your reservation.

4/18/16 - LOST DOG? Since last Friday, a small beagle-mix (?) dog has been seen wandering through the back yards and common grounds between Whippoorwill and Swan Court every day. Looks like he may have a collar, but he scurries off so quickly it's hard to determine that, or whether the dog is male or female. The dog is white with medium brown spots, short white legs, and brown ears. If this is your dog, remember dogs are not allowed to roam unattended in Meadowlark. ALL dogs must be on a leash when off your property. If he is a stray, and you know where he is, contact Hendricks Co. Animal Control, 745-9250, to come out and pick him up. We want him to be reunited with his family.

4/18/16 - IDEAS STILL NEEDED. We are still looking for input from our residents on additional clubs and activities we might add for the enjoyment of our residents. Contact any board member, or use the contact us page to send us your suggestions.

4/18/16 - FLAG-FLYING DAYS. Many in our neighborhood have U.S. Flags on their property. Click this link <http://www.usflag.org/flagholidays.html> to see all of the official Holidays that our American flag is to be flown and to remind all of us that the Flag Code states it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Check this website for a list of the days.

4/11/16 - CONDOLENCES. We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Jim Thompson, 10702 Crane Drive, who passed away on April 9th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

4/11/16 - MOWING. Landscape Solutions is once again providing our mowing. Their scheduled mowing day is Wednesday of each week. If you have any issues, contact Ryan Beres at Kirkpatrick - 570-4358.

4/11/16 - WEED CONTROL. A new group at Landscape Solutions will be handling all of our weed control and fertilization needs this year. The crew is led by a 20-year veteran in this field. Areas they will address first are the dandelions and clover. We have verified with them that their treatment is

child and animal safe and dries in 20-30 minutes. If you have concerns or issues, contact Ryan Beres at Kirkpatrick - 570-4358.

4/11/16 - GEESE. The board has investigated chemically treating all of the common areas to deter the geese, but have found the cost to be prohibitive. We have been told that geese do not like to go through tall grass, and as a deterrent, experts advise to let the grass grow up at the edge of the ponds. The board is considering testing this suggestion by letting grass grow around one of the ponds. If it is successful, we will consider doing this for all ponds. If we do this, please be aware that the mowing crew isn't forgetting to cut the grass, but we are purposely letting it grow. Comments are welcome. Also, any homeowner can treat the grass in their yards to deter the geese. This would be at the homeowner's expense.

4/11/16 - MAILBOXES. Good News. Otto's has agreed to service the mailboxes in our community at a discounted rate for the period April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. Many of the mailboxes are beginning to show wear. This would be a good time to check with Otto's about replacing them. See the [bulletin board](#) for more information about their offer.

4/11/16 - RECYCLABLES. At the October 2015 Annual Meeting, discussion was held about the need to dredge our ponds at some future time. Blowing trash that accumulates in our ponds is a major reason dredging will be needed. We can help prolong incurring the expense of dredging by being vigilant about securing our recyclables so they will not blow about.

4/11/16 - IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS. Remember that requests for all NEW improvements must first be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee and receive their approval before the work can be done. See the [ARC process page](#) for the procedure. Also see the [ARC intro page](#) for the things you can do that do not require ARC approval.

4/11/16 - IDEAS NEEDED. Besides the [community clubs](#) and activities provided in Meadowlark, is there another club or activity you would like to suggest? Such as putt-putt, excursions, touring historical sites in our city? We are looking for activities to bring more of us together and share good times. Contact any [board member](#), or use the [contact us page](#) to send us your suggestions.

3/22/16 - EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY. We wish to extend our condolences to Ron Richardson, 10693 Whippoorwill, at the loss of his wife Gerri (Geraldine). Gerri passed away this last Sunday after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

3/22/16 - RECOVERY WISHES. We send our wishes for a full recovery for those we are aware of who have had surgery or serious illnesses: Elaine Kinkead, Charlie Powell, and Morris Hargis. If you know of others we need to mention, please use the contact us page to let us know.

3/22/16 - MOWING. In preparation for the mowing crew, make sure your lawns are free of debris, branches, rocks and such. Mowing will start soon.

3/22/16 - CRIME WATCH ALERT. Check the [crime watch page](#) for an update on activity in the area.

3/22/16 - BOARD RESUMES. After a winter hiatus, the HOA Board resumes meeting this next week. If you have any concerns, use the [contact us page](#) pond between Swan and Whippoorwill. I called out to them **that** they could break through the ice and that it wasn't safe. They thanked me and quickly got off the pond. It made me think that we should all talk to our children/grandchildren about the dangers of being on the ice. So please have a chat at your house about staying off the ice-covered ponds...that it's just NOT SAFE. Can't bear the thought of something bad happening to one of our young ones.

2/17/16 - FROZEN PONDS WARNING. My heart lodged in my throat today when I saw two young children (about 10-12) walking on the pond between Swan and Whippoorwill. I called out to them that they could break through the ice and that it wasn't safe. They thanked me and quickly got off the pond. It made me think that we all should talk to our children/grandchildren about the dangers of being on the ice. So please have a chat at your house about staying off the ice-covered ponds...that it's just

NOT SAFE. Can't bear the thought of something bad happening to one of our young ones.

2/17/16 - VALENTINE'S DAY SNOW. Our snow removal crew did a really good job of taking care of our drives, sidewalks, and roads as we experienced snow on Valentine's Day. We've received several compliments on the good job they are doing for us. Would love to hear from others. And if you have any issues, please use the contact us page to let us know, or call Ryan Beres, Kirkpatrick Management at 570-4358 or President Lee Green at 847-5557.

2/17/16 - IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS. Soon many will start thinking about making plans for improvements to their property. This is just a reminder that any new improvement requires submission and approval of your request by the Architectural Review Committee. If you have a "to do" list, be sure to check out our ARC Process page for the steps and instructions you need to follow to submit a request. If you are just not sure if your improvement needs approval, contact the ARC liaison.

2/17/16 - WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENT. Bonita Eubank, 1064 Swan Court, 702-217-8295, Email: bonny80@msn.com.

1/13/16 - SNOW, ICE, WINDS...THEY'RE HERE. We experienced our first major snowstorm this past Sunday/Monday and overall, our snow removal crew from Landscape Solutions did a good job for us. If anyone has comments or issues, please use the contact us page to let us know, or call Ryan Beres, Kirkpatrick Management at 570-4358 or President Lee Green at 847-5557. Stay warm and safe. Use ice melt on those icy sidewalk patches. Use great caution when you are out. We don't want anyone to suffer a mishap.

1/13/16 - YOUR HELP NEEDED. This past Monday, January 11, 2016, a woman in a small light-tan vehicle (with a tire holder on the back) knocked down mailboxes at the homes of Darlene Daubenspeck at 10657 Whippoorwill and Jana Rickenbach at 10656 Whippoorwill. The woman said her name was "Patricia," and she lived "down the street," and that she would file a claim with her insurance company, but did not give any more information. Darlene is asking that "Patricia" please contact her and provide her information so the mailboxes/posts can be replaced. If anyone has any information about Patricia, please let Darlene know at 837-7461. Any help would be appreciated.

1/13/16 - GET WELL WISHES. We extend Get Well Wishes to Elaine Kinkead (Whippoorwill) after foot surgery, and Charlie Stanton (Swan) who has pneumonia. Also to others in our neighborhood who are under the weather. Let them know you care.