

NEWS & UPDATES FROM 2015

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, our past articles prior to 11/23/15 are not available. Sorry for the inconvenience.

12/28/15 - 2016. As we anticipate a new year, many will reflect on all the things that have happened this past year. May you cherish the good times and look forward to a new year filled with better times for all of us. The Meadowlark HOA Board wishes each of you a Happy New Year and we send our wishes for good things in 2016. We appreciate your past cooperation and support of our community and pledge to you that we will do our best to keep Meadowlark a safe and beautiful neighborhood to call Home. May 2016 bring us all good health, prosperity, and safe-keeping.

12/28/15 - REMINDERS. *Your 1st 6-months of Homeowners fees for 2016 are due by January 1, 2016. If you have questions, contact Ryan Beres at Kirkpatrick Management. *When we do get snow, snow removal will start when we reach 2" and snow is still falling. Drives, sidewalks from driveway to front door and streets will be plowed. *With the winter winds blowing, please consider sacking your recycle items. We continue to have items blowing throughout the neighborhood and into the ponds. Your cooperation is appreciated. *Since New Year's Day is on Friday, trash and recycle pickup is delayed until Saturday, January 2nd. *If you have a concern and want to know who to call, check the who do you call? page. *Starting in January, 2016 the website will only be updated on the 15th of each month. However, updates will be made regarding timely matters such as snow removal issues. The date at the bottom right of the page will show the date of the last update made. So, be sure to check not only on the 15th, but weekly...just in case. In the meantime, if you do have concerns or questions, please use the contact us page and send them to us. We will be checking for your questions or concerns.

12/21/15 - CHRISTMAS SEASON. No matter how you celebrate the season, there are things that all of us long for. Happiness, joy, love, security, consideration, hope and peace. In the troubled world we live in today, peace is a tenuous thing. Anger, bitterness, envy, hatred, prejudice...these are feelings we do not want to foster. Hate begets hate. Love begets love. If we find charity in our hearts for others, compassion and understanding, and treat others as we would want to be treated, perhaps we can do our small part for peace and harmony. It starts here in our neighborhood. Be kind and considerate to your neighbors, lend a helping hand. Honor the covenants that bind our community together. Obey the laws that govern us. Have charity for others.

12/14/15 - DOGS. Don't you just love them? They are loyal, protective and loving, and whether long- or short-haired, tall or tiny, skinny or fat, these 4-legged friends work their way into our hearts and our families. As such, they bring responsibilities: feeding and watering them, grooming them, getting their dog license, going to the vet for checkups and shots, having them neutered or spayed, giving them their meds when they are sick, cleaning up after them; these are all common sense things we must do as dog owners. "But what about exercise?" you ask. Well, that brings about a whole other set of responsibilities...ones that are defined by laws and ordinances. In Meadowlark we are governed by Town of Plainfield and Hendricks Co. Animal Control Ordinances. Here are a few things from the Town of Plainfield *Ordinance 1-1990* about dogs that you should be aware of ([click here](#) to view the entire document).

Purpose of the Animal Control Ordinance: *To establish reasonable and responsible animal regulations for those who desire to own pets. This ordinance takes into consideration the concerns of surrounding residents and their desire to have a quality of life which is not impeded by potential animal nuisance problems.*

At Large. Any animal that is not under restraint. **Restraint.** Under restraint means the owner has a leash

attached to the dog, not a leash in hand while the dog runs free. Believe it or not, that was a comment from a dog-owner whose dog was running free. When reminded of the leash law, she actually held up her hand and said "I have a leash." Go figure. And if you are with your dog and it is NOT on a leash, it is considered "at large" which is a violation of the law. So hook it to the dog. **Nuisance.** Dogs bark...that's just what they do. But when the barking becomes excessive and for long periods of time, your neighbors won't be happy. So, for those with fenced-in yards, don't leave your dog(s) out for long periods of time. If you do, your neighbors are within their rights to call the Plainfield Police and report a "nuisance."

Animal Wastes. As stated in Section 12. Persons responsible for an animal shall immediately remove the animals excrements from public or private property. This is a must. Would you want your yard to be a "dumping" ground? I think not.

Violators. So what do you do if you see people who aren't abiding by the laws...someone walking their dog without a leash, letting it run "at large," not cleaning up its waste, or excessive barking? If you feel inclined, remind them they are in violation of Town of Plainfield Ordinance 1-1990 leash, nuisance, and waste removal laws. And you DO have the right to call the Plainfield Police at **839-8700**; also, if you can, take a picture and give it to the police along with names and addresses. They'll come out to talk to the dog owner to explain what "obeying the law" means. In some cases, fines may be involved.

Bottom Line. None of us are above the law. These ordinances and laws apply to ALL of us and are for the protection and well-being of both dog owners and non-dog owners. As conscientious dog owners AND good citizens, we should respect these laws and obey them.

Special Treat for Fido. Take your dog to a Dog Park and let them run and play and get plenty of exercise. There are several nearby. [Click here](#) to see what areas are "dog friendly" and plan a trip with Fido soon. [Click here](#) to also view the Hendricks County Animal Control Ordinance.

12/14/15 - DIRECTORIES. The Meadowlark Fall 2015 directory is completed and will be distributed this week. We have 107 persons listed, and each will receive a directory. If you aren't in the directory, consider adding your name for the next one.

12/14/15 - TIP. If you are expecting a delivery, don't leave the package on the porch for long. Sometimes packages are an invitation to others to help themselves. And if you won't be home the day it's expected, make arrangements with a neighbor to watch for it.

12/7/15 - MEADOWLARK DUES FOR 2016. Your first payment for your 2016 Meadowlark Association fees is due by January 1, 2016. Some homeowners have overpayments. If you are one of them, you should have received a call or e-mail from our Treasurer, Mary Ellen Ramsay, advising you of the amount of your overpayment. Just deduct that amount from your statement when you send your dues to [Kirkpatrick Management Company](#). If you have any questions about overpayments, please contact Mary Ellen at (317) 268-4758 or maryellenramsay@yahoo.com.

12/7/15 - SEASONAL ACTIVITIES. Hendricks County and Indianapolis offer many holiday activities that you and your children/grandchildren can enjoy during the season. [Click here](#) to see a few of these activities. If you have special activities you'd like to share, please send the information, pictures, links, etc. to us at [Meadowlark Lakes](#)..

12/7/15 - [Click to Remember Pearl Harbor](#).

11/30/15 - HOLIDAY SEASON. The Holiday Season is upon us, and Christmas will be here before we know it. Here are a few reminders of what we can do to be safe during this time. You've heard it all before, but it warrants repeating.

- *Always be aware of your surroundings. When shopping at a mall, (especially at night), be sure to check the area around your vehicle for suspicious activity before you head to your vehicle. If you feel unsafe, ask a security guard to escort you to your vehicle.
- *Put your shopping bags and gifts in the trunk, or in the cargo area and cover them. You don't

want a thief to see items in your vehicle, and become a potential victim.

*Be sure to put your electronic devices out of sight as well.

*Always lock your vehicle. Even when you are making a short run into a shop. Better safe than sorry.

*If your vehicle is parked in your drive, ALWAYS lock it. And make sure your garage remote control is not left in your car, nor any of your electronic devices.

11/23/15 - SNOW. We had our first taste of winter this last weekend with SNOW. Yes, it was beautiful, with huge, fluffy flakes. Thankfully, it was a wet snow and didn't stick to roads, drives and sidewalks. But, that will come.

The snow crew from Landscape Solutions will be handling snow removal in Meadowlark:

1. Will start plowing when snow reaches 2" at the airport, and continues to come down.
2. Will plow all driveways.
3. Will clear sidewalks from your driveway to your front door.
4. Will plow our streets.

Reminder:

* Crew won't plow drives with parked cars and won't come back to replot if car is moved.

* Crew won't plow street area with parked cars.

Keep some snow/ice melt on hand for those tricky areas that might become icy, and BE SAFE.