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## CONGRATULATIONS!

The WMHA Board would like to recognize Angel Dots for her creative initiative and energy. We welcome the Whispering Meadows Neighborhood Facebook page as an terrific example of our slogan... "A Good Community Starts with Good Neighbors"...the Facebook page is an excellent vehicle to share ideas, communicate happenings and interact socially with your Whispering Meadows family. Again, a hats off and kudos to Angel and her Associate Nicole O'Neill. The Board encourages you to become part of this super communications medium and link to your neighbors and to the Whispering Meadows subdivision.

## INTRODUCTION

*"A Good Community starts with Good Neighbors!"*

Whispering Meadows Homeowner Association, 331 homes serving the WM subdivision of Novi, MI. WMHA's mission is to protect and promote our neighborhood interests and the health, safety and general welfare of all our residents. You're encouraged to share, communicate, understand, interact with neighbors in the WM tradition, respect the rights, privileges, aesthetics and interests of the neighborhood. The Association actively works to connect neighbors to one another and to those issues that directly impact them to nourish a thriving, rooted and inclusive WM friendly neighborhood. Do abide, honor and respect the *Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions*. That is, duration of boats, trailers, campers, and motorhomes in driveways. No unregistered or commercial vehicles parked in driveways, fences, no above the ground pools, wood piles, sheds, our commons, pond and Sandpoint Lake, unleashed dogs and cats. The sole purpose of our WMHA is to preserve and enhance the value of our property, improve the environment and quality of our neighborhood.

## BE A RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR

All dog owner's pick up! Respect our neighborhood, don't put dog poop bags in the Commons receptacle! Dogs and Cats *must be leashed*, City Ordinance. Cats love to roam, dig in your landscaping, water your parked car wheels and instinctively hunt! **ALL trash cans MUST be stored inside your garage or at the back of your home OUT OF SIGHT!!** If your trash cans are not stored properly you are in violation of our CCR's and will be dealt with accordingly. Any noise, suspicious activity, loitering, vandalism, disrespect etc. will not be tolerated! WMHA has renewed our partnership with the Novi Police Department. Call them immediately if you witness anything suspicious or uncomfortable!

## 2017 WHISPERING MEADOWS CHRISTMAS LUMINARY

This years Linda McQuigan Memorial Christmas Luminary was a success. Our Activities Chairman, myself and two WM teen helpers did the honors of handing out candles and bags to all. We also scheduled a "last chance" hand-out/pick-up for those that missed the scheduled 2 day event. Our streets were lined with the lit flickering candles. The hundreds of candles were on display Christmas Eve for Santa to see. Our streets were lined and lit as he approached our Sub to distribute the anticipated gifts. Our annual event was a success however, we do look forward to 100% Whispering Meadows participation...wishing all had a very Merry Christmas!

sure turned out to be

## **2018 NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRYWAY ENHANCEMENT MATCHING GRANT**

The Neighborhood Matching Grant Program was established by City Council to provide funding assistance to Novi's Homeowner Associations to support their efforts to enhance their neighborhoods through high-quality sustainable entranceway beautification projects. These projects are intended to enhance a sub-division entrance through significant and permanent physical improvements, which may include adding or modifying entrance signs and new landscaping, upgrading lighting and making other related improvements. Neighborhood/Associations are eligible for a 50% matching award up to \$5,000 at the City's sole discretion. The Board has obtained all Program application materials from the City Manager's office and is in the process of filling out all pertinent and required information for submittal. We are also required to schedule a meeting with City staff to discuss all project details. The City requires a completed application, current budget, documentation reflecting Association current and previous spending on landscaping and maintenance, well defined and scaled plans of the proposed project and a map with project location identified. The completed application and all attachments are then submitted to the City Manager's office. We have partnered with a design firm to create the new/improved and updated Whispering Meadows entranceway signage. We are anxious to complete the application for approval so that we may begin the project this Spring.

### **WELCOME TO WHISPERING MEADOWS NEW NEIGHBORS!**

On behalf of all your Whispering Meadows neighbors welcome to our neighborhood! We all look forward to meeting you in the near future! Antonio Marcos Sandri, Ladene, Stephen & Kristy Klamer, Sunrise, Timothy Edwards, Sunrise, Carl Pelligrino, Ladene, Daniel & Julie Szlaga, Sunrise, Aditya Venuturupalli, Sunrise, Lisa & Eric Conrad, Mill Road, Kyle & Vertin Laslo, Sunrise, Vinod & Esha Taware, Sunrise and Dawn Quinn, Sunflower. If you need any information or have any questions please contact any Board Member and visit the City Website under "neighborhoods". Also on the Whispering Meadows listing please find a printable Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions document that you should have for your personal files. Again, Welcome to Whispering Meadows!!

### **FROM THE DESK OF OFFICER TIM FARRELL**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! (Officer Farrell 248-348-7100 ext.8024/ [tfarrell@cityofnovi.org](mailto:tfarrell@cityofnovi.org))

\* **Residential Alarm System Registration**-A program designed to have resident's contact information available in case of emergency. <https://cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Public-Safety/Police/Community-Programs/Alarms-Registration.aspx>

\* **Eyes & Ears Program**— A list of potential concerns or problems with the appropriate department to contact. <http://cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Public-Safety/Police/Community-Programs/Eyes-and-Ears-Program.aspx>

\* **Citizen Police Academy** - .The program is run once a year in the Spring. This is a chance to learn about 5 area Law Enforcement agencies. The Class begins March 7th. Do register ASAP! <http://cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Public-Safety/Police/Community-Programs/Citizens-Police-Academy.aspx>

**Complete List of NPD Services**—There are several additional services and links can be found at the main Novi Police Department website @ <http://cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Public-Safety/Police.aspx>

## **WHISPERING MEADOWS STREETS!**

It's no secret and I'm confident we can say in all honesty our streets are in terrible shape and the condition of them in serious need of attention. The Board has relentlessly communicated this condition to the City in person, email and most of us recall the survey we filled out and presented it to the Mayor at a Board Meeting. I am happy to report that our efforts have at long last been heard. Actually and through no fault of ours it was to take place last year...I have no explanation as to what happened. The following email was sent to the Board recently and from our City Manager. It was a list of all of the streets in Whispering Meadows...it said, "These are the streets we have on our list for next year in Whispering Meadows"...it lists all 14 of our streets! It went on to say, "There are 17 other streets on our list for next year. The next step is to get a semi-short list of streets to order Geotech cores and probes. Then, based on the geotechnical data, develop a cost effective method of rehabilitation, reclamation and/or reconstruction. Even if a few of the streets get pushed back there will be work done to almost half the streets that made the short list are in Whispering Meadows". I think its about time we got some attention and your Board will stay on it until its done!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS!**

Congratulations are in order to Bob Gatt re-elected as our Mayor, Gwen Markham, Council, Andrew Mutch, Council and Kelly Breen, Council. The City of Novi and Whispering Meadows look forward to their leadership and dedication to the City of Novi.

## **2017 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. Two new park benches and picnic table anchored at the playground/commons area.
2. Clean-up of playground including State mandated safety playground check, new mulch and landscaping around playground area.
3. Pruning, trimming and cutting of all playground/member trees for safety and beautification.
4. Co-op with Mill Ct. West members Cul-de-sac landscaping neighborhood project.
5. Tree limb cutting and pruning of large Cul-de-sac Oak Tree, Mill Ct. East.
6. New Whispering Meadows House Beautiful Contest, Judging and Award.
7. Annual Whispering Meadows Garage Sale
8. Quarterly Whispering Meadows Newsletter and distribution to all resident members.
9. Christmas lights and decoration of Main Entranceway on Sunrise Blvd.
10. Christmas House Decoration Contest and Luminary candle street celebration.
11. Renewed partnership w/NPD and our assigned Officer Farrell and his Newsletter column.
12. Whispering Meadows Street repair approved by City of Novi (see article).
13. New redesigned Main Entranceway sign and embellishment. Matching Grant applied for...
14. Balanced Budget no dues increase!
15. July 4th. Flag hand-out celebration!
16. New pond and Sandpoint Lake NO TRESPASSING signs and removal of original signage.
17. Ongoing co-op w/long time partners Cross Winds West maintenance of Lake water quality, 6 aerators keep water clean and algae control of lake.
18. Active and engaged Board of Directors, functioning committees (Architectural, Activities and Welcoming.).
19. New "No Soliciting" sign for Mill Road entrance.

• **CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

Congratulations to Greg & Judith Morris of Mill Ct. East. They are the Grand Prize winners of The Christmas Decoration Contest! The Grand Prize... \$100! Congratulations to all the finalists: Gil & Hedwig Gardocki, The Watson's, Bill & Mary Bechtel, Linwood & Erica Miller and Al & Sue Miller ! Thank you for your Christmas Spirit adding to the wonderful Whispering Meadows Christmas celebration...applause to all our neighbors that decorated their homes...it was a sight to behold !

**WISHING ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**