

MESSAGE FROM GARY NEUBAUER, PRESIDENT

The Board continues to diligently monitor our expenses while striving to maintain the beautiful and safe neighborhood we have come to enjoy and appreciate. Many of you have probably noticed the fencing at our South entrance along Interlacken near Iles has several panels that are in need of replacement and another suffered damage in the summer storm. We obtained quotes to repair the fence and have chosen a vendor to perform the necessary repairs. The materials have been ordered and, once they arrive, the vendor will complete the project. In all, five panels of fencing are being replaced. In addition, three damaged trees along that corridor have been removed and another will be removed early next year. We have also performed other maintenance at that entrance, some of which is visible with more behind the scenes.

Since the last newsletter, the Association completed a project enclosing the equipment at the pond. We had been experiencing issues with the electrical components of our fountain and our aerators stopped functioning last fall. Both the fountain and the aerators have been replaced using Capital Improvement funds. We believe it likely that constant exposure to the elements contributed to the failure of the equipment to function properly resulting in electrical shorts that were dangerous. To address this problem, a small enclosure was constructed around the electrical components and aerator pump. We call this to you attention to highlight that the Association took such measures to enhance safety at and around the pond and that construction of this enclosure is not intended to serve any storage or other purposes. A special “thank you” to neighbor Wes Anderson who provided some valuable insight that ensured the structure was constructed in accordance with code and with safety in mind.

The pond is there for the entire neighborhood. For those not living on the pond, it can be accessed by an easement area on Lillian Dr. between house numbers 2309 and 2313. The pond is surrounded by rip rap that serves a vital role in maintaining the integrity of the shoreline while enhancing the appearance of the pond. Visitors to the pond should avoid trying to walk on the rip rap and the rocks should be kept in place to mitigate erosion and help with drainage. We want everyone to enjoy the pond safely and responsibly. After consultation with the Association’s attorney, we have been advised to communicate certain restrictions on the use of the pond for the safety of our neighbors and guests and to minimize liability concerns. As such, you will see periodic reminders of the restrictions, which are:

- Swimming in the pond is prohibited.
- Using watercraft (including, but not limited to, boats, canoes, rafts, kayaks and paddleboats) on the pond is prohibited.
- Throwing rip rap rocks in the pond is prohibited.
- Skating on or accessing the pond in the winter is prohibited.

In the last edition of Fox Tales, I highlighted the need to broaden our leadership team and to allow some who have served many years to enjoy a much-deserved retirement from their Association duties. The need still exists, so please consider becoming involved in the Association. You will find the responsibilities rewarding and we want to be able to provide a thorough transition for anyone coming aboard in a leadership role. Please consider volunteering to help our Association and the wonderful

people who live in Fox Meadows West. I am very willing to talk to anyone who has an interest and can be reached via the website or directly at 217/494-7829.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Save these numbers for afterhours, weekend or holiday emergencies:

Police Non-Emergency: 217/788-8311

Public Works Dispatch: 217/789-2246

CWLP Electrical Outage: 217/789-2121

Water Service Outage or Emergency: 217/789-2323 ext 2

Andy Watts is the Neighborhood Police officer for Ward 7. Please feel free to contact him with any appropriate concerns.

Get text alerts from the City of Springfield. You can stay updated on road closures and other emergency alerts to keep your family safe by signing up for the city text alert system. For further information and to sign up for this free service, visit the City of Springfield website (springfield.il.us).

The latest FMW board minutes are now on the FMW website (foxmeadowswest.com)

The FMW Facebook page is a great way to connect with other residents in our neighborhood whether it be photos, announcements, questions, concerns or general discussions. Join the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4963912290403205>.

As the leaves begin to change and the temperature starts to cool down, Fall brings the promise of autumn and a reminder of the importance of safety. Now that many residents are outside walking the dog, pushing a stroller or just enjoying the nice weather, let's be good neighbors and be mindful of the stop signs and speed limits in the neighborhood to ensure the safety of everyone.

FMW SPOTLIGHT ON SELECT COVENANTS

As stated previous editions of Fox Tales, we will be highlighting a summary of the covenants that are more likely to impact our neighborhood on a regular basis. The covenants are designed to keep FMW one of the premier subdivisions in Springfield and to ensure we are good neighbors and stewards of our properties. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

This edition we will be highlighting:

- Section 8 (Pets) No animals, livestock, or poultry shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot except dogs, cats or other generally recognized household pets. Dog kennels are prohibited. All pets must be kept indoors overnight.
- Section 9 (Vehicles and Devices) Driveways may only be used for temporary parking (72 uninterrupted hours or less). Open storage of any truck, trailer, boat, camper or similar vehicle is not permitted. Storage in an enclosed garage is permitted.
- Section 12 (Television Antennas) No outside television antenna may be erected or installed on any lot. A satellite dish may be installed provided the dish is not visible at any point on the boundary line between the lot and any street adjacent to the lot.

FMW "FUN FACTS"

Please send any Fall photos to Chuck Coleman (chuckcoleman@msn.com) so they can be included on the FMW website. Fox Tales is always looking to find activities that can promote a sense of community here in our neighborhood. Got any ideas or suggestions? Send them to me at the email address listed below.

FMW WEBSITE

Just a reminder that the Fox Meadows West Property Owners Association website can be found at www.foxmeadowswest.com.

Think Fall

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Please feel free to share any questions, comments, contributions or suggestions with me at

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