

FOX TALES...

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER FOR FOX MEADOWS WEST

Spring 2022 Edition

MESSAGE FROM GARY NEUBAUER, PRESIDENT

We have certainly experienced the joys of living in Central Illinois with its unpredictable weather. We went the longest time wondering if spring was ever going to arrive only to move directly into mid-summer weather. It now looks like we might get to enjoy some spring weather for a while.

I want to thank everyone for making their annual assessment payments. Once again, we successfully collected 100% of the dues. Now that we have established our Capital Improvement Fund, the Board will be meeting to address several issues and make decisions regarding potential improvements to our infrastructure.

I do want to take this opportunity to extend a special thank-you to Herb Dennis. Herb is retiring from the Fox Meadows West Board after serving nearly ten years. During a good portion of that tenure Herb also served as Treasurer. Herb was a model board member, always having the best interests of our neighborhood at heart, and he worked diligently during the early days of our subdivision to ensure we started on the right path and stayed focused on accomplishing the tasks that helped us grow into and remain one of the premier subdivisions in the City. Herb, we are all grateful for your professionalism, your preparedness, your level-headed approach to problems and your willingness to volunteer to make our neighborhood better. Your presence on the Board will be missed, but I know you will enjoy time with your family in Kansas.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

We have compiled a short list and description of City or Springfield services you may not be aware of, but may find useful. All services can be found on the city's website under the "Residents" tab [Residents City of Springfield - Home of Abraham Lincoln](#). We encourage you to visit this site and explore the many links available that provide valuable information about the city.

- BLH Computers (1832 Stevenson Drive, (217) 585-1580, blhcomputers.com) is the city's provider of electronic recycling whether you need to properly dispose of your TV, computer, or other electronic devices. Visit the City's website for more details.
- The city offers free bi-weekly curbside yard waste/leaf pickup to residents within the corporate limits of Springfield. The city is divided into two zones, and each neighborhood will receive one pickup every other week throughout the year. FMW is in the South Zone. For those performing their own yard maintenance, this is a very convenient way to dispose of lawn bags (or properly sized and labeled garbage cans) without any additional cost. Details of the program and the pickup schedule can be found Leaf/Yard Waste Pickup tab. You can view the interactive map to see the locations where the crews have completed pickups and where they are currently working.
- Track your electricity outage online: Residents can track electric service status to a particular address. Click the "Electrical Services" tab then select the "Outage Center" tab to report power outages. To ensure that CWLP has correct phone numbers for your account, contact Customer Service (217) 789-2030. During an outage, your call to CWLP Dispatch populates the outage

map by identifying your location and can provide a status report on whether you are in an area affected by a known service problem.

- CWLP runs a "Street Ambassador Program" to report an issue with any of the 17,500 streetlights on CWLP's electric system that are not working, dimmed or damaged. Follow the "Electrical Services" tab to find links to report a problem or to get help. Because many of the repairs are made during the day when trouble issues are hard to identify, being precise on the location is the key to the most efficient response. If you report the pole ID number found on the street pole, crews can get to the correct light even faster.
- Large Item Pickup: Planning Spring cleaning and need to get rid of some of your larger items? Use the City's residential Curbside Large Item Pickup and Drop Off program. Under the "Waste and Recycling" tab select the "Large Item Pickup" tab to get additional information to schedule a pickup OR drop-off. The link lists items that are eligible for pickup and residents can call Habitat for Humanity at (217) 523-2710. For curbside pickup ONLY residents can also schedule a pickup online through a link on this page.
- Interested in receiving weekly updates from the city? Simply select the "Neighborhood News" tab then select the "Sign-up Today" link. This page also includes links to past newsletters.

Residents are reminded to lock your vehicles whether they are parked in your driveway, in front of your home, or at a shopping center. It only takes 30 seconds for a thief to break into your car and steal your valuables. Don't be a victim of crime!

The Salvation Army is looking for individuals and groups to assist in providing meals to those who are currently staying at the temporary shelter. Pre bagged "grab and go" meals are ideal. Please consider participating in this worthy endeavor and show the true spirit of FMW!

Now that Spring is finally here many residents are outside walking the dog, pushing the stroller or just enjoying the nice weather. Let's be good neighbors and be mindful of the speed limits and stop signs in the neighborhood to ensure the safety of everyone and to pick up after our pets.

FMW "FUN FACTS"

Just for fun: Which site do you consider to be the main entrance to FMW; Iles/Interlacken or Greenbriar/Interlacken? Send me your thoughts to the email listed below and the responses will be published in the next edition of Fox Tales.

If anyone has photographs of the early days of FMW please send them to me at the email address listed below for possible inclusion on the FMW website.

FMW WEBSITE: Just a reminder that the Fox Meadows West Property Owners Association information can be found at foxmeadowswest.com.

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Please feel free to share any questions, comments, contributions, or suggestions with me at BbentivegnaFMW@gmail.com.

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