

**MESSAGE FROM GARY NEUBAUER, PRESIDENT**

Winter and spring are behind us and I am pleased to report that things are pretty much status quo for this time of year. The fountain is in, landscaping has been refreshed and everything is growing and blooming around the neighborhood.

This will likely be an annual reminder, so here goes. 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. There are certain restrictions on the use of the pond for the safety of our neighbors and guests and to minimize liability concerns as follows:

- 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 prior editions 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. I cannot stress enough that we need to plan for a transition of these roles. Any transition will be more effective if the new leaders become involved before the current leaders leave their roles. The need still exists, so it is important for people to step forward and become a vital part of the management of our Association for the benefit of all the neighbors. I believe you will find the responsibilities rewarding, but there is a learning curve. 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**

The most recent Board Minutes, financial statements and other useful information are available on the FMW website. The website is a great source to stay informed on the workings of our Association.

The Neighborhood Police Officer for Ward 7 that encompasses FMW is Joshua Davis, who was assigned to this role in early March. Please feel free to contact him by phone at (217) 891-1526 or email at [Joshua.Davis@springfield.il.us](mailto:Joshua.Davis@springfield.il.us) with any appropriate concerns.

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. Consider joining the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4963912290403205>.

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

Do you own a Video Doorbell or Security Camera? SPD invites residents to register their gear online. This helps officers respond to incidents in our neighborhood. Participation is entirely optional, and residents retain total control over the use of the video. Learn more about the program or register your equipment at [syncspringfield.org](http://syncspringfield.org).

Neighborhood News is a weekly e-newsletter sent to your inbox from the City of Springfield. Included in the weekly publication are roadwork and construction update, street closures, city sponsored events and department information. Sign up to receive this weekly email at the city website ([springfield.il.us](http://springfield.il.us)).

Planning a Summer outdoor project? Be sure to contact JULIE at 811 or (800) 892-0123 before you dig. It's a FREE service!

Now that Summer is here many of our neighbors are outside walking, pushing the stroller, walking the dog or just enjoying the nice weather. Let's be good neighbors and be mindful of the stop signs and speed limits in our community to ensure the safety of everyone.

### **FMW "FUN FACTS"**

Fox Tales is attempting to develop a history of the early years of our neighborhood. Any information, photos or memories would be greatly appreciated. Send any items you would be willing to share to the editor's email listed below.

Fox Tales is looking to update the pictures on the FMW website. Please send any photos (Fall, Winter, holiday, nature/weather) to Chuck Coleman, [chuckcoleman@msn.com](mailto: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. Block parties, house walks, progressive dinners, "First Fridays", book clubs, kid's activities? Let Fox Tales know your thoughts and if you would be willing to host or coordinate an activity.

### **FMW WEBSITE**

Just a reminder that the Fox Meadows West Property Owners Association website can be found at [www.foxmeadowswest.com](http://www.foxmeadowswest.com).

### **EDITOR**

Please feel free to share any questions, comments, contributions or suggestions with me at [BbentiveгнаFMW@gmail.com](mailto:BbentiveгнаFMW@gmail.com)

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