

FOX TALES...

HOMEOWNERS NEWSLETTER FOR FOX MEADOWS WEST

Summer/Fall 2022 Edition

MESSAGE FROM GARY NEUBAUER, PRESIDENT

This edition of Fox Tales seems to be hitting at a change of seasons rather than squarely in the summer, but I personally am enjoying the cooler temperatures. A lot has been happening around the City of Springfield and our subdivision as we see old neighbors moving out and new neighbors moving in. I want to thank Bill Bentivegna for his work on our newsletter and Peter Levan, our Vice President, who has really stepped up to provide valuable insight and effort on behalf of our Association. Thanks Guys.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

FMW now has a Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4963912290403205>. Thanks to Jenn McCrady for setting up this useful tool to help promote a sense of community in our neighborhood. Jenn posted this description for our Facebook page:

This is the Facebook group page for the Fox Meadows West subdivision in Springfield, IL. This is for all homeowners. Here, members can post whatever they would like regarding our neighborhood, whether it be photos, announcements, concerns, or even general discussions. This is a closed group, which simply means that I need to "approve" you after you request to join, keeping our group exclusive to our neighborhood. This page will be whatever we make of it! Glad to have you here!

As the trees in our subdivision grow and mature, walking under low hanging branches can be difficult. Trees planted in the City of Springfield easements can be trimmed by the city at no cost to the homeowner. We recommend any homeowner with trees restricting easy walking on the sidewalk look into having the trees trimmed back by contacting the city at (217) 789-2255 or putting in a request on the City of Springfield's website. The city Arborist will assess the situation and put in a service order to have the trees trimmed back as necessary. Taking care of our walkways is another way we can enhance the beauty and quality of our neighborhood.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT OUR COVENANTS

Hopefully most of you have read through our Covenants and know how to access them on our website, but we thought it would be helpful to highlight some of the Covenants so we can all work together to keep our neighborhood such a great place to live. We will make this a recurring feature and provide a summary of the Covenants that are more likely to impact us on a regular basis.

Guidance that is easy to overlook is describing our Architectural Control Committee (ACC), its duties and the responsibilities we have as members. While providing oversight and approval for new construction in Fox Meadows West, the ACC also has duties that extend to all of us as we look to improve our homes

and yards. Members are required to obtain ACC approval for additions to structures, construction or installation of fences, or any other improvement that is external to your dwelling. See Article VII for more details.

The General Restrictions section requires all lots to be mowed on a regular basis, garbage cans to be kept out of public view, and signage in yards to be limited to those identifying the occupants, advertising the property for sale, or rent, or identifying contractors providing construction or improvement to your property. See Article VIII for more details.

The Covenants are designed to help keep Fox Meadows West one of the premier subdivisions in Springfield and to ensure we are good neighbors and stewards of our property. We hope you find these quick summaries helpful. If you have any questions about our Covenants, please do not hesitate to reach out.

FMW "FUN FACTS"

Before FMW was built in the early 2000s the land was owned by Dorothea Sager who lived on Greenbriar Drive in the original Fox Meadows subdivision. Ms. Sager was the President of Sager Construction.

Thanks again to all the FMW residents who flew Old Glory over the Independence Day weekend. It was great to see the patriotic spirit here in our neighborhood. Let's make this an annual tradition!

Please send any Fourth of July/Fall/Halloween photos to Chuck Coleman at chuckcoleman@msn.com so they can be included on the FMW website. Also, any pictures of the "early days" of FMW would be appreciated to help fill out the history of our community.

There has been a suggestion to create a committee to welcome new residents to FMW. If you are interested in helping on this project, please contact President Gary Neubauer at GNeubauerFMW@gmail.com

FMW WEBSITE

Just a reminder that the Fox Meadows West Property Owners Association 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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