

MESSAGE FROM GARY NEUBAUER, PRESIDENT

I am pleased to report that things are pretty much status quo for this time of year. The fountain is in, the landscaping is being refreshed, and we are working on our lighting in the entrance area at Interlacken and Greenbriar. We have contacted the City of Springfield about damage to one of the drainage pipes that empties into the pond, and we have been placed on the list for the Department of Public Works to conduct repairs. No specific timeline has been given to us, but we will keep everyone updated as we learn more details.

As reported in past editions of Fox Tales, we want to remind everyone about guidelines for pond usage. For those not living on the pond, it can be accessed by an easement area on Lillian Drive 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 not be disturbed to mitigate erosion and help with drainage. While the pond's primary function is to serve as a water retention area, we also want members and guests to enjoy the pond safely and responsibly. Accordingly, there are certain restrictions on the use of the pond to promote safety 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.

We periodically like to remind everyone about some covenants that are easy to neglect. First, all lots, including vacant lots are to be kept free of weeds and not be allowed to fall into an unsightly condition. Lawns should be maintained and mowed on a regular basis. Second, vehicles (including trucks, trailers, boats, campers, or other equipment) are expected to be kept in the enclosed garage and not parked in the driveway beyond the timeframes established in the covenants. For specific language concerning these and other items, please refer to the covenants which can be found on the Fox Meadows website, www.foxmeadowswest.com.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Some of the following news has been presented in the past, but it is worth repeating as reminders to everyone.

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 with any appropriate concerns. Other helpful phone numbers include:

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

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 updates, street closures, city sponsored events and department information. Sign up to receive this weekly email at the city website (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!

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>.

Now that Summer is in full swing 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.

Several years ago, we started a new tradition that set FMW apart from other neighborhoods in Springfield; flying an American flag over the Fourth of July weekend.

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, so they can be included on the FMW website.

Fox Tales is always looking for 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, etc. Send your thoughts to me or Bill Bentivegna, at the emails listed below. Let's get to know each other and build our community.

FMW WEBSITE

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

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