

MESSAGE FROM GARY NEUBAUER, PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays to All!!

It seems winter has arrived a little earlier than normal, (and much earlier than desired). I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving this year. I know I was not expecting such a significant snowfall over the weekend, or the two that followed.

As we wrap up 2025 and look forward to 2026. I am happy to report that the dues will remain the same again next year. We have been posting quarterly financial information to the Association's website and will do so with the year-end financials early next year. The budget for 2026 will also be posted. If you have questions about anything that transpired in 2025 or about next year's budget, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at gneubauerfmw@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of the holiday season with family, loved ones and friends and stay warm!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Now that we have suffered through our first few snowfalls of the season, several reminders are in order:

- Springfield City Ordinance 99.03 requires clearing of all sidewalks by 10:00 AM after a snowstorm.
- Consider "adopting" an inlet to keep the streets clear and free of ice.
- Many of us entertained guests over the Thanksgiving weekend and the timing of the snowfall undoubtedly had the potential to complicate the clearing of streets and driveways. Association covenants, (Article 8 section 16), only allow on-street parking for guests and then only under specific circumstances, so hopefully everyone was able to make reasonable accommodations for guest parking to allow the city to effectively plow the streets in the neighborhood.
- If you use a commercial plowing service, please ask them to refrain from pushing snow onto another property or into the street.
- If you have a storm drain at the curb near your home, please try to clear the snow away from it. This will keep debris from blocking the drain and allow the melting snow to escape and keep from freezing into ice during cold nights.

Let's respect the health and safety of our residents so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors this Winter.

Full disclosure: I live near one of the stop signs in our community and, unfortunately, some of the vehicles that disregard the stop signs and speed limits are residents of FMW. Let's be good neighbors and ensure the safety of everyone.

The city completed repairs of the drain tiles in the pond and put in new sidewalks on short stretches on Wydown (probably technically in old Fox Meadows but connected to sidewalks in Fox Meadows West).

Unused or broken holiday lights can be dropped off at the City of Springfield to be recycled for free through the end of the year. Recycling boxes are in the lobbies of Lincoln Library and the Municipal Center. Lights can also be dropped off at BLH Computer, 1832 Stevenson Drive. All proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise.

The Fox Meadows West Property Owners Association is governed by officers (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer) as well as a three-member Board of Directors. Their bios are listed on the website, and I urge you to get to know the people who work diligently to keep our community one of the premier neighborhoods in Springfield.

Welcome to all new residents of FMW. It's a great place to live!

Please send any holiday photos you might like to share to Chuck Coleman (chuckcoleman@msn.com) so they can be included on the FMW website.

The FMW website can be found at foxmeadowswest.com. It contains information on financials, board minutes, governing covenants and other useful information.

Finally, some FMW "Fun Facts". The first house in the development was completed in 2004 and since then FMW has grown to include 139 units (81 single family and 58 duplexes).

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

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!