

Frankly Speaking

Fall Is A Busy Time...

There's lots to do and get involved with in Franklin Meadows

October is a busy time in Franklin Meadows. Our annual Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 2nd, from 1:00 - 5:00 in the big park. Sandwich boards, within the neighborhood, will be used as a reminder but not at the main entrances. The Board of Directors will also hold our annual meeting on this day starting at 11:30 a.m. Our goals will be to share financial information and allow neighbors to ask questions. We will meet under the tent in the big park.

We also elect Board of Directors on this day. There are four seats that are open this year: Treasurer, Maintenance, Architectural and Newsletter / Website. There are descriptions of each of these positions later in this newsletter. Please know that these are voluntary positions, but if you serve on the board you are exempt from paying your annual dues of \$175.00.

John Gentry, our maintenance director, is looking for names of reliable neighborhood teens that would like to be considered to do general maintenance around the neighborhood. Instead of paying a lawn service to pick up leaves, John would rather keep that money "in the neighborhood" by paying our own residents to do the same work. If you have a teen that would

be interested, please email John at his address listed on this page.

I want to encourage everyone to continue to keep a watchful eye out on our neighborhood. Acts of vandalism seem to be down this summer, but there are still problems being reported. I have heard of everything from cars being broken into all the way up to someone actually walking into a resident's house, while they were there! Please, please, please always call 911 if it is an emergency or Shelby Township's non emergency number (731-2121). This is truly a case where the squeaky wheel gets the oil. If we are having problems the police need to know about them and then they will continue doing the excellent job they have been doing.

The last call for help is an easy one! We are still looking for anyone who would like to help deliver newsletters. Many hands make light work, especially when it comes to delivering 256 newsletters. I would like to thank the Meaghers, Easterbrooks, Fromms, Bratkes, DeFours, Dinnans and Heitmans for their help and would like to encourage anyone else who would like to help to email me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Fromm

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Newsletter / Website – Vacant



Franklin Meadows Facebook

Join the "Franklin Meadows Sub" Facebook page to get updates on all the social events happening in our wonderful neighborhood.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS...

There are several other items that the Board of Directors want you to know about....

- The annual neighborhood garage sale seemed to be a success. Notes for next year include running the sale from Thursday to Saturday instead of Friday to Sunday and getting better balloons. There were 23 homes that signed up and several others that tagged along. Hopefully by not charging a nominal fee encouraged more of you to register. This will become an annual event rather than every other year.
- Our "New Neighbor Welcome BBQ" was not so much of a success. We only had one family register so the event was cancelled. If you have a suggestion on how to get our new neighbors together, so it is easier to meet others in the neighborhood, we are welcome to your suggestions.
- The last page of our newsletter is always the "Service Directory". If you have information listed on that page, will you please look it over and make sure it is up to date. If there are changes or you

would like to add your name and business you can do so by also emailing Ed Fromm.

- By now you should have received your 2012 Franklin Meadows dues invoice. Please let us know if there are any errors or omissions in regards to names on these important documents. This usually occurs with new home owners so we need your help in keeping our records up to date.
- Here is a great web site to sign up with to get updates from the Shelby Twp. police department and city government. It sends reminders about garbage day changes and police situations, not a lot of junk either. Give it a try: www.nixle.com.
- As the election season nears, please remember that our by-laws prohibit yard signs to be posted in front yards. If you wish to display a yard sign, it is suggested you do so from inside your garage window. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

FRANKLIN MEADOWS BABY SITTER LIST..

Here is our current list of neighborhood teens that are interested in babysitting. We do not put this information on the web site so keep this information handy if you are interested in using one of our responsible young adults.



- *Alicia Burke - 997-2830
- *Mikayla Dunne - 726-9069
- *Paige Buzenski - 323-0154
- *Paige Gentry - 737-7339
- *Ethan Fromm - 254-2791
- *Karlie Waterstradt - 945-8045
- *Kaitlin Waterstradt - 945-8045
- *Robin Barczewski - 731-4126

FRANKLIN MEADOWS IS ALWAYS ONLINE - FRANKLINMEADOWS.ORG

Our website is in desperate need of updating and we apologize for any inconveniences this has caused. The board is hoping that someone, with web page experience, will help the neighborhood with this important piece of communication. Please check back soon to see how we are doing.

OPEN BOARD SEATS..

This year we have four Board of Directors positions that are open. Here are the seats available, a description of what the job entails and if anyone has volunteered for the position. New board positions begin in November.



Newsletter / Web Site - This position requires one to have a good understanding of word processing skills and some knowledge to web site design. You are asked to print a newsletter four times a year and update the neighborhood's web site monthly. A system is already in place for delivering the newsletter to all 256 homes, but you will need to print, get copies made and deliver newsletters to our delivery volunteers. The current board has established goals to utilize the web site with more effectiveness, but lacks the knowledge to do so.

There are no volunteers for this position yet.



Architectural Director - The person who holds this position is put in charge of helping fellow neighbors understand and work within the by-laws of our neighborhood. You are asked to receive and review construction applications before bringing them before the board of directors for a vote. Finally, you are asked to inform residents when, and if, bylaws have been violated, as long as the residents have followed the procedures set forth in the F. M. bylaws.

Bill Olson has volunteered to continue in this position.



Maintenance Director - You are asked to secure contracts for lawn services, snow removal, and other maintenance issues throughout the neighborhood. You will also organize the annual spring clean up of our common areas and attend monthly meetings to keep the board up to date on issues pertaining to your area.

John Gentry has volunteered to continue in this position.



Treasurer - You are asked to keep the books for the neighborhood. You will utilize computer software (while being provided with a computer and printer) to collect dues, pay bills, keep track of insurances and update investments. Some general book keeping experience would be helpful, but is not necessary. You are also asked to attend monthly meetings to keep the board up to date on issues pertaining to your area.

There are no volunteers for this position yet.

Thank you to our "Mystery Gardeners" who recently cleaned up the 21 Mile entrance. We don't know who you are but we appreciate your efforts to make a small piece of our neighborhood look better. It's people like you that make this a great place to live.