

Park Meadows Homeowners Association
NEWSLETTER

March 1999

Board of Trustees

Bob Parker, President (767-9146)

Mary McCoy, Vice President/Treasurer (767-7776)

Carolyn Ray, Secretary (767-2139)

Park Meadows news of note for the coming month:

- **Weather damage check.** Andy Holyoke, Park Meadows maintenance person, will be contacted to do a walk-around to check for damage caused by the recent winter weather. He will also be asked to remove the broken sand container at the west end of the PM 100s row. Homeowners are urged to alert a board member to any damage already detected so we can make Andy's work a bit easier.
- **Fun Needed.** Is anybody having fun? We're hearing grumblings from folks who have been enduring the winter doldrums. They complain that their lives are missing something. The perfect solution is for a PM volunteer to organize the Fun Committee . . . then all our lives would be full of joy again. If that assignment seems too daunting for busy PM residents, another possibility is for a volunteer to pull together just ONE activity. For instance, arranging a PM community dinner at an inexpensive restaurant would be a grand start with a minimum of effort. Let one of the trustees know when you are ready to be a Fun Volunteer.
- **Newsletter items.** Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the April issue is Monday, March 22. Please deliver items to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399; e-mail: pmsaari@sprynet.com).

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✿ May 1999 ✿

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Park Meadows (PM) news of note for the coming month:

- **Grounds Maintenance.** The PM Board has obtained the services of Paul Adkins, Jr., to mow the common areas this season and provide snow removal next winter. In an attempt to improve service and cut costs, the Board has hired Jerry Benham to care for gardens and improve the Dayton Street frontage. He will also assist in tending and pruning trees to allow for increased mowing in areas where mulch beds are now being maintained with difficulty and at high expense.
- **Flower box time.** Volunteers are needed to plant and maintain each of the four PM flower boxes. This job involves selecting and planting flowers then keeping them watered during the summer and fall. All expenditures will be reimbursed. If you want to help beautify our neighborhood and use your creativity, too, call any of the Trustees to volunteer.
- **Spring meeting.** The PM Association meeting for Spring 1999 will be combined with a potluck picnic on Saturday, June 19, on the lawn between the McCoy and Parker residences (235 and 245). We will begin gathering at 5:00 and plan to eat around 6:00. Bring a covered dish, table service, and a chair; beverages will be provided. Submit any agenda items for discussion at the meeting to Carolyn Ray by the end of May. No voting items are currently scheduled. Hope to see you there!
- **Signs of spring.** Those who've been out and about are reporting sure signs of spring. . . . Daffodils bloom. Stutzman's is everywhere. Phil, the mower, has returned. Bob Parker takes his bike rides in shorts instead of long pants. TVs can be heard through open windows. Barbara and Bill Preis have come home. Jane Brown is walking to work. Talk of tomatoes is in the air. Tornado siren tests have started. Fran La Salle is 'a mulching. Little voices echo outside. Kids fly their kites in the swale.
- **Newsletter items.** Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the June issue is Friday, June 25. Please deliver items to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399; e-mail: pmsaari@sprynet.com)

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Park Meadows (PM) news of note for the coming month:

- **No snow job.** Prior to the recent heavy snowfall PM Trustees phoned Sidenstick Landscaping to discuss moving PM from the bottom of the snow removal list to assure prompt clearing of driveways and streets. At that time the Trustees learned we are last on the list because a number of years ago PM terminated a grass-mowing contract with this company. Therefore Sidenstick has no desire to move us up on the list, and in fact would prefer not to be responsible for our snow removal at all. Finding a new system for removing snow will be one of the PM Board's high-priority items before next winter. The Trustees extend apologies to residents for past delays in clearing streets and driveways; however, they were previously unaware of the situation with Sidenstick.
- **PM garage sale.** Volunteer(s) needed to organize the annual garage sale. The sale is usually held the first week of May to coincide with the Village spring junk pick-up. Responsibilities of the organizer(s) include placing a notice in the *Yellow Springs News*, posting signs along Dayton Street, and arranging for pick-up of unsold items. This would be a perfect opportunity, with a minimum of work, to get involved in the PM community. If you are interested in volunteering, call any of the Trustees.
- **Proof of insurance.** A few residents have not yet submitted proof of insurance (the cover page of the homeowners policy for the current year). Please take care of this small task today. The Trustees thank you!
- **Drive with care.** With the arrival of spring and the consequent emergence of children onto the streets, residents must be sure to SLOW DOWN when driving on PM lanes. A speed of no more than 10 mph is recommended so everyone can stay safe. Another reminder: Please bear to the right when driving around the circle.
- **Newsletter items.** Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the May issue is Friday, April 23. Please deliver items to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399; e-mail: pmsaari@sprynet.com)



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Park Meadows Association (PMA) news of note for the coming month:

- **Clean bill of health.** The Trustees received a letter from the Ohio EPA reporting on tests of the PM well for possible contamination by chemicals from Vernay Labs. The well received a clean bill of health, and no pesticides or other harmful substances were found in PM water.
- **Thanks to volunteers.** Thanks to all volunteers who rose to the occasion and planted flowers in the streetside boxes. Remember to submit receipts for expenditures to a Trustee for reimbursement.
- **Call a Trustee first!** Please contact a Trustee concerning all maintenance problems before making arrangements for repairs. Possibly the problem can be fixed at minimal cost by PMA maintenance person Andy Holyoke or there may be a common solution that has worked in other units. Also it is necessary to check first with a Trustee to make sure a repair or other work is covered by the Association.
- **Spring meeting.** The PM Association meeting for Spring 1999 will be combined with a potluck picnic on Saturday, June 19, on the lawn between the McCoy and Parker residences (235 and 245). We will begin gathering at 5:00 pm and plan to eat around 6:00 pm. Bring a covered dish, table service, and a chair; beverages will be provided. No voting items are currently scheduled. Hope to see you there!
- **Newsletter items.** Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the July issue is **Wednesday, June 23**. Please deliver items to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399; e-mail: pmsaari@sprynet.com)



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Park Meadows Association news of note for the coming month:

- Welcome! to two new residents: Maria Donat, 125 PM, and Dawn Kyle, 135 PM.
- PMA Secretary Carolyn Ray submitted the following report.

Several Park Meadows residents gathered for an Association Meeting and picnic on the 19th of June. There were no official votes taken, but there was plenty of lively discussion.

Discussed items included:

1. Treasurer's report. Mary McCoy reported that PMA funds are in a MoneySmart account, which is earning a higher rate of return than a CD but still affords total liquidity. The Trustees have been able to cut some maintenance expenses this year and so our bank account is in good shape. Residents were reminded to check with a Trustee before scheduling maintenance or having work done to the exterior of their home.

2. President's report. Bob Parker reported that the Trustees have retained the services of a new maintenance person (Andy Holyoke); a new landscaper (Jerry Benham), who will do work for one-third the cost of the previous landscaper; and a new mower (Paul Adkins), who will also do snow removal. We expect to get much better snow-removal service this coming winter.

3. Assessment Committee Report. Jane Brown, Rita Colbert and Julia Cady comprise this committee. They have begun measuring square footage on all the PM units and are attempting to come up with a base cost for assessment. There have been additions to many units and these need to be reflected in the monthly assessment.

4. Parking. Although PMA rules state that residents are not to park in the guest parking spaces, some are doing so. The suggestion was made that when residents are expecting guests or planning a party they should ask that guest spaces be vacated. If courteous requests are not sufficient, further steps may be needed in the interest of fairness to all residents.

5. Comments/Questions

- * Vegetation at the east end of the 200 row needs to be trimmed.
- * Vegetation in the drainage ditch is not being cut back. Some residents were concerned that if the vegetation is left to grow, that the ditch could not-properly drain. Others felt that it would not make a difference. No action was taken.
- * The Village needs to fill holes in the asphalt on PM Drive.
- * A resident questioned the safety of PM water in light of the Vernay contamination. The Trustees explained that the PM well has been tested and found safe.

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM, and all enjoyed a potluck picnic.

- Newsletter items. Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the August issue is Friday, July 26. Please deliver items to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399; e-mail: pmsaari@sprynet.com)

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* August 1999 *

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News of note for the coming month...

- **... from the Trustees.** PMA residents need to be checking trees and shrubs on their property and in the common area for web worms or bag worms. You have probably noticed the web worm infestation in the locust trees along Dayton St., as well as bag worms on some shrubs within PM. The Trustees are very much aware of residents' concerns about the spread of these insects and are considering various solutions. PMA bylaws prohibit the use of toxic sprays, so the Trustees are studying earth-friendly remedies. In the meantime, please remain alert to these insects and remove as many as possible when they appear.

Residents have inquired about getting potholes filled on PM Drive. The Trustees contacted the Village some time ago about this matter, and we are continuing our efforts to get the Village to do the work.

--- Carolyn Ray
- **Bluebirds make PM home.** In case you haven't noticed, Park Meadows has been enjoying the addition of a bluebird family in the bluebird house at the west end of PM grounds. The house was put up a year ago by Carolyn Ray. This summer momma and poppa produced 5 eggs and we had 5 chicks (4 females and 1 male). Once the mother starts laying eggs, she'll lay one a day an hour after sunrise for 5-6 days. None of the eggs start incubating until the last egg is laid. The chicks then stay in the nest for 14 days. One of Mary McCoy's clients is head of the bluebird society for Ohio and is active in the national bluebird society as well. She put us in touch with a licensed bluebird specialist. Around the 9th day, the specialist came down and we banded the chicks so that if and when they are ever found, the bluebird society can plot their travels. At 14 days they came out of the nesting box and remained on the ground for weeks while their tail feathers grew in. At that point they are able to fly. We are all hopeful that our resident felines cut these chicks a little slack and that they all proceeded on into productive lives!

--- Mary McCoy
- **In loving memory.** Max, the Manx (tailless) cat of 265 PM died quietly on the morning of July 5th following several years of battling health problems associated with his "manxness." Max was a Park Meadows original. He was brought to PM as a kitten in 1989 by his first owner, Sue Wolfe, who lived at 275 PM. A year later, when she moved, Max came to live next door with Camille Willis and assorted other kitties. Max was unique not only because of his handsome appearance but for his extremely friendly, almost doglike demeanor. Graveside services were attended by his human mother and four feline housemates who deeply mourn his passing.

--- Camille Willis
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News of note for the coming month...

- **Nominating committee report.** Three Park Meadows Association Trustee volunteer positions-- President, Treasurer, and Secretary--were created about 12 years ago by the original Park Meadows planners/developers. Although these positions require some time and work, responsibilities are ameliorated somewhat by being shared and are passed on at the end of three years to others. Voluntary Trustee service helps keep PMA costs down and promotes involvement in our neighborhood.

At the annual meeting, to be held near the end of 1999, a new Trustee will be elected to replace Bob Parker. The nominating committee needs a person who is willing to serve a three-year term, which will begin on January 1, 2000. If you are interested in being a candidate, please call one of us. ---Irwin Inman (7609) and Sue T. Parker (9146)

- **Brush cleared.** The Trustees hired Todd Van Lehn to "bush hog" the east end of the 200 PM lane. The work has been completed and will be done as needed in the future.
- **Welcome, neighbors!** Connie and Ted Johnson-Chapman are new residents at 255 PM.
- **Newsletter items.** Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the September issue is Friday, September 24. Please deliver items to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399).



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- **New trustees.** Two new Park Meadows Association trustees will take office in January 2000. During the annual Association membership meeting held on November 21, Fran La Salle was elected to replace outgoing trustee Bob Parker, who is retiring after a two-year term. Julia Cady was appointed by the trustees to complete the term of Mary McCoy, who will be leaving Park Meadows in December. PMA members in attendance at the meeting expressed gratitude to Bob and Mary for their dedicated service to the Association. During their tenure they kept homes and grounds well maintained, with PMA finances consistently in the black. Their work will provide a smooth transition and ease the responsibilities of the incoming trustees.
- **2000 maintenance schedule.** Enclosed is a copy of the PMA basic maintenance schedule for the year 2000. Please retain it for your records so you will be aware of maintenance activities, which will be performed every two months beginning in February.
- **Newsletter items.** Submissions to the NEWSLETTER are always welcome. The deadline for the January 2000 issue is Monday, December 27, 1999. Items may be delivered to Peggy Saari at 230 PM (phone 767-7399; e-mail: peggy@innovio.com).

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