

# NEWSLETTER

Park Meadows Association (PMA)

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**Mowing schedule.** Tumbleweed will be taking care of mowing again this year. The weather will determine when and how often mowing is done, though the average will probably be about once every ten days. Sidewalks will be edged twice during the season.

**Plant care.** Diane Wilson will be taking care of the plants again this year. She will be joined by Peggy Haines from Beaver Creek, who is also a Master Gardener. Peggy's gardens were included on the Greene County Master Gardeners' Home and Garden Tour in 2002.

**Painting preparations.** In mid to late April, Trustees will provide paint charts to owners of front units so they can choose colors for painting of trim and doors. After making their decisions home owners will be asked to note both the color name and number, then to pass the chart on to their neighbors. Trustees will also provide a list of things that need to be done around each of these units prior to painting. Tasks will include trimming of shrubs, repairs, and removal of anything that would be in the way.

**Shingle repair.** A recent wind storm removed shingles from several roofs. Trustees would appreciate your letting them know if you have any extra roofing shingles stored in your garage. Andy will be starting annual spring maintenance soon, and he plans to replace missing shingles at that time. It would be very helpful to have extra shingles for matching those that are missing.

**Key check.** The Trustees need to check keys for each PM residence before AC Service delivers salt again. There is some confusion due to worn markings on the keys. Trustees want to let homeowners know they will be knocking on doors and checking keys before mid April.

**Electrical upgrades.** As PM homeowners add high-tech equipment and more electrical appliances, electrical upgrades will be needed. Each owner is responsible for checking on the necessity of an upgrade and having it done. Reddy Electric and Larry Electric are recommended. They are familiar with the buildings and their work is reliable. Records of upgrades should be kept for a future owner.

**Flower box planting.** It will soon be time to plant flower boxes. Volunteers are needed to do the planting and to help with watering. The boxes for the back west lane need a fresh start. The thyme currently planted in them has filled all the boxes and should be divided. Some of the thyme can be put back into the boxes (or not) and the rest can be added to any PM garden that has a place for it. If you would like some of the thyme, call Elaine Brown (767-7513). The back-west lane boxes will be empty and ready for planting around the first of May. If you would like to plant a set of boxes on your lane, call either Dimi Reber (767-1078) or Elaine. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Spark is found.** Franklin Halley called Julia Cady in late January to express his thanks to the folks at Park Meadows for their efforts in finding his missing cat Spark. The Halleys found Spark a block away from Park Meadows after he had been gone for four months. He is now an indoor cat, though during his absence the Halleys had added two kittens. In addition they have another indoor cat and two outdoor cats--so Spark was in an adjustment period!

**Newsletter submissions.** The NEWSLETTER is issued bimonthly. Submissions are always welcome; items may be delivered to Peggy Saari, PM 230 (7399;peggy@innovio.com).