

# GREEN MEADOWS WEST NEWS

## July 2008

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### Change in Newsletter Delivery!

In order to ensure everyone receives the newsletter, we have opted to send the letter twice a year, in the same mailing as the notice for dues. That way, the association incurs no additional postage costs. Our main goal, of course, is to keep GMW residents informed of happenings in the neighborhood, and we don't want anyone to miss an issue!

### Association Dues

Since this issue is included with your dues statement, this seems like a good opportunity to remind everyone exactly what is covered with the dues. We are a big homeowners association (500+ homes), with lots of association owned property (500+ acres!) to upkeep. As a result, the bulk of our dues go towards keeping our grounds well maintained. Here is a list of the major items (there are others, but I am keeping this newsletter to 1 page!) covered by association dues:

- Mowing of all association owned grounds
- Trimming of trees and shrubs
- Spraying for weed control
- Removal and replacement of trees
- Upkeep of our entrance walls
- Irrigation of entrance areas
- Flowers at each of the entrances and in Dover Gardens
- Upkeep of the gazebo
- Upkeep of neighborhood lamp posts (all were repainted last year)
- Replace and upkeep of playground areas
- Upkeep of water drainage systems
- Picnic in the Park
- Property management services (to keep track of our accounting, answer your calls, etc.)

The GMW board members are all dues-paying neighborhood residents. As such, we strive to spend our association money as carefully as possible. We strive to keep our neighborhood beautiful for the enjoyment of not only our current residents, but to also appeal to home buyers considering property in our neighborhood.

Just a reminder – dues are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Late fees are assessed AFTER 30 days. That means after January 30<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>, a \$25 late fee is assessed. The structure of the dates for dues and late fees are part of the GMW Covenants. As a result, the GMW Association Board is unable to waive these fees.

### **Neighborhood Garage Sale a Success, Despite the Rain!**

Mother Nature didn't cooperate, but the sales were still hot! Lots of you participated, and many shoppers carried off treasures! Thanks to the Events Committee for putting out the signs and placing the newspaper ad!

### **Association Board Now Meets Every Other Month**

Starting in 2008, the Association Board has been meeting every other month (instead of monthly). We meet in January, March, May, July, September and November. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the community room of Dahl's Grocery Store on 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Thanks to Dahl's for providing this meeting space to us at no charge!

### **Tree News**

If you are pruning trees, remember the City of Johnston requirements are as follows: prune to a height of 8 feet over walkways and 14 feet above street curbs. School buses and large vehicles must be able to travel on all streets without interference from any tree branches.

### **Trying to Keep Up with the Growing Grass!**

What homeowner isn't challenged after all the rain we've had? Wright's Tree Service, who does the mowing of GMW common ground, has been equally challenged as they attempt to stay ahead of the weather. On a related note, the grounds committee is planning to renovate the area just north of the gazebo. Several of the bushes in that area have died and the weeds have won the battle. But not for long! Look for new landscaping in this area soon.

### **Keep it Safe for our Kids**

Our new playground equipment (installed last summer) has attracted lots of use, which is WONDERFUL! Please help keep these areas attractive by picking up any trash and depositing it in the provided receptacles. Safety is always our priority. Parents, please don't allow your children to climb on the roofs of the play ground structure. As always, if you see any signs of vandalism, report this to the Johnston police.

### **Moving?**

Don't forget to notify Knapp Properties at 222-5206 if you are moving from Green Meadows West!