

MEADOW LAKES POA NEWS LETTER

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT BY ROY BELCHER

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

The POA Board for 2012 is up and running. The three new members, Van Estill in charge of RV Park; Dottie Stueckroth, treasurer; and Jerrial Wafer, our new vice president are doing good work. The “holdovers” are also working hard to get the job done. Jan Cunningham is now a voting member of the Board and continues excellent work.

New regulations im-

posed by Texas State law have been approved by our Board and registered with the State. These rules include how long we need to retain records, cost for requested copies of records and a policy governing past due payments. In addition, it is not now allowed to deny any property owner the right to vote so our by-laws will need to be changed at our annual meeting. The Board is still seeking a way to

bring our CC&Rs up to date.

In response to budget needs for the PFC, the Board has agreed to make a one time payment on an equipment loan. The payment will be made to the City in April. This support will take the place of the POA support of the swimming pool and for additional security patrolling for our community (now fully funded by the City).

MOTIONS AND ACTIONS BY THE POA BOARD


As you may notice, the newsletter no longer contains the reports of the security, storage facilities, maintenance, and community celebrations reports. These will be in the minutes of the POA monthly meeting and published on the City of Meadowlakes newsletter on the last Wednesday of each month. They are also available on the Meadowlakes POA website. If you

don't have access to these, please contact me, Jan Cunningham, and I will make sure you get a copy. The reason for this change is that the articles were sometimes time- sensitive and the weekly newsletter is a current conduit for this information. Thank you for your understanding. I would like to use this space to publish motions and actions taken by the POA board dur-

ing the preceding quarter. **January actions were: Jan moved that the POA makes a nondeductible contribution of \$28825 to the City of Meadowlakes to be applied to pay off the equipment lease for the PFC on April 25, 2012. Len seconded. This passed unanimously.**

Meadowlakes Real Estate Corner
by Wayne Thelen

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Homes & Town Homes Sold:		
January	0	4
February	3	3
March	3	6
April	4	3
May	5	1
June	2	6
July	8	3
August	4	4
September	6	2
October	4	3
November	4	5
December	5	3
Totals	48	43



Currently (As of 1/1/12) there are 44 Homes and Town Homes on the active Meadowlakes Market.

The above information was obtained from the Multiple Listing Service and is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

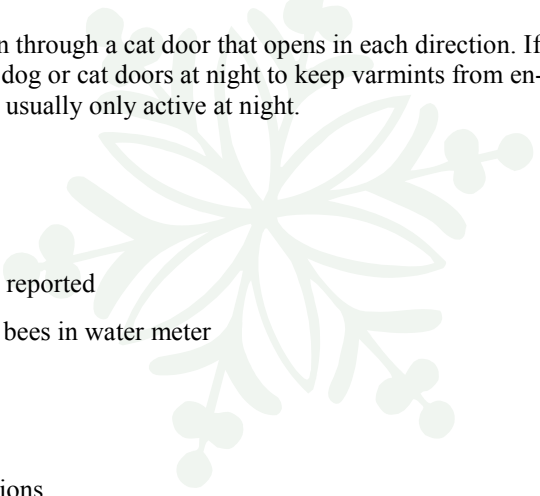
ANIMAL CONTROL BY ROBBIE GALAWAY

Many of us had trouble during the summer with animals digging under porches, decks and slabs. This may be a good time to repair these areas and “varmint-proof” the dug out areas with concrete, decorative stones, or fencing. This is also a good time to plan ahead to treat your lawns for grub worms in early summer. Grubs are a major diet for skunks, raccoons, and possums. I will have some suggestions next period for grub worm control. In the next newsletter I will be sharing some ideas on keeping the armadillo, skunk, and raccoon population from digging in your yards.

A resident recently had an uninvited guest in the home - a skunk. It came in through a cat door that opens in each direction. If you have one of these doors it may be a good idea to lock the door shut on dog or cat doors at night to keep varmints from entering your living area. Daytime should be no problems. These animals are usually only active at night.

Calls for the past quarter include:

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| 13 trapped skunks were removed from the city | 2 found cats |
| 10 trapped raccoons were removed from the city | 2 missing cats were reported |
| 1 trapped possum was removed from the city | 1 case of swarming bees in water meter |
| 1 raccoon was destroyed and it tested positive for rabies - total rabies cases for the year is 8 | 3 stray dog reports |
| 6 reports were received for lost dogs | 2 loose cats |
| 4 barking dog complaints | 4 registration violations |

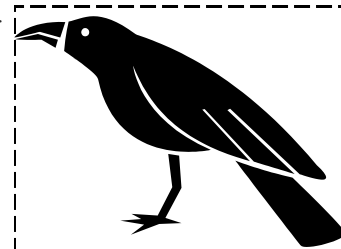


BIRD LORE BY WIN HOLMES

Many fables are attributed to the legendary Greek slave Aesop, living in the sixth century B.C. At that time the average person probably had a limited knowledge of birds. Birds were probably chosen as subjects because they were widespread, conspicuous, and familiar to most people.

In one of the fables a crow, perishing from thirst, found a pitcher of water but the water was out of reach of his bill. He tried everything he could think of to reach the water but all his efforts were in vain. Then he had an idea. He collected with his bill many stones which he dropped one by one into the pitcher, causing the water level to rise within reach. Moral: Little by little does the trick, or necessity is the mother of invention.

Fast forward to the present: Researchers presented Rooks, close relatives of crows, with a six-inch-tall clear plastic tube containing water with a worm floating on its surface. The Rooks used the stone-dropping technique to raise the water level to reach the floating worm. The birds were highly successful. Rather than attempting to spear the worm after each drop, the Rooks waited until it was within reach before dipping their bills into the tube. The birds did not add more stones after eating the worm, suggesting the stone dropping was not just a form of play. When presented with stones of varying sizes, the Rooks quickly learned that larger stones worked better.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

This quarter four new families have moved into the City.

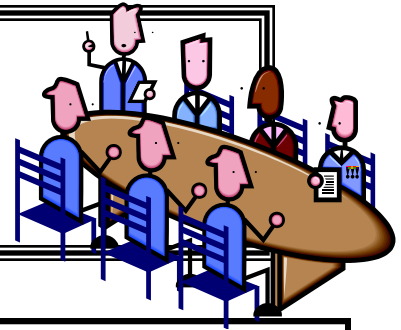
Austin and Shannon Stanphill have moved into 282 Chaparral. They come to Meadowlakes from Granite Shoals. They have four "amazing" children, two boys aged 2 and 11, and two girls aged 9 and 6. Austin works for the City of Granite Shoals as the Fire Chief. He has been a career firefighter for 17 years. Shannon is a nurse but has taken time off from work to enjoy being a full time mommy and homemaker. The family enjoys outdoor activities and lots of family fun. Welcome to the community.

John and Linda Matysek will be living at 352 Mahan. They made the move from Round Rock, Texas. John is a retired school administrator. He worked for 34 years as a principal, coach, and teacher. He apparently couldn't stay completely retired as he now works for Texas Education Agency in the Division of Monitoring and Intervention. Linda is also an educator. She retired as an elementary teacher where she worked for 30 years. They like fishing, golf, woodworking, and reading. They are kept company by their poodle, Maggie. The Matyseks have moved around Texas, from Yorktown, Dickinson, Austin, Lakeway, Round Rock, and now to Meadowlakes.

Charlene Avery has taken up residence in 57 Augusta. She moved from Horseshoe Bay. Her pastimes are painting and enjoying her grandchildren.

The last couple to report moving into Meadowlakes is Tom and Kathy Mitchell. They will be living at 409 Meadowlakes Drive coming to us from Austin. Tom is a lawyer practicing in Austin with the firm of Wright and Greenhill. Kathy is a homemaker and retired accountant. They like kayaking and gardening.

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