

DEERFIELD FARMS SUBDIVISION

Summer 2012

Outdoor Activities

Summer is here. Please keep in mind that small children will be continuing to enjoy the outdoors. Please slow down when driving as they are not always aware of moving vehicles.

Subdivision Garage Sale



REMINDER !!!!!!! Our subdivision Garage Sale is just around the corner – but there is still plenty of time to clear your closets and basements of un-needed items. The garage sale is set to start on August 01, 2012 and will end on August 04, 2012. The hours of the sale will be: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday. Keep in mind that any and all Township ordinances will need to be followed during the sale. The sale will be advertised utilizing the sign used to announce our annual meetings. The board will **not** be placing an advertisement in any local periodicals.

Recycling Bins

The board has received several complaints regarding recycling bins. The complaints mainly focused on our neighbors “over-filling” the bins – which in turn allow the contents to blow throughout our neighborhood. Please make a conscious effort in keeping our streets and yards free of blowing debris. Additional recycling items can go into a secondary container such as a paper bag.

Lawn Watering

Another reminder to all of our homeowners that Macomb Township has established lawn watering guidelines to all of the township residences through Ordinance 242. Addresses ending with an even number can water on even numbered calendar days, while addresses ending with an odd number are able to water their lawns on an odd numbered calendar day. Over watering your lawn can actually promote a fungus that carries from lawn to lawn. In many cases, this is the reason that many of our lawns are brown and is not a result of a lack of water. Watering every other day will also reduce the amount of your water bill. Ordinance 242 limits the use of automatic sprinkler systems between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. (EST). This ordinance is in effect between May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year.

Pets

The board has received several email correspondences with regard to pet waste that is left on our lawns. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up the waste that your family member leaves behind.

Home Sales

If you plan on putting your home on the housing market, please remember to inform your sales agent of our Homeowners Association. If you are planning to purchase a home outside of our subdivision, you may want to inquire if there is a Homeowners Association in the area that you are researching.

Vehicles



We have received some correspondence regarding stagnant vehicles in our streets. The Board would like to request that vehicles do not become permanent fixtures in our streets. The subdivision by-laws discuss vehicles under repair and the Township requires that all vehicles parked in the street need to be registered with current license plates. They also become an unsightly item in our neighborhood.

Also, please remember that there have been recent attempts of vehicle break-ins and vandalism in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, some of those attempts were successful. A possible deterrent is to keep your garage lights on at night. More importantly, if you do become a victim, it is encouraged to inform the Sheriff's office so that they can detect a pattern and increase their patrol routes accordingly. The board circulated a letter earlier in the year regarding this situation and listed some additional possible deterrents.

Property Enhancements

Property enhancements such as fences need to be reviewed and approved by The Board before construction commences. A design itemizing the materials needs to be submitted to the Board for approval. The Board appreciates the fact that homeowners are attempting to improve their properties – but please keep in mind that the bylaws were created to provide an eye-pleasing experience for all homeowners as well as keep our home values from depreciating. Please review the bylaws on the website and email the board with any specific questions.

Communication with the Board

Please feel free to visit the subdivision website to review the by-laws of our neighborhood. There are links for both an html version and a PDF image of the current by laws. The website address is <http://www.deerfieldfarms.org>. You can also submit your questions and comments to the board at association@deerfieldfarms.org. Please use this email address as the means to voice your questions and comments and the board will respond expeditiously.

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