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## Long Lake Meadows/Spring Meadows Homeowners' Association

### NEWSLETTER

Web Site: [llmsmhoa.org](http://llmsmhoa.org)

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#### **MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS for 2018**

Representing you, the homeowners, are: Barb Vleko, Bruce Davis, Jeff Harden, and Sandy Paci.

Noted below is a list of Board members and corresponding email address you can use to contact them. When communicating with Board members, please be sure to provide your name, address, phone number, or email address to improve the turnaround time on your request. A reply to your inquiry will be made as soon as possible.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
President	Sandy Paci	<a href="mailto:president@llmsmhoa.org">president@llmsmhoa.org</a>
Vice-President	Bruce Davis	<a href="mailto:vice-president@llmsmhoa.org">vice-president@llmsmhoa.org</a>
Treasurer	Barb Vleko	<a href="mailto:treasurer@llmsmhoa.org">treasurer@llmsmhoa.org</a>
Secretary	Jeff Harden	<a href="mailto:secretary@llmsmhoa.org">secretary@llmsmhoa.org</a>
Web Master	Matt Kukla	<a href="mailto:webmaster@llmsmhoa.org">webmaster@llmsmhoa.org</a>
Welcome Wagon	Becky Garity	<a href="mailto:welcomewagon@llmsmhoa.org">welcomewagon@llmsmhoa.org</a>

For written communications, you may also correspond with the Board at the following address: Long Lake Meadows/Spring Meadows HOA, P.O. Box 1764, Troy, MI 48099-1764.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING - 2017**

Enclosed are the minutes from the annual meeting held on November 9, 2017. Please direct your questions, comments, or inquiries to the president via email. You may also send a note to the Association's mailing address.

#### **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**New to the neighborhood.** Welcome! Through the volunteer efforts of Becky Garity, a community Welcome Wagon is up and running. Questions or comments regarding the Welcome Wagon should be directed to [welcomewagon@llmsmhoa.org](mailto:welcomewagon@llmsmhoa.org). If you prefer, you may send a note to the Association's mailing address. Please visit the Association's web site as it provides easy and convenient access to all Association's documents and its Board. In addition, you will find useful information and answers to calendar events, annual dues, annual meetings, up-to-date messages from the Board, and FAQs. Established homeowners will find the web site useful, too.

**Moving out of the subdivision.** Please note that if you are selling your home, before or at closing, your attorney or real estate agent should require a document from the Board indicating your annual dues and/or assessment are current. This is commonly referred to as "proof of assessment payment for sellers." When you require this document for your home sale, please contact the Treasurer by email or you may send a note to the Association's mailing address. Please allow a **minimum of one week** to clear all files for bank closings.

**Seeking new Board members.** Members on the Board are homeowners who have offered their time and expertise to help manage and maintain our neighborhood. To reduce costs, please consider joining the Board or offering to help with Association's activities. The Board is always looking for innovative ideas. The Board meets four-six times each year for 2.0–2.5 hours and a Board member hosts the meeting at their home. The meetings are always interesting and is a great learning experience. It's also a wonderful way to meet your fellow neighbors. The Board does their best to accomplish as many tasks as possible; however, some things cannot be completed due to limited resources and few Board members.

**Holiday decorating contest.** Judging for the holiday decorating contest was held the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17. The treasurer will notify the winners before the end of the year.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**Clean up after your pet(s).** As noted in an article published in the TROY Today Fall 2017 edition, here is that reminder:

Pet waste contains bacteria harmful to us and our local waterways. Leaving it on the sidewalk or lawn means harmful bacteria could be transported into the storm drains and then into our rivers. Promptly dispose of pet waste in the trash or down the toilet where it will be properly treated. The City of Troy encourages all residents to clean up after their pets.

**Snowy days have arrived.** A friendly reminder regarding the removal of snow and ice as noted in the City of Troy ordinance:

“Property owners are responsible for clearing snow over 2 inches deep and any ice from the public sidewalks adjacent to their property. Snow and ice should be cleared from the sidewalks within 24 hours following the end of the event which led to their accumulation.”

Additional information regarding the snow removal policy can be found in the TROY TODAY Winter 2017 edition on Page 8: Winter is Coming. Be Ready!

In addition to clearing public sidewalks, homeowners should clear their driveway and driveway approach (between the street and the sidewalk). Snow should not be blown or pushed in to the street where it can be a hazard to drivers.

Also, please be courteous to all your neighbors and do not use your snow blower to clear a path from your house, through the side of your house, to your driveway, just to get to the sidewalk.

**SHARP home repair:** The City of Troy website has noted that the SHARP (Senior Home Assistance Repair Program) helps seniors 60 and older and persons with disabilities with home repairs. The work is done by volunteers and usually involves jobs that can be done in an hour or two. Labor is free, but you must pay for supplies if able. Call 248-528-2929 to request a repair.

**Keep eyes and ears open.** Please continue to monitor your newspaper box to ensure that advertisements, newspapers, etc. are removed. An empty box will alert those driving or walking in the subdivisions that homeowners want a safe neighborhood--all part of the “neighborhood watch.”

## **WEB SITE**

**Feedback.** The Board is always interested in providing more value to our community through the web site. If you have suggestions to add content or to improve the homeowner's experience, please let us know via email at webmaster@llsmhoa.org. You may also send a note to the Association's mailing address.

**Register your email.** The Board would like to remind all homeowners that to increase communication and reduce costs, we ask all new homeowners to send an email to register@llsmhoa.org and provide the information noted below so our records can be updated.

1. Property owner's name/s on title (and occupant names, if different)
2. Property address and mailing address (if different)
3. Best contact telephone number
4. Best contact email address(es)

For established homeowners, if any of the information noted above has changed, please send an email to register@llsmhoa.org. **Please note:** personal information as well as email addresses are not published. The communication of annual dues, annual meetings, and other official Association business will continue to be handled through the U.S. mail. Think Green!

**Do not forget.** Be sure to visit the web site frequently to insure you have the latest information regarding the activities noted in this Newsletter and what is new since the issuance of the Newsletter. As always, the Board welcomes your input. Feel free to reach out to the Board at any time.

***The Long Lake Meadows/Spring Meadows Homeowners' Association Board  
wishes you and yours a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2018!***