



## ***THE MEADOWLARK***

***News from our Long Lake Meadows/Spring Meadows Homeowners' Association***

***Spring/Summer 2020***

***Dear Neighbors:***

*While this is not a Tweet, this first newsletter of the decade does feature our adopted fine feathered friend on our logo and a new name! Hope you've seen on our entrance signs, website (llmsmhoa.org) and Facebook.com/groups/LLMSM page. (Please note the bird is clip art, not a meadowlark.)*

*Because of the weather and despite the pandemic, we're thrilled to see people outdoors and many new families and faces in Long Lake Meadows and Spring Meadows. We encourage all residents to read the City of Troy newsletter, visit [www.cityoftroy.gov](http://www.cityoftroy.gov) and/or our website for guidelines and regulations on trash and recycling, lawn maintenance, hazardous waste disposal, pools and more. Our LLMSM HOA website has property guidelines and restrictions documents which residents should have received when purchasing their homes. The documents are available on our website or by contacting Girish Shah at [secretary@llmsmhoa.org](mailto:secretary@llmsmhoa.org). Outdoor sheds, fences and more are addressed. Thank you for checking in advance!*

*We live in a desirable neighborhood that's more than 30 years old which requires regular maintenance on landscape, paint, siding, windows, roofs, decks and more. (Insects, too.) Please ask your neighbors for referrals if needed, post requests and suggestions on our Facebook page (or NextDoor) or contact any Board member. Consider attending one of the area seminars and workshops on landscape and gardening.*

*Long Lake Meadows and Spring Meadows will be in full bloom soon. Thank you for all you do to make them attractive, welcoming and safe. Please have a healthy, safe and fun spring and summer.*

***Sincerely,***

***Your Neighbors on the Board***

***Long Lake Meadows/Spring Meadows HOA  
P.O. Box 1764, Troy, Michigan 48099-1764  
Website: llmsmhoa.org***



## **News from the Board**

Our annual homeowners meeting Nov. 13, 2019 was attended by eight homeowners. We welcome **Ashleigh Jennings** who has joined the Board. Please visit our website to see the meeting minutes or contact Girish Shah at [secretary@llmsmhoa.org](mailto:secretary@llmsmhoa.org) for a printed copy.

The Board regretfully accepted the resignations of **Ben Hancock** and **Melody Adomatis** from the board. Thank you for your service!

Your 2020 officers and committee chairs are listed below. 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. While emails are checked as frequently as possible, it may take up to seven business days to reply.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Sandy Paci</b>	<a href="mailto:president@llmsmhoa.org">president@llmsmhoa.org</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Doug Koenke</b>	<a href="mailto:vice-president@llmsmhoa.org">vice-president@llmsmhoa.org</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Barb Vleko</b>	<a href="mailto:treasurer@llmsmhoa.org">treasurer@llmsmhoa.org</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Girish Shah</b>	<a href="mailto:secretary@llmsmhoa.org">secretary@llmsmhoa.org</a>
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>Matt Kukla</b>	<a href="mailto:webmaster@llmsmhoa.org">webmaster@llmsmhoa.org</a>
<b>Welcome Wagon</b>	<b>Becky Garity</b>	<a href="mailto:welcomewagon@llmsmhoa.org">welcomewagon@llmsmhoa.org</a>

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.

As of March 16, 2020, 210 of the 230 homeowners have paid their 2020 homeowners association dues. Thank you! Our 2020 budget reflects 100% participation and any unpaid account balance creates a revenue shortfall. If you have not sent your payment, please do so or contact the [treasurer@llmsmhoa.org](mailto:treasurer@llmsmhoa.org) if you wish to discuss your account.

Our four-year lawn maintenance and landscape contract with Suburban Landscape extends through 2022. The company will apply “weed and feed” in 2020 between the berm and Long Lake Road and on the four islands.

Matt Kukla has updated our website. Thanks, Matt! We are looking to enhance and accelerate our communications via email so please be sure to send your address(es) via our website homepage.

If you have any news or items you’d like included or covered in the Fall/Winter edition of the newsletter, please contact Gayla Houser at [gmhouser@aol.com](mailto:gmhouser@aol.com).



**2019 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners:** Congratulations, Kevin and Debra Vandebusch on Sweet Drive, for winning the porch display award, and Christopher and Stephanie Doud on Palmetto, for the winning wreath!



### Wooden Newspaper/Mailbox Inspections and Repair

While the days of daily newspapers are gone for the most part, many of our wooden newspaper and mailboxes have also seen better days! An inspection of all boxes will take place in the Spring and homeowners who need to repair and/or replace theirs will be notified by members of the Board. If you'd like to repair and replace yours, specs are available on our website. **We are also fortunate that one of our neighbors and board members will also replace the wood for only \$15 per box or \$20 for installation, too!** Please contact Doug Koenke directly at [mailbox-help@llmsmhoa.org](mailto:mailbox-help@llmsmhoa.org) or to LLMSM HOA, P.O. Box 1764, Troy, MI, 48099-1764. A reminder that any work will be by private agreement between Doug and the homeowner. This small improvement delivers a big difference.



Celebrate Spring and the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day April 22** at gardening and landscape workshops offered by Bordine's in Rochester Hills, The City of Troy and Telly's in Troy. (Best to call to confirm.)

<b>Spring Pruning &amp; Clean Up</b>	<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Bordine's</b>
<b>Landscape Design Basics</b>	<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Bordine's</b>

*Free! No registration required. For info, call 248.651.9000 or bordines.com*

<b>Jump Start Roses in Spring</b>	<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Telly's</b>
<b>Hellebores + Spring Perennials</b>	<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Telly's</b>

*Only \$5! Visit [tellys.com](http://tellys.com) or call 248.689.8735.*

<b>Bees in the D: My Pollinator Garden</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>	<b>7-8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Troy Public Library</b>
<b>Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden</b>	<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>2-4 p.m.</b>	<b>Troy Public Library</b>
<b>Growing &amp; Using Cut Flowers</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>	<b>6:30-8 p.m.</b>	<b>Troy Public Library</b>

*Free! Register at [troypl.org/calendar](http://troypl.org/calendar) or call 248.524.3534.*



### Knock, Knock – You Should Know Who's There!

Door-to-door salespeople are legally required to register with the City, **and must have permits and identification.** To report those who do not, call the City Clerk's office at 248.524.3316 Monday through Friday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. or the non-emergency desk of the Troy Police at 248.524.3477. (Always call 911 if your safety is threatened.) You can also join the City's **Do Not Knock** registry and get a free window cling for your front door. Peddlers are not allowed to go to addresses on the list and are required to access the list in advance. You can register on-line or at the Clerk's number above. Political and religious groups are exempt...

...Which means U.S. Census takers may soon be at your door!



By April 1 – Census Day - every home in the U.S., District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census and given options to respond online, by phone or by mail. Required every 10 years since 1790 by the U.S. Constitution, the census provides critical data used to provide federal funding for daily services, products and support for you and our community. The results also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect all answers and keep them confidential. **From May-July, census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to make sure everyone is counted.** Apportionment counts will be delivered to the President and Congress in December as required by law. Additional information is available at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) – or in your mailbox soon. On behalf of America, thank you for your prompt response.



### Good-bye, Geese?

At its February 20 meeting, the LLMSMHOA Board discussed a proposal from a Spring Meadows Drive resident to volunteer to coordinate goose nest destruction and round-up around the Meadow Lake Park pond, a very safe process regulated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Division. After checking with the City, the County and our insurance carrier, approval was granted to submit the application by the March 20 deadline along with the required petition signed by 70% of the residents abutting the pond. If approved, our neighbor will attend the mandatory training. Our northern neighbors in Troy Lake Estates have been doing this for decades. We will keep you updated and hopefully, we'll see fewer geese this – and every – summer. Thank you!



### New Stop Signs and Sidewalks

Looks like new homes with John R access brought more speeding traffic within the subdivision and now four new stop signs to Tucker and Standish! There's another on the busy corner of Standish and Drake. Please keep your speed at 25 mph or less. You'll be able to better enjoy your walks, runs and rides, too, when sidewalks get repaired and replaced this construction season. As you can see from the orange spray painted dots, the City of Troy is planning to replace and repair several portions this year, budget permitting, according to the City. Green dots = homeowner responsibility. Call 248.524.3392 for additional information.



### **Nearby Development News**

**Chadbury Place**, a 16-unit one family cluster development, will replace the “white house” on the south side of East Long Lake across from Saffron Drive...Farther west, **Bethesda Church** is planning an addition to house classrooms and auxiliary gathering spaces...**Long Lake Shell** at the southwest corner of Dequindre has plans to expand and update the existing building design. (A third reason never to run out of gas on our corner!) **Condos** have been proposed for the north side of Hopedale west of John R and on Dequindre between East Long Lake and English Drive. **Site condominiums** are planned for Oak Forest south of Square Lake between John R and Rochester Road. Speaking of the new and improved John R, doesn't it look great? Any finishing touches should be completed early this year. Maps, renderings, approvals and public comments on all of these projects can be found and made on the Planning & Development Portal at [troymi.gov](http://troymi.gov). Or phone 248.524.3364.

The **City of Troy 2020-2024 Parks & Recreation Plan** is chock full of demographics, data, aerial maps and plans to improve and expand parks and recreational amenities. A copy is on our Facebook page and [rec.troymi.gov](http://rec.troymi.gov) or call 248.524.3484. Multi-use walking/biking paths, rustic walking paths and fitness/exercise trails top the most wanted amenities list.



### **Tuesday, November 3 is Presidential Election Day!**

Did you know you can still register to vote through Election Day at the Clerk's Office at Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver? Anyone can also submit their “No Reason Absentee” ballot in person at City Hall now through 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 3 if you can't make it to your local voting place. Call the Clerk's office at 248.524.3316 with questions or visit [troymi.gov](http://troymi.gov). You can also register to vote at the **“Pop Up Clerk's Office at the Library” Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** as well as enroll on the Permanent Absentee Voter List. Note: Be sure to request your absentee ballot on or before Monday, November 2 if you prefer to vote from home and return it to City Hall. Democracy is not a spectator sport!

### **IMPORTANT**

*When we started writing this newsletter, we had no idea that we would be in the middle of global pandemic preparedness. We encourage everyone to follow the guidelines and help neighbors who may need assistance with errands, transportation, information, grocery shopping, medical issues and more. Be sure everyone is ok. We are fortunate to have nearby resources and a community that cares.*



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