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MeadowsMemo



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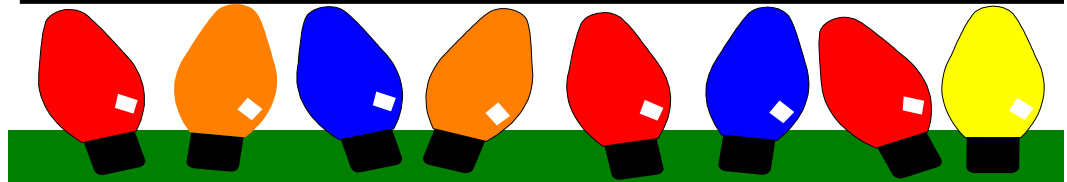
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ENGLISH MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION is dedicated to making our neighborhood a better place to live through the efforts of every resident.

To prevent crime and enhance our community.

The Riverdale entrance is maintained by GOOD WINDS NURSERY.

Christmas Decorations!



This year's Christmas Decorating Contest is under way. Some folks are already putting up the lights. There's money to be had for those with the most creativity. Top prize is \$75; second place is \$50 and third is \$35. Worth the effort, wouldn't you say. Neighbors, if you see a house that is particularly appealing, give

a Board Member a call so that it can be given special consideration.

Keep in mind that the judging takes place on the evening of December 17th. All prizes will be presented at the January Quarterly.

Good Luck to all. All residents of EMNA are invited to participate.



Bows and Greenery will be placed on major street markers this year to add to the festivities of the season. Again, we are forgoing the annual entry into the Germantown Christmas Parade. Would like to get it going again, but it takes work and coordination by many. Any thoughts on the project...for next year, let us know.



Not to be outdone by Christmas and all the other holidays of the seasons, let us give THANKS for the bounty that God has granted us...again this year. May each and everyone of you have a very wonderful Thanksgiving.

Men's Coffee: Dec. 3rd @ Millen & Lutie Darnells, 7270 Stamford Rd., Phone 754-2989 from 10: to 12: Come and meet others in the neighborhood.

Don't forget to vote.



November Crime Tip

'Tis the season to be jolly! Take heed and be safe while out shopping. Someone might be watching for an opportunity to take advantage of your jolly spirit. Always be cautious; it's best to shop in twos. If ever a situation feels "different", don't take a chance. Go back to where you were and start over. It's best to feel a bit stupid than a casualty in the parking lot. If you are ever followed home, don't go there. Instead go by the local police department...and pull in. That'll discourage whom ever it was hoping for an easy hit. Better safe than sorry.

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WELCOME:

A new baby, a new neighbor... please share the good news with your neighborhood. Feel free to contact Lutie Darnell, (754-2989) for a nice welcome gift and lot of good information. If you check in with our website, use info@meadowsmemo.org to introduce yourself also.

CONDOLENCES:

To The family of Viola Carayiannis of Riverdale. Viola lost her battle with cancer this month. She was a regular walker on our streets, so will be missed.



Dot Cowart of Eastern recently lost her beloved husband, Bob Cowart. Bob was known to many of the families in this neighborhood as a person to call when in a household distress situation. He, too will be missed.

To The family of Terry Russell of Sunset; he lost his battle with cancer this week.

THANKS:

Thanks for the new flags at the Riverdale entrance. Not sure who put them in place, but much appreciated. Goes hand in hand with the new pansies display, thanks to Good Winds.

A great big THANKS to those of you that have supported this organization. Another great big thanks to those that attended the Quarterly. The turnout could have been bigger, but it was fun.

Our own Dino Palazzolo (Membership Chairman) shows such enthusiasm in everything he does, that it is infectious. He told us about the big upcoming Battle of the Brains between Houston and Germantown High Schools. Hopefully, it will become a yearly event with the trophy being a sought after prize. The event is December 4th with the presentation of the awards at 1:00 in the Germantown Main Meeting Room. Everyone is invited!

A reminder to Zone Captains: Veterans Day was November 11th.

Some flags didn't go out...so as a reminder, let's not forget to put them out on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th. Please note that this is a new day for us to display the flags. A very noteworthy day though. Do you remember that day? Grant you, it's us older folks, but it's still one to remember. Let's make it a full blown display of the red, white and blue. Thanks Zone Captains.



The end of 2009 is fast approaching. That signals a new beginning for all. It's can also signal new people getting involved with your neighborhood too. The current Board Members have been around a long time; it's time for change! Consider yourselves the nominating committee for English Meadows, who would you like to see running it's affairs? Put that name up for consideration. The January Quarterly (tentatively, the 21st) is time to install the officers. New blood, is always good for any given organization. Perhaps you would like to get involved, now is your chance. Let's hear from you in these last months of 2009. 2010 is beckoning.

The CERTS program has gained a couple of new names. I know that there are more from this neighborhood but I don't have the resources to locate you. Please contact me so that you too, can be added to the list of those to contact in the event of an emergency. Please use e-mail address dixzee@comcast.net. Thanks for helping. The CERTS program is an ongoing service; those that have taken it find it very gratifying. So far, John Johnson (Cornwall), Jack Ridner (Stamford), Edna Guntert (McVay Rd.), John McNary (McVay Cove), Joe Weller (Pittsfield Cove), Sharon Goldsworthy & Jim Goldsworthy (Howard) are our contact people.



An ongoing problem: Everyone loves a puppy or a kitten, right? But, not the mess of cleaning up after them, especially when they are not yours to love and adore. We have neighbors that do not appreciate their child stepping in dog poop, worse yet, play-



ing a game in their front yard and sliding into the stuff! Imagine, if that was you or one of yours. So, folks, when taking your animal for a walk, please carry along a bag (or two, for those large ones) to bring their bounty home with you. No fun working in a flower bed either to discover that some cute little kitty has used it as a litter box. We have far too many strays in this neighborhood, have your pet neutered or spayed to keep down an unwanted population.



HOME ALONE! Again, I'm mentioning this wonderful service to the neighborhood. Do you know of a neighbor that needs checking on regularly? If they live alone, elderly or ill, a daily phone call might just make their day or save their life. Lutie Darnell has offered to do this for us as part of her Welcoming duties, give her a call, 754-2989.

The leaf season is here. I know, I ran this before, but it's worth repeating. Please follow the rules of our city by not placing bags in the gutter. Also, some of you that live near an open storm drain ditch, please do not use that as a way to get rid of your leaves and grass clippings. Eventually, it forms a dam down stream that comes back to us. Also, it creates a great breeding ground for insects. So, be a good neighbor and bag them like the majority of your neighbors do. Thanks to G-Town's clean up of the gutters recently; opened up some storm sewer drains. Kind of needs it again though, hint, hint! :-)

In next month's newsletter, I will be running another membership coupon for the year 2010. Dues to this association are only \$15 per year payable at the first of each year. As we are NOT a homeowner's association, you are not obligated to pay your dues. But, you are a resident of a great neighborhood and your dues are what keeps it a great neighborhood. So, when that coupon appears, dig out that checkbook or cash and send it to the Treasurer. Of course, that will mean that Dino Palazzolo won't get to call you, but hey, he is retired! Thanks for his efforts these past few months since coming on Board (new blood) and those that responded with dues to him. Those were for 2009!

