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**November 14, 2016**

Greetings Neighbors and Association Members,

I hope that each of you have had an opportunity to enjoy the changing colors of the leaves as we've transitioned to Fall, even though it has arrived too soon for some of us. And during this transition, we've had several opportunities within the neighborhood to come together and meet some of our neighbors. I'm happy to have had the opportunity to meet and speak with many of you during those outings.

Vic and Chris Balasi hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meadows Community Picnic on Sunday, October 23, which turned out to be a beautiful day to enjoy the good food and company for all that attended. This year, they introduced some competitiveness by offering prizes for the Best Western Hat, Best Western Belt Buckle, and Best Western Boots. I'm already looking forward to seeing what they come up with next year, as I believe it was fun for all who attended.

Paul and Ann Lyon coordinated a Community Clean Up day on Saturday, October 29, which turned out to be another beautiful day, and fortunately we had good participation from neighbors throughout the community. The main goal of the day was to prepare for the upcoming winter season by cleaning up alongside the roads to allow for snow removal this winter. Several neighbors with the means to provide heavy equipment contributed to the overall success of the day. Walden Ju came out with his excavator and cleared some of the overgrown ditch lines along Timber Trail, as well as some of the larger trees that have previously fallen and were impeding the snow removal efforts. Frank D'Angelo ran his zero-turn mover alongside the road to help clean the smaller growth while other home owners provided manual labor. Tony Hermes and Vaughn Mahaffey brought their tractors with bush hogs and made very noticeable improvements in fighting back the encroaching growth on our roadways.

We will plan more community work days in the future, and I hope to see more neighbors participate as it's a great way to come together and contribute to the overall appearance of our community. The added bonus is that our efforts contribute to maintaining low annual dues as we don't have to hire contractors to perform the work. There are several neighbors that we always see throughout the year maintaining the entrances, picking up at the recreation area, and patching the roads. If you're not able to contribute yourselves, please give our volunteers a thumbs up and show your appreciation for their service to our community.

Unfortunately, we experienced vandalism in the community when nine stop signs were knocked down; the newer signs were completely removed from the neighborhood. Fortunately, we already had some new stop signs and only needed sign posts and hardware to complete the repairs. Thanks to volunteers who came together on Veteran's Day and replace the signs. Thank you to John Lundberg, Dave Fedorchak, and Tracy Usry for your efforts.

We are starting to prepare for the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017, and is contingent upon securing the meeting location. The Board of Directors (BOD) and Architectural Control Committee (ACC) elections will be held during the Annual Meeting. Dave Fedorchak, Daryl Riley, and Frank D'Angelo volunteered to form the Nominating Committee, with Dave Fedorchak as the Chair. Their objective is to find and nominate potential candidates to fill the 2017 BOD and ACC positions, as well as the BOD position vacated by the resignation of Tracy Usry. Personally, I can say that I've learned a great deal within the past year and find it very rewarding to serve the Association. I encourage anyone that may be interested to contact Dave Fedorchak at [davefedorchak@gmail.com](mailto:davefedorchak@gmail.com) or the Board of Directors at [board@the-meadows.org](mailto:board@the-meadows.org) to place your name on the list of candidates or ask any questions you may have.

Enjoy the upcoming Holidays and time with your family and friends.

Regards,  
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