

National Night Out

From the time I put pen to paper in writing this letter, National Night Out is just nine days away! As a community we have celebrated this annual summertime event in a variety of locations. This year once again we are happy to announce that National Night Out will be conducted right here in Meadowbrook Estates! Our neighbors Mel & Liz, who share the distinction of being past MECA presidents, stepped up to the plate, and volunteered to host the gathering at their wonderful home, at 3980 Falstone Road.

2018 marks the 35th anniversary of this summertime gala, providing the perfect setting for family, friends, and neighbors to reacquaint, and spend time together. For the kids there will be plenty of safe and fun things to do. Featured will be the very popular bouncy house, bean bag toss, culminating with the ultra exciting pinata competition.

Providing the musical ambience for the evening is our very own master of ceremonies, Dr. John Kontopanos. For more than a decade he and his crew have been our most dependable commodity, always coming through with the soothing sounds and classic hits for all!

National Night Out is also known for its wholesome picnic style menu, consisting of a variety of delicious meats, fruits, and vegetables, guaranteed to please the palate! Please feel free to bring a dish or pastry item, the more the merrier.

Our designated guests will be made up of local politicians, Chesterfield County Police, Fire & EMS, along with district school officials. So come

one, come all, tell a friend, and remember to show National Night Out solidarity by doing the following:

- Lock your doors.
- Turn on your outside lights.

National Night Out goes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Julius Huggins
 MECA President



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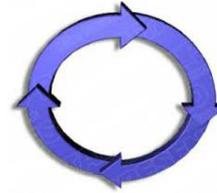
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THANK YOU NEIGHBOR !!

Gilbert Lewis has resigned from the Chesterfield County Motorist Assist program after five dutiful years of volunteer service. He assisted motorists in distress and helped police in instances of accidents or traffic tie-ups. He helped with County events such as the County Fair or Independence Day celebration. Helping has been very much a part of who he is, which has been shown in how he has treated his neighbors. He was always there to help them in any way, whether to drive them to medical appointments, visit in the hospital, or make small household repairs. He has always responded when MECA asked for help, whether to be a part of the neighborhood cleanup or deliver newsletters. Gilbert has been experiencing various medical issues, which is also why we don't see his smiling face out on neighborhood patrol anymore. We wish Gilbert all the best as he progresses through these medical problems and hope that he will be feeling better very soon. Gilbert, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for all you have done and all you have meant to this neighborhood!

Ralph Bruce, of Lake Hills Road, died February 24, 2018. Ralph and his wife, Nancy, moved into their home in Lake Hills in 1964 and raised their family of a son and two daughters. Nancy passed away in 2009. Besides his son and daughters, Ralph is survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren. He served in the Navy in World War II and was a long time faithful servant of Walmsley Boulevard United Methodist Church. He was a fine and well-respected neighbor and will be missed.

Doris Ferguson of Falstone Road passed away on March 27, 2018. She is survived by her beloved husband Rupert, a brother, two very special nieces as well as other nieces and nephews. Doris and Rupert moved into their home in Meadowbrook in 1966 and have become 'fixtures' in our neighborhood as well as much loved neighbors and active members of MECA. Doris was an elementary school teacher and a loyal member of Branch's Baptist Church. Meadowbrook has lost a dear neighbor and our sincere sympathies go to Rupert.

Oscar Shelton died on July 4. He was preceded in death by a daughter and is survived by his wife Linda, two sons, and and two grandsons. Oscar and Linda moved into their home on Monza Drive in 1977.

Gilbert Bowman passed away on July 12, 2018. He was a retired Lieutenant Commander in the Navy and served as commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Center, Fishersville/Staunton. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, two sons, and a sister. Gilbert and Carolyn moved into their home on Monza Drive in 2003.

(Full Circle, continued)

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Mary Humphrey passed away on July 15, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband George Humphrey and first husband Roy Phillips. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Mary had been a fine neighbor on Stornoway Drive since 1976 and stayed there until last year when she went into a senior living facility. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and a founding member of Meadowbrook Country Club.



NEIGHBOR RECOGNITION !

Our own Tim Davis of Marquette Road recently received an award from Virginia Cooperative Extension for work done with the school garden program. Chesterfield won in its district and state category, winning \$1,000 to go directly back in the gardening program. This program works with area partners to help kids grow gardens and learn about healthy eating habits. Anyone who knows Tim or rides by his house knows he loves gardening and working in his yard. We appreciate you Tim, and your efforts in working with the children!



MEADOWBROOK ESTATES CLEAN-UP DAY

Our Clean Up Day that was originally planned for May 12 had to be postponed. It is now planned for Saturday, September 22. We will be meeting at the pool parking lot at Meadowbrook Country Club at 9am and work until noon.

There will be three groups. One will do trash pick-up. There will be pickup trucks and/or trailers to pick up household trash. If you have items from your house or yard to be picked up, please have it at the end of your driveway the night before. Items must not exceed 50 lbs. each and may not be hazardous waste. The second group will be doing litter pickup from our neighborhood roadsides. The third group will do gardening cleanup around our signs and common areas. If you would like to join in on this activity, please contact one of the board members and specify which group you would like to work with. We are looking forward to beautifying our neighborhood, helping neighbors in cleaning out junk, and just enjoying the company of our neighbors!

MECA DUES

If you have not joined Meadowbrook Estates Civic Association or haven't paid your dues for 2018, please do so now! Fill out the following information and send with your \$30.00 to:

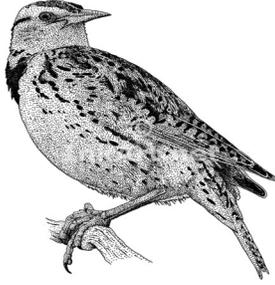
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Please join and support the efforts of our VOLUNTEERS to keep Meadowbrook Estates and Lake Hills a **safe, beautiful, and neighborly place to live.**

SPECIAL THANKS

Our special thanks to Mel and Liz Diaz. They have graciously opened their home and yard to many neighborhood meetings, cookouts, and gatherings. They are always ready to volunteer whenever there is a need. What wonderful neighbors! Thank you SO MUCH !!



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD !

The following have become homeowners in our neighborhood since our last issue of the Meadowlark:

Jay Browne
Burnham Road, March 2018

Jorge Castrol
Bonnie Brae Court, March 2018

Nazira Cabrera
Falstone Road, March 2018

Kelly Barton
Lake Hills Road, March 2018

William and Alicia Rhoe
Burnham Road, April 2018

Leon Harris and A. Bell
Bonnie Brae Road, April 2018

Stephen and Karen Maiorano
Monza Drive, May 2018

Caitlyn and Bobbie Jo Plaskett
Grassmere Road, June 2018

Thomas Murray
Stornoway Drive, June 2018

Ricardo Garcia
Hopkins Road, June 2018

Robert Leonard
Monza Drive, June 2018

Larry Johnson
Southmoor Road, June 2018

Please Help With Litter Control by Keeping the Road and Ditch Area in Front of Your Home Clean and Free of Debris !

Also, if you would pick up for a neighbor who is elderly or disabled, it would be much appreciated.

A police officer sees a man driving around with a pickup truck full of penguins. He pulls the guy over and says: "You can't drive around with penguins in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately." The guy says OK, and drives away.

The next day, the officer sees the guy still driving around with the truck full of penguins, and they're all wearing sun glasses. He pulls the guy over and demands: "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday?" The guy replies: "I did ... today I'm taking them to the beach!"

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