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The MEADOWLARK

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Meadowbrook Estates Civic Association

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Meadowbrook Estates: Then, Now, And Forever

It is hard to believe that my family and I are going on our tenth year of residency here in Meadowbrook Estates! In the fateful summer of 2009 there was a certain peace and tranquility about the Estates that really won us over. The people were friendly, the general areas were clean and well-kept. What a great place to live and raise a family!

Here in 2019 we continue to have those same sentiments. However, within the past decade, many of the original owners have either moved or made the inevitable spiritual transition. Nonetheless, they left us with a strong time-tested, solid platform to build upon. As things change, we must be patient, flexible, and forward-thinking to keep pace.

In fact, we are more than capable of adapting and overcoming the challenges that change puts before us. The importance of having an active civic association and a set of reasonable covenants should never be underestimated. Without them, we would regress to a community without vision, guidance or direction.

My fellow neighbors, the MECA Board is one thing, but it is all of us who provide the fuel that keeps the engine of the community running! Let's start the new year off right by putting our best foot forward. We can do it by paying our annual dues of thirty dollars. That thirty dollars covers security, community upkeep, and special neighbor-enhancing events, such as National Night Out, Spring Cleanup, and Veterans Day. And last but not least is our quarterly Newsletter, the Meadowlark.

Over the years we have developed a great rapport with Chesterfield County Police Department. They fully appreciate our neighborhood watch; when we call, they respond quickly! On Thursday, February, 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Meadowbrook Country Club, we're proud to announce that our Guest Speaker will be Master Officer Dell Oxendine. She is a truly dedicated and professional officer who really cares about our Meadowbrook Estates community!

As a subdivision consisting of over four hundred homes, there is always room for improvement. We can surely do better; however, in our particular area of Chesterfield County, we're like the shining light on top of the hill. On behalf of Meadowbrook Estates Civic Association, I would like to take this moment to thank everyone for being the good neighbors that you are. Meadowbrook Estates: then, now, and forever!

Julius Huggins
MECA President



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General Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Country Club

Speaker:
Master Officer Dell Oxendine,
Chesterfield County Police Department

Please Come and Bring a Neighbor!

Shirley Clayton Massie passed away on December 30, 2018. She was survived by her husband Jack, as well as two sons, a granddaughter, four step-children, and many step-grandchildren. Shirley was preceded in death by her first husband, Linwood Clayton; and a brother. Shirley always saw the good in everyone, even though sometimes it didn't seem evident. This encouraged others to change their lives and reap the rewards of a better life and a Christian life. She had lived in her home on Bonnie Brae Road for forty-seven years.

John 'Jack' Massie died on January 25, 2019, just twenty-six days after his wife, Shirley. He is survived by two daughters, two sons, two step-sons, eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Jack was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a telephone installer who loved working in his own business and was known widely as 'The Telephone Man'. He is most remembered for his involvement and enthusiasm with local racing and his affiliation with NASCAR. For over 50 years, he worked as an official at the Daytona 500 race, the NASCAR Cup races at Richmond International Raceway, and many other other racing events.

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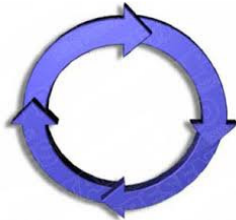
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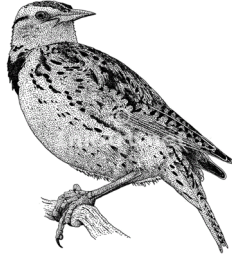
Doris Creasy passed away on December 19, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, A.B. Creasy, Jr., as well as two daughters and three grandchildren. Doris and A.B. moved in their home on Stornoway Drive thirty years ago. Doris had a great sense of humor and was loved by her neighbors.



If you have not done so already, please remember to pay your 2019 dues to Meadowbrook Estates Civic Association. MECA works hard to keep our neighborhood safe, friendly, attractive, and a pleasant community in which to live. Please send your dues to:
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Welcome New Neighbors

The following have become homeowners in our neighborhood since our last issue of the Meadowlark. This list may not be complete due to the County website being in revision. If you know of new neighbors not on this list, please contact Brenda Atkins.

Caleb and Jenessa Snyder
 Monza Drive, November 2018

Glenn and Catherine Taylor,
 Edinger Road, November 2018

Sath Man and Navy Srey
 Falstone Road, August 2018

Robin Sayles
 Stornoway Drive, July 2018

Maria Duncan
 Hopkins Road, September 2018

Robert and Donna Banks
 Bonnie Brae Road, December 2018

Did you know of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons? All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
 They are Asparagus and Rhubarb.

Did you know one fruit has its seeds on the outside?
 It is the Strawberry.

In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. Do you know how the pear gets inside the bottle?
 It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.

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