

Meadow Vale News

January 2015

MEADOW VALE OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mary Hornek
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Lights and Signs

Commissioner
Melissa Steineker
326-3711

Streets Commissioner

Jason Newman
379-0190

Drainage Commissioner

Diane Roberts
412-6146

Safety Commissioner

Connie Borders
727-4655

Treasurer

Chris Lusher
767-0852

City Clerk

Mary Andrade
396-5529

Monthly Meetings

Date: 3rd Monday of each month

Time: 7:00pm

Place: 9408 Blossom Lane

Other Numbers

Jefferson Co. Emergency #
911

Meadow Vale Police

Robert Chapman
208-9023

Lyndon Fire Department

425-7474

Rumpke Sanitation

568-3800

LG&E

589-3500

Animal Shelter

363-6609

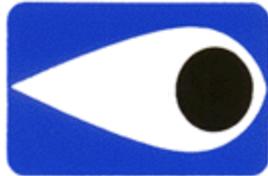
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Block Watch Program



Chief Chapman is interested in forming an active Block Watch program in the City of Meadow Vale. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Chief Chapman at 208-9023.

Email Newsletter Option

Would you like your newsletter sooner and right to your email? There have been several requests for email delivery. We agree it would be a more efficient and cost effective way to deliver the newsletter to our residents. Not to mention...you would receive it in color!



Please let us know your thoughts...

If you prefer email signup through the city website at: www.cityofmeadowvale.org.

We will still deliver to those who want a paper copy.

Rumpke Reminder

If you have a Christmas tree for Rumpke to pick up on the Yard Waste route on Mondays, please give them a call at 568-3800. Trees over 6 ft, should be cut to fit in the truck.

Minutes City of Meadow Vale December 15, 2014

Mayor: Mary Hornek

Commissioners: Connie Borders, Linda Prys, Melissa Steineker, Diane Roberts

City Clerk: Mary Andrade

Treasurer: Chris Lusher

Counselor: Carrie Ritsert

Guests: Future Commissioner Jason Newman.

Mayor Hornek called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

OPEN MEETING

The November minutes were read, motion to approve with grammatical and spelling changes by Com. Roberts, second by Com. Borders, approved by unanimous vote.

Financial report: Treasurer Lusher presented the City of Meadow Vale November financial report. The report was reviewed. Motion to approve by Com. Steineker, second by Com. Prys. Approved by unanimous vote. The bank statements and reconciliations were available for viewing.

LEGAL

Oath of Office: The Mayor (Mary Hornek) and Commissioners (Connie Borders, Melissa Steineker, Diane Roberts, Jason Newman) for 2015 were sworn in by notary Carrie Ritsert.

CERS Issue: There has not been a response from the attorney at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

Census: The clerk and administrative assistant will identify which residents have not filled out the census yet.

Realignment of Duties for Commission Beginning 2015: Commissioners still have the opportunity to turn in their interests to the mayor for realignment of duties for the new year.

City Commission Monthly Activity:

Safety/Special Events: Date set for June Ice Cream Social: June 6th with 27th as the rain date.

Mayor Hornek, Chief Chapman and Commissioner Borders met. A message was left for Gilbert Adams to solidify the date for the social.

Streets: Commissioner Prys called MetroSafe requesting pickup of deer carcasses in the road and a tire.

Drainage & Website: No issues.

Lights & Signs/Social Issues: No issues.

Com. Borders moved to adjourn at 7:43, second by Com. Steineker. Unanimously approved.

Need Help?

If you are unable to shovel your driveway this winter or need help with your yard, please let us know and we will help you identify resources that fit your budget. We are also working to identify service organizations.



Reminder:

**All residents are welcome to attend
City Commission Meetings!**

Money Saving Tips for 2015. Adapted from The Motley Fool.com

If you spent any time in 2014 fretting about how you'll make ends meet, or worrying that you're not saving enough for retirement, know that 2015 doesn't have to be like that. There are always big and little things you can do to improve your financial condition and to increase your peace of mind. Below are powerful money-saving tips for 2015.

Have an emergency fund. This might not look like a money-saving tip, but it is one. If you don't have an emergency fund (three to six months' worth of living expenses, easily accessible), if disaster strikes, you may be forced to take some unadvisable financial actions such as cashing out a retirement account or charging a lot on a high-interest credit card.

Pay off debt. Speaking of high-interest credit card debt, you need to rid yourself of it. Owing \$10,000 and being charged 30% (which isn't unusual) can cost you \$3,000 annually and can have you spiraling deeper into debt.

Use rewards cards. If you're not deep in credit card debt and use cards responsibly, look for cards that reward you in ways that fit your lifestyle. If you travel a lot, seek travel-related rewards cards.

Call your credit card company. Believe it or not, you may very well get your steep interest rate lowered on your credit card -- just by calling and asking. It will help if you've been a good, longtime customer and if you're ready to move to another card via a balance transfer. You can get lots of discounts just for asking -- such as from a retailer if you're buying a big appliance or from your cable company. It doesn't always work, but it doesn't hurt to ask.

Quit an expensive habit -- or cut back! This can save you hundreds or thousands of dollars annually. This applies to other activities, too, such as travel, collecting, golfing, and so on.

Buy a programmable thermostat. It can save you from heating or cooling your home when you're not there and the Department of Energy estimates that it can shave 5% to 15% off your energy bill. That's easily \$200 for some folks. Each year.

Quit your gym if you're not using it. Many of us are paying \$20-\$40 per month for gym privileges but aren't going. That's \$240-\$480 a year. You might save that money instead and just walk, run, or use weights at home. Think about other services you might be paying for and not using.

Stay healthy. Wash your hands frequently to reduce your chances of catching something, exercise regularly, and eat well. Staying healthy can keep you from having to pay for doctor visits and medications, and might keep you from missing work, too.

Cook more meals at home. Cooking at home can help you stay healthy as you control what goes into your food, including how much salt and fat -- and veggies and whole grains. It can save you money, too. With a big crock-pot, you can easily make a big batch of something tasty that can serve as several meals.

Unplug things you're not using. It's estimated that electronic devices that are plugged in but not in use cost the average household \$100 or more per year -- and that number is rising as we add gadgets and their chargers. The Department of Energy estimates that a single cable box with DVR capabilities costs \$44 per year.

Get a home energy audit. Your utility company may offer a free home energy audit and can point out where inefficiencies are costing you. It might be worth it to upgrade some windows or your heating system or to add insulation to your home. Energy-efficient replacement windows can save you \$400+ annually. Even small improvements you make yourself can add up. A low-flow showerhead might save you \$200+ per year, while an Energy Star refrigerator can shave \$150 per year from your electric bill.

Change a few bad habits. Do you frequently get money from out-of-network ATMs? If so, you're losing a lot of money needlessly. The average fee for such a transaction recently hit \$4.35. Twice a month, such a cost totals \$104.40. Are your bank's ATMs really that inconvenient? Think about any other costly habits you might change relatively easily.

Quit bottled water. Get a water filter at home and use refillable bottles. If you stop spending, say, \$10 per week on bottles of water, you'll sock away more than \$500.

Get (and use) money-saving apps. There are many apps out there that can help you compare prices at different retailers, offer you coupons when you're shopping, help you budget and keep track of bills, manage loyalty and reward cards, and alert you to good deals -- among many other things.

Volunteer Corner

We are seeking information for community resources and service organizations or students that need service hours that might be interested in helping some of our elderly residents. If have information that you would be willing to share, please contact with the city clerk or Mayor Hornek.



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Happy New Year Meadow Vale Residents!