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**REMINDER!** – This year's HOA Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Milford Senior Center located at 111 Park Avenue, Milford. Signin and registration will begin at 6:15 PM in the lobby of the Senior Center. Please be sure this important date is noted on your calendar.

# Meadows at Shawnee HOA By-Laws & Declaration of Restrictions

Enclosed with this newsletter is a booklet containing a complete and current set of the HOA's Corporate By-Laws and Declaration of Restrictions. This booklet provides a handy reference for all homeowners and residents of the governing documents of the Meadows at Shawnee. These documents are current as of April 15, 2016 and incorporate all amendments approved thus far by the Association.

Over the years, some residents have indicated that they were never provided copies of the By-Laws and/or Restrictions. Therefore, they were unaware of how the HOA functions and how their Lots are subject to its covenants and restrictions. This booklet will provide a handy reference that will answer most questions that you may have.

## Green Mold/Algae on Homes

Many of the homes in the development continue to show varying degrees of unsightly green mold that has developed on the vinyl siding. In addition to being a potential health hazard if left untreated, it could potentially decrease individual property values. Also enclosed with this newsletter is an information paper that discusses both how to remove the mold/algae and the potential hazard it presents. Please take the time to read the article and check out the referenced websites for additional information.

As the weather begins to get warmer, now is the time to consider taking action to remove the mold/algae to improve the appearance of your home and help preserve its value as well.

## Meadows At Shawnee HOA Website

Early in April, the HOA moved its website to a new host platform and the web address has remained the same – <u>meadowsatshawnee.com</u>.

The new website provides many new features not previously available to the HOA. For example, the Architectural Request form can now be filled out online prior to printing; the ability to send emails through the website directly to the chairperson of the Architectural, Grounds and Neighborhood Watch Committees; links to city and county codes; and, more timely posting of meeting minute notes and regular financial reports.

As the website matures, it will soon offer additional sections/pages such as: a community page/section capable of posting notices of upcoming events in the community, city and other regional events; or, perhaps, a neighbor-to-neighbor list of recommended contractors and service providers based on individuals' experiences.

If you have not recently, or never have, looked at the website, please take the time to do so now and keep checking back as it matures and expands.

#### <u>Trash Receptacles</u>

The HOA would like to remind all homeowners that leaving trash, yard waste and/or recycling receptacles in the front, side or rear of houses <u>on a</u> <u>regular basis</u> and in full view of the street is a violation of the Declaration of Restrictions. Please note that **Article VI**, **Section 6** of the Declaration reads as follows: "Trash receptacles shall be kept in clean, sanitary and enclosed areas, hidden from view, excepting that they may be placed temporarily at street side on the regular day of collection if required by the collection agency." Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Please note that the Neighborhood Watch Committee is always looking for more neighborhood patrol volunteers. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Dave or Gloria Markowitz at 302-422-8003.

#### **Congratulations to Archie Campbell**

If you haven't already heard, our neighbor Archie Campbell was elected to the Milford City Council representing Ward 1. The swearing in ceremonies were held on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Milford City Hall.

#### <u>Spring 2016 Clean-Up</u>

On April 9th and April 16th, the HOA conducted its semi-annual spring clean-up of all the common areas in the development. Volunteers cleaned up the front and rear entrances, the entire strip of grassy areas along Business 1 and Kirby Road, the areas surrounding both the big and little ponds, and the roadways within the development. The following residents participated in the clean-up: Mike Boyle, Gary Grimanelis, Marikate Leith, Dan Marabello, John McGalagly, Joe Palermo, Bob Rodenberg, Bob Shinholt and his Grandson Isaac Daniel Shinholt, and Linda Steiner. Special thanks to all the volunteers who participated. We appreciate the teamwork to keep our community looking great!

#### <u>Dog Waste</u>

The HOA would like to remind all residents to curb and clean up after your pet in the common areas and all roadways in the development (including Kirby Road). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### FY16 HOA Board of Directors

Michael Boyle, President Archie Campbell, Vice-President Daniel Marabello, Treasurer David Markowitz, Member (Neighborhood Watch) Ellen Miller, Member Bob Shinholt, Member (Architectural Chair) Linda Steiner, Secretary Barry Zeigler, Member (Grounds Comm. Chair)

#### HOPING TO SEE ALL RESIDENTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON <u>JUNE 15, 2016</u>.