

The Hills & the Meadows

April 2003



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General Meeting regarding Covenants

(especially the upcoming expiration
& renewal of Fountain Hills I)

Tuesday,
April 8
Kiewit Middle School
7pm

Guest speaker
Dennis Hogan, attorney
(or Matt Payne, attorney)

Covenants help ensure consistency and quality
throughout our housing development.
This helps to keep the value of our properties high.

Come and hear an experienced lawyer's advice
on how we can go about renewing our covenants.

We need to act as soon as possible to begin the
renewal process for Fountain Hills I.

This meeting is for **ALL FH/PM residents**,
but we especially need **EVERYONE from
Fountain Hills Phase I to attend.**

Copies of ALL of our covenants will be available.
(Fountain Hills I, II, and III and Pacific Meadows)

Please be there!!

ATTENTION:

**Entrance Care & Upkeep Committee
Members!**

There will be a 5-minute organizational meeting
for all residents who would like to
care for our entrances
directly following the General Meeting. (Apr. 8)
Please come.... those who helped last year
did an awesome job!!

The Easter Egg Hunt



is coming...

Saturday, April 12

10am

FH/PM Park

(near the pavillion)

Come

meet

the

Easter Bunny

and your neighbors...

(rain date April 19)

call Rhonda Maurer, 498-6415, to help



WHAT DO BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES DO?

They meet and greet new neighbors
and hand out new directories.
call Judene Haak 333-5545 to become one...
or e-mail <omahahaaks@cox.net>

Thanks for caring and becoming involved with your
FH/PM community!

Mark your Calendars:

• May 15-17 -- Annual
Fountain Hills/Pacific Meadows
Garage Sales

• June 7 -- Clean-Up Omaha
at Kiewit Middle School
(discard all your unwanted items)

Message from our new President:

Dear Neighbors,

This year promises to be an interesting one for the Association. Fountain Hills Phase I covenants expire this summer. Apparently, it will be a difficult process to continue or renew them -- difficult but NOT impossible.

Our first general membership meeting will focus on covenants. Certainly the situation that exists for Fountain Hills Phase I is the most pressing, but it would be extremely beneficial for the rest of Fountain Hills and Pacific Meadows to be prepared as well. I have found there is much to learn regarding covenants and also much misinformation. This next meeting will be a splendid opportunity for all to learn.

In May we will hold our neighborhood-wide garage sale. This will be followed on June 7 by "Clean Up Omaha," when the City of Omaha supplies the dumpsters/dump trucks for our use. What doesn't sell at the garage sales can be discarded at the cleanup. If you have never taken advantage of the cleanup, you are missing an opportunity that comes to Omaha neighborhoods only once a year. Look for exact location (somewhere in the Kiewit parking lot) and dumping restrictions in upcoming newsletters. Remember, this is a once a year opportunity to dump nearly everything you want to discard, free of charge, in our own neighborhood.

Covenants, garage sales, and dumpsters. It sounds like all work and no play. There certainly is much more than this to our Association, but we must all work to keep Fountain Hills and Pacific Meadows the welcoming, wonderful, and well-kept place it was when we first decided to make this neighborhood our home.

There also will be a book club, an Easter egg hunt, the annual Fourth of July Parade, radio-controlled airplane events, dances, and many other opportunities to enjoy each others' company and to build community.

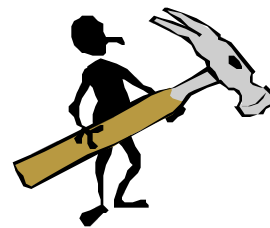
This year promises to pass quickly. With your help this year will also be successful. Please attend as many of these activities as you can. Stay connected, informed, and this neighborhood will remain strong.

With best wishes,

John Hilgert
President

Did you know...

according to our
covenants...



- External storage structures may NOT be constructed on your property.
- Dogs & cats may NOT run loose. (this is also a City of Omaha ordinance)
- Vehicles (including boats, campers, & trailers) must be parked inside the garage. They may NOT be parked outside and be just sitting there.
- Paint for the outside of your house must be an "approved exterior **earthtone** hue" (call Keith Wilbur for approval of colors -- you MUST get approval before changing your external color)
- Rock & vegetable gardens in the front of your house are NOT allowed (only in the back yard)
- Fences must be constructed of wood, iron, brick, or stone (NO wire or chain-link fences)

**Do you have questions about the
covenants?**

**Are you planning to make any
changes in the exterior
of your house or yard?**

**come to the General Meeting
or call Keith Wilbur 330-3501 first
for approval**

Neighborhood Ads

(please support your neighbors...)

Avon - Special Sale on Anew Retroactive, Eye Care, and Body Lotion! Also try the new Pure O2 Daily Oxygen Facial Cleanser. Easter gifts, and much more. Call for a brochure or a free trial period on any of our products.

Rhonda 498-6415, rhonmaurer@aol.com

Call JoAnn Wellsandt or Hanna DeBruin

whether buying, selling, or relocating...

Two Real-Estate Agents for the Price of One!

JoAnn 697-4363 -- Hanna 697-4315

(Let's support the agents who sponsor our newsletters...)

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**We need YOU
to be active in our association...**

You can help by:

- *Filling out the enclosed survey*
- *Paying your dues*
- *Volunteering to help with just ONE activity*
- *Visiting our website <www.pacmeadows.org>*
- *Attending an activity*
- *Maintaining an entrance or the park*
- *Coming to the general meeting*

Do you know your neighbors?

Over the years, I have heard many people complain about their neighbors. This is especially interesting, as I have found that no matter where I have lived, I seem to find only the nicest ones. Oh sure, once in a while there is one who I would not want to find myself on a desert island with but mostly they have always been cordial and friendly. A quick wave and a "How's it going?" is never too much to ask.

Why is it that I have been so lucky to have these types of people move in next to me or be there when I move in? I have always seemed to find those individuals who don't mind when I ask to borrow an egg or cup of sugar. And these people have never minded giving me a quick call when they are in need of something. I will even find them mowing my yard or shoveling my walk. And of course, I am never too busy to help them with the latest project in their house.

This is what being a neighbor is all about. When someone mentions that they don't have good neighbors, I ask them to think about what they have been doing. Most of the time the answer is that they just haven't taken the time to get to know them.

Think about it... Do you come home from work and quickly close the garage door? If you leave, is it through the front door or directly into the car and then out of the garage? Do you step outside to get the mail, but very rarely speak to anyone unless they speak first? (this is especially easy to do during the winter months.)

With the warm days approaching, I suggest you make it a point to get out and meet your neighbors. Sit in your drive and make it a point to say hi to everyone. You will be surprised to find that your neighbors are such nice people. Offer them a beverage and a chair. Find out more about them and their families.

Another idea would be to organize a block party for your area. With the size of our association, it would not be practical for us to have just one. But an individual street can put together a party and invite the neighbors nearby.

Your association newsletter/website can even help to publicize your event. We can even help in the planning to some extent. Why not step forward and start the ball rolling and find out just how much fun you neighbors can be? You may be surprised that you have much more in common than you thought.

Chuck Olson, Vice President

FYI:

- The trash in the park is picked up every two weeks. If you see that it needs picking up sooner, please call a board member.
- Someone recently left oil in the park near the trash bins. Please do NOT leave your personal trash in the park.
- The three lots at the PacMeadows entrance have been sold. Rumor has it that houses will be built there.



Gourmet Club? Progressive Dinner?

(Chairmen needed...)

*Interested in participating &/or
organizing one?
e-mail us at
<fountainhills@pacmeadows.org>*

Book Club

*Mary McDonald has organized a neighborhood **Book Club** to coincide with the upcoming Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial.*

The group is reading "Undaunted Courage" by Stephen Ambrose, will have a historian join us for some of our club meetings, then visit Lewis & Clark's campsites along the Missouri River north and south of Omaha. Meetings will be one evening a month April, September, October, and November.

*Please call Mary McDonald at 333-6008
or e-mail her at <billmary71@cox.net> if interested.*

Join our e-mail list... stay informed...

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meetings, activities, etc.
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