

Frequently Asked Questions about MaWHOAnet

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What is the MaWHOAnet Yahoo Groups?

MaWHOAnet is an electronic communication tool for the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association. It is intended to be a means for members to learn of upcoming events and find answers to questions specifically related to our neighborhood.

Who can be a member of this MaWHOAnet Yahoo Group?

Membership is intended to be for members of the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association.

How will I identify that an email message is coming from this group?

Messages posted via the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association Yahoo Group will begin with the character string "[MaWHOAnet]".

Who are MaWHOAnet messages to/from?

The main intention is that messages will be from officers/trustees of the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association, targeted for members of the HOA. However, members may post informative messages for others.

What type of messages can I expect to receive via MaWHOAnet?

The intention is that messages will be primarily of an announcement nature, specifically dealing with issues of concern regarding our Home Owners Association. You may find information about upcoming activities (i.e. Neighborhood Block Party at the Meadows, Neighborhood Garage Sale, etc), information about our deed restrictions, responses to fellow members needing neighborhood information, etc.

In the course of such messages, some postings may generate relevant and important discussion. However, being as it is so easy to reach email overload in today's well-connected world, it is the intention that discussion will be limited. **The intention is that MaWHOAnet messages will be limited to relevant to issues that specifically affect our neighborhood community.** Therefore don't expect to find jokes, messages that encourage you to forward the message to everyone in your address book, etc.

Messages about *urgent* issues, dealing with crime and/or suspicious activity may be directed to our MaWHOAnet-URGENT Yahoo Group. See a link to the FAQ for that group, near the end of this FAQ.

Who can post messages & announcements to MaWHOAnet?

You will *primarily* find messages from the leaders of your Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association, intended specifically for the members of the organization. However, anyone who is subscribed to MaWHOAnet may submit a posting for fellow members of this MaWHOAnet Yahoo Group.

In the interest of relevance, messages that do not include the full first and last name of the person posting the message will usually not be approved for posting (i.e. we don't wish to have "handles" or stand-alone cryptic e-mail addresses). **Therefore, please fully identify yourself.**

How do I address a posting for MaWHOAnet?

To send a message to the group, simply address it to...

MaWHOAnet@yahoogroups.com

I have something to sell to my neighbors. May I post a notice on MaWHOAnet?

MaWHOAnet is intended to primarily deal with issues which affect our HOA community. Therefore, messages free of pecuniary interests are desired. For instance, if you sell a product or provide a service and you wish to advertise, that alone would be considered as not meeting the "free of pecuniary interest" aspect of MaWHOAnet. Therefore, the message would not be approved for posting.

Nevertheless, when you post an announcement that meets the intended purpose as described in this FAQ, adding a <http://> link after your full name (which will allow a person to visit your commercial or personal web site so as to learn more about you and/or your organization or product) will be considered as being within the guidelines of this group.

In early 2009 a **"Neighbor2Neighbor Services"** database was created. If you would like to find a babysitter, a daycare provider, someone to mow your lawn, a handyman (or handy-woman) who could install or fix something for you, this database *may* be the place to look. Logon to MaWHOAnet to read the FAQ and learn the details.

Is MaWHOAnet a discussion group?

Absolutely not. MaWHOAnet is primarily intended to be a way of disseminating information within our Home Owners Association. The intention is that any discussion that is generated will be limited in nature, and provide beneficial information for the majority of our community.

Is MaWHOAnet a private group?

It is the intention that this group will be exclusively made up of members of the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association. The MaWHOAnet Yahoo Group web site is considered a "restricted group" as far as Yahoo Groups are considered (i.e. archived messages and files are not viewable by other than those who are subscribed to the group). Besides, message traffic and files on this service are not likely to be of interest to anyone other than a member of our community.

Nevertheless, it is still best to consider that any message you post, or file that you view via this Yahoo Group, could be forwarded by any member who is subscribed to this group, to *anyone* on the internet. Therefore, keep all that in mind, and consider that your message that is meant for your fellow members, could technically be viewed by anyone.

How are excessive numbers of e-mail messages guarded against?

We wish to not be overloaded with chitchat, and want you to be assured that MaWHOAnet messages are always on target. Therefore, MaWHOAnet is moderated. Moderation will keep unnecessary conversation, spam, and other junk mail from reaching you via MaWHOAnet.

Why is MaWHOAnet moderated?

The intention is that the information you receive via MaWHOAnet will be relevant to the purpose of the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association. Moderators will attempt to follow the intent of this service as described in this FAQ. If a submitted posting does not meet the guidelines of this FAQ (i.e. being of interest for the majority of our HOA members), it will probably not be approved for distribution.

Who is the moderator of this group?

Moderation will be accomplished by Trustees, or appointed Board Members of our HOA.

How am I protected against a virus that comes as an “attachment?”

MaWHOAnet is designed so that “attachments” are NOT passed. That protects you from nuisance viruses. Also, messages coming from MaWHOAnet are strictly plain-text messages (i.e. they contain no formatting like bold, italics, color, etc.).

May I post copyrighted material on MaWHOAnet?

It is inappropriate to post copyrighted material. Instead, offer a summary, and if at all possible, provide a <http://> link to the material. For instance, if you wish to share a newspaper article about something that affects our neighborhood, write a summary, give the date and page in the publication, and if at all possible provide a <http://> hyper link to the story.

What if someone posts an inappropriate message?

What is inappropriate for one is not necessarily inappropriate for another. Nevertheless, you'll probably not see content that you may consider as inappropriate, as the nature of MaWHOAnet will likely not attract such messages. Plus, all postings are moderated. However, should you have a concern, please direct your comments to the author of the message and/or the leadership of the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association.

Who is responsible for the content of announcements on MaWHOAnet?

The author of the message is responsible for the content and accuracy of the information in their message. During moderation, if the message is edited in any way by the moderator or an assistant moderator before processing, it will be so noted.

If I delete a message in my e-mail inbox, can I view it again?

If the message was recent, or still archived, it is very likely that you may be able to do view it on the web site. Go to...

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MaWHOAnet>

...sign in, and click on "Messages," and you can review past messages. Note that from time-to-time, housekeeping may take place, and older messages that no longer are relevant may be purged.

How do I reply to a MaWHOAnet message?

Should you wish to reply to the message after receiving it via e-mail, simply use the "Reply" feature of your e-mail program. MaWHOAnet is designed so that it will direct your reply *to the author* (not back to the group).

Do I need a "Yahoo! ID"?

For simply receiving email MaWHOAnet messages, you do not need a Yahoo ID. *However, having a Yahoo ID will enable you to get the most out of the MaWHOAnet web site*, such as access to files of interest for the group. If you desire to get a Yahoo ID, ask the moderator to generate a "Request Profile" on your subscribed email address.

How do I instruct my neighbors to sign up for MaWHOAnet?

Have them send a message to any leader in the Meadows at Winchester Home Owners Association, or have them go to the web site and sign up...

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MaWHOAnet>

Is my email address accessible for others?

When viewing the membership listing or posted messages via the web site, members will only be able to see *a portion* of everyone's email address. The email address of the author of a message will be displayed on messages that you receive via email.

Can I change the delivery of messages from MaWHOAnet?

With a "Yahoo! ID" you can set the delivery of messages in 3 ways. The default method is to receive an e-mail message as soon as it is approved for posting. You may also set your preferences so that you receive a "daily digest" in lieu of individual messages. Or you may set it so that you do not receive any messages, and simply view the messages on the web site.

How do I unsubscribe?

To unsubscribe from this group, send an e-mail to...

MaWHOAnet-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Who do I contact with technical questions about MaWHOAnet?

Please address your questions to...

MaWHOAnet-owner@yahoogroups.com

How long has MaWHOAnet been around?

MaWHOAnet was created by your neighbor, Tom Lusch, on October 27, 2006.

What is MaWHOAnet-URGENT?

MaWHOAnet-URGENT is our other Yahoo Group. It is intended to be an easy and reliable way to broadcast email messages, of immediate concern, to and from fellow neighbors. MaWHOAnet-URGENT supports our BLOCK WATCH program. Expect messages about crime currently occurring in our neighborhood, and other urgent matters. Learn more by reading the FAQ at...

http://www.meadowsatwinchester.org/MaWHOAnet-URGENT_FAQ.pdf

Sincerely,

The Meadows at Winchester Board of Trustees