

Oak Creek Meadows

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

June 2017 Newsletter

Tips for Keeping Your Property Safe

While our neighborhood is a wonderful place to live, that does not mean there is not crime. To help protect your property, here are some helpful tips.:

- * Anytime you are not home, make sure you lock the doors to your home. Most burglaries happen during broad daylight when everyone is at work.
- * Another thing you can do is leave a TV on when you're not home, so that you give the appearance of someone being home.
- * At night make sure you lock your car doors and do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you do leave valuables in your car, place them in your trunk where they are out of sight. Glove boxes and center consoles are car prowlers number one spots to check.
- * If you do become a victim of a car prowler, check the surrounding bushes on your block. Car prowlers tend to stash the items they take in bushes and come back for them later.
- * Finally, turn your outdoor lights on at night and leave them on until the morning. This extra light is a deterrent to car prowlers.

We all want to believe that this won't happen in our neighborhood, but the reality is these things do happen and it is our responsibility to safe guard our own property.

Architectural Changes

Please remember that making visible changes to your home or property might require Board approval. This includes exterior paint, major structural changes to the interior, etc. If you're planning any projects, please take a moment to review the Architectural Change requirements detailed in the CC&Rs. This can be found under Article C. An Architectural Change Request Form is available on the HOA's website, or can be requested by contacting a member of the Board. We do our best to respond promptly.

Landscaping on 53rd – Update

At the end of February, the first set of trees were cut down by the City of Albany. This Fall they will be grinding up the roots and planting new trees. We anticipate that around the same time, the sections of sidewalks next to those trees will be leveled.

We know that some of the arborvitae and nearby plants have been affected by weather conditions over the past few years. We are working with our new landscaper, American Landscaping, to create a plan to replace those plants with options that are better suited to the conditions. If you would like to participate in the planning process, please let us know.

Community Garage Sale

Mark your calendar! Our annual neighborhood garage sale is quickly approaching! The sale will run from Saturday (7/8) 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday (7/9) from 9 AM to 3 PM. The event is sponsored by Samantha Alley with Re/Max and Holly with Pacific Residential Mortgage.

If you would like your home to be included in the advertisement and you can RSVP through the neighborhood Facebook page or by calling (541) 918-5040. A member of the Board can also assist you.

Recreational Vehicles / Storage Trailers

With the return of the nice weather, we know that many homeowners are traveling. Please make sure that any trailers, boats and/or motor homes are only on the street for up to 48 hours (with consent of the adjacent property owner).

Contractor Referrals

If you're in need of a referral for a local contractor, we're now maintaining a list of licensed individuals and companies. A copy of the list is available on our Facebook Group "Oak Creek Meadows HOA" or a copy can be mailed to you, upon request. If you have a company that you love, please feel free to share it with us!

Calapooia Watershed Council Open Space Project

The Calapooia Watershed Council contacted us last month to advise us that they didn't receive the grant they had applied for. At this time, they are preparing to apply for additional grants and the timeframe is unknown. While plans appear to have been delayed, the Council is still working towards the same goal of improvements to the wetlands. They were able to obtain funds to start some clean up of invasive plants. This took place on May 20th. We will provide updates as more information becomes available.

<http://www.calapooia.org/projects/oak-creek-open-space-public-outreach/>

Electronic Communications

If you would like to start receiving our communications by email, you can sign up at <http://www.oakcreekmeadowshoa.org/signup.html>. Invoices and meeting notices will continue to be sent through the US Mail as required by the HOA By-laws. You can opt out at any time. If you choose not to sign up, you will continue to receive all communications through the US Mail.