

OAK CREEK MEADOWS

The year 2020 has brought many changes in our daily lives. These changes have caused an increase in stress and anxiety.

Due to a dramatic increase in unemployment, many in our community are struggling to pay their bills. In addition, many are struggling with the inability to visit older parents and/or grandparents; finding ways to work from home; balancing educational needs for children; and/or worrying about whether jobs will resume as businesses re-open.

In these trying times, many in our community have felt alone and overwhelmed. If you're in need of support, please reach out to us.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Save the date! Our annual neighborhood garage sale has been scheduled for Saturday (7/11) and Sunday (7/12). The sale will run from 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. The coordinators of the sale have confirmed that it will move forward. Additional precautions are being suggested this year, including masks, which will be provided at Doug Killin Park. More information will be available soon.

If you would like your home to be included in the advertisements, you can RSVP through the neighborhood Facebook page or by contacting Samantha Alley via phone or email.

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HOLIDAY DISPLAY COMPETITION

This December, the HOA will be holding its second annual competition for the best holiday displays. A \$25 gift card will be presented to the homeowner that receives the most votes. This year, homeowners will need to opt-in to the competition to be eligible to win.

More details, including how to sign up, will be included in the meeting notice that will be sent in November.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES & TRAILERS

A reminder that trailers, boats and/or motor homes may only be on the street, or in a driveway, for up to 48 hours (with consent of the adjacent property owner).

BASKETBALL HOOPS

This is a reminder that basketball hoops should only be placed on your private property. Hoops that are in the street, or on the sidewalk, create hazards for drivers and pedestrians. They can create issues with the water not draining correctly from the street, along with complications during the City's leaf removal and street cleaning.

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

While our neighborhood is a wonderful place to live, we all have to be diligent in protect our 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;
- * 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;
- * Turn your outdoor lights on at night and leave them on until the morning. This extra light is a deterrent to prowlers; and
- * Report all crimes to the Albany Police Department. This will assist them in assigning patrols and knowing what to look for.

TREES & VEGETATION

Many of us have trees that hang over a street or sidewalk. As part of keeping the sidewalks clear, the City also requires that trees should be trimmed periodically to ensure there is a clear path for pedestrians and prevent injuries. Below are the requirements provided by the City.

- Sidewalks: Trees should be trimmed 8 feet above the height of the sidewalk
- Streets: Trees should be trimmed 14 feet above the height of the street

Please also make sure any vegetation that grows close to the sidewalk is trimmed back to allow pedestrians to walk safely.

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.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like to receive our newsletters 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.