



SUN MEADOW

Official Newsletter of the Sun Meadow Home Owner's Association and Board

Spring 2016

Why a Newsletter?

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide residents of Sun Meadow with information from the Sun Meadow Board (SMB) as well as information about what is going on in and around our neighborhood. The SMB will strive to maintain clear and open communication with the residents of our neighborhood as we move forward with projects and improvements.

This, along with the Sun Meadow website, will be our primary means of giving information to the community. We will no longer be hosting a neighborhood Facebook page. All residents are encouraged to use the website and app through Nextdoor to stay in touch with neighbors and share information; however, the SMB will not be using the Nextdoor platform as a primary means of getting information about the SMB meetings and annual HOA meetings out to residents. If you would like to receive regular updates about the new postings on the website, you are now able to subscribe to the website simply by entering your email address into the box located on the right side of the main page under "Subscribe To This Site!"

As always, residents are encouraged to attend our annual HOA meeting to learn more about what is going on in Sun Meadow and help make our neighborhood a better place. A set of guidelines for communicating questions and new business to the SMB for the annual HOA meeting will be published later in 2016 as we prepare for the 2017 meeting.

"Is the spring coming?"

he said, "What is it like?"...

"It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain

falling on the sunshine."

- *Frances Hodgson Burnett*
[The Secret Garden](#)

New Directories Are Now Available

Current Sun Meadow directories are ready for distribution! All SM residents current with their HOA maintenance fees will receive a copy. If you have not yet paid for 2016, look inside this newsletter for more information on how you can do so in order to receive your copy.



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Sun Meadow Speed Humps Report and Board Information

In August 2015 the City of Tulsa hosted an information session to inform our residents of the plans to renovate the streets in our neighborhood. This meeting was held at the Helmerich Library and was open to all residents. At this meeting, the Sun Meadow Board (SMB) was asked by some of our residents to pursue information about installing speed humps on our main thoroughfare as a speed control alternative to the current stop sign method. A speed study was conducted and resulting conclusions confirmed eligibility.

- A street must have 85th percentile speed of 5 mph over the posted speed limit and a 24 hour traffic volume between 600 and 5,000 vehicles per day.
- Petition the residents on this main thoroughfare and obtain a yea or nay consensus.
- Eighty percent of the homes must sign the petition. A majority approval of 67% of these residents was needed to qualify to have speed humps installed.
- Eighty-five of the households on the thoroughfare were contacted and 90% of these residents indicated they were in favor of speed humps.

Although the City defined process only requires notification of the residents along the candidate roadway, the SMB regrets not sending out a letter to the entire Sun Meadow neighborhood informing everyone of this action and apologizes for this inaction.

After the Annual Meeting in January 2016 the SMB did seek counsel of City officials. The City confirmed be-

cause the SMB followed City of Tulsa legal guidelines in pursuing speed humps the voice of the people most greatly affected should stand.

To address other concerns brought forward by residents:

- Where the humps are installed Stop signs will be removed.
- Residents on 97th Street from Granite Ave to Braden Avenue have voted in favor of speed humps.
- Regarding communication with the Sun Meadow resident community, the SMB has elected to use our newly constructed web page: <http://sun-meadow.org> for official communication and announcements in the future. The SMB will be adding a Communications Committee position to the board. They will have the responsibility of managing all incoming and outgoing HOA related correspondence.
- The Transportation Manager of Jenks Public Schools, Jeremy Hairell, has received the proposed speed hump information and has said they will make no decisions in regard to bus routes until enrollment for next year is complete. He also stated no child will have to go to the neighborhood entrances as their bus stop. They will come in to the neighborhood.

Sun Meadow HOA Maintenance Fees

At the 2015 annual Home Owners Association meeting, Sun Meadow residents voted to raise the annual HOA maintenance fee from \$50 to \$75 in order to help meet increasing costs. These fees go for the upkeep and beautification of the neighborhood with the majority focused around maintaining the neighborhood's three entrances throughout the year. This marks the first fee increase in almost 20 years and only the second increase in the history of the neighborhood. Choosing to voluntarily not pay this fee only prohibits further additions to the beautification of the entrances, Christmas and other seasonal decorations, and the ability to pay for water and electricity at the entrances. This fee does not directly affect the street renovations or speed humps, which are paid for by the City of Tulsa.

All residents should have already received a letter in the mail with a self-addressed envelope in January for this

purpose. Payments were also received at the Annual Meeting on January 26. If you did not receive a letter or if you did not pay at the annual meeting, it is not too late! You may still mail the payment to Sun Meadow Homeowners Association, 11063 South Memorial Dr. Box 317, Tulsa, OK 74133

If you have any other questions about the dues, please contact the Sun Meadow Board by email at the following address- sun.meadow.community@hotmail.com

Your HOA Maintenance Fee is a small investment towards increasing the property values of all our homes. Any additional monies you wish to include above and beyond the HOA maintenance fee will make you a Booster Club Member. Booster Club Members will receive special recognition for their extra contribution. (Please let us know if you wish to be anonymous.)

Sun Meadow Website

Are you looking for more information about what block you live on?

Want to see minutes from Board meetings?

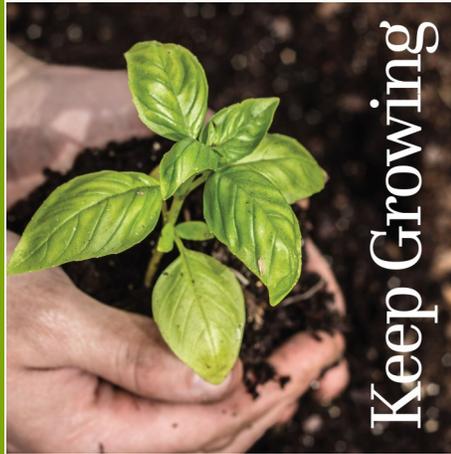
Visit our website <http://sun-meadow.org> for all this information and more!

You can also enter your email on the site to subscribe and receive updates straight to your inbox!



Homeowners Association Suggestions and Questions

Please write your suggestion, question, or comment and give it to your Block Captain or send it to our contact email. If you are not sure who your Block Captain is, visit the Sun Meadow website to learn more about our Block Captain system. Questions for the Sun Meadow Board to address must be submitted at least one week prior to Board Meetings for consideration.



Spring Planting!

Have you ever wanted to plant perennials and not understood what the information on the plant tag meant? When it comes to cold hardiness zoning, Oklahoma will fall in zones: 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a. In Tulsa, the cold Hardiness zones are 6b and 7a. Since Tulsa's winter temperatures can be extremely variable, err on the side of caution and choose plants hardy to a 6 or 7. For example, a plant

that says "Zones 5-9" will do great in Tulsa! Even when using the cold hardiness guide, we still have extremely cold, killing winters. Sometimes plants from a more southern zone do well for years and then a very cold winter takes them out. Choose wisely when doing your spring planting!

Embracing our COMMUNITY

Are you interested in an insider's view of the workings of the Tulsa Police Department? Consider enrolling in the Tulsa Police Department Citizen's Police Academy. The course is free of charge to citizens who live or work in Tulsa. The academy is a 12-week course and will begin on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 PM. Classes meet once a week on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 PM– 9:30 PM, at the Police Training Center, located at 6066 E. 66th Street North. For the application and information regarding the academy visit the Tulsa Police Department's website at www.tulsapolice.org. Applications are due no later than March 25, 2016.

Looking for a fun place to take your dog when the weather is nice? Try visiting Biscuit Acres Dog Park located within Hunter Park along 91st Street between Yale and Sheridan. Biscuit Acres is an "off-leash park area" within Hunter Park, a City of Tulsa park, designated by the Parks and Recreation Board for the purpose of allowing dogs to roam without leashes. Owners over the age of 16 are allowed to bring their dog during open hours for time to socialize and play with other canine friends. For everyone's safety children under 12 are not allowed inside the fenced in area.

Jenks Public Schools are on Spring Break, March 14-18. Please be aware for children out playing while schools are on break.

The Peggy Helmerich Public Library at 5131 E. 91st St is hosting a Native Culture Make and Take on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Featured projects are: pottery presented by Crystal Hanna, corn-husk dolls presented by Stella Foster and finger weaving presented by Michel Lauder milk. Participants will get to take home the projects they make at this come-and-go event. For all ages.

Summer Garage Sale

Start collecting your unwanted household items, Sun Meadow residents, as we prepare for our summer garage sale on June 11, 2016 beginning at 8AM. A banner will be hung at the entrances to the subdivision to advertise to our local South Tulsa community so be prepared for lots of shoppers!

How to plan for a garage sale

- Make sure you have tables to display your items or use a clothing rack to hang nicer items you want to draw attention to. Crates or boxes with a table cloth on them are also a great way to display items if you don't have tables.
- Make sure you have change! Fives, Ones and quarters are a must! Your local bank branch should be able to help.
- Sort your items by category or type. If you have a lot of clothing divide it by men's, women's and children's. Keep children's items and toys separate from other household items.
- Price your items using stickers or masking tape and a permanent marker. Some stores offer stickers with prices already printed on them for your convenience! Remember to be realistic about pricing, this is a garage sale and people love a good bargain!
- Arrange your items in your garage or a large room the night before. Seasoned garage sale buyers will arrive early so you will want to have your items out and organized as early as possible.
- If you have leftover items at the end of the sale which you REALLY do not want to keep, box them up and bring them to a donation center such as Goodwill or Salvation Army. Some organizations will arrange pickup of items that are boxed or larger furniture. Plan with them ahead of time for pickup so you will not have to hang on to them.



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Have you had any damage to your yard or sprinkler system due to the road work being done in Sun Meadow?

If so and it has not been repaired, please contact either Denny Hardin or Chris Staehle at A & A Asphalt 918-486-1204.

Do you have a story idea you would like featured in our newsletter?
Information that would be valuable to the Sun Meadow community?
Are you a new resident and would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter?

Email us at sun.meadow.community@hotmail.com

