

SUN MEADOW

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

Fall 2018



Notes from the HOA Board

The Board has been discussing ideas for improvements to the subdivision entrances as well as possible security additions. Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to afford the addition of cameras, security patrols, or other ideas put forward by residents. It is our hope that in the future that more people will consider giving to the HOA on an annual basis to allow us to do these things.

Last year we were privileged to have many Board members and residents give of time to decorate the entrances to the subdivision over several weekends. We have decided to go back to having the lights put up through a service. We will have the lights up by Thanksgiving weekend this year so that everyone can enjoy them throughout the holiday season.

We also encourage all residents to subscribe to updates on the Sun Meadow website www.sun-meadow.org. Please input your email in the box on <http://sun-meadow.org/subscribed/> to be sent an email alert when new posts are made or newsletters are posted.

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM. Please email the Board if there is an issue you think should be addressed.

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FALL BLOCK PARTY

Sun Meadow will celebrate our annual Fall Block Party on **October 13, 2018 from 4:00-7:00 PM along the main street of Granite between 97th and 98th.**

Free food, drinks and snacks for all who attend. We'll be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers so you won't want to miss out! A bounce house, a face painter, a fire truck and the Tulsa police will be there. More details will soon follow on Next Door and the neighborhood website. Bring the whole family! Bring a lawn chair and lawn games or balls. There will be music, food, entertainment and more! This event will be paid for from the annual maintenance fees collected by the Sun Meadow Home Owners Association. If you have not paid for 2018 or want to make a contribution to help with costs, you may do so at the event.

For more information please contact



We will stay on budget for our SMHOA fiscal year Jan through Dec 2018. We currently have \$6432.79 in our account. A reminder that your \$75 maintenance fee goes toward beautifying our neighborhood. We pay for electric, water, mowing and plantings for each of our three entrances. These are

the first things potential buyers who come to our neighborhood see. Also included are neighborhood family activities, meeting costs, newsletter printings, stamps and Christmas lights. Your \$75 investment could increase your property value by thousands. If you have questions about our neighborhood funds, please contact our treasurer, Steve Jaynes.

You can send your payment to:

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Or pay online via our website with an major credit card. To pay online, find the "Pay Dues Online" tab on the right of the website. Select the amount you'd like to pay, and then click "Pay Now". The site will redirect you to PayPal to submit your payment. If you don't have a PayPal account, just click "Pay with Debit or Credit Card" at the bottom. This will let you pay with any major credit card.



It Will Never Happen To Me, Until It Does By: Pete Brunel

My garage was broken into while we were asleep in the Master Bedroom with our dog, who failed to hear and bark!!! The perpetrators got into one of our cars in the driveway and opened the garage door with the remote. Without going into the details here is what I have learned the hard way:

* Do not leave remotes in autos parked outside, whether locked or not.

* If you have a security system, turn it on at night. We have one but have never turned it on at night, when we are home. Big mistake. I have a motion sensor in the garage with a siren, but...it is no help if the system is off.

* My Liftmaster garage door opener has a second 'lock' button on the device near the back door, which prevents a remote from opening from the outside. I never noticed it.

* Police told me that proficient burglars slide a bar over the top of the garage door and disengage the arm that connects to the chain.

* While on vacation recently, I put a padlock through the roller rail——just above one of the rollers——my new idea that provides a positive, mechanical no-entry lock.

* Lock the door to the interior of the house, which we had never done, assuming no one would get into garage while we were home!

* If the side door to your garage has a glass window, replace it **immediately** with a solid steel door with no glass windows. I actually bought one years ago that opens outward that is far less likely to be kicked inward against the stops. 'Outward open' is special order from Lowes but well worth it——maybe \$250ish.

* App called Encircle, whereby you can photograph items and serial numbered nameplates for each item. It was time consuming——couple of days——but great if it happens to you/me.

* Your Homeowners deductible will likely be too high to recover losses.

* My incident happened while home and asleep! Recommend a house-sitter for extended absences/vacations.

* DO NOT rely on mail/paper stoppages for planned vacations. Tulsa World dropped the ball and delivered papers anyway. Fortunately, we had a house-sitter who picked them up.

* If you do not have 'backyard trash service' (very cheap), put your trash cans away before going to work. That is a clear signal that there is 'no one home'.

* Lowes has security storm doors— storm/screen with wrought iron decorative bars, which I will buy and install soon because our back door is 'full glass'.

Don't be like me. Take precautions NOW. Do not procrastinate until tomorrow. It's like dynamite- do not learn by experience.

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