

Auburn Meadows HOA

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Vandals Strike Auburn Meadows !

Several incidents of vandalism have occurred in our neighborhood over the past few weeks. Houses have been egged, and car tires slashed. *All* incidents of vandalism should be reported to the police, no matter how minor, to ensure the nightly police patrols on our streets. Residents should also notify the HOA board so that everyone can be advised to stay alert for suspicious activities. Residents are strongly encouraged to look out for their immediate neighbors, and to spread the word!

Keeping vehicles inside garages at night will also help discourage potential thieves from cruising our neighborhood. There have been multiple car break-ins in both Copper Creek and Fenwick neighborhoods (just across 178th Street) in recent weeks.

Other ways to reduce crime include:

- Leave exterior lights on all night or install motion sensor lights. The 13-watt CFL light bulbs are a great way to reduce crime *and* save energy!
- Leave an interior light on when you are away after dark.
- Have a neighbor pick up your newspapers when you are away.
- Use your alarm systems. Get a city permit and display sticker!
- Keep garage doors closed.

New City Ordinance for Dog Owners

Dog owners can now be fined \$200 for failing to carry a bag for picking up dog feces! The city council voted to add the following to city ordinance: "No owner, keeper, or person having control of any animal shall fail to have in his/her possession the equipment necessary to remove his/her animal's solid waste when accompanied by said animal on public property or public easement." OKC ordinance # 16356 requires that dog owners prevent their animals from urinating or defecating on sidewalks, streets, public parks or other places open to the public, and on private property (i.e. lawns, mailboxes or trees) without express permission from the owner thereof. If the dog owner is unable to prevent the dog from depositing the waste material, it shall be the duty of such person to pick up and properly dispose of the waste material.

Pet waste is also hazardous to our health. Parasites and their eggs deposited on our lawns can be acquired by children and other pets. Many parasite eggs are virtually indestructible in the environment, and will remain in our grass for years to come!

Please be considerate and remember to keep your dogs leashed and to pick up after your pets when walking or using the common areas.

Thank you for your cooperation !

Reminder

Auburn Meadows Home Owner's Association meetings are now held **quarterly**. The next meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 14th** at 1:00 pm at the club house. All residents are encouraged to attend!

Welcome New Residents !

Warren & Kim Churchill with McKenna and Aubree at 1700 NW 183rd Terrace.

Michael & Tina Auge with Madison & Candace at 18216 Auburn Meadows Dr.

Tony & Teresa Tabor at 18324 Autumn Sage Drive.

Travis & Brooke Holman and Jacob at 1717 NW 184th St.

Jerry & Lisa Banta and Bethany and Ethan at 1708 NW 183rd Terrace.

Geoffrey & Stephanie Bice with Isabella and Ainsley at 1716 NW 184th Street.

Darin & Tyler Kent at 1621 NW 182nd Street.

Scott Weathers at 18011 Arbor Lane.

Cherrie Greco at 18003 Arbor Lane.

Upcoming Events

School starts on Monday, August 20th!



More New Residents!

Davis & Terryl Berryman with Jeanna & Jefferson at 1712 NW 183rd St.

Matthew & Laura Webb with Kevin, Sean and Audrey at 1716 NW 182nd St.

Tom & Robyn Champ with Karly and Kynzee at 1705 NW 185th Street.

Deenie Gustin and her daughter at 17913 Arbor Lane.

Jack & Cecelia Parkey at 1717 NW 185th Street.

Jeremiah Lorentz and Jason at 18212 Auburn Meadows Drive

Thank You

To everyone who helped to make our July 3rd neighborhood event a success!

The Latest Scoop...

Gym/Clubhouse: There have been some complaints regarding usage of the gym recently. The pool, gym and clubhouse facilities are for use by residents only. A guest may accompany a resident, but only while that resident is in attendance. Residents allowing non-residents the use of their key cards while not in attendance will have their cards revoked.

Here's a new one: Spitting on the gym carpet is **PROHIBITED!** Whoever is spitting on the carpet by the gym equipment, **please stop!** If we find out who you are, your card will be revoked. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pool: Reduced pool hours go into effect on **August 21st - September 2nd:** Tuesday through Friday, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm, and Sunday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The pool will be open on Monday, September 3rd from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. It will close for the season on September 4th.

Architecture Committee: Burke Langrall is looking for a volunteer to serve with him on this committee.

The responsibilities include: review of written proposals for additions, alterations or improvements on existing homes, maintaining and recommending changes to the existing covenants and monitoring compliance in the neighborhood. Residents who are considering permanent modifications to the **outside** of their home should submit an application to: Burke Langrall at 17919 Arbor Lane, call 285-4360 or email spiritfilled@cox.net. Exterior changes without prior approval is a violation of your HOA covenants.



Board Members: HOA President David Pierce has moved away, and Joel Rathke is now the new board president. New resident Warren Churchill joined the board in July to fill the open position.

The Board is planning to raise the annual HOA dues from \$300 to \$330 in 2008. A formal vote will take place at the October 14th meeting. If you would like to oppose the increase, please plan to attend this meeting.

Fountain Pond: Look for a new sign by the fountain pond stating the rules for its usage. The sign will prohibit off-road, unlicensed vehicles, swimming, ski-boarding, ice skating, etc., in and around the pond and on the lawn and playground areas. This is mainly to absolve the HOA board of liability in the case someone does these things and becomes injured. All board members and turtles voted in favor of the sign.

Mosquito Alert!



Our neighborhood has seen a huge increase in the mosquito population over the past months. This is largely due to the rain we've seen this summer. Help reduce the mosquito population by:

- * turning off automatic sprinklers during the rainy season
- * removing items containing standing water from your property
- * draining and filling stagnant water holes
- * cutting tall grass and weeds
- * encouraging birds such as martins
- * using garlic or citronella products

One out of every six mosquitoes in Oklahoma has the potential to carry the West Nile virus.